

ILLOWA MESSENGER NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

November Birthdays



1	Carol P.	'83
4	Joe C.	'83
5	Betti B.	'04
7	Denny B.	'81
7	Gary D.	'13
8	Bill M.	'75
9	Bill T.	'82
16	Sandy S.	'98
18	Jody F.	'88
26	Dennis P.	'96
27	Sheryl F.	'99
27	Jerome J.	'04

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



Happy Thanksgiving

The Intergroup Office will be closed on November 23, 2017 for Thanksgiving.

November is Gratitude Month-



Gratitude is an action!!!

- Spend time with newcomers
- Give someone a ride to a meeting
- Sign up for the Intergroup 12-step list and/or phone rotation
- Do something nice for your sponsor
- Contribute to Intergroup, District, and the General Service Office – Give back!
- Thank God for your sobriety and your life



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 4 th	12 Step Study Workshop
Nov. 4 th	Camden Serenity Group Potluck/Speaker Meeting
Nov. 18 th	District 9 CPC & PI Workshop
Nov. 19 th	Blandine Thanksgiving Potluck



SAVE THE DATE!

We are pleased to announce that Our 44th Anniversary Event will be held at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport on April 14, 2018.

Group Contributions –September 2017

	<u>September 17</u>	<u>Jan –Sept 17</u>
Aledo	50.00	521.00
ARM	0.00	25.00
Bettendorf	0.00	3,742.00
Big Book Study	199.28	99.28
Camden Serenity	0.00	175.00
Central Discussion	500.00	1,000.00
Cleveland	0.00	87.00
Clinton	50.00	450.00
Courage to Change	0.00	667.97
DeWitt	0.00	300.00
Diversity	0.00	50.00
Henry County	0.00	400.00
House	0.00	50.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	90.00
Ladies Night	0.00	355.19
Marquette	100.00	400.00
Milan Hillcrest	40.00	240.00
Port Byron Hilltop	0.00	25.00
Rainbow	30.00	30.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	55.00
The Three Legacies	100.00	700.00
West End	<u>20.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>
Total	959.28	9,652.44

Call Counts for September 2017

12-step – 5
Information – 79
Visitors – 40
Alanon – 1

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Bettendorf, Camden Serenity, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Freedom Group, Henry County Group, House Group, Marquette, Milan Hillcrest, New Beginnings, Primary Purpose, 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., Telephone Gail S.

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$2,616.11 with the breakdown as follows: Contributions 1,001.53,, Events \$0,, Sales \$1,608.35, Other Vender \$6.00, Bank Dividends \$.23.

Expenses totaled \$2,946.09, with the following breakdown: General expenses \$2,361.89, Events \$0.00, Literature purchased \$584.20,

Total Income minus expense= \$329.98 for the month.

Total in the bank accounts = \$7,119.29 with the following breakdown:
Checking \$5,692.65, Savings (prudent reserve) \$1,126.64, Events \$300.00
In love and service, Park P.

Events Chair: I have formed a committee to go on a fact finding mission to gather other Intergroup's experience on how they use events to raise funds. You will have a report at the next meeting! Thank you Lisa to getting me the contact information of the Intergroup's!
Nothing new to report on the Anniversary. It is still April 14, 2018.

In love and service, Vicki F

Newsletter Chair: The newsletter was sent September 25, 3:45 pm.

Office Manager's Report: Hello from the Intergroup Office,
Things are going well for the most part, though a chip order was damaged in the mail and most of the chips were not received. I have put in a claim with the USPS online and the Des Moines Post Office. I did get a check today for \$100 though our claim was for \$220.88 (no reason given), so I am planning to appeal that decision.

Anyone looking for service work should contact me in the afternoons to find out how you can help Intergroup.

Please contact the office by the 15th of the preceding month to get birthdays or events into the newsletter. Cost for flyers is \$ 7 per page.

Call counts for September were 5 12-step, 79 information, 1 Alanon and 40 visitors.

In love and service, Lisa W.

District 9: Hi from District 9

The Fall Conference is 10/13,14 & 15 at Sioux City. District 9 will be hosting the 2018 Fall Conference at the River Center. We have a committee and anyone wanting to volunteer please come to the next meeting on 11/5 at 200 pm.

