



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Club 9327 District 31 Area A-3 Haverhill, MA

OUR NEXT MEETING:  
Mon. MARCH 12, 2007

Join us at 7pm at:  
Haverhill  
Public Library  
99 Main Street

# FRIENDLY PERSUASION

## IT TAKES MORE THAN LUCK O' THE IRISH TO BECOME A GREAT PUBLIC SPEAKER!



So there you are....just about to give your big presentation at work.....

Or visualize yourself....ready to begin the most important career interview of your life.....

Or perhaps you can imagine that you have been called upon to give a toast to the *happy couple* or you've been asked to give some words of remembrance at the memorial service for a relative or dear friend.....

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE COUNTING ON YOUR **GOOD LUCK** DURING IMPORTANT PUBLIC SPEAKING MOMENTS LIKE THESE?

The answer of course is that good luck and great public speaking do not necessarily go hand in hand.

Being an effective communicator occurs more often when the speaker does the following: gives maximum efforts at preparation and planning, shows diligence and conviction in practice and presents with purpose and professionalism.

Being an effective communicator means relying on *skills* and not *luck*—to deliver a message. Working on that skill set is possible when you get involved in Toastmasters. When you are a member of Toastmasters, you will work through Communication and Leadership manuals provided with your membership. Using a self-paced format, you will do a series of speaking assignments designed to teach you the basics of public speaking, You'll give and receive evaluations, you'll work on impromptu speaking skills and you'll gain confidence that will enhance both your professional and personal life. Of course, as in anything....you get the most out of Toastmasters when you put forth effort...when you commit to improving your skills. Don't work on being lucky...work on being better.

## TALK UP TOASTMASTERS

Remember—Friendly Persuasion has the opportunity to earn a new ribbon for our club banner by signing up 5 new members before the end of March. So let's **Talk Up Toastmasters** and all it has done and can do for our members! We offer our congratulations to **Joe Blackburn** on his decision to officially join our Friendly Persuasion Toastmasters club. Looking forward to getting to know you, Joe!

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

We welcomed **Christina Kennedy** and **Liz Stevens** as guests at our last meeting and hope they plan to visit again and join our group. We believe the friendly supportive atmosphere of our meetings offer speakers of every level of experience the perfect environment for personal growth and comfort in working on their communication skill set.

We had two members give planned manual speeches at our meeting on February 26th. **Maura Zigmont** gave her Icebreaker speech and shared the 3 major things that have shaped her life and made her the person she is today. Maura shared some poignant moments and some funny life lessons....and gave a great first speech—the *Icebreaker*. Looking forward to learning more from Maura. ....Member **Jean Leider** shared her 6th prepared speech—one that emphasizes *Vocal Variety*—in her speech entitled "Curiosity". Jean used vocal variety, gestures and body language in a storytelling effort that entertained the audience. Both speakers were awarded **Best Speaker** ribbons in a tie for that honor. **Kendra Amaral** was voted **Best Evaluator** with her evaluation of

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Jean Leider's speech. Constructive and supportive feedback is always a rewarding part of the Toastmasters program and Kendra shared some wonderful comments. Member **Anne Six** was recognized as the **Best Table Topics** participant. Anne and her ability to tell a story *on the spot* helped her in this *Off the Cuff* speaking exercise. It's always an important and challenging part of the Toastmaster meeting program but impromptu speaking is a communication skill we can all improve upon—and one we definitely use everyday.

We have several speakers signed up to speak at the upcoming March meetings. Members will receive a meeting agenda via e-mail before Monday from our Vice President of Education, Elizabeth Benson. If you want to speak or participate by taking on one of the meeting roles...please e-mail Elizabeth at:

dovehavenstudio.eb@verizon.net

Remember...there's a good chance that *good luck* won't get you to the level of competence and confidence you want to have as a speaker. Getting involved and getting practice will!...It's up to you to make your own good fortune!



## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

**FRIENDLY PERSUASION  
TOASTMASTERS MEET AT 7 P.M. ON  
THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS OF  
EACH MONTH AT THE HAVERHILL  
LIBRARY, UNLESS THERE IS A  
LIBRARY HOLIDAY. PLEASE PLAN TO  
VISIT AS A GUEST ANYTIME. THERE IS  
NO OBLIGATION BUT WE GUARANTEE  
YOU AN INFORMATIVE AND  
ENTERTAINING EVENING. CHECK OUT  
OUR WEB-SITE:**

**WWW.FRIENDLYPERSUASION.ORG**

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