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Hello all,

Annie, her sister, her sister's friend Jay, and I went out for lunch again. Annie loves to get out of the house. Some things never change; she prefers to drink her lunch and not eat. She had a watered down glass of white wine along with Jay and Ronnie and was quite persistent in requesting more with little success. She heartily dove into the enormous ice cream sundae we all shared for desert; that was definitely a hit. Ronnie and I argued with Jay about buying lunch and Annie looked up at Jay, smiling, and said "Well Jay, you can certainly buy my lunch anytime you like". We all laughed and she then said "Jay is going to have to take care of me for a long time". Maybe she is aware of more than we realize.

Jay and Annie have weekly poker games. He mentioned that it is getting a bit expensive for him. Annie wanted to play \$100 a hand last week. She always wins.

She is walking much better - still needs some assistance - but daily her balance is improving. When working out at the local gym with her trainer, she now stands unaided while she does some light dumbbell curls, etc. Kevin, the trainer, stands next to her and her mother on the other side. She has been walking a bit more in the house also.

Anyone meeting Annie for the first time would not think that anything is wrong with her at all (with the exception of the appearance of her eyes). She is with us more every day. She is Annie without a short term memory.

She daily says how she loves her big screen television. Daily says to thank all of you.

Annie and her family will be coming to Denver in the next month or two and will have what Ronnie calls "An Open House" for any or all of you that would like to see Annie and say hello. I will send an email announcement to let you know an exact date and time.

Linda