

Delegate's Corner November 2019

The Broad Highway

As we roll with the distressing events around our area; wildfires, destruction, evacuations, upheaval, and power outages, our sobriety is put the test.

As individuals, groups, districts, and as an area, we get to adapt and to “apply these principles in all our affairs.” It’s a tall order in the best of circumstances. In times such as these, our faith comes under additional pressure. Whether you believe in God or not, the reality of the situation is what, as alcoholics, we can rally our spirit around. Acceptance of life on life’s terms is where the rubber of recovery hits the higher power highway.

Our Fall Inventory Assembly was a joyous affirmation that we are up to the task.

My heart is full of gratitude to the folks of District 6 who, with the support of our Assembly Coordinator and Chair, pulled off a logistical triumph.

I’m tremendously excited that our Accessibilities Sharing Session will now evolve into a sub-committee because we now have now created a channel, which will broaden and deepen in the years ahead, for the participation of our fellows who want to be a part of this thing we call A.A. More will be revealed, and I must temper my excitement with sober reflection about how to nurture the growth of this service, not choke it.

Our inventory was filled with clarity, directness, honesty, and love. It was a thing of beauty and I look forward to continuing some of those conversations we so obviously need to have. I was also impressed with the sharing of very practical things that we can consider. Be it by right of decision, housekeeping motion, or presentation of new business, I sense that the impact of this inventory will continue to ripple through our area.

By the next time we meet in Petaluma, the deadline for items to be considered as Agenda Topics for the 70th Annual General Service Conference will have passed, and I will have sent our letter requesting a 5th Edition of the Big Book. I don’t know when the Conference will next discuss a 5th edition, but I know in my heart that our letter will be a part of the background.

Thank you for your spirit and your participation as we reach the halfway mark!