

Our tribe is chugging along as we all become acclimated to our new leadership roles, with ample opportunity to draw on the experience, strength and hope of our "elders," those members who have walked this path before.

In creating new, (for district 11, in my recollection) branches in our tree, we are in the midst of completing the first group inventory using the guidelines from WSO (G-8). I anticipate we will conduct another inventory as this panel draws to a close.

Each member of our tribe has "chosen" one of the principles of our program and will offer a 3-5 presentation on that topic for the benefit of the group, as a whole, and perhaps even develop confidence in their own ability to speak in "public." In an atmosphere of acceptance and love, my hope is everyone experiences their own spiritual growth in that light.

To the surprise of no one, we have different opinions on issues. In these circumstances, our tribe has a vast well spring of resources to draw from in resolving these differences, if necessary.

Our legacies are invaluable tools to employ at all levels of service, as well as in our personal lives. To this end, I appreciate the reminder to "reason things out with someone else."

I am ever so grateful for the opportunity to walk this journey in our fellowship with a group of dedicated, like minded people who choose to be present in our efforts to carry the message of hope and healing for family and friends of alcoholics. Our tribal members each bring a unique set of skills which enhance our community one hour, one day, one week at a time.

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