SPC 1608

Group Speech Demonstration

After Dinner Speech

1. Introduction
2. At some point in our lives we all encounter after dinner speeches. Whether at weddings, banquets, or business meetings after dinner speeches are an integral part of social occasions.
3. Today I am going to inform you about some of the essential characteristics you will need to give a successful after dinner speech.

Transition: First….

1. According to “speaking on special occasions” by Stephen Lucas an after dinner speech is

A. speech of entertainment that makes a

1. Thoughtful point
2. Has a lighthearted subject matter
3. Humorous

B. Furthermore it does not have to be after dinner it could be

1. Before a meal

1. After a meal
2. In between courses

Transition: Also…

1. Some important elements of an after dinner speech are
2. A central theme
   * + 1. Organized
       2. Lighthearted, no heavy subjects
3. Audience focused and entertaining
4. No technical, argumentative, or statistical data.
5. Some important verbal strategies of an after dinner speech include
6. A play on words
7. Puns
8. spoonerisms (words deliberately mispronounced to sound like other words)
9. Malapropism (an absurd misuse of a word)
   1. Hyperbole (exaggeration)
      * 1. Understatement
        2. Verbal Irony
        3. Wit

Transition: Today as our demonstration we are going to have a roast.

1. Demonstration
2. A roast is a type of after dinner speech that has
3. A person as the central theme, usually an important or well known person or celebrity.
4. The main focus is humor
5. No technical, argumentative or statistical data.

Transition: So without further ado…

1. Hello and welcome to this evenings roast. My name is Ron and I will be the roast master this evening. Our guest of honor and roastee is Arnold Schwarzenegger. The former Mr. Universe has worn many hats in his career. From body builder to the Governor of California or Conan to the Terminator he has accomplished much in his life.
2. (Ron’s Jokes)
3. I don't think Arnold remembers, but we actually met once. I was working in a bakery in Los Angeles many years ago and his wife, Maria Shriver came over to buy a muffin basket. I didn't recognize her at first, but I realized who she was when Arnold came over and joined her. I really wasn't too impressed with his intelligence as all he could do was mumble "oooh, look at the muffins over there" (quote pronounced with amateur but adequate Schwarzenegger accent)
4. I heard that the Womanizer, I’m sorry I mean the Governator, was going to bring his wife and kids to the roast, but he couldn’t remember which of his kids he actually told his wife about, so he figured it would be better to come by himself.
5. Now I would like to introduce Kenny our second roaster…
6. (Kenny’s Jokes)
7. 2nd Joke
8. And now Amanda our third roaster
9. (Amanda’s Jokes)
10. You know…cancer is a very serious disease. One of the leading causes of death in Americans today… Well, I went to the doctor last week and he told me that I had a tumor; I was like Oh my god! Really? Can I name it Arnold Schwarzenegger? The doctor was really puzzled about this and asked why? And I said…
    * + 1. Because I’m hoping it will make a bunch of bad movies and disappear…
11. Arnold over the years you’ve made a lot of iconic movies and done a lot of interviews both as an actor and as the governor of California. You are well known for your sarcastic one liners and misuse of the English language in general… quotes like…
12. "Who is your daddy and what does he do?"
13. "Consider dat a divorce!"
14. I'm not into politics, I'm into survival"
15. I'll show you collateral damage!
16. Married to some boring jerk.
17. One of us is in deep trouble.
18. Women. Can't live with 'em, can't live... with 'em.
19. We realize now that these are more ironic to you than iconic….
20. (Ron Speaks) In reality Arnold you are a hard working guy who has accomplished a lot in your life and we are glad you moved to America. Do you have any last words?

Transition: (Arnold) Yes…

1. Conclusion (Stop at 10)
2. Today we have talked about the definition and important elements of an after dinner speech. As well as effective strategies to use while delivering an after dinner speech. Then through our demonstration we illustrated these methods to you.
3. Remember to keep things light and humorous and if you don’t…(Click to slide 10) “I’ll be back”.

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