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Good Evening Everyone

I want to thank all of you for coming tonight to help me celebrate my 40th birthday. This is one of those milestone birthdays. Do you remember when we turned 20? We thought we could do anything. What about 30? That’s when we began to see that we weren’t immortal. We had to settle down and take responsibility. Wow, that was quite a shock for some of us, wasn’t it? We couldn’t just go on our merry way anymore. Some of us grew up before that and some of us are still trying to figure what we want to be when we grow up. Am I right? You know I am.

Those of you here tonight are my closest friends and I thank you for being here today and sharing this important milestone with me. We share many memories and experiences. We also share many dreams goals in life. When you think back to our youth did any of you think we would have experienced half of what we’ve done or accomplished? I know I didn’t.

I think back to our college days and I remember the fun we had. We played pranks and we pulled some stunts all the while studying and preparing for our futures. I don’t know about you but I miss some of those days. At the same time I am excited for comes next. Not just what comes next professionally but what comes next personally.

I have enough of that young kid left in me that I don’t see my youthful pranks and stunts all behind me. I plan to spend as much time in play as I do in work. I’ve heard it said that you are only as old as you think and I refuse to think even middle age. I plan to continue to enjoy life to the fullest long after I’ve crossed any imaginary hills. I sincerely hope that you will all be there with me.

Tonight we celebrate my 40th birthday and I don’t want to hear any comments about being over the hill because you’re all right there with me. Just remember, if you play a prank on me, I’ll remember be sure to return the favor.

On a more serious note, I value the friendship of everyone here tonight. I don’t see this as getting older but rather as getting better. I look forward to new plans and new dreams as well as new stunts and new pranks. What are your plans for the future? Are you looking for some new adventures? I sincerely hope so and I hope we can share some of them.

So, now that I’ve had my say, let’s all enjoy the great food and drink but first a toast.

May we spend every day living life to the fullest. May we have think up new challenges and live to enjoy them all. May we think up new pranks and stunts and enjoy doing every one of them.

Thank you again for coming tonight.