

# ILLOWA MESSENGER OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1	Rick G.	'79
2	Jo K.	'88
3	Tracy B.	'91
5	Gaylord A.	'83
5	Kevin K.	'04
8	Bill T.	'89
8	Bob C.	'99
8	Gary D.	'13
10	Kevin K.	'97
15	Dave	'05
18	Jimmie S.	'87
20	Tim G.	'82
22	John C.	'03
23	Michelle N.	'09
25	Delmar H.	'83
27	Jim E.	'88
29	Harry P.	'02
	Randy C.	'93



*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.*



### EVENTS

4<sup>th</sup> - Ladies' Night Anniversary  
6<sup>th</sup> - Camden Serenity Group  
Potluck and Speaker Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - Area 24 Fall  
Conference  
21<sup>st</sup> - Milan Hillcrest Speaker  
Meeting and Potluck  
27<sup>th</sup> - Campfire Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> - West End Speaker Meeting  
and Potluck



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**April 13, 2019**

**Illowa Intergroup's 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Event**

### Group Contributions – August 2018

	<u>August 2018</u>	<u>Jan. – Aug. 2018</u>
Aledo	0	150.00
Bettendorf	1,249.12	4,575.12
Big Book Study	0	453.61
Blandine	0	50.00
Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet	0	100.00
Camden Serenity	0	175.00
Central Discussion	0	800.00
Cleveland	0	80.00
Clinton	75.00	475.00
Courage to Change	0	637.19
DeWitt	25.00	425.00
Henry County Group	400.00	700.00
House Group	100.00	150.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	70.00
Ladies Night	0	289.27
Marquette	50.00	400.00
Milan Hillcrest	30.00	320.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0	75.00
Rainbow	0	25.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0	32.00
The Three Legacies	0	500.00
W.E., T.W.O. Women's Meeting	0	200.00
West End	<u>0</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,939.12</b>	<b>10,712.19</b>

### Call Counts for August 2018

12-step – 4      Information – 83  
Visitors –60    Alanon –      1

### **Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Erica S.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Groups Present:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage To Change, Henry County, Marquette, New Beginnings, Sisters In Sobriety, Three Legacies, West End

**Officers and Chairs Present:** Chair- Erica S., Newsletter- Al B., Events- Vicki F., Office Manager- Lisa W., District 9 Liaison- Park P., District 90 Liaison- Randy C., Web Guy- Randy C.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income was \$5227.10 with the breakdown as follows: Contributions \$2012.37, Sales \$2213.77, Events \$1000.00, Prudent Reserve Interest \$0.96

Expenses totaled \$3333.75, with the following breakdown: General expenses \$2019.41, Literature \$570.34, Events \$744.00

Total Income minus expense= -\$1893.35 for the month

In love and service, Katie R.

**Events Chair:** Greetings!

The Golf Outing was a hot one! Thank you to everyone who attended, and thank you to those who volunteered. MJ and Adrienne were part of the committee and super helpful! There was a decrease attendance this year. Please see report.

I am getting a committee together for the Intergroup event. We will know who the speaker is going to be by the end of this week. The date is April 13th, 2019.

In love and service, Vicki

**2018 Golf Event**

**Income**

Registrations	1,135.00
Raffle Donations	45.00
Raffle Income	133.00
50/50 Income	117.00

