

Kim: "Hi Bob! I'm so surprised to see you here at the Region 8 Conference! Last time I saw you, I was still in living in Philadelphia!" "What brings you down this way?"

Bob: "It's so good to see you! I'm out here with my sponsee, Joe, he invited me to join him at the conference. How is your family?"

Kim: "We are all doing very well, thank you...How about yours?"

Bob: "We are good..."

Kim: "That's great...How is the OA group in Philly?"

Bob: (looking sad) "Well, most everyone is ok...except Steve... he died recently!"

Kim: "Oh, no! He was still so young, under 50, right? What happened?"

Bob: "Yeah, he was 49, Even though he had been in recovery from bulimia for over 5 years, he still developed esophageal cancer – probably as a result of the bulimia...this disease really can kill in so many ways."

Kim: "That's so very sad! He had a baby girl not too long ago, didn't he ? (Bob nods yes) I feel so bad for his wife and daughter."

Bob: "Me too...he was such a good guy and very strong in recovery...but thanks to HP he got to spend over 5 years in recovery and got to experience marriage and becoming a father – all of which- he said would have been impossible before OA."

Kim: "So true, when you put it that way, it somehow helps ease the pain of losing him..."

Bob: "Yes, I feel that way too..."

Kim: "But it also motivates me to share the message to those who still suffer who think that once they recover, the long-term effects are erased - what a myth!" "The sooner we get the message out, the sooner we may help someone avoid dying early like Steve did!"