Any group needing help for anything contact District 9 and we can help.

The Treatment Chair wants to update the Bridging the Gap list so contact Sarah to carry the message. Also volunteers to lead the 800 pm meeting at Country Oaks on Sunday and Tuesday. 6 months sobriety and working with a sponsor is required.

CPC & PI will have a meeting on 10/21 at 1000 am at the Intergroup office to discuss workshop on 11/18 at Bettendorf Library at noon. You can help and learn contact Mark and Ben.

On 11/5 the District will be asking for help to take care of the Hospitals room for the 2018 Fall Conference.

12 step work is all kinds of service and ways to carry the message to drunks.

Love and Service, Bill

District 90: Hello everyone, the Corrections Chair, Craig K. shared an event he attended at the Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center, (aka. Kewanee Prison) The Event, A Day With Dad, was the first of it's kind in Illinois where Male Inmates were able to interact with their children with actual contact. Usually they must be behind a glass or table. The inmates made and painted various carnival type games and there were about 30 children involved. 7 AA volunteers attended and one of the stories was an inmate walking around with a child in his hands and another glued to his leg which I personally found very touching. I think this shows a great example of working the principles in all our affairs, not just AA. Dist. 90 elections Nov. 7th and if you are interested and want more info you can check out the flyer on the website or in the Intergroup Office, which is a great opportunity for service work.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 1258 users which make 13 months in a row with over 1000 users and have had a gain of about 25 users every month since April. The ILTUE Meeting list was the most visited followed by all of the IA Meeting s lists. On Sat. Sept. 2nd and Fri. the 29th we had a couple of spikes with about 30 more users. The Sat. Sept. 2nd was probably due to Labor Day Weekend however I have no idea why the 29th spiked. I mention this because it shows that more people were looking for AA on the Holiday weekend so planning an event on that weekend next year would probably be well attended and needed. I also looked back at the 4th of July and Memorial Day, however, the spikes were the day after each of those Holidays. None the less, Holidays do show an increase in interest and having any Holiday Event would probably be well received. The last little piece of statistical data I want to share is that 7pm has always been our busiest time of the day which may mean that an 8pm meeting has a good chance of success. The Data is what it is and the rest is just my opinion and food for thought.

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

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf: Attendance continues to be steady.

At our last business meeting we voted to make some changes to the way get room openers and chair people. We hope that this will alleviate some confusion we have been having about opening the room and finding chair people.

Love and Service
-MJ

Central Discussion: Central hasn't had a business meeting since last month, but things are going well at our meetings. Sunday nights at 7:00 pm are packed with newcomers and we read through the stories in the back of the book. Friday nights are also filled with newcomers and it is a speaker meeting with two members sharing their experience, strength and hope!

In love and service, Marc S.

Courage to Change: Hello everyone. Courage To Change is now timing everyone that shares. Our group is becoming a very large group, and in order to hear everyone that wants to share, we have a 5 minute limit. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Remember, we are a closed meeting that meets at 6:30 pm on Tuesday.

In love and service, Nosa

Dewitt Group: Hi from DeWitt Group

The DeWitt is doing good carry the message to drunks. Enjoying the Aa and Al-anon community Blandine, Bettendorf and Marquette's picnics were a lot of fun and fellowship.

Love and Service, Bill

Henry County: Attendance is doing well. Finances are doing very good. Attendance at the anniversary picnic was a little down, possibly because of the heat. Still having speaker meeting the third Saturday of every month. Potluck supper 6:00 pm, speaker at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gene

House Group: Well from what i can see attendance has picked up a lot in the last several weeks with Some newcomers and some oldsters that have not been participating for a while. Our picnic was well attended and we had a lot of fun. Our next potluck will be a chili cook off on sat 10-14-17 Food will be at 5:30 and Bill C from Valley will be speaking at 7 pm. Come on out and enjoy some chili at House group! In the spirit of service, Marty M.

New Beginnings: Hello everyone, the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm is has had low attendance this last month as well as the Monday Speaker Meeting and the Wednesday Night Meeting. I know several Stutsman Lodge Clients have started working but it looks like we may have lost the Out-Patient members since they have completed their required hours. All we can do is welcome them back if they ever do come back... There will be another BB run on Sat. Oct. 14 at noon. As always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides...

