

ILLOWA MESSAGENDER JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

July Birthdays

1	Denise S.	'91
4	Chuck L.	'91
5	Sharon K.	'96
7	Nancy C.	'01
8	Jesse N.	'06
8	Bill H.	'15
9	Jim K.	'81
9	Jack P.	'92
10	Bruce M.	'04
10	Victoria Q.	'05
13	Todd S.	'99
14	Al B.	'93
15	Raul R.	'81
15	Mary Ann P.	'04
17	Don J.	'84
18	Vi P.	'77
21	Lisa D.	'96
24	Julie B.	'90
25	John B.	'78

The Intergroup Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in observance of the holiday. Call 309-764-1016 for assistance.



Happy 4th of July!

July Events

July 1 - Camden Serenity Speaker Meeting/Potluck

July 8 - House Group - Open Speaker Meeting and Potluck

July 29th - Campfire Meeting at Blackhawk State Par



Birthdays and special events should be called in to the Intergroup office, 309-764-1016, by the 15th of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter. Help make this list as complete as possible.

Group Contributions – May 2017

	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jan – May 17</u>
Aledo	50.00	326.00
ARM	0.00	25.00
Bettendorf	737.00	3,127.00
Camden Serenity Group	25.00	125.00
Central Discussion	0.00	500.00
Clinton	50.00	250.00
Courage to Change	0.00	667.97
DeWitt	0.00	200.00
Henry County Group	0.00	100.00
La Nueva Vida	20.00	60.00
Ladies Night	0.00	355.19
Marquette	50.00	150.00
Milan Hillcrest	100.00	150.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0.00	25.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	25.00
The Three Legacies	0.00	400.00
West End	0.00	70.00

Call Counts for May 2017

12-step – 2

Information – 82

Visitors – 6

Alanon - 2



Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Paul S. At 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Camden Serenity, Courage to Change, Dewitt, Diversity, Henry County, New Beginnings, Primary Purpose, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies and West End.

Officers Present: Chair-Paul S., Co-Chair-Erika S., Secretary-Monique M., Treasurer Park P.

Chairs Present: Newsletter Al B., District 9 Liaison Bill M., District 90 Liaison Randy C., Office Manager- Lisa W, Web Guy-Randy C., Events-Vicki

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$2,961.36 with the breakdown as follows:

Contributions - \$1,183.50 Events – \$0.00, Sales - \$1,771.70, Sales Other-\$6.00, Bank Dividends \$.16.

Expenses totaled \$3,252.32, with the following breakdown: General expenses - \$1,744.12, Events- \$0.00, Literature purchased - \$1,158.20, Accounting Services 00.00. Workman Comp Ins.-\$0.00, Other (Website) \$0.00 Other (Inventory) \$0.00

Total Income minus expense= -\$290.96 for the month.

Total in the bank accounts = \$7,380.50 with the following breakdown:

Checking - \$6,329.68 Savings (prudent reserve) - \$750.82, Events \$300.00

In love and service, Park P.

Events Chair: We had our last committee meeting on May 30th. The golf outing will be Time: Sunday, August 20th @ 1200pm.

Location: Saukie Gold Course

Price: \$45 person

See flyer for additional details.

Our next committee meeting will be July 11th. We look forward to seeing you there! This year we are going to include a traveling trophy to go to the homegroup who wins. We will also have additional prizes. Come and join the fun! Everyone is welcome to come and play- this is a family event. We are also asking for donations from the groups and/ any individuals to donate for the raffle/prizes. Donations may be left at the Intergroup office. In love and service, Vicki F.

Newsletter Chair: Newsletter went out on 06/22/2017 at 2:10pm. Questions, comments or concerns contact me at burger.home@mediacombb.net. Love and service, Al B.

Phone Chair: Things are going well with the phone rotation, though we can always use backup volunteers.

There is one opening on the rotation on the fifth Sunday of the month from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please contact Gail S. or Lisa W. if you are interested in doing some service work.

Office Manager's Report: Hello from the Intergroup office. Due to the death of my father, I will be going to Texas for a week, but hopefully will be able to find volunteers to cover my shifts. We are always in need of more backup volunteers, so please give me a call if you are interested, both for weekdays and Saturday mornings. Call counts for April were 2 12-step, 82 information, 2 Alanon and 60 visitors.



The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for the holiday, and our next business meeting will be on Monday, July 10.

In love and service, Lisa W.

District 9: Hi from District 9. Our next meeting is on Sunday 6/11 & we will be discussing the Spring Conference.

The Corrections Chair needs volunteers both women and men to carry the message into Jail, 605 & RCF . Treatment needs a volunteer to Chair and line up speakers for the month of July at Country Oaks.

If any Group would like help in any area please contact the District 9 they will come if you ask.