**TOTAL** 1,430.00

**Expenses**

Greens Fees	600.00
Food	144.00

**TOTAL** 744.00

**Income - Expenses (Profit)** 686.00

**District 90:** Hello Everyone, there are still a few positions open, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Corrections, Accessibilities, and Grapevine. DCM, Richard, updated us on the last Committee Meeting at LaFox; Motion to send excess money to GSO, Motion for 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Big Book Conference to be held in Galesburg, Illinois; November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Also, Dist. 90 will submit bid for 2020 Spring Assembly/Conference and he has been attending Group Business Meetings. plus, he has new Area 20 Service Manuals. Craig is still temporarily handling Corrections. The Woman's Meeting at the Rock Island County Jail is looking to start a daytime meeting we need more volunteers anyone interested please let him know. We now have a new Volunteer Application should speed up approval time. The Men's meeting at Rock Island County Jail is looking to change days from Fridays to a different night is there anyone out there interested Volunteering? Henry County Jail meetings both men and women are doing well. We are always there every Saturday 9 am. The Kewanee Life Skills Re-entry Center Meetings are going great. We are doing The Primary Purpose Big Book study on Thursdays, it is outstanding. Our Speaker Meeting is on the 2nd Saturday of each month going forward. The East Moline Correctional Facility still needs more volunteers to go into and to sponsor inmates. Always looking for more volunteers, especially females to go in to the RICJ as they are starting a new meeting. A personal observation, only 3 positions attended, 5 are open, 2 are being temporarily covered by previous members, so, in the Spirit of Rotation, it's seems to me that District 90 has a great need for new service workers. Please pass this info on to your groups.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

**District 9:** TREASURER- Income: \$148.87 – Expenses: \$656.10 – Balance: \$4,483.71 – Seed Money: \$300.00 – Prudent Reserve: \$300.00 – Operating Balance: \$3,883.71

Elections will be held at the next meeting, 07OCT2018. Anyone interested in a District position is welcome to attend.

Lots of talk about the Fall Conference. Encouraging everyone to attend and participate. There are now signup sheets available for registration and hospitality.

**Office Manager's Report:** Hello from Intergroup,

Things are going well at the office. Don't forget to stop by and check out our great selection of AA literature.

Call counts for August were 4 12-step, 83 information, 1 Alanon and 60 visitors.

The phone chair reports that all positions are filled and things are going well, but please contact me at the office if you are interested in being on our backup/sub list. We also need backup/sub volunteers to cover the office occasionally.

In love and service, Lisa W.

**Webmaster:** Hello Everyone, I switched over to the WordPress based website on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Aug. The Home Page is pretty much the same except I added some instructions for controlling the carousel and save or print. The Mission Statement was moved to the About Page. The Newsletter and Minutes will contain an Archive going back for 1 year. The Contacts now include a map. Added links to both Area Websites. The biggest change was the Meeting List which has new search and display features. I am still working on the Literature Page with hopes that I can get it to do some kind of pre-order email. I don't have accurate numbers this month due to the reset but the meeting list is still the number one visited page. We have had 651 users since the switch so we should still be on track. I am having an issue with the Webmaster Email Account and hopefully will get that running soon. I will get Lisa trained once I actually can do it without looking at my cheat sheet.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C

#### **GROUP REPORTS:**

**New Beginnings:** Hello Everyone, attendance is low for the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm, as well as, the Monday Speaker Meeting and the Wednesday Night Meeting. The Stutsman's Lodge had a bit of a shake-up so it is re-filling with both men and women. Once the Lodge fills up attendance should go back up which means there will be some newcomers that can use our help. This coming Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, at Noon, the Galesburg Chapter of ARM will be doing another BB run. Food, Fun, Fellowship, and a Speaker Meeting, if you're free stop by. 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:** In August, we held our 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It went very well. We had two wonderful speakers Karen and Maria.

This month we are making a contribution to Intergroup of \$25.

As you know from previous meeting notes, Sisters has moved to have bi-monthly meetings. We added an additional change last month. It was decided that we would move the meeting to the second Saturday of the month so that we can provide our minutes in a timely manner. Previously it was the last Saturday.

Attendance has been consistent. We are getting a few new members.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue B.

**Three Legacies:** The Three Legacies continues to have good attendance at our Thursday night meeting (6:30-7:30pm). We offer daycare, requesting a \$5.00 donation per child. Our next business meeting will be held in October (date TBD) immediately following our speaker meeting. We will be holding our group elections at this time. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you in Love and Service, Rebecca F.

**Old Business:** We revisited the topic of keeping the office open later one night a week for 1.5 hours longer. The Intergroup reps have taken this back to their groups for the last two months requesting anyone interested to contact the office. No one has volunteered, so that plan was scrapped.

We also discussed our lease that is up at the end of November. Lisa talked to the landlord and brought back prices and a 3-year contract with the option to renew for an additional two years. It was decided to sign the contract for the three years.

