**MAID OF HONOR SPEECH**

**FOR**

**KARA GWINN**

Hello everyone!!! I’m Kara and I am very happy and proud to be Meeghan’s Maid of Honor.... and to be celebrating the marriage of Meeghan to Zak. In life, we’ve all heard that people enter our lives for “a season, a reason, and... or a lifetime... today we all get to witness the joy of a **lifetime** commitment that becomes “official” with this wedding. When I think of Meeghan, I realize all three conditions are present in our friendship as well, and for that I am very thankful.

Lots for Tots may be just a kids’ resale store for some... a great place to find hidden treasures... based on that, I think Meeghan would agree we **BOTH** hit the jackpot!! (**Wait for the laugh**). No only have we found great buys for our kids... we found employment... and each other!!! It all started five years ago.... when we both began working there... we discovered we had a lot more in common than just a work place. I found a kindred spirit... someone who’s a great friend and co-worker, an even better mother...a person with a big heart and a generous soul, one who would do anything for a friend... oh... and did I mention (**Do you want to say**) she cleans up really well!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). We can all see that very clearly!! Yes, Meeghan, I’m talking about our beautiful bride... **YOU**!!

Although I want to make **VERY CLEAR** that during working hours, Meeghan and I are **TOTAL** professionals... I must confess that she and I are a lot alike.... you **COULD SAY** that we are extra, outgoing and love to have a good time..... but **NOT** at work!!! Promise!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Meeghan has a huge heart and she is a great friend and co-worker. She’s a wonderful mother who would do anything for her two boys, and she even helps me with my son if I ever need it.

Who will ever forget... even if they **wanted to**... that Meeghan and I had a LuLa Roe obsession for a whole year??? Yes... we were **THAT** tight... with our friendship... **AND** our **LEGGINGS**!! (**Wait for the laugh**). We laugh so hard... at so much in life and I’m pretty sure that **no** **one** has more fun than we do when we are together

But what about Meeghan and Zak??? I remember in the beginning, when they first met, Meeghan wasn’t so sure about him.... that’s not to say she wasn’t interested... **anything** worthwhile is worth questioning... but the minute he let her connect her phone and music to his car radio she was sold on him and there was no looking back. Ahhhhh... even the smallest signs and signals the world presents to us prove to be the greatest chances to find wisdom and destiny!! The process of falling had begun... then she saw what a great dad he is to his son Jace, and then proved to be an amazing and devoted dad for her son Levi, something that every child needs... I think it’s safe to say that Levi hit the “Daddy Jackpot!” When he first came into the picture, my immediate impression of Zak was that he loved Meeghan so much.... I’m really happy that he is wise, giving, and most of all **GENEROUS**... especially with his audio input ports in his car... wise move, Zak!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

I knew he was the one for her .... big secret... it was kind of **OBVIOUS**... just by witnessing the way they looked at each other. I remember the time we all went to a friend’s wedding together and Zak wasn't one bit hesitant to get on the dance floor with Meeghan and get down.... which I found **VERY** impressive. We’ve spent some great times together... like when we went downtown where we met my boyfriend, Jared... but hanging out with Meeghan isn’t all fun and games... we can express deep, real, emotions around each other as well... like in the middle of having the funnest night ever that ended in her crying while driving away in an Uber because she missed Zak.... (**Turn to Zak and say**).... Zak, not that I really want to quote Willy Nelson... or Elvis, but it’s **REALLY** safe to say you are “**ALWAYS ON HER MIND!**!” (**And wait for the laugh**).

It turns out to be no accident that Meeghan and Zak had their first date at (**Name the bowling alley**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because, as we can clearly see now, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years later, our girl was really **bowled over**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). I’m sure you all agree with me when I say that I am so happy that these two great people met, really discovered each other, and will spend a lifetime together.

Now we can understand that Meeghan has been in my life for a season, a reason, **and** **hopefully**, for our lifetimes... I wouldn’t have it any other way...

(**If you want to make a toast, you can say this... or just say the ending...**). Ladies and gentlemen, I’d like to invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast....

To Meeghan and Zak,,,Here’s to a lifetime of love and happiness, family and friendship, partnership, humor, respect, and more blessings than you could ever wish for. Congratulations... We love you!! Thank you all!!