

ILLOWA MESSENGER

June 2024

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



2	Allen H.	'04
4	Beav T.	'00
5	Cheryl K.	'07
6	Bob H.	'86
7	Bob S.	'96
7	Joy M.	'07
8	Beth H.	'20
9	Ray B.	'76
12	Mike C.	'83
13	Mike P.	'91
14	Vickie B.	'86
14	Yvette T.	'85
15	Steven T.	'80
15	Bill M.	'83
15	Pam D.	'84
15	Karen S.	'84
17	Nicki P.	'90
18	Weezie S.	'07
21	Bob H.	'95
21	Chuck M.	'03
22	Richard S.	'07
24	Sue M.	'94
24	Chris W.	'06
26	Farhley J.	'96
27	George S.	'97
27	Chuck O.	'05
30	Bob B.	'75



Anniversaries 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. Flyers cost \$8 per page and are also due on the 15th.



EVENTS

- 3rd – Intergroup Zoom Business Mtg.
- Last Sat each Month Campfire Meeting - Blackhawk Park
- 9th IAYPAA Conference
- 13th & 20th 3 Legacies Group will be Virtual
- 15th Fishing with Friends of Bill
- 21st, 22nd, 23rd Freedom Group Field Trip



June 10 – Dr. Bob takes his last Drink

20th 1st day of



Summer

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	March	Jan. - Dec. 2024
8n8 AA		95.00
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf	742.14	742.14
Big Book Study		0.00
Camden Serenity	100.00	400.00
Central Discussion		700.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton	10.00	30.00
Coal Valley		0.00
Courage to Change		330.54
DeWitt		0.00
District 90		400.00
Geneseo	37.00	110.00
Henry County Group		0.00
House Group		0.00
IAYPAA		0.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	30.00
Ladies Night		493.67
Last Chance		0.00
Marquette		200.00
Milan Hillcrest		0.00
Morrison		0.00
New Boston New Hope		5.00
North Scott		0.00
Rainbow Group		0.00
Sisters in Sobriety	30.00	30.00
Surrender Group		25.00
Three Legacies		0.00
West End	15.00	75.00
Winola Group	100.00	100.00

TOTAL **1044.14** **3766.35**

March Call Count	
12-step	14
Information	41
Visitors	53
Al-Anon	0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2024

Virtual Meeting called to order by Chair, Al B. at 6:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Al B., Co-Chair/Bill M., Secretary/Ruby G., Treasurer/Tim M., Telephone Chair/Desiree K., Newsletter/Julie B., District 9 Liaison/Amber J., District 90 Liaison/Adam A., Webmaster: Randy C.

Groups present: Bettendorf, Big Book, Blandine, Courage to Change, Dewitt, Henry County, Last Chance, New Beginnings, Milan Hillcrest, West End.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the April minutes as published.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$8,564.96

Total Income: \$6,085.06

Total expenses: \$9,040.49

Income minus expenses: **\$2,955.43**

Checking ending balance: \$5,609.534

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup. Things are going well here at the Intergroup Office. Metronet has advised we are in an excluded area and are working to go underground to get service to our building. They will get me advised of the progress. Call counts for March were 2 12-step, 46 information, and 43 visitors. The next business meeting will be held on Monday, June 3rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Katie R

Telephone Chair: Hello from your friendly phone chair. Things are going well. I have chosen to take the phones on Monday's from 9am-5:20. I am going to keep them for awhile then maybe look for someone that may want to do some service work. In Love and Service, Desiree

Events: No report sent in.

Newsletter: Hello everyone! Just wanted to remind everyone if you would like a physical copy of the newsletter mailed to you, please reach out to Katie at Intergroup, it's \$16 for a one-year subscription. You can also view the newsletter online at no cost at aquadcities.org on the Newsletter-Minutes tab. Yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 3,167 users total but 1,234 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is about slightly less than our current average of 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is still third. Just thought I would mention that the By-Laws were the most downloaded/viewed document this month, it's usually the Newsletter. There was a spike on the 18th, the rest of the month was fairly consistent. The website did renew so cost of \$155.86 will be split 3 ways between D90, D9 & Intergroup at \$51.95 each. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

District 9: No report sent in.

District 90: No report sent in.

Group reports:

Last Chance: Potluck and Speaker Meeting on 5/17. No Sunday morning meetings at 11 am. Love and Service, Ruby.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, and Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. Randy C.

Old business:

- Credit card.

New business:

- Discussion about current account software and possibly looking into new software as QuickBooks is outdated.
- Metronet does not provide service in the building, they are looking into installing their system, debating if we will go forward with provider.
- Reserving Hickory Grove Creek for next year's event.

