

December 2021 Client Corner: Getting to Know You

Longtime client, Linda Thompson started meeting weekly with two friends at a local park in 2020. During a time when we all could use something to look forward to, Linda had an idea pop into her head. What about sharing “Getting to Know You” questions? After thinking on it and even glancing at her computer for ideas, she had come up with a list of 30 questions to start. That list quickly grew to 50 and continued to over 100. Linda’s goal was to make sure that each person would always feel comfortable sharing their answers. She found that while she thought that she and her friends knew each other well, they ended up discovering many new things, and the conversations became special.



Questions could be as simple as “What is your favorite color, movie, book, dessert, musical artist, or pet?” or could be more thought provoking such as “What is something you learned this month?”, “What three characteristics do you admire most in others”, or “How do you want to be remembered?” When Linda comes back from the park, she and her husband, John share the same questions. After 50 years of marriage, it’s fun for them to realize that they already know most of the answers about each other! Linda’s 15-year-old granddaughter asked if they could be pen pals. They answer questions in their weekly letters and have learned so much about each other. Linda plans to save her granddaughter’s answers and give them to her in the future.



Linda sent her list of 172 questions to Rob and we have been starting our Monday morning Kemp Financial staff meetings by picking one question to answer. One of the most thoughtful questions was “What is the kindest thing you have done for another person? We all loved Wyatt’s answer; one Christmas he gave a personal letter to each family member as a gift. They all said it was one of the best gifts they had ever received. Rob shared this with Linda and it has inspired her to do the same for her large family.

Linda encourages anyone to try the adventure of using “Getting to Know You” questions at home, work, or on a long ride to foster special conversations. Let us know if you would like to receive the list of Linda’s questions. We have loved going through them as a staff and would be happy to pass them along to you!