



Recognition Letter

Ann Jablonski June 24th, 2008

Dear Kate,

I will begin by telling you "Thank You" for one of the most enjoyable evenings of my memory. But first of all I will tell you a bit about me. I am nearly 89 yrs. old and live in May Creek Lodge which is a facility for assisted living that is only a block away from the UCC church where we saw you on THAT NIGHT!! I will never forget you, and I believe strongly in your message. I lived and was part of "The Greatest Generation" (according to Tom Brokaw) I don't think he's right, but for him maybe it was. I am an ordinary person. I raised 3 sons who turned out to be fine men. That's my proudest accomplishment. None of them are famous except in their own little worlds.

I am a crafts person and I am (not bragging) very good a what I do--and have done over the years. I used to be a draftsman for a large industrial company. This was in the 1940's --I was the best they had-- BUT getting 1/2 the salary that the men received. When I quit for another better paying job they offered me a job as head of the Art Dept. or a good raise in pay. My answer was "If I 'm worth that today, wasn't I worth that a year ago?" When I mentioned the discrepancy in my salary and the men. they said "well, the men have families and kids." They knew I was a single parent with three boys and house payments, etc. So, that excuse didn't work--I left. Oh, well--water over the dam.

I do hope you come back to Walker in my lifetime, but until then I will carry the memory of you always. Thanks again.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Jablonski

P.S. I'm a knitter, miniaturist, watercolorist, letter writer and nuisance.

(On the back of the letter she wrote)

I think you are very beautiful. Your singing and your gestures were so lovely and graceful. Maybe I'm wrong but I thought that your final song gestures had some "singing" included. My oldest grand daughter- now a sophomore at UCLA is hearing impaired to an extent so I am aware of signing when I see it, even though I don't understand it--except (she drew the hand sign for I love you) Please excuse the boo-boo's--that's part of being old!!