**New Business:** We discussed putting a flyer on the website and in the newsletter requesting volunteers for the Area 24 conference. Because we generally do not put up area flyers, and because we would have to delete the contact information from the flyer to put it online, it was decided to just have the Intergroup reps take flyers back to their groups instead.

**The next Intergroup meeting will be held October 1, 2018, 6:00 pm at the Intergroup Office**

## September 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 District 9 Minutes

### ATTENDANCE

**Chairs:** DCM-Patrick G, **Alt DCM:** MaryBeth P. **Archives:** Ronna B. **Corrections:** Vacant **CPC:** Vacant  
**Grapevine:** Kiersten **Intergroup Liaison:** Park P. **Literature:** Vacant **PI:** Ben B. **Secretary:** Lee C. **Treatment:** Sarah P. **Treasurer:** Jaclyn M.

**Groups:** **Bettendorf:** Nancy R. **Big Book Study:** Ann M. **Central Discussion:** Tim G, **Clinton Group:** Jeff B., **Courage To Change:** Jen N., **Dewitt:** Gary D., **Marquette:** Jim D., **The Three Legacies:** Scott P, **West End:** Tommy H

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** **Beginning balance-** \$4,990.94, **Income-** \$148.87 **Expenses-** \$656.10, **Balance-** \$4,483.71 **Seed money-** \$300.00, **Prudent reserve-** \$300.00, **Operating balance** \$3,883.71.

**DCM:** Good Afternoon Everyone, all Committees and services working well together. We will be having elections in October for all positions, except Archives, it is a 4 yr position. If you are interested in getting involved in District please come to our next October meeting at 3:30pm. The Area 2018 Fall Conference is this October 12/13/14, Please register early. Information can be found on area website. There are fliers out at our District groups. Also contacting Marybeth P. You can get her info by calling Intergroup Office. Check out aaquadcities.org for more details about District group happening and events. With Love and Service, Patrick G

### **ALT DCM:**

**Archives:** Greetings- still organizing and gathering info for our archives room. I will be reaching out to our area archives chair after the conference. I'm hoping to have a workshop with her. Joanne from Bettendorf group has been great help. In love and service Ronna B.

**Corrections:** Vacant

**CPC:** Vacant

**Grapevine:** Continuing to hand out old issues to our members. No meeting scheduled due to only 3 Legacies having a grapevine rep. Other groups no longer have positions filled. New district grapevine rep to be possibly elected in October. Love and service Kiersten C.

**Intergroup Liaison: Treasures report.** Income was \$2609.15 with the breakdown as follows: Contributions \$953.61, Sales \$1224.65, Events \$430.00, Prudent Reserve Interest \$0.89 Expenses totaled \$3095.56, with the following breakdown: General expenses \$1701.61, Literature \$1393.95 Total Income minus expense= -\$486.41 for the month – Account Balances – General \$4,934.27 – Prudent Reserve \$2,334.39 – Total \$7,268.66 Call counts for July were 1 12-Step, 75 information, and 55 visitors.

The website had 1503 users which is 7 months of at least 1400 users. After an online survey indicated an interest the Intergroup office will be open on Monday night until 7:00. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lisa. The Intergroup newsletter would like to begin including AA stories. If you have a story to share with others, about your Experience, Strength, and Hope write it up and get it to Lisa. Next business meeting will be 9/10/18 due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Literature:** Vacant

**PI:** Committee meet and decided to buy 10 or more big books, schedules, and pamphlets to pass out to schools, churches, cops, and councilors. We plan on spending \$150-\$200 on literature. In Love and Service. Ben

**Treatment:** We are now required to have badges to enter the Country Oaks facility. There was a second **Volunteer Information** meeting on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Country Oaks, and 8 people attended. Soon, there will be another Orientation meeting scheduled. With the newly badged volunteers, the 8pm Sunday and the 8 pm Tuesday meeting have begun again. These 2 meetings in September are covered. The weekly meeting at Accordius Health at St. Mary's is officially cancelled. The 1 participant we had passed away a few days ago. At this time, there are no other meeting scheduled in local nursing homes. I was contacted by Maria Van Leer, Addiction Counselor at the Rosecrance New Life Outpatient Center, requesting AA speakers for their 5:00pm time slot. I have volunteers lined up to tell their story on the 10/24 and 12/19. Love & service, Sarah

**Literature:** Vacant

**GROUP REPORTS:**

**Bettendorf Group-**

**Central Discussion:** Greetings to District 9 from Central Discussion, Next Business Meeting: October 21<sup>st</sup> 2018.

