**1.** **What is the date of the event?**Please provide the full name (first and last) of the subject of the speech (If there is a person/people being directly honored...I.e. wedding, anniversary, award, bar/bat mitzvah, retirement, etc, please provide full names of all main honorees).

This is a maid of honor speech.  For Katherine (Kate) Lipford and Thomas (Tom) Woodruff.

**2. What is your relationship to the person to whom the speech is being presented?**

Friend. Friends since grade school. Kate has had a chronic pain disorder for the last 15 years which has limited her social life as well as everything else.  Her groom Tom she had known since jr. high school. They went to a high school homecoming dance together oddly enough. Their paths were never the same. She went off to college at  U of M. In Michigan. He went off to his college? Oddly enough they’d reunite in FL where they were both living and connect through Kate’s cousin Ryan Lipford (In the wedding party) Ryan and Tom have remained friends this whole time.

(Back story).. We are all from Monroe, MI where we grew up Tom is one year older than Kate, I am three years younger than the bride. Although we all grew up in the same town and school system i didn’t really get to know Kate until high school.  She befriended me as i was a sophomore. She was a senior. Kate was cool, talented, smart, beautiful and came from a very well known, well to do family. She was in a tight knit clique of girls that rarely let in outsiders as myself. We may have had an art class together?  I’m not really sure how it is we really started talking? However, she was the exception. We lived relatively close in proximity to one another. She’d give me rides to and from school. We also became social friends and i hung out with her and her friends often.

Fast forward.. She went off to college.  I finished high school. She traveled to and from FL as her folks have a place in Stuart, FL. I moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL  we hadn’t had much contact for 10 years.

Fast forward again.. It’s 2007 I moved back to Fort Lauderdale, FL  as i moved home for a few years to go to college. I went home in the summer to visit family.  Go to a friends party and see Kate. She tells me she lives in Stuart, FL at one of her parents places.  We’re like.. we totally have to get together!

Fast forward a few years.  We hangout, become fast friends again.  I then realize she has become very sick due to her CRIPS disorder.  She was very limited to what she was able to do. Our visits became shorter.  we never did the 20’s and 30’s somethings activities. We didn’t go to bars or dancing.  We would just hang and talk. Restaurants were out as the sound and lights would bother her.

Fast forward again.. 2010.  I get married. Kate attended.  She somehow mustered enough strength to get there, stay and have a great time.

2015 comes and i have a one year old and decide to move from Fort Lauderdale.  My husband and i decide to move to Stuart, FL for the sake of our growing family.  This came with a great perk.. My friend Kate lived there! We have been eachothers right hand in everything friendship ever since.  Tom lives in Jupiter, FL. Cousin Ryan and Tom envite Kate out. Kate see’s Tom. Tom has always wondered about Kate. Tom invites Kate on a date to go to an air show and dinner. Kate becomes ill due to her pain disorder. Can’t go on the date. Decides to stay in an watch a movie with Tom and talk.  Tom and Kate are inseparable since. The rest is history!

(Please ask all the questions you want.  I get this is a bit choppy.

**3. What is your location/time zone?**
If there is other pertinent location information needed, please provide.

Eastern. Stuart, FL 34997

**4. To what size group will the speech be delivered?**
Large (100+ people), Medium (50 to 100 people), Small (25 to 50 people), Intimate (1 to 25 people)

Large 200 people

**5. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**
(Family, Friends, Colleagues, Business Associates, Employees, Clients, Media, Invited Guests, Crowd, Specific Ethnic Group, Children, Congregation, Teenagers, or other)

Adult. Family and friends. Some Children.

**6. Where will the event be held?**

**The Lake House in Fort Pierce, FL**

**7. What kind of speech do you want?**
(Funny,Sentimental Heartwarming, Informative, Informative, Poetic, Serious, Dramatic, Story telling, Professional presentation, Combination of one or more styles)

Intellectually funny, quotes from Alice in Wonderland tied into the speech, heartwarming to a degree. I want to tie in a romantic feel between the couple and their love story from teenagers to adults. Poetic so it transcends all ages.  Whimsical without being too cheesy..

**8. Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their name(s) and a little about his/her personality.**

Kate (Bride) Kate is patient, beautiful and kind.  She is humble and giving. She defies odds as she battles an ongoing medical condition.  She is often in pain but you would rarely know how much pain she truly has. Kate is a hoot!  She has a very dry sense of humor and cracks jokes all day long She is politically staunch in her beliefs and will argue them till the death.  She is loved by many and keeps her tribe tight.

**9. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.**

i just want a general feel that we have known each other half our lives and have been good friends.  Again, because of her condition she’s been limited to a lot of things.

**10. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

I want people to look at Kate and think wow! She has overcome the depression of her sickness.  She’s in love. It’s possible that she could be happy. She thriving and she has someone who loves her unconditionally. Tom honestly, is smitten with Kate.  He would do anything for her. He understands her situation and is going into this 100% unbothered by it. He is in this with her forever, by her side. He truly loves her unconditionally.

**11. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**

Feel emotions of happiness and joy for the future of the bride and groom.

**12. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**

The wedding is on New Years Eve.  I’d like 2-3 weeks to practice and get familiar with it.

**13. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.**

Some of my favorite quotes from Alice in Wonderland.

Alice: This is impossible. The Mad Hatter:  Only if you believe it is.

Alice: How long is forever?  The White Rabbit: Sometimes Just one second.

It’s only a dream… Alice