**14749, Susan Potter**
Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to welcome everyone here tonight for our annual fundraising dinner for the Santa Monica History Museum. We are so very grateful for our sponsors and guests for all their support this year.

**You could name the sponsors here if you have time.**

The Santa Monica Museum has been in operation since \_\_\_\_\_. We are very proud of our Mission Statement, which is to preserve the history of Santa Monica. Without the support of our sponsors we could not preserve the history for generations to come. It is your support that provides educational programs, special exhibits, operating expenses so that we can continue to preserve our history with a community museum. It is with your continued support that we can continue to provide the city a research library as well as revolving exhibits on the history of Santa Monica. Our most current is a historic exhibit of Shirley Temple memorabilia, having an archive of over 600,000 photos of Santa Monica.

There are a wealth of museums around the country that fascinate people, especially tourists. But, the value of a community museum is not just for the tourists. It also brings value to our own community so that we can pass on our great heritage to our children and their children for continued generations. Our community museum is not just a showplace for our history. It is a way to preserve and pass down our local heritage. How many communities have our rich, local heritage and have managed to preserve it so well?

It is our hope and desire that you would continue to support our museum, your museum, through your membership, your donations and also to remember us in your trusts. This is one place you can be assured that your donations will be used wisely for the betterment of the community.

Thank you,