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Milan Hillcrest: Meetings going well. Tuesday evening meetings up around 15+.The group's picnic went well considering others having picnic on same day. Our next business meeting Oct 10 at 6:15 pm. Speaker meeting potluck at 7:00 pm October 15.

Three Legacies: Greetings all!

Three Legacies attendance has been good and steady. We will be holding our business meeting October 19th. Our elections will be held during this meeting. I look forward to having more to report at our next intergroup meeting!

In love and service,
Christina G

Old Business: None

New Business: None

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON November 6, 2017, 6:00 PM AT THE INTERGROUP OFFICE.

DISTRICT 9 REPORTS October 1st 2017

ATTENDANCE:- DCM- Pat G, **ALT DCM-** Marybeth P, **ARCHIVES-** Ronna B, **CORRECTIONS-** Katy M, **CPC-** Marc S, **GRAPEVINE-** Kiersten C, **INTERGOUPIAN LIASON-** Bill M, **LITERATURE-** Marie H, **PI-** Ben B, **SECRETARY-** Lee C, **TREASURER-** Jaclyn T, **TREATMENT-** Sarah S, **GROUPS-** Big Book Study, Clinton, Courage to Change, Dewitt, Marquette, The Three Legacys

TREASURER REPORT: Motion to accept Marybeth P. Motion 2nd Marie H. Passed. **BEGINNING BALANCE** \$6,090.51, **TOTAL INCOME** \$150.00, **TOTAL EXPENSE** \$539.20, **BALANCE** \$5,701.31, **SEED MONEY** \$300.00, **PRUDENT RESERVE** \$300.00, **AREA 24 CONFERENCE SEED MONEY** \$500.00 **OPERATING BALANCE** \$4,601.31

DCM: Hey Everyone, In two weeks we will be attending the Area 24 fall Conference in beautiful Sioux City Iowa. Also thanks to everyone who came to the special meeting, for next year's 2018 area fall Conference in beautiful downtown Davenport Iowa. We had a wonderful turn out, great people being elected to chairs of all committees. Our regular district 9 Committees and programs working well together. In carrying the important messages of recovery in our district. Thanks to all our district 9 groups for their support and contributions. With love and service. Patrick G, DCM District 9

ARCHIVES: Still working towards arranging the archives room. Jim E and I are getting back together after a brief down time and looking forward to arranging and cleaning up the archives room. Marc S volunteered to assist in distributing flyers and such to keep a better record.

CORRECTIONS: We are continuing to train new volunteers for service in the jails. Attendance has been great in the jails and steady in RCF. No word from 605, I will be following up this week to take a pulse on their willingness as they got the ball rolling initially. Will not be able to attend fall conference but thanks and best wishes for a fun and successful trip to all that are traveling. In Love & Service, Katy

CPC: Greetings District 9, CPC held a committee meeting this month in conjunction with PI & we discussed upcoming PI/CPC workshop on 11/18. We will be meeting next on 10/21 at 10am in the Intergroup Office.

Also, had a request from the drug court judge via a member of our district requesting Big Books and 12/12's. I would like to discuss if this is something literature would like to proceed with or how we would like to handle it. If we want to follow up with 5 of each book, I can get them next weekend when I work the office and just have it billed to Literature. I also have a couple of seats available in the vehicle for the Fall Conf. but you'll have to ride with Ben and me. Just let me know! In love and service, Marc S

GRAPEVINE: Groups are responding well to the idea of having the Grapevine displays. Even have had groups decide during business meetings to get a subscription to the Grapevine. Next committee meeting is put on hold until after elections due to group Grapevine chair representatives changing home groups. I am excited about having new members on the committee after the upcoming elections. In love and service Kiersten

INTERGROUP LIASON: Hello from Intergroup We would like everyone to save the date April 14 2018 is the Intergroup 43rd Anniversary. Volunteers are always welcome at Intergroup for the office and on the phone rotation you need 6 month sobriety to volunteer. Love and Service Bill

LITERATURE: All literature sites have been visited, refilled recently. The last time I made rounds I took a sponsored newcomer along to give them a small experience of this specific service position offers. It went well. I consulted with Marybeth prior to doing this. I will do it as frequently as schedules will allow. I am looking forward to attending the fall conference in Sioux city Oct 13-15. In love and service Marie H.

