

ILLOWA MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

September Birthdays

CONGRATULATIONS!



1 Dilia	'93
2 Jane S.	'79
3 Bill S.	'82
3 Debbie J.	'06
4 Patti P.	'91
6 Mary K.	'00
7 Al D.	'00
8 Dan C.	'82
10 Barb K.	'83
12 Gail R.	'01
12 Gail S.	'03
14 Ben D.	'01
16 Dee A.	'97
18 Norma D.	'85
20 Ken H.	'78
21 Fred K.	'78
21 Leo Y.	'98
21 Tom R.	'69
22 Brenda C.	'78
23 Deb P.	'80
29 Jerry P.	'80
30 Jeanne S.	'80

September Events

- Sept. 2nd – Camden Serenity Gp. Speaker Mtg.
- Sept. 10th - Bettendorf Group Picnic
- Sept. 10th – Blandine Picnic
- Sept. 16th – 4th Step Workshop
- Sept. 17th – Central Discussion Anniversary
- Sept. 17th – House Group Picnic
- Sept. 17th - Milan Hillcrest Group Picnic
- Sept. 18th – House Group Picnic
- Sept. 23rd – Henry County Group Picnic
- Sept. 30th - Campfire Meeting



The Intergroup Office will be closed on Labor Day – September 4, 2016



Group Contributions – July 2017

	<u>July 17</u>	<u>Jan –July 17</u>
Aledo	105.00	431.00
ARM	0.00	25.00
Bettendorf	615.00	3,742.00
Camden Serenity Group	0.00	150.00
Central Discussion	0.00	500.00
Cleveland	87.00	87.00
Clinton	50.00	350.00
Courage to Change	0.00	667.97
DeWitt	0.00	200.00
Henry County Group	0.00	400.00
La Nueva Vida	0.00	70.00
Ladies Night	0.00	355.19
Marquette	50.00	250.00
Milan Hillcrest	50.00	200.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0.00	25.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	55.00
The Three Legacies	0.00	600.00
West End	<u>0.00</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Total	957.00	8,228.16

Call Counts for July 2017

12-step – 2

Information – 68

Visitors – 47

Alanon - 2



Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2017

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, Marquette, Milan Hillcrest, New Beginnings, Primary Purpose, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies and West End.

Officers Present: Chair-Paul 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 F.

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$3,183.00 with the breakdown as follows: Contributions - \$1,126.00, Events – \$360.00, Sales - \$ 1,696.80, Sales Other-\$0.00, Bank Dividends \$.20.

Expenses totaled \$2,486.07, with the following breakdown: General expenses - \$1,769.64, Events- \$0.00, Literature purchased - \$713.95, Accounting Services 00.00. Workman Comp Ins.-\$0.00, Other (Website) \$0.00 Other (Inventory) \$2.48

Total Income minus expense= \$696.93 for the month.

Total in the bank accounts = \$5,935.47 with the following breakdown:
Checking - \$4,554.28, Savings (prudent reserve) - \$901.19, Events \$480.00
In love and service, Park P.

Events Chair: Everything is going well and active with events. We are looking forward to the annual Golf Outing! Please remember about early registrations, and donations to help your Intergroup.

We are looking to create a new event- AA Trivia event to be held end of October or the beginning of November. More information to come.

Save the date- Our Intergroup Anniversary is April 14th at Modern Woodmen Park. This year there is an opportunity for the Intergroup speaker to be recorded, and afterwards AMOT recordings will provide sales of many circuit speakers/big book study's, ect. There will also be more information as the event comes closer.

In love and service, Vicki F.

Newsletter Chair: Newsletter went out at 10:47am 7/20/2017. Questions, comments or concerns contact me at burger.home@mediacombb.net. Love and service, Al B.

Phone Chair: All going well. Need volunteer for phone hotline 5th Sun/month 9:00 am- 5:30 pm.

Office Manager's Report: Hello from the Intergroup Office. Things are going well, though it is a little slow right now in the office. I had a nice chat this month with the previous office manager, Jan B., who reminded me to



tell everyone how lucky we are to have an Intergroup office and phone rotation like we do, because so many places don't have that. I am grateful to have been here for eight years this week.

We only have one opening on the phone rotation right now which is the fifth Sunday of the months which have one from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please contact the office or Gail S., phone chair, if interested in doing some service work.

