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Dear A.A. Friends,

Please mark your calendar for the next Northeast Regional Forum, which will take place in Tarrytown, New York May 31- June 2, 2019 at the Westchester Marriot Hotel.

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the same time, to me, in the great A.A. spirit of kindness and gentleness and respect for each other. It was great.

I hope you will continue to share with each other about how to get the word out that A.A. is here, it's alive, and everyone is welcome — and how to practice that within your groups when those newcomers (or maybe returners) come in the door — very important.

Young People: I attended the workshop on that and heard so many good ideas about being kind and being encouraging and, you know, that's not just about young people, that's for each other. We want to be kind and encouraging. You all have been so kind and encouraging to me that I know how well it works, and I know what it does to the soul when you do it. Thank you.

So, communication, what's it really about? It's about sharing our stories — that's the foundational point of A.A. We share our stories. And then the miracle happens. You know, I've been asked how A.A. works, and you know what my answer is? I haven't a clue! But when people share stories, it works. Thank God.

So, I shared my participation in this Forum on Friday night by referencing the 2018 General Service Conference theme: "A.A. — A Solution for All Generations." I'm going to close by telling you I think this topic has two meanings — at least for me it has two meanings. One is tolerance and acceptance of all who seek the A.A. solution. (You've now figured out I love to quote Bill W.) In *As Bill Sees It*, he wrote "honesty with ourselves and others gets us sober, but it is tolerance that keeps us that way." Wow.

The other meaning for me is that A.A. is timeless and can be a solution for all generations to come, one day at a time. That means it's up to all of us who care about A.A. to keep A.A. strong for those future generations. Listening to you this weekend, I know A.A. is full of passionate and smart people who will work hard, do service, and keep the hand of A.A. out there. Thank you for a wonderful weekend. See you again.

