MAID OF HONOR SPEECH

FOR

KELLY KOWALSKI

Hi everyone! It’s so great to be here at Katie and Brian’s wedding and I am so proud to have been there for Katie as her maid of honor. I’ve had the privilege of being her close friend for many years, and while all who meet her know why it’s easy to love her, I have had the rare gift to see that magic up close and personal!

Katie and I became friends while attending school at Cortland. Who could ever forget the vision of her gliding down the dorm corridors in those elegant furry slippers, “delicately” wondering out loud, “**Are there any parties tonight**???” (**Say this with exaggeration and wait for the laugh**). Ah those were the days!! We spent many freshman nights doing… well, if I said what we did you wouldn’t believe me… noooooo, not **THOSE** things… although there were a couple of brothers named Mario involved, and we would sometimes stay up so late that our 8 am classes weren’t kind enough to wait for us the next morning… (**Wait for the laugh**). I believe you can tell how good a friend someone is by counting how many inside jokes only the two of you would get, and may I say, we have several, from DP dough to shouting at late night revelers from our 3rd floor window as they returned from “evening activities,” yes, we have quite a history together. Let Katie make some cake pops and plunk her down at Six Flags Kingda Ka at midnight and you will hear that contagious laughter, but most of all, she is a connoisseur of fine cuisine. To many people, these are just random words on a list:

* soybean oil,
* water,
* egg yolk,
* sugar,
* salt,
* buttermilk,
* natural flavors (soy),
* spices
* **AND** less than 1 percent of dried garlic, dried onion, vinegar, phosphoric acid, xanthan gum, modified food starch, monosodium glutamate, artificial flavors, disodium inosinate and disodium guanylate

… but to Katie, this is the recipe for the joy in life… yes, I’m talking about **ranch dressing!!** (and in particular, Hidden Valley!!) I never knew a person could love one condiment so much!! (**Wait for the laugh**)… But that’s our Katie!! True blue and devoted to those she loves!

And speaking of love, all the signs were there… the special looks, the way her face would light up when **HE** was around… sometimes it can be hard to share a best friend with someone else, but when it comes to these two, knowing how great they are together, I say, you **KNOW** you have my absolute blessings!! Katie and Brian, the love you’ve shown each other is inspiring and I look forward to seeing it continue to grow. Brian is supportive, caring and always has Katie’s best interests close to his heart. Brian, I know that you would literally do anything for Katie and the love you show each other is beautiful to witness and we all look forward to watching your wonderful relationship and marriage continue to grow.

I am honored to invite all of you to raise a glass to toast to my wonderful best friend and her new husband:

To Katie and Brian, to some people, a list of ingredients is just that… a list, but when those ingredients come together in the right time and right place with the right chemistry, they can make magic. May the two of you always have the right mix of love, happiness, health, joy, prosperity and humor!!! Congratulations! We love you!!