Call counts for July were 2 12-step, 68 information, 2 Alanon and 47 visitors.

In love and service, Lisa W.

District 9: Hi from District 9

Rick W our Area 24 Delegate share what he did & experience at GSO. With the technology AA is reaching more drunks today than ever before. AA.org gets 1000 visits a day. Google nonprofit now lets AA post information that anyone can read but can not share or add comments.

Also through AA.org you can make Group or personal contributions. AA receive 7.3 million dollars from 41% of the groups in AA. That is a lot but GSO operated at a 2 million dollar loss last year. They covered that from the sale of AA literature.

Literature made a profit of 3.4 million dollars last year. The total amount that anyone can donate is \$5000.00 dollars.

The Grapevine which is a service to the AA community including La Vina has always operated at a loss. We have a new person running Grapevine, last year Grapevine made a profit of \$10000.00 Awesome.

Every Delegate brings something to GSO to help carry the message to the drunks and save on cost. With new technology they are able to use what works such as translating all AA literature in to Spanish which has been done by Area 5 and do it all over the U.S. and Canada. Very cool.

We thank Rick for all his service and want him to come back and see us again. District 9 next meeting will be on Sept.10 because of Labor Day.

Love and Service, Bill

District 90: Hello Everyone, the Alt DCM, Richard S. filled us in on what happened at the AREA 20-SUMMER ASSEMBLY. For example, the Spring Conference will again be held in Schaumburg, the pamphlet, "Three talks to the Medical Society" is obsolete and will be discontinued – the pamphlets "regarding alcoholism in the workplace" and "too young" will be updated and retitled, website for Grapevine to be used by non-profit operations is in the works, a 15 minutes video regarding 'bridge the gap' entitled "HOPE" is available for \$12, and Grapevine experienced an increase in business during the last year-improving profitability. 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. Dist. 90 has the Secretary and Grapevine positions open which is a great opportunity for service work. We will not meet again until Sept. 12th.

That's all I have until next month.



In Love and Service Randy C.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 1153 users which make 11 months in a row with over 1000 users. Once again, the IA meeting lists were the most visited pages. Also, last month, AA World Services website sent us 28 users which is something new.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf: Attendance has been steady over the last month.

Our group will be having our annual picnic on Sunday, September 10th at the 23rd Street Band Shelter, at 1645 23rd Street in Bettendorf. Fellowship will start at 11:30 with Lunch starting at 12 pm. Meat, pop, and coffee will be provided, please bring something to share. If you are looking for something fun to do on Sunday afternoon with your family, please stop by.

Hope to see you all there!

-MJ

Courage to Change: Hello Everyone. Everything is going well at Courage to Change. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30pm. We have a weekly raffle. Everyone is welcome. Remember it's a closed meeting. Hope to see you there! In love and service, Nosa

Dewitt Group: Hello from DeWitt Group

Everything is going fine. We hope to be able to get back into the laundry mat, the new owners took down the bulletin board.

School will be starting soon so we'll be contacting the 4 school districts to let them know what AA is about.

Love and Service, Bill

House Group: House Group Annual Picnic

Empire Park, 751 N 20th St, Hampton, IL

Sunday, September 17th from 1 – 4 PM

Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

If you have questions, please contact: Jay R – 309-716-8819 (call or text)

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm is still going pretty well, we just started over and are on the Doctor's Opinion. The Monday Speaker Meeting and the Wednesday Night Meeting are doing well. As always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides...

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Sisters in Sobriety: The 8th anniversary went great, 29 attended.

In old business, we reviewed that the Abby had invited us, through Cheryl, to move our meeting to their facility on Saturday mornings. Some discussion was made on the subject among individuals throughout the month of June, and was also announced at the group meeting during the month. Before the vote many questions and



much discussion occurred. Then a motion and vote took place. The motion passed to keep our meeting as it is currently.

After the vote Cheryl asked that there be no hard feelings about her decision to **open a new women's meeting** that will meet at the Abbey. It will be at the same time and format of the current Sisters in Sobriety meeting on Saturday mornings. She has prepared a flyer with information about this new endeavor.

Due to Tradition 6 we did not know if it could not be a meeting affiliated with AA as that it was in a rehabilitation facility. This concerns Sisters in Sobriety because the Abbey will have the same meeting, date and time as our current meeting that has been going for the last 8 years.