Love and service, Bill

District 90: Hello Everyone, Dist. 90 Corrections is always looking for volunteers and if you are interested and want more info you can check out the flyer on the website or in the Intergroup Office. At last Month's Dist. 90 meeting, Bonnie and Patrick from the NIA20 Answering Service Committee gave a great information presentation on how other districts handle call from people looking for help The goal is to help the Districts that are struggling to keep a Service running. So far there has been a wide range of methods and costs. For example, using a simple answer machine which must be called every few hours to check the messages. Although inexpensive, the Alcoholic looking for help doesn't get to talk to anyone until they are called back. Another example, a volunteer actually carries a phone around with them which is great dedication but not a long term solution. Most Districts pay for an actual Answering Service and the cost varies from \$60-130. One District pays \$5.50 per call. Most do not have an Intergroup or Central Office. Patrick and Bonnie did visit our Intergroup Office, they were impressed by the number of Volunteers, both of them stressed how fortunate we are to have an Intergroup and can see no way to improve. Some possible solutions for struggling Districts would be to combine them and/or possibly create an Intergroup for them. Patrick and Bonnie are open to suggestions and hope the fact finding mission will give the struggling Districts some ideas on how they can improve. Area 20 changed Special Needs to be known as Accessibilities so we are following along and now our Special Needs Chair Position will be known as Accessibilities. Dist. 90 has the Secretary and Grapevine positions open which is a great opportunity for service work. Finally the Dist. 90 business meetings will be every other month for the next 2 meetings. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 1087 users which make 9 months in a row with over 1000 users. ILTUE and ILTHU were the most visited pages but the Events Page is starting creep back up. The old AA-QC.com expires June 13th but we will not need to renew it.

That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf Group: Attendance has been steady over the past month.



At the business meeting the group made the decision to lower our prudent reserve. Everything above that new amount was divided four ways, including one quarter to intergroup. The group hopes this can help intergroup begin to grow its prudent reserve.

Our spring cleaning had a smaller turn out than usually, but everything is spic and span!

Love and Service- MJ

Courage to Change: Hello Everyone. We are super excited about our our Anniversary is June 6th. We are having pizza before the meeting and then cake after the meeting. We will be raffling a Big Book. Hope to see you all there! In love and service, Nosa

Dewitt Group: Hello from the DeWitt Group. We are always looking for way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

We have attended speaker meeting in both Clinton and Maquoketa Groups always a lot of fun to be part of happiness.

One of our new comers moved back home to Michigan & we wish them all well and keep them in our prayers.

Love and Service, Bill

Milan Hillcrest: Things are going well with the group and our potluck/speaker meeting on the third Sunday of each month is really well-attended, drawing people from lots of other groups. Love and service, Tom F.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm is still going pretty well, we are in the middle of Chapter 7, Working With Others. The Monday Speaker Meetings and the Wednesday Night Meeting are both doing well. We are still holding on to Newcomers from RICCA Out-Patient Clients which is great. June 10th We are hosting the 5th Annual Big Book Run sponsored by A.R.M. Chapter 17, they will ride from Galesburg and arrive at RICCA about noon, Food, Fun, Fellowship ending with a Speaker Meeting. As always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides... That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

West End Group: Meetings going okay. West End Alano Club is going to keep open for now! Speaker meeting LeeAnnente N. from Camden group, June 24, 2017.

Old Business: In an effort to increase prudent reserve, Intergroup will put \$100.00 into the reserve for six months, beginning in July. In January 2018 the members will re-evaluate the issue to determine how to proceed.

New Business: None

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON July 10th, 2017, 6:00 PM AT THE INTERGROUP OFFICE,



June 11th 2017

DISTRICT 9 REPORTS

ATTENDANCE:- DCM Pat G.;**ALT DCM-** MaryBeth P.; **ARCHIVES-**Ronna B;**CORRECTIONS-** Excused; **CPC-** Marc S.; **GRAPEVINE-** Excused; **INTERGROUP LIASON-** Bill M.; **LITERATURE-** Excused, **PI-** Ben B.; **SECRETARY-** Lee C.; **TREASURER-** Jaclyn T.; **TREATMENT-** Sarah S.;**BETTENDORF-** Nancy R.; **CENTRAL DISCUSSION-** Tim G.; **CLINTON-** Jeff B.; **DEWITT-** Bill M.; **MARQUETTE-** MaryBeth P.; **NORTH SCOTT-** Neil B.; **THE THREE LEGACIES-** Scott P.