Our group will be celebrating its 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary September 16, 2018 at Nights of Columbus, 1111 W 35th St, Davenport, IA 52806 between 11am and 2pm. Social Hour 11am, Lunch 12-1pm, Speaker 1pm-2pm. Speakers Mike S. & Pat J. Central Discussion will provide meat (Fried Chicken) and Table Settings. Please bring a dish to share. In love and service, Tim G

**Courage To Change:** Hello everyone. Courage to Change will be electing new board members in Oct for 2019 year. We would love to see everyone on Tuesday night at 6:30p. it is a closed meeting. In love and service Nosa.

**Dewitt Group:**

**Three legacies-** Attendance continues to be steady at our Thursday night meeting at approximately 65 people (held 6:30 – 7:30pm). We offer childcare and request a \$5.00 contribution per child. We have an average of 4 children present during our meetings. Our next business meeting will be held on October 18, 2018 at 7:30pm.

We will be holding our annual service position elections. In love and service,  
Scott P.

**Marquette:** Beginning Bal. in checking for August. \$1804.26. Expense \$942.61. Total income \$821.89. Ending Bal. \$1683.54. Prudent Reserve \$6009.66 as of 8/27/18. New Business-We finalized the picnic planning for Sept. 22. We'll be serving Brats & Hamburgers, & Hot dogs for the Kids. Chips, Bottle water, Condiments for the sandwiches. This will be at Garfield Park. 29<sup>th</sup> & Bridge Ave. Picnic flyers are circulating. There will be a bounce house and possible live music. Scott said its still in development, if possible.... Discussed about Intergroup canceling Saturday hours and considering adding a later evening. Tbd. Discussed smoking concerns at the main entrance to the group. After discussing our options we noted that there are several members that have respiratory concerns when entering the Mtg. room. It was a group decision to just post an announcement that states: "Out of respect to other please move your smoking away from the main entrance" Suggesting 10 feet or so. Bubbles mentioned moving the butt cans by the dumpster. We will monitor this and see if it resolves our concerns. Pat K. asked the group if they could consider contributing some money for the hospitality room at the River Center for the Fall Conference. Discussion was held and a motion was made to contribute \$1000, seconded and approved. Pat K. thanked the group for there generous contribution. Also a motion was made to contribute \$50 to intergroup and \$50 to District 9 second and approved. Love and servicer Jim D.

**North Scott:**

**West End:** 60 plus at yearly outing west lake park 8/18. Attendance at 7pm Tuesday . Joe and Charley at 7pm. Sat potluck regular 5:30pm open meet as usual. Still no treatment officer. Next business meeting for West End 9/19 6:45pm

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Next District 9 business meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm Central discussion

Next fall conference planning committee meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm at Central Discussion.

**District 90:** No Report

Last month I ask in the newsletter for anyone willing to write an article. I gave a few examples of things you could write about. Maybe a conference or roundup you went to. You could write about your group Maybe how it got started or many some of the traditions it follows. I also asked if anyone would like to tell us your story. Something along the lines of what they do in the Grapevine. As a result of asking I did end up getting one brave young lady to tell us her story. Again this month I'd like to ask for anyone willing to write an article. You can contact me at ([burgeral007@gmail.com](mailto:burgeral007@gmail.com)) or contact the Intergroup office. Love and service Al B.