I was asked that Sue discuss this with her report to the Intergroup meeting on August 7th, to get additional advice should this meeting conflict with any other traditions/procedures of AA.

Respectfully Submitted by, Sue B.

Three Legacies: Hello everyone!

Attendance at Three Legacies has been really good and growing lately! Everything is going well and we appreciate all the speakers for sharing. We will be making a donation to intergroup for the upcoming golf outing. Our next business meeting is on August 17, and there will be more to report at our next intergroup meeting!

In love and service,
Christina G

West End Group: August 26th, Pat G. from Marquette, 5:30 pm speaker meeting, 6:30 potluck. Moved from 8:00pm. August 19th West End Picnic.

Old Business: None

New Business: In response to the Sisters in Sobriety report, the group suggested that Sisters in Sobriety contact District for guidance.

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON September 11th 2017, 6:00 PM AT THE INTERGROUP OFFICE,

August 6th 2017

DISTRICT 9 REPORTS

ATTENDANCE: Area 24 delegate Rick W came and spoke

TREASURER REPORT: BEGINNING BALANCE \$5,649.71, TOTAL INCOME \$200.00, TOTAL EXPENSE \$399.20, BALANCE \$5,450.51, SEED MONEY \$300.00, PRUDENT RESERVE \$300.00, OPERATING BALANCE \$4,850.51

DCM; Hey Everyone, All committees and programs working well together. All Chairpersons position filled with great people, it's a pleasure meeting and working with everyone in district 9 We are always very thankful and grateful for contribution from our



district groups. So we can continue carrying the important messages of recovery in our district. Please contact us anytime and support District 9 in bridging the gap between your home group and District. With love and service Patrick G DCM DISTRICT 9

CORRECTIONS: A change to report on the Scott County Jail front: the recent purchase of new Big Books will not be distributed to inmates during meetings in the short term as they have quickly been graffitied with abusive language, inmate anonymity breaks and inter inmate communication between men and women. This decision has been made by the District Corrections chair in the short term to protect Tradition 1 and 12, inmate safety and their chances for sobriety. If anyone has any experience or solutions regarding this matter please feel free to contact Katy Miller at miller.katymarie@gmail.com. In better news, we have four new female volunteers ready to start their service having completed orientation in July. Please continue to share that we can always benefit from more volunteers for the Women's Friday 9am meeting as well as the Men's Monday night meeting at 7pm.

RCF is going well with regular volunteers and attendance at the Tuesday night men's meeting and we have speakers all the way through 2018 at the monthly men's and women's the 2nd Tuesday of every month. A big thanks to Jeff from Bettendorf and Shawna from West End for their service. The next Scott County Jail orientation is Tuesday, November 7th. Please submit applications, located at each meeting rooms bulletin board by Tuesday, October 17th. In Love & Service, Katy Miller

CPC: Good Afternoon, District 9 - The big CPC news this month is we gave a presentation to the St. Ambrose Physician's Assistant students

LITERATURE: I have been visiting all Iowa Ty centers to restock lit racks with pamphlets, AA mtg schedules. I need to visit the Bett library soon. I didn't purchase additional lit this month. When I visit treatment centers I always appreciate the Ty staff for their efforts to help alcoholics and to allow us to provide AA lit to their clients and family members. In loving service Marie H

PI- Marc S and I presented to St Ambrose physician Assistant students July 18. Passed out schedules, talked about alcoholism. Looking forward to seeing Area Delegate Rick and drumming up interest for golf outing and donations. In love and service, Ben.

INTERGROUP LIASON: Hi from Intergroup Golf Outing will be on 8/20 at Saukie Golf Course. \$45.00 fee before 8/13 and \$50.00 after the 13th. That's 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch. Shotgun start at 1200 noon. Raffle, 50/50 and Prizes. We need donation for the Golf Outing thank you so much. Volunteers are needed in the office and the phone rotation, 6 month sobriety is needed to volunteer. Intergroup web-site had 1121 visits for the month of June. Love and Service Bill

GSR REPORTS;

