Group Closing January, 29, 2019

Frank and Karen are a neat couple. Karen is a cancer survivor and only a few months ago received very encouraging news about her condition. I've shared with them some of my Tuesday closings for Group. In just a couple of years we've developed a close and genuine friendship. Recently, Linda and I shared a meal with Frank and Karen. As we left the restaurant I told them, "You know, I feel as though I have known you all my life." "We feel the same way," they responded.

This is the way I felt last week in Group. Some of you I have known for years, like Debby. And like Ed, some of you I have known for a relatively short time. Yet, these seem to be life-long friendships. And because of the closeness and transparency in Group we really do get to know one another. We do not like what brought friendships like these into reality, but we love the relationships. The people we've met each Tuesday, the great times at holiday parties and on other occasions are special gifts. Those we remember and cherish bring warmth and smiles to our lives. There's no way we would have chosen this journey we are now on, but how delighted and surprised we are with the people traveling with us.

Arm-in-arm, Bill