PI- 1. Marquette pot luck total success. 3. Contacted KWQC about running AA commercial. Cost is too high. 4. Emailed Doc & Margaret to confirm November 18 CPC/PI workshop.

5. Met w Marc, Frank, & Carrie to hammer out workshop purpose statement: How do we do public work & stay whole according to Traditions. 6. Printed workshop flyers \$6.38. 7. Working to get info from Iowa City treatment chair about their bridging the gap. In Love & Service, Ben

SECRETARY: Roll call. Motion to accept Marybeth P. 2nd Pat G. passed. In love and service Lee C.

TREATMENT: The two 8:00pm Country Oaks meetings for are covered through December. However, I would like to have the announcement read at meetings again. Last time, it brought forth volunteers and I'm requesting that GSRs take back to their meeting. I started the weekly meeting (Wed. at 6:30pm) at Accordius Health at St. Mary's (nursing home located on E. Rusholme in Davenport). 1 participant, but we know it will spread by word of mouth. I want to reach out to other nursing homes in the Davenport/Bettendorf area to see if there's a need. If

so, I'll report back next month. We are continuing to update the list for Bridging the Gap. If you didn't get an announcement for your meeting, please take one. I will be attending the Fall Conference in Sioux City in 2 weeks.

Love & service, Sarah

GSR REPORTS:

BETTENDORF: The group voted to start handing out 9 month chips. There was a great turnout for annual group picnic. Group voted to get quotes for room's annual deep cleaning to see if would be financially feasible instead of self-cleaning with poor turnout. Starting a trial 3 months of a new room opening procedure. A new Grapevine displayed was designed by our Grapevine liaison and voted to have displayed in room Love and service, Nancy R. Bettendorf Group GSR Nancy

DEWITT: Hi from DeWitt Group. The DeWitt is doing good carry the message to drunks. Enjoying the AA and Al-anon community. Blandine, Bettendorf and Marquette's picnic were a lot of fun and fellowship. Love and Service
Bill

THE THREE LEGACIES: WEST END:

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

Fall conference October 13th-15th in Sioux City Iowa.

District 90 Minutes Oct. 3, 2017

Meeting held at Colona Group opened at 5:30 p.m. **In attendance:** Marty, Richard, Jon, Jesse N., Randy, Rose, & Shon.

Birthdays- Randy – 3yrs

Minutes- Approved

DCM- Marty M. Hi everyone I was able to attend the summer assembly in La Fox IL, Congratulations to Robert our next delegate for area 20. Our friend Ed M from dist. 91 stood for the area archivist position. I then became the alternate archivist. This should be interesting. He said Ray M has a storage shed full of archival stuff to go through And I love old stuff! The motions at the assembly were passed and nearly all positions were filled. Robert our incoming delegate approached me about hosting the big book conference in Nov. 2018. I told him i would mention it to our district. My thoughts are to host an event here when they open the Hyatt in East Moline That is under construction now. May be 2019 or 2020 I am not sure exactly when. Nia already has a good relationship with the Hyatts in this region. I think I misunderstood him and maybe it could be hosted in La Fox idk. Just throwing it out there for your opinions. In the spirit of service, Marty M

Alt DCM- Richard S. No Report

Treasurer- Jon B. Nothing Abnormal.

Committee Reports:

Corrections- Absent

Treatment- Rose No Report

Grapevine- This seat needs to be filled.

CPC- Absent

PI- Absent

Literature- Jesse N. No Report

Accessibilities- Absent

Intergroup Liaison- Randy Hello Everyone, all the openings on the Phone Rotation have been filled, however, if anyone who like to be an Alternate please contact Intergroup. The Annual Intergroup Event is set for April 14th at Modern Woodman, the Speaker is Don from Louisville, KY. The Events Committee is looking into how other Intergroups raise money. Dist. 9 will be hosting Area 24's 2018 Fall Conference (oct. 12-13-14) and will have their 2nd planning meeting at 2pm Nov. 5th at Central Discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend and help with the Conf. The Illowa Intergroup Website (aaquadcities.org) for the last 13 months has had 1000+ and there is always a spike around any holidays so people do look to AA around these times. Finally, a reminder the deadline for any flyer you want in the Newsletter is the 15th and cost is \$7 which does include a Website (aaquadcities.org) posting as well. In Love and Service Randy C.

