Speech to deliver

A Year Worth Rising For

Maple Street Bakery

Speaker: Mike

Version: Classic · Speaking time: about 3:21 min (target 3:00)

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Delivery tips

1. Read the speech out loud twice — the second time with the teleprompter and stopwatch.
2. At the ‖ mark, take a breath and look out at the room.
3. Where it says “wait for the laugh,” let the room laugh before you go on.
4. Say the moment of surprise a little slower and a little softer.
5. Toast: raise your glass only on the last few words.

Marks in the text: ‖ short pause, take a breath WAIT FOR THE LAUGH wait for the laugh
0:45 time from the start of the speech

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0:00
Welcome, relaxed, big year

Good evening, everyone! || I'm Mike, and if I look unusually relaxed tonight, it's because for once, nobody is asking me how many pies are left. WAIT FOR THE LAUGH What a year it's been for Maple Street Bakery. A second shop in Oak Park. Four new faces on the team. And our customers voting us the best bakery in the county. ||

0:33
Thank you, title is

Before anything else, thank you. Every loaf, every pie, every early morning this year happened because of you. Thank you for the long days, the steady hands, and the smiles you gave every customer who walked through our door. That title from our customers isn't mine. It belongs to everyone in this room. ||

1:00
12,000 pies, Oak Park

Let's talk about the summer. Twelve thousand pies for the county fair. Twelve thousand. I still see crusts when I close my eyes. WAIT FOR THE LAUGH You rolled, you filled, you baked, and the fair never ran short. And then came Oak Park. A whole second shop, opened by the same team that had just survived all those pies. ||

1:31
Oven down, Chris, pulled

★ Moment of surprise — slow down

But the moment I'm proudest of isn't on any poster. This spring, our oven went down. For two whole weeks. A bakery without an oven is just a very nice-smelling room. WAIT FOR THE LAUGH Chris led the repair, and the rest of you simply refused to give up. We pulled through together. That's when I knew this team could handle anything. ||

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2:03
Jennifer 10 years, welcome

Jennifer, ten years with us. Ten years! You've watched this bakery grow from one shop to two, and you've helped it rise every single day. Thank you. ‖ And Emily, Tyler, Megan and Jake, welcome to the family. You picked quite a year to join. After this one, you've officially seen it all.

WAIT FOR THE LAUGH

2:32
Two shops, working oven,

Looking ahead, I won't make big predictions. I'll just say this: with two shops, a working oven, and the people in this room, I like our chances. ‖ Whatever comes next, we'll meet it the way we always do. Together, early, and covered in flour. Thank you for everything you gave this year. Next year, let's keep doing what we do best: baking with heart and looking after each other. ‖

Toast

So please raise your glasses: to Maple Street Bakery, to the best team in the county, and to a year worth rising for. Cheers!

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30-second version

For when the program runs late or you just need a few words. · 0:32 min

Good evening, everyone! I'm Mike. ‖ A second shop in Oak Park, twelve thousand pies for the county fair, and the best bakery in the county. ‖

When our oven went down for two weeks, Chris led the repair and you pulled through. Jennifer, thank you for ten years. Emily, Tyler, Megan, Jake, welcome! ‖

To Maple Street Bakery! Cheers!

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Story · 3:11 min

A story speech that opens with the two weeks without an oven and ties the whole year back to that moment.

Good evening, everyone. I'm Mike. Let me take you back to this spring. Picture our bakery, early in the morning. The lights are on. The dough is ready. And the oven... is not. ‖ Somebody is staring at it, hoping it's just being shy. (laughter)

Our oven was down for two whole weeks. Two weeks! For a bakery, that's like a choir losing its voice. (laughter) I won't pretend I stayed calm. But Chris took charge of the repair, and everyone else simply refused to quit. And we pulled through. ‖

Here's the thing. That spring taught us something we used all year long. When things get hot — or in our case, when they stubbornly refuse to get hot — (laughter) this team doesn't panic. We help each other, and we keep going. This team doesn't step back. This team leans in. ‖

We leaned in over the summer, when we baked twelve thousand pies for the county fair. Twelve thousand. I'm fairly sure some of you still dream in crust. (laughter) Every single one came out of your hands. We leaned in again when we opened our second shop in Oak Park. And our customers noticed. They voted us the best bakery in the county. ‖

We grew, too. Emily, Tyler, Megan and Jake, welcome. Four new people, and not one of you ran for the door when you saw the pie orders. (laughter) You brought fresh energy at exactly the right moment, and you fit right in. We're so glad you're here.

And Jennifer. Ten years with Maple Street Bakery. Ten years of early mornings, steady hands and good humor. Through working ovens and broken ones, you've been one of the reasons this place stays warm. ‖ Thank you.

So, back to that quiet oven this spring. For two weeks, it gave us nothing. But it showed me exactly what I have. Chris, thank you for bringing back the heat. And everyone, thank you. This year, the oven went cold. This team never did. Not for a single day. ‖

> **Toast:** Please raise your glasses: to the people who keep Maple Street Bakery warm in every season. Cheers!

Humorous · 3:20 min

The lightest, quickest variant, packed with affectionate jokes about pies, the oven and the new team, ending on a sincere thank-you.

Good evening, everyone! I'm Mike, and I'll keep this short. Dinner is waiting, and after this year, I think you've all smelled enough baking to last a lifetime. (laughter)

Let's review. We opened a second shop in Oak Park. That means twice the bakery, twice the flour, and twice as many places for me to ask, "Where did all the pies go?" (laughter)

Speaking of pies... Twelve thousand for the county fair this summer. Twelve thousand! Somewhere in the middle of all that, I think the pies started baking us. (laughter) I tried to count them once. I lost count before lunch and had to sit down. (laughter) And somehow, you kept smiling. ‖

Then there was spring. Our oven was down for two weeks. Two weeks! A bakery without an oven is basically a room that smells like hope. (laughter) But Chris led the repair, and we all pulled through. Chris, if that oven ever writes a thank-you card, it's addressed to you. (laughter)

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To our four new teammates, Emily, Tyler, Megan and Jake. You joined in the year of twelve thousand pies, a broken oven and a brand-new shop. Honestly, the fact that you're still here is the best compliment we've ever had. (laughter) Welcome. You're one of us now, and there's flour in your future.

Well, almost. Because our customers voted us the best bakery in the county! ‖ So now it's official. We're not just good. We're certified, county-wide delicious. I've been saying it for years. Now the whole county agrees with me. (laughter)

And Jennifer. Ten years with us! That's a whole decade of early mornings. At this point, the sunrise checks in with you. (laughter) Jennifer, thank you for every one of those ten years. ‖

But seriously. Behind every joke tonight there's a real thank-you. You made this year happen, with flour on your hands and heart in everything you do. I'm proud of every single one of you. Two shops, one team, and a year I will never forget. ‖

> **Toast:** So raise your glasses: to Maple Street Bakery, to the best team in the county, and to many more pies together. Cheers!

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