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These are difficult and trying times. I, like you, wonder where our war will take us and how long it will take to rid the world of these horrible terrorists. I pray that our leaders can find a way to help eliminate the very causes of this infectious hatred.

I too am concerned that life will be different for all of us now, with some of the carefree attitude of the past few years gone forever. Yet I don't want to crawl in a hole and pull the lid in over me!

I find myself thinking more about family and friends and how much I love them. I also find myself thinking about all of you, my super extended family of friends and clients.

Here is one thing that I have decided after a very long month of thought.

I have decided that I do not see enough of you. When you bought your jewelry from me we had a good time. We laughed and talked and got to know each other a little. It was so enjoyable to work together to make someone happy, and for far too many of you that was the last time that I saw you.

I would like to change that as much as possible. I have come to realize in this uncertain time that friends and family are the single most important thing that I have. I would like to invite each and every one of you to share a lunch with me sometime in the near future. No business, just enjoying each other's company. It will be a chance for us to get to know each other a little better and to celebrate the joy of our friendship. Please call and we will set up a date that works for both of us.

Another thing that I am even more aware of now is how important community service is. If any of you are interested in joining a service club, I would be honored to take you to my Rotary club any Wednesday at noon. We have a lot of fun and we do a lot of good both in our community and internationally through the auspices of the Rotary Foundation. If you liked what you saw, we would welcome you into our club. If you are already a member of another service club, I salute you.

I have ordered in enamel United States Flag lapel pins. Rather than sell these, you may come in and pick one up for free. If you desire to make a donation at the time you pick it up I will deliver your donation to the Red Cross. I will also have more expensive Rhinestone versions. If you choose to make a donation for one of these pins (eight to twenty dollar values) I will deliver the entire profit from these donations to the Red Cross. When I run out, I will order more!

Thank you for your continued friendship. It means a great deal to me.

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