#### **Kendra's Story:**

**I came to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous with next to nothing. Everything I owned I had got broken during fights, pawned, stolen, repossessed, foreclosed on, or simply given away. Fortunately for me, in the end of my addiction is where I found God again. The same God I turned my back on years ago.**

**I was alone in the dark with the feeling that demons were coursing through my whole body. I was scared more than I had ever been, so I called out to him. When you truly believe there is a demon lurking in your house, you'll do just about anything to cleanse your own spirit. That's when God came to me, and whispered in my ear, "everything is going to be alright."**

**Even though I had abandoned him years ago and blamed him for every bad thing that happened to me, those six words brought such comfort to every inch of me. I believe that everything that happened from that point on was Good leading me to this very moment in time. He led me to treatment, where I was introduced to the program of AA.**

**Before entering treatment though my job was literally supplying my drug and alcohol habits. I knew my car was going to be getting repossessed. I lived in my foreclosed home illegally for a week with no electricity, even though I had a year to try and save it. I knew my time was running out. My wakeup call was when I accidentally fell asleep with a candle going, and awoke to the popping of the glass, and the shelving in my bedroom starting to catch fire. It was then that I finally reached out to my father to bring me to treatment.**

**He agreed to come get my two cats, and the one car load of stuff I had left after all was said and done, I knew in my heart that God was leading me to a good place. He told me everything was going to be alright and he meant it.**

**I was introduced to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous while entering my first treatment center where I then six days later got kicked out for sneaking alcohol in, but something changed In me. When the staff asked me about it, i was honest about without any justification. I had a new feeling of guilt inside of me that I had never had before. The program had already planted a seed in me to be aware of how bad my problem actually was, and reviled a better way of life.**

**After seven relapses in a sixth month period of time, I finally surrendered. I am forever grateful to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, sponsorship, the fellowship, and most importantly to God for getting me to where I am today. Life is good today, and I am truly blessed to be a part of the amazing journey.**

**Love and Service;  
Kendra**



**Saturday,  
October 6th**

**Camden Serenity  
Group**

**Milan, Illinois**

**SPEAKER MEETING**

**We Welcome**

**Charlie G.**

**from the North Scott  
Group, Davenport, IA**

**\*\*Fellowship at 5:30**

**\*\*Potluck at 6:00**

*Please bring a dish to share*

**\*\*Raffles at 6:45**

**Charlie will speak at 7:00**



# Milan Hillcrest Group

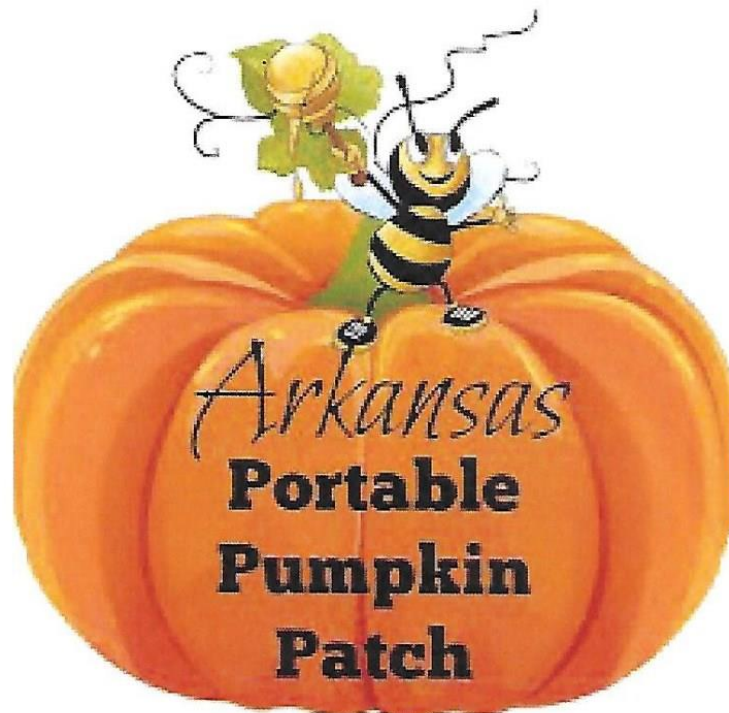
## Speaker Meeting

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

**Potluck at 6:00pm (Please Bring a Dish to Pass)**

**Speaker at 7:00pm**

**Speaker – Jeff “Arkansas” from  
Prophetstown**



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