GSR Reports:

Colona Group- Richard Holding Steady

Geneseo Group- Jon Good

House Group- Shon 17th Anniversary Picnic went well, have had a lot of people picking up chips, self-supporting. Group doing OK.

New Beginnings- Randy C. Hello Everyone, the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm is has had low attendance this last month as well as the Monday Speaker Meeting and the Wednesday Night Meeting. I know several Stutsman Lodge Clients have started working but it looks like we may have lost the Out-Patient members since they have completed their required hours. All we can do is welcome them back if they ever do come back... There will be another BB run on Sat. Oct. 14 at noon. As always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides... In Love and Service, Randy C.

Old Business: Elections for Dist. 90 will be on Nov 7th, thanks to Richard and Lisa from Intergroup for getting the flyer put together so quickly. We still need to spread the word for this great opportunity for Service work.

New Business: Hosting the Big Book Conference in Nov 2018, Marty and Richard are going to do some fact finding as to if it will be held in LaFox and we just supply the people and how many people etc.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Assembly, Sept. 16, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Fall Committee Meeting, Oct. 14, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Big Book Conference, Hinckley 1st United Methodist

Winter Assembly, Dec. 9, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Next meeting is at Colona on Nov. 7, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.

CPC & PI Workshop
(Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information)

Food, Speakers & Fellowship
Sponsored by District 9

November 18, 2017
Noon – 3pm

Bettendorf Public Library
2950 Learning Campus Dr. (18th St.)
Bettendorf, IA 52722
Bettendorflibrary.com

Speakers: "Doc" (Area PI), Frank (Bettendorf CPC), Marc (District CPC), Margaret (ICYIPPA)

Bring your appetite.
Pulled Pork Sandwich and Chili will be served!!!
Coffee & Water

Learn something about anonymity-the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, how AA works with community professionals and the public, expand your comfort zone, have some fun, get involved, peace, love, and chili.

**Saturday,
November 4th**

**Camden Serenity
Group**

SPEAKER MEETING

**We Welcome
Melissa G.
from the 3 Legacies
Group, Davenport**

****Fellowship at 5:30**

****Potluck at 6:00**

**Main Dish will be provided, please bring a
dish to share**

****Raffles at 6:45**

Melissa will speak at 7:00

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT BLANDINE GROUP

**117 PERRY STRET
DAVENPORT, IA 52722**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2017
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**



**DECEMBER 17, 2017
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**



**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, AND YOUR
FAMILIES. IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND
SHARING IT WITH YOUR FAMILIES.**

Thanksgiving Pot Luck & Speaker Mtg

Milan Hillcrest Group

106 W. 4th St.

Milan, IL

Sunday, November 19, 2017

**SPEAKER MEETING and
“POT LUCK!”**

Pot luck begins at 6:00 PM

Speaker at 7:00 PM

Speaker Will Be Eric

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.
AND JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN,
AND FELLOWSHIP.**

Milan Hillcrest Will Provide The Meat

50/50 And Open Meeting.

SEE YOU THERE!

ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE BASH

Milan Hillcrest Group

106 W. 4th St.

Milan, IL

Sunday, December 31 2017

**SPEAKER MEETING and
“POT LUCK!”**

Pot luck begins at 6:00 PM

Speaker at 7:00 PM

Speaker To Be Determined

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.
AND JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN,
AND FELLOWSHIP.**

Milan Hillcrest Will Provide The Meat.

50/50 And Open Meeting.

SEE YOU THERE!



New Meeting

Closed Discussion – Men's Meeting

Please join us on

Thursday's 5:30 pm

Marquette Group



3510 W Central Park Ave, Davenport

First meeting will be on

Thursday, October 19th 5:30 pm

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?

Alcoholics Anonymous Page 161

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)

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