

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we gather here tonight, I have two things to say: First, thank you for taking a break from your Netflix marathons and pajama parties to join us, and second, I solemnly swear that this speech will be as brief as a New Year's resolution at the gym!

Now, this past year has flown by faster than my attempts at eating healthy, and here we are, ready to embrace a brand-new year--armed with optimism, hopes, dreams, and hopefully some leftover holiday snacks. On behalf of all of us who spent the last 12 months learning new hobbies that we promptly abandoned, here's to giving them a second chance! May our attempts at baking, gardening, or learning the guitar be somewhat successful... or at least Instagram-worthy.

To those who claim 2023 is the year they finally conquer their fear of public speaking--I believe in you! But if you don't, remember, the mute button exists for a reason on Zoom.

And, of course, let's not forget our New Year's resolutions. This year, mine is to be less sarcastic--as if that's going to happen!

In all seriousness, may this new year bring happiness, health, success, and plenty of laughter to your lives. May your troubles be as short-lived as those Christmas lights you'll forget to take down.

Happy New Year, everyone! Let's make it a fantastic one. Cheers!

Thank you.