

## Extension and Revitalization

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A small group of warriors and their families were gathering together and talking about moving to a new area of Kansas looking for better land to grow their crops and hunt for game to feed their families. A decision was finally made that 3 families were going to travel to the west. After traveling for 3 moons, they found a new place to settle and setup their teepees to begin new adventures.

It wasn't long before they found another tribe in their area, and the Warriors went to visit and smoke a peace pipe with them and wanted to bring their families to their area to start new friendships. Much to their surprise this tribe was not very friendly to their group. They tried to talk with them to see what they did in their little tribe for the elder warriors and the children. The Chief told the visitors that they used to be very active, but time had taken a toll on them and now they just gathered and smoked their peace pipes and went back to their teepees.

The new warriors went back to their families and told them of the very unhappy group of Indians they had met and that they needed to try to help that tribe come alive and active again. The new group gathered together to make a plan. The women would talk with the other women about different ways to help the children in the tribe learn about the history of their ancestors and to show how proud they were to be part of the original Americans on this Kansas land. Then they would ask the other women to go with them to the old warriors teepees and see if they were well or needed some help with their medicine or just help them with their daily need.

The warriors went to see the elders again and convinced them to gather the younger braves to help them clean up the land in their tribal area and work together for a better life for all of the members. The older chiefs sent word to all of the tribal members to come to a pow-wow and meet the new people that had come to their area and welcome them as they had helped them realize that they were still able to help one another and teach their children to be proud of who they were.

The Chief of this tribe stood tall and proud as he looked over the land of his tribe and thanked their new friends to coming to join their tribe.

As this example explains, sometimes it takes new ideas and effort to bring an Auxiliary back to life and start working the programs such as the youth program, the hospital program and working for the community. We have learned that sometimes new ideas are rejected by older members, but if we can show them the benefit of trying to change just a little at a time we can add the new ideas with the old and make a great Auxiliary.

**Look forward with your Auxiliary but realize that our past has made us strong.**

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