7th Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com.

All reports need to be emailed to the secretary as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next business meeting will be held on June 3, 2024 on Zoom.

May 5, 2024 District 9 Meeting

Attendance: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, CPC, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treasurer

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Clinton, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Secretary's minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Beginning balance \$6,159.11; total income \$1,990.59; Total Expenses \$944.17; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300.00; Ending balance \$6,001.61

DCM: I will be attending the Spring Conference in Sioux Center June 14th through the 16th. I look forward to seeing you all there. I received a gracious email from Julie thanking District 9 for our generous gift. I have forwarded that to all. If you missed it please let me know and I will resend it. Please so not hesitate to contact me with any question/concerns that you may have. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Good morning! I attended the March Area 24 business meeting and service weekend. Much was discussed about the agenda items and..... Here is the webmasters report "we had 3,788 users total but 1,375 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is about slightly less than our current average of 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was a spike on the 20th, the rest of the month was fairly consistent. The website does renew this month and the cost of \$155.86 will be split 3 ways between D90, D9 & Intergroup at \$51.95 each. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. In love and service Jaclyn M

Archives:

Corrections:

CPC:

Grapevine: There's a lot of stories in the grapevine for the month. The one I could really relate to is titled The Best Medicine. I recommend anyone who can to read it. There's also awesome talks in the podcast as well. Still having an issue with receiving the grapevine. Will continue to find out what's going on with that. In love and service, Angel W.

Intergroup Liaison:

Literature:

PI: At this point we have mailed books, brochures, flyers, and letters to Bettendorf, Assumption, Central, North, and West high schools. We're preparing packages to send out to MidCity, PV, DeWitt Central, North Scott, Clinton, and Scott Community College, which will finish up District 9 schools. Once these have been sent out, our committee will meet again and discuss moving forward with another project. I cannot tell you the difference it makes having active group liaisons and highly encourage groups who are available to designate district liaisons when possible. Thank you. Ayla B.

Treatment: I will be attending the Spring Conference in Sioux Center. The Treatment agenda items for this year's conference were very standard, updating pamphlets and work books, etc. There is a online

link for volunteers to apply to chair meetings at Country Oaks. Then you will need to get a badge to get in. Al B. and Penni are currently running meetings at country oaks on alternating Sundays for bridging the gap. If interested in going with, contact me. Here is the link for those interested: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1082488839>. You will also need to provide proof of covid vaccination and flu shot or fill out an exemption form. Bridging the gap continues to connect individuals with AA members.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping carry the message. I have contacted the Area 24 Treatment chair about getting additional contacts in different districts as many people coming out of Country Oaks are from different districts but have yet to hear back. Please let me know of any AA contacts you have across the state. Love and Service, MJ

Group Reports:

Big Book Study: Hi, all. Things are going very smoothly in Big Book world, we are averaging an increase in attendance at around 45 to 50 people. (That includes online) our next business meeting is this coming Tuesday.. In love and service, Ronna

Central: On April 21, Central Discussion held its quarterly business meeting. I submitted a report about the need for contributions from the groups to District 9. I went into great detail as to how much expense that there was going to be this year because of the two trips to the West coast of Iowa for our June and October Conferences as well as our August trip to Marshalltown. There was some, but less than our January meeting, resistance to my suggestion of a \$700 contribution to District 9. I did discuss where money was coming from other groups also. I submitted a motion to send \$700 to District 9 and \$300 to intergroup. Motion passed. I held back a suggestion for contributions to Area 24 and GSO, due to the fact that my June trip would also be around \$700. I did share the financial statement for Area 24 also. There was resistance from some, to hold back any more contributions to them for the rest of the year, due to the large cash balance that they are carrying. An election was held for a new group chairperson to serve a term until April of 2025. Amanda J will be our new group chair. She was previously our literature chair. Greg will now hold that position.

Clinton: Tom B. celebrated 62 years! We voted to raise our contributions to \$25 per month for each: District 9, Intergroup, Area 24, World Services. Popcorn machine "almost ready". Many newcomers and regular attendance from King House and Hightower patients. Overall attendance and donations are up! Annual Spring Fling June 1; 10-noon Fellowship at Eagle Point Park South Shelter. Food at noon will be Jeff D's Famous Chicken! Please bring a dish to pass with something in it. In Peace, Love & Service Bill P.

DeWitt: Glad to be joining the meeting today. Dewitt Group are organizing a book study again soon. We have in place a speaker set, place and time is being announced in weekly meeting to be determine soon in August. Looking forward to this event. Group doing well numbers are up. New face has been a joy. In your love and service. GSR Dewitt - Nicole S.

