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| **1. To what size group will the speech be delivered?**  Small 25-50 people |  |
| **2. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?**  Adults ages 40+ |  |
| **3. Where will the event be held?**  Zoom (Virtual Christmas Party) |  |
| **4. What kind of speech do you want?**  Combination of sentimental, heartwarming, Inspiring with a bit of humor |  |
| **5. 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.**  General members of our organization with special acknowledgement of executive officers,  Council members, and advisors. Also to welcome the incoming head couple and their  administration. |  |
| **6. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you**  **would like mentioned in the speech.**  My husband and I are the president couple of a non-profit/religious organization. Our  organization is called Marriage Encounter Southern California. We give free weekend  seminars twice a year for married couples who want to enhance their relationship with  each other and with God. |  |
| **7. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your**  **presentation?**  We want our audience to feel the love and commitment we have for the organization and  its mission and vision. We want them to appreciate the organization and what it stands for  and to be proud to be part of it. |  |
| **8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of**  **experiencing your presentation?**  We want to inspire them to stay and get involved and look forward to resuming  our normal activities when the pandemic is over and not to be discouraged by the challenges  that our country is facing. |  |
| **9. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**  December 1, 2020 |  |
| **10. 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.**  Our role as president couple was a two-year term which began in January 2019, which was  technically cut short by the pandemic. Our normal activities mostly consist of the two  marriage encounter weekend seminars, one in Spring and one in Fall, and monthly prayer  meetings, which were all of course, cancelled due to the current circumstances. Our current  activities are mainly weekly prayer gatherings on Zoom and an a one-day online couples’  retreat focusing on lessons learned from the pandemic. Our first year as president couple  was a tremendous success with good membership retention & involvement and successful  fundraising efforts. Covid-19 definitely took us by surprise but we adapted by staying  connected thru Zoom.  In the beginning of the pandemic, we struggled to come up with ways to maintain our  mission and vision as an organization since we could not have our weekend seminars. In  the process, we encountered conflict with our board of advisors (past president couples).  We didn’t see eye-to-eye with them, but we had to stand firm and fight for what we believed in,  of helping those in need. After all, to practice charity is what God calls us to do.It was a  painful process but as they say, ‘the show must go on.’ This speech is an exit speech,  to acknowledge the people who supported us and helped us carry out our role as president  couple – our executive officers and Council members. And for what is worth, we would also  like to acknowledge our advisors for their guidance in spite of the conflict and disagreement  we encountered with them. I ordered a speech for our Valentine gala last February. Our  annual gala is our biggest fundraiser. It was a perfect speech and covered everything my  husband and I wanted to say. If you’re able to look it up in your system, please do so you  will have an idea of what our role as president couple and what this organization mean to us.  I can also send a copy if needed. |  |