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Originally had 12 minutes and my maximum time is 6 so I had to cut out half my speech - here is what's left.

Bye- Love Lynn

## Toastmasters - Icebreaker Mar1st2005

Madam Chairman, Fellow Toastmasters and Guests

I would like to thank you for being my first audience.

What's it like growing up in a large family?

I worked as a Legal Secretary until the very day our first child was born. It was Friday evening and my boss was leaving in the morning for holidays and I was going to look after the office while he was away. Well.. **some things you just can't control** - our baby was born that night (5 weeks early) a few hours before my boss's flight - I just didn't have the heart to call him and ruin his holidays. After we were discharged from the hospital one week later I went straight to the office with my husband and baby and spentswo hours sorting through urgent files and and house deals that needed closing. Fifteen months later our 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter was born. I put my career on hold and stayed home for 5 years. I now look back on this as having been the most fulfilling time of my life.

I have now been <u>employed for the past 17 years with Land Titles Office</u>. I am now training as a <u>Document Examiner</u> which I really enjoy.

I was born the middle child of a large family. My Dad - bless his soul - could never remember all our names so he'd introduce us as daughter No.1, Daughter No. 2 and so on.

When the first child was born, my father had his heart set on having a son to help out with the farm and was a little disappointed in having a girl. Well like I said earlier - **some things you just can't control**. The 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter was born, the 3rd , 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> (that's me) and 6<sup>th</sup> - At this point my Dad had given up on having a boy and joked to all the neighbours that he would buy us each a ladder so that we could elope and avoid wedding costs.

When my Mom was expecting her 7<sup>th</sup> child, my parents anxiously awaited the outcome. It was believed that if a 7<sup>th</sup> girl or a 7<sup>th</sup> boy was born, that this 7<sup>th</sup> child would be gifted. My parents saw this as a win win situation - if it was a 7<sup>th</sup> girl the child would be gifted and if it was the long

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----Original Message----From: Lynda Staub [mailto:lstaub@skyweb.ca]
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I prefer not to be the first contact - Andre and I discussed it - I am the first contact for Mom and have been for the past two years -

Mom and have been for the past two years and I would appreciate having someone else be on call - I am back in my new position as Document Examiner at my office. and I don't want to jeopardize my new job. I have had to miss work for Mom and don't

want to miss more if I can help it. - Andre agreed and that's the way we would like it

so please reverse your instructions -

Thanks!! P.S. It is best if you email me before proceeding on things - or else it will cause confusion amongst everyone. Thanks!!

Requested that you be the first contact at the hospital for Dad as opposed to Andy, and will

elaborate further later on in my next email. (above)

Marlene

 Also – cleared something up - Dad was observed on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at Grace and discharged on Saturday afternoon the 17<sup>th</sup>