TREASURER REPORT: BEGINNING BALANCE \$6,443.84, **TOTAL INCOME** \$837.00, **TOTAL EXPENSE** \$367.48, **BALANCE** \$6,913.36, **SEED MONEY** \$300.00, **PRUDENT RESERVE** \$300.00, **OPERATING BALANCE** \$6,313.36

DCM: Hello Everyone, We had a great turnout for our Area 24 Spring Conferences, in Beautiful Spencer Iowa. All but Two District Chairs and Five GSR from our District make the journey. Great Workshops and Great Fellowships was had by all. Thanks to our District groups for there helpful contributions. We have invited Rick W our area delegate to come and give his report this coming August 6 at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. All District groups members are welcome to attend this wonderful informational event. There will be treat and snacks. With love and service, Patrick G

ARCHIVES: Had a wonderful time at the area conference last week met with my area archives chair and discussed different ideas for creating a display room. She was very gracious and offered her help, if we need it. She's willing to come and spend a day or 2 helping us to get things organized if we want her to. Continuing to meet with Jim E before our meeting discussing ideas and going through the display room to get it organized. Looking forward to meeting people from the different groups, attending business meetings, etc. so I can continue to gather ideas and hopefully gather some volunteers to help out. In loving service Ronna

CORRECTIONS: Attended the Area 24 Spring Conference last weekend. Had a great time, continued to learn about to service structure, and grow in the fellowship. I sent another updated flyer to the webmaster and apologize for the copyright issue on the last one. All else is well on the Corrections front. In Love and Service,
Katy

CPC: Greeting District 9- I hope you all had a great Sprong Conference! CPC did not meet yet in June and our meeting in May was just me, but we were approached via email to present to students at St. Ambrose and that is happening July 18th. Planning for the September CPC outreach workshop is underway and more details will follow. Our next planned meeting is July 1st at 10am in the Intergroup Office. Please come and join us. In love and service, Marc S

GRAPEVINE: Greetings, Attended the Spencer IA conference and participated in the Saturday workshop Met other Grapevine representatives from the different districts. Given ideas on increasing the use of the Grapevine materials. Use past issues of the Grapevine in the New Comers Packets that are given out. If you're a sponsor ask for back issues to give to the new people you are helping. Discussed the upcoming October conference and what the workshop will be offering that Friday night. Stayed tuned in for details as you will NOT want to miss this! Have begun to purchase the needed items for the mini displays to be used by the committee members for our district. Next committee meeting will be in July. Date is TBD –

need to review schedules. We will start asking to be put on the agenda of the different groups business meetings in August and create schedule for us to attend as each group is able to accommodate the few minutes we need to discuss our ideas. In Love and Service, Kiersten Cox

LITERATURE: I had a personal emergency and was unable to go to the service conference. I will be given the email address so I can receive info from the conference Lit Chair. All of the treatment site were in good shape with literature before I hurt my back. I will resume my rounds within the next week or so. I texted our treasure a copy of the latest literature bill this morning. There is no addition information to report at this time. In Love and Service, Marie



PI- Attended Area 24 Spring Conference. Submitted expense sheet and received payment for travel, hotel and conference. Attended Area PI workshop to clarify online posts. The internet has many problems with anonymity so I will not post items. District CPC Marc and I will present to St Ambrose nurse group July 18, 2017. We are planning CPC/PI workshop November 18 at Bettendorf Library with pulled pork sandwich and chili. We will need help with set up, cooking and getting the word out. The Area Conference pushed me to up my sobriety thru sponsorship, reading AA materials, and depending on members for support. Marc will be at Central 10 am July 1 to discuss workshops. In love and service, Ben

TREATMENT: I attended the Spring Conference in Spencer, IA and participated in the Treatment Group Session. We discussed Bridging the Gap program and ways to make the process more efficient in our Area.

The two 8:00pm Country Oaks meetings are covered through September. Because the announcement for the Country Oaks meeting was so successful, I'll probably bring it back for announcements at meetings in September.

I'll be attending the Bridging the Gap meeting at Country Oaks in a few weeks. Pat G. and I are planning to meet with the Fairmount people soon, too. Love & service, Sarah

GSR REPORTS;

BETTENDORF: All is well at the Bettendorf Group with nothing to report. Love and service, Nancy R

DEWITT: Hello from the DeWitt Group We are always looking for way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We have attended speaker meeting in both Clinton and Maquoketa Groups always a lot of fun to be part of happiness. One of our new comers moved back home to Michigan & we wish them all well and keep them in our prayers. We had a great time at the Diversity Anniversary lots of fun. Love and Service Bill

THREE LEGACIES: District 9 Business Meeting Sunday June 11, 2017 Three Legacies Attendance continues to be

steady at our Thursday night meeting at An average of 65 people (held 6:30 – 7:30pm). We continue to offer childcare and request a \$5.00 contribution per child. Our next business meeting will be held on June 15, 2017 following our regular meeting. I attended the Spring Conference in Spencer, IA on June 3rd It was very informative I believe we should look into compensating our web master for attending both our Spring and Fall conferences and our service meetings in Marshalltown, IA. In love and service, Scott P

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: July District meeting changed to July 9th 2017

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: July District meeting changed to July 9th 2017

District 90 Business Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes from District 90.

