**WEDDING SHOWER SPEECH**

**FOR**

**LENA ARCABASCIO**

Hello everyone!! It’s great to be with you today. You all look wonderful and I am so happy to share this very special moment…whether family or neighbor, colleague or work friend, today, we’re all related, joined in one mutual goal, and that is to shower our happy couple with love and good wishes. We are celebrating a wonderful and joyous occasion, and while it’s hard enough for me to imagine standing up in front of all of you and speaking these brief words, it’s even **HARDER** to imagine my **little girl** will soon be a married woman!!! Where does the time go?? I actually **DO** know where the time has gone… it’s gone into making my daughter a smart, beautiful, kind, generous, loving example of a young woman that knows what is important in life, is able to focus on her priorities, knows how to have fun, and shares it all with the man she loves. Sandra handles challenges and “situations” with a natural sweetness and grace that endears her to so many people.

I also want to say that we adore Nicholas and can’t wait to officially welcome him into our family. Nicholas fit right in as soon as we met him. One thing that makes me particularly happy is how my husband, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, bonded with Nicholas almost from the beginning. It was so easy to witness his generous and kind hearted nature as he taught my husband to love the game of golf…. not that I’m an expert or a keen observer, but I heard that it’s been said, “Golf is played mainly on a 5 1/2 inch course…the space between your ears…” I think we’ve all learned in one way or another, that much of life is played on that very same course!!!!

I’d like to ask you to raise a glass as I propose a toast….

To Sandra:

As you and Nicholas prepare for one of the biggest moments in your life, always keep this in mind: May your love, partnership, and true friendship last longer than lifetimes, may your patience, respect, and admiration for each other never fade, and may health, happiness, good humor and great fortune follow you wherever you two go!!!

Congratulations!!! We love you!!!

Thank you all!!!