Three Legacies: We are continually grateful for the local members of Alcoholics Anonymous sharing their experience, strength, and hope every Thursday night. Our hybrid speaker meeting is well attended both in person and virtually. Daycare has been well utilized each week giving parents with littles an opportunity to get in a meeting. We will not be in person for the weeks of June 13th and 20th. Please join us virtually via zoom. You can find our link and passcode on the meeting guide app or aaquadcities.org. Please see me for any questions. Love and Service, Christina G.

Old Business: None

New Business: Update on Mini-Event

Julie our Delegate will be here at our July 7 meeting to report on GSC. Jaclyn will make a flyer.

Area 24 Group Listings – Park will speak with Jeff P. and Dan at Area 24 to see how to get old groups that are no longer active removed.

Dates to Remember:

- Area 24 Spring Conference – June 14th – 16th @ Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.
- August Service Weekend – August 11th-12th, MACC, Marshalltown, IA. There are no Chair workshops. GSRs are encouraged to attend. The Business Meeting on Sunday will be available via Zoom.
- National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop – September 26th-29th, Des Moines, IA.
- Area 24 Fall Conference – October 11th-13th, Sioux City, IA. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.

District 90 Business Meeting May 7, 2024

Call to Order 6:05pm/Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM/New Beginnings- Randy C., Alt. DCM-Maddie P., Corrections/Henry Co.- Aaron M., Treatment- Erica B., Accessibilities-Beth P., Grapevine- Chris W., BTG- Gene V., Archives- Craig K., Geneseo- Ken M., Intergroup Liaison- Adam C., Milan Hillcrest- Pete B.

Minutes Approval: Pete Motions, Ken 2nd, Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** Randy C.- Most of my report will be covered in New Business, which technically should have been Old Business, I just noticed that I forgot to change it on the Agenda.
- **Alt. DCM:** Maddie P.- There will a price increase on the Pamphlets.
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer R. was absent but Randy C. gave her Report- Beginning Balance: \$1,977.25, Deposits: \$91.00, Debits: \$82.68, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$1,041.44, New Balance/Available Funds: \$944.13, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. Last Chance Group cashed their check from the treatment workshop, yay! We paid 1/3rd of the cost for the website renewal. I paid \$1.07 for a folder, and purchased a new book of stamps as well. I know our picnic is coming up, so please let me know if anything needs to be paid ahead of time!
- **Secretary:** OPEN

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- Henry Co. No Women. Life Skills, some are choosing to finish their time there so they can continue working the steps. E. Moline is under construction for new heat/AC, there are a few working their 4th Step. RICO, getting more inmates, Women's Meeting doing well, no Men for the Men's Meeting yet. Down to the last case of BB's and not sure how much Area has in the Pink Can Fund, it was very low last month. May need ask if District can help with BB's if Area can't.
- **Treatment:** Erica B.- 7 Women set up for the Sunday Night Meeting at the Ranch which is going well. No luck with Trinity yet. Going to attempt Rosecrance next. Good Shepherd started a Primary Purpose BB Study on Mondays. Wasn't sure if anyone contacted Transitions, which was brought up last month, but since not, I will contact them.
- **PI:** Krista P.- Absent Randy gave her report- Nothing new to report. Hoping to talk to a different districts P.I to get some traction.
- **Grapevine:** Chris W.- Received some guidance from past Area GV Chair. Price increase in April but Digital did not go up. Encourage everyone to check out the APP, some things are free. Asking GSR's be a GV Rep. or encourage a member to become one, you can sign up on GV Website. Maybe District can help with the cost of GV for Groups that can't afford it. The Preamble first showed up in the GV. Joke. Aaron added that Corrections is trying to get GV on the Approved Literature List allowed inside Facilities.
- **Archives:** Craig K.- No Report ● **Literature:** Open ● **CPC:** OPEN
- **Accessibilities:** Beth P.- 2 new Nursing Homes getting information to.
- **BTG:** Gene V.- No new sign ups. Area changing the way we do BTG has caused starting over from scratch. Erica mentioned that she had 2 from the Ranch and would check on them. Aaron has an inmate going to WI so if we can see what we can do to help.
- **Intergroup Liaison:** Adam A. Intergroup Event had more attendees this year. The Events Chair was filled.