BETTENDORF: Quarterly disbursements were discussed and it was voted to take \$150 off the tops and donate that money to pink can fund. The remainder will be disbursed equally to GSO, intergroup, district 9, and area 24. Member brought up that some meetings lacked room openers and that the meeting board on the wall is many times wrong. Members voted to create committee to look into current ways to consistently have room openers for every meeting. After that has been agreed upon at business meeting a discussion on the meeting board will take place. Annual picnic preparation is in the works for a date in September. Love and service, Nancy R Bettendorf GSR

DEWITT: Hello from DeWitt Group Everything is going fine. We hope to be able to get back into the laundry mat, the new owners took down the bulletin board. School will be starting soon so we'll be contacting the 4 school districts to let them know what AA is about. Love and Service Bill

WEST END: West send picnic August 19th West lake park, High Meadows gate. Starts at 11am see flyer. Last Saturday of the month speaker and potluck meeting time has changed to 5:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Due to Labor Day weekend, our next district meeting is September 9th.

District 90: No report



Camden Serenity Group

SPEAKER MEETING



Please join us as we welcome

Maria B.

from the Bettendorf Group

- *Fellowship at 5:30pm*
- *Potluck dinner begins at 6:00, Main dish to be provided, please bring a dish to pass*
- *Drawings and Raffles will be held*
- *Maria speaks at 7:00pm*



**Saturday,
September
2nd**

Located at the Corner of 3rd and 3rd, Milan, IL

NEW WOMEN'S MEETING

BEGINNING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

W.E., T.W.O.

Women Empowered,
Together We Overcome

1401 Central Ave, Bettendorf
@ Abbey Center

Saturday 10 AM

Women's Big Book Study
AA Meeting

BYOBB – Bring your own Big Book

Blandine Annual Picnic – September 10, 2017



10:30 A.M. Fellowship
11:00 A.M. – Speaker Meeting
Shawna S. from West End
12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Picnic

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Brats provided
Please bring a dish to share.
Water \$0.50 donation

Bring your fishing poles and/or bikes.
Lots of fun for the whole family.

Directions: Drive East on River Drive into Bettendorf. Turn left onto 18th Street. Drive upto you see Parkway Drive and turn right. Follow the curve around housing additon to you reach the shelter.

Hope to see you there!





The
Bettendorf Group Picnic

Sunday, September 10, 2017

11:30 am to 3:00 pm

23rd Street Band Shelter
1645 - 23rd Street, Bettendorf, Iowa

11:30 - Fellowship



12:00 - Lunch

Meat, Cold Drinks & Coffee Provided.

Please bring a dish to share.



CENTRAL DISCUSSION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1111 WEST 35TH STREET DAVENPORT

11-12 SOCIAL HOUR

12-1 LUNCH

1-2 SPEAKERS

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

**MEAT AND TABLE SETTINGS WILL BE
PROVIDED**

SPEAKERS WILL BE SUE M AND ARLYNN H

September 17
2017



Summer PICNIC

House Group Annual Picnic

Empire Park

751 N 20th St, Hampton, IL

Sunday September 17th from 1 - 4 PM

Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.



Milan Hillcrest Picnic

Sept. 17, 2017



Dinner 12:00

Speaker at 2:00

Mollie T. from Milan Hillcrest

Indian Bluff Park (behind Quad City Airport)

Bring a dish to pass.

Chicken provided by the group

Water \$.25

Pop \$.50

50/50 Drawing

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

AA Open Campfire Meeting

BLACKHAWK STATE PARK

Rock Island, IL

SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017

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

Hot Dogs are provided

Please bring a dish to pass

Pop and Water \$.50

**LADIES NIGHT 16th
ANNIVERSARY**

**712 16th STREET MOLINE IL.
AT RIVERSIDE METHODIST CHURCH
ENTERANCE IS ON THE EAST SIDE (MIDDLE DOOR)
OCTOBER 5, 2017**

Meeting starts at 6:30 Speaker meeting and cake to follow!
*A friendly reminder this is a closed
woman's meeting.*

Nadine Kroll of Andover, IL will be our speaker

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.

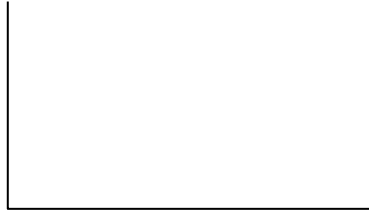
District 90 Chair

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

Illowa Messenger

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Davenport, IA 52803**

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