Comments from the newsletter chair: I have never been to an AA international convention. The last one was in Atlanta GA. I had a friend of mine that went. He had been to several and had tried to entice me to go. For some reason which I can't remember I couldn't make it. My friend however did text me a few pics from the big Saturday night meeting. He estimate between 50,000 and 70,000 Member were there. Also in his text he told me it brought tears to his eyes thinking how many people our program has helped. This brought a big smile to my face, my friend was having a true experience. The next International Convention is in Detroit Mi. 2020. Maybe I'll get to go. Doing this newsletter my thoughts were it would be nice if a few of our local member would email me their experiences of the conventions they have attended for others to understand how big of an opportunity this is. I promise if anyone steps up I'll share it with our readers, My email is burger.home@mediacombb.net. God Bless, Al B.

A little history about the AA International Convention

Prior to the first International Convention, the Cleveland Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous hosted a Big Meeting in June 1945 to celebrate AA's tenth anniversary. The speakers, of course, were Bill W. and Dr. Bob. Twenty-five hundred people were in attendance, from 36 states and two Canadian provinces, and one from Mexico. So it wasn't surprising that the Cleveland Central Office wanted to sponsor the first International Conference in 1950, in observance of A.A. 's 15th anniversary.

To finance the Conference, the plan was that the Cleveland/Akron groups would underwrite half of the Convention and the Alcoholic Foundation (now the General Service Board) the other half. The program for the weekend would be a closed meeting at which the proposed Traditions and other pertinent subjects would be fully discussed, followed by an open mass meeting in the Public Auditorium, addressed by Bill and Dr. Bob.

Between 6,000 and 8,000 people attended that weekend. Every state in the U.S. and every province in Canada was represented, as well as such far-off spots as South Africa, the Marshall Islands, and Saudi Arabia. That weekend, the Twelve Traditions were adopted.*

In 1965, we moved to Toronto. Approximately 10,500 were in attendance for the Fellowship's 30th anniversary. And it was at the big Saturday night meeting that AA's from around the world declared individually and in unison: "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." This Convention was also self-supporting financially.*

*Taken from WWW.a-1associates.com



Speaker Meeting
Saturday, July 1st

Camden Serenity Group, Milan, IL

Located at the corner of 3rd & 3rd

Join us as we welcome

Andi G.

From The Pacific Group

- Fellowship at 5:30
- Potluck dinner begins at 6:00, main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to pass
- Raffles will be held
- Andi will speak at 7:00pm



HOUSE GROUP

**OPEN SPEAKER MEETING &
POTLUCK**

SATURDAY, JULY 8

POTLUCK 5:30

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

SPEAKER BRYCE M.

7:00

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

AA Open Campfire Meeting

BLACKHAWK STATE PARK

Rock Island, IL

JULY 29TH 2017

FOOD @ 5:00PM / MEETING @ 6:30PM

Hot Dogs are provided

Please bring a dish to pass

Pop and Water \$.50

DISTRICT 90 CORRECTIONS

No one is too discredited or has sunk too low to be welcomed cordially - if he means business. Social distinctions, petty rivalries and jealousies - these are laughed out of countenance. Being wrecked in the same vessel, being restored and united under one God, *with hearts and minds attuned to the welfare of others*, the things which matter so much to some people no longer signify much to them. How could they?

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We need your help!!

We have a Women's Meeting at the RI County Jail - Wed. night.

We have a Men's Meeting at the RI County Jail - Fri. night.

We are in need of volunteers.

Kewanee Prison has officially changed to a Men's Adult Facility called Kewanee Life Skills and Re-entry Center with meetings at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. It is going to be a Pilot Program with the focus on REAL REHABILITATION.

East Moline Correctional Center still needs volunteers and those willing to sponsor inmates.

Please contact me if you are interested in service to those who truly need our help.

Craig K.

District 90 Chair

(Contact Intergroup Office at 309-764-1016 for contact number)

2017

Intergroup Golf Outing

Sunday, August 20th 2017

12:00pm Shotgun Start

Saukie Golf Course

3101 38th Street, Rock Island, IL

\$45 per person / \$180 per foursome

If preregistered by 13-August

-or-

\$50 per person / \$200 per foursome

If registered after 13-August or day of event

Includes 18-Holes, Cart, & Lunch

RAFFLES, 50/50. PRIZES

PREFERRED BALL.

Registration Form

Individual – Pair Me Up

We're a group – Please list others in your group below

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

**If you don't have four, don't worry, we complete your group based on registrations received.

Send registration and fees to: Intergroup Office Attn: Golf Outing 1706 Brady St. Suite 201, Davenport IA, 52803

All checks payable To: Intergroup

All Registrations received by: 13-August-2017 will receive the preregistration rates.

For any questions please contact the Intergroup office at (309)764-1016 for contact info.

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