GSR Reports:

- **Geneseo:** Ken M.- Speaker 4th Friday on the Month.
- **Last Chance:** Krista P. absent but Randy gave her report- Attendance has been good, but a tad lighter than usual once the nice weather hit. Speaker meeting is May 17th, 2024 at 5:30. Josh W from Last Chance to speak. Potluck to follow at 6:45. Additionally - Last Chance has okay'd the service workshop in August for District use.
- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Potluck/Speaker May 18th. Travis from Milan. Business Meeting the 21st. Group doing well, good balance of men and women. Close to Pre-COVID attendance.
- **Milan Hillcrest:** Pete B.- Speaker the 19th, Erica B. 50th Anniversary was missed due to COVID so looking at doing a 50-55 Year Anniversary.
- **Camden:** Jennifer R.- Our next speaker meeting will be Saturday, June 1st. Keaton G from the West End Group will be the speaker. Fellowship at 530, dinner at 6, meeting at 7. The 12th Annual Camden Picnic will be on Saturday, July 13th at Camden Park. 1130am Fellowship, Food at noon (burgers, dogs, and brats provided), Raffles at 1230, Meeting at 1pm. The speaker will be Renee R from The Recovery Group in Muscatine.
- **New Beginnings:** Randy C.- Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, and Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Picnic – Camden Shelter Confirmed, Speaker George P. from Area 20 Corrections Confirmed, Duties were assigned, pretty much same as last year.
- Services Workshop – Last Chance Confirmed, Set date Aug. 10. Area Chair Dawn and Alt Delegate Lisa both Confirmed.

Erica motions to adjourn, Aaron seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: June 4, 2024 at 6pm via Zoom.

INTERGROUP OFFICE HOURS

**Monday
Closed**

**Tuesday through Friday
9am - 5:30pm**

**Please call 309-764-1016 for assistance or if
you are interested in volunteering**



Service Opportunity

The Intergroup office has Volunteer Openings. Great Chance to learn about service work.

We are looking for backup Volunteers to man the office and phones, when a Volunteer is not able to make it in.

(Shifts run 2 hours each)

6 Months Sobriety requirement.

Please contact Katie at the Intergroup office if you or anyone you sponsor is interested in being a backup.

309-764-1016

Camden Serenity Group Speaker Meeting

**Keaton G. from the
West End Group**

Saturday, June 1st, 2024

- ◇ **Fellowship at 5:30**
- ◇ **Pot Luck at 6:00, Please bring a dish to pass**
- ◇ **Raffles at 6:45**
- ◇ **Meeting Starts at 7:00**

**Camden Serenity Group
306 West 3rd Street
Milan, IL**

Clinton A A

Is having our annual spring fling on
JUNE 1 2024

Location

Eagle point park—south shelter

Time

Social hour is 10:00 to 12:00

FOOD Will be served starting at 12:00

THE FOOD WILL BE JEFF D.

FAMOUS CHICKEN

Please bring a dish to pass if you can

District 90 Picnic

June 15th

Camden Park

Milan, IL. - Large Shelter

Fellowship at Noon

Lunch at 1pm

Speaker after Lunch

Pulled Pork will be provided.

A Covered Dish to Share is Welcome!

Speaker: George P.

Current Area 20 Corrections Chair

Camden Park:

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF THE MILAN BELTWAY AND US RT 67.

Camden Serenity Group

Milan, IL



**Camden 12th
Annual Potluck Bar-B-Q
Saturday, July 13
Camden Park, Milan, IL**

11:30 Fellowship


**12:00 Burgers, dogs, & brats will be served—
please bring a side dish to pass**

12:30 Raffles

**1:00 Speaker: Renee R. from
The Recovery Group, Muscatine**



A dark teal banner with a white border, featuring a stylized picnic shelter icon on the left and the text "Large picnic shelter on the hill, Signs will be posted" in white. The banner is set against a background of light blue and dark teal wavy shapes representing hills.

**Large picnic shelter on the hill,
Signs will be posted**



Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada




July 3-6, 2025

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the convention webpage at www.aa.org/international-convention for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.



**Let's celebrate sobriety together in
Vancouver in 2025!**

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"Faithful Fivers"

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Illowa Intergroup Contributions

Faithful Fivers – "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."
 -----Bill W.

Every single AA service is designed to make 12th Step work possible. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contributions can and will make our vital services possible. You can start with a minimum monthly contribution of \$5.00 or more, which I'm sure is more than we would have spent per month on a drink!

Contribution Information: _____ Date _____

Amount \$ _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

(Note: No AA member can contribute more than \$5,000.00 per year)

Detach at line and keep top half for your records

Yes! I want to participate in the Faithful Fivers Club!

I am.....a new participant _____ a current member _____ a returning member _____

Payment Plan:

Amount \$ _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

Please make checks payable to:

Illowa Intergroup
1706 Brady St., Suite 201
Davenport, IA 52803

Your contribution is tax deductible

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Date _____ Sobriety Date (for inclusion in newsletter) _____

**1706 Brady St, STE 201
Davenport, IA 52803**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Contribution amount: _____

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