

ILLOWA MESSENGER MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

March Birthdays

1	Dick G.	'82
2	Gina S.	'97
5	Pat P.	'86
5	Crystal T.	'00
6	Wm. Brad S.	'01
7	Monica W.	'82
7	Bob H.	'94
8	Cathy G.	'83
9	John H.	'05
10	Pete B.	'11
10	Ron P.	'89
12	Roy S.	'03
12	Vicki F.	'04
15	Frank K.	'86
19	Mark M.	'07
20	Jerry P.	'89
25	Kate J.	'08
25	Mary E.	'92
26	Pat R.	'96
26	Shonda M.	'05
27	Denise D.	'79
27	Robin C.	'85
27	Ronnie B.	'01
28	Rudy M.	'04
30	Charles G.	'91



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. Help make this list as complete as possible.



Events

2nd - Intergroup Elections

7th - Camden Serenity Group potluck and speaker meeting

12th - The Three Legacies Anniversary

14th - House Group potluck and speaker Meeting

23rd - Grace Fellowship Anniversary



Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8, at 2 a.m.



*Get your tickets NOW for our Intergroup Anniversary Event on April 25, 2020. Price is \$25 until April 6 and \$30 after that until April 10, which is the last day for ticket sales. **NO SALES AT DOOR.***

Group Contributions

Jan. 2020

Big Book Study	348.11
Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet	100.00
Central Discussion	400.00
Clinton	75.00
District 90	175.00
Henry County Group	150.00
House Group	25.00
La Nueva Vida	20.00
Ladies Night	317.00
Milan Hillcrest	25.00
Morrison	300.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	25.00
Sisters in Sobriety	<u>50.00</u>
Total	2,010.11

Call Counts for Jan. 2020

12-step - 2 Information - 59

Visitors - 39 Alanon - 0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Erica S.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Present were Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Central Discussion, Henry County Group, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, Milan Hillcrest, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies, West End.

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair – Erica S, Secretary – Deb P, Telephone Chair Julie B, Events Chair -Steve H, District 9 Liaison Kevin K, Office Manager – Lisa W

Office Manager's Report

- Things are going well at the office. I am looking for volunteers to work in the mornings from 9-12:30. I have openings on Monday and also need subs periodically throughout the week. Sobriety requirement is 6 months. Please call the office in the afternoons or call and talk to Lisa if interested. It's a great service position!
- Please see your Intergroup rep or call the office to purchase Intergroup Anniversary Event tickets. Cost is \$25 through April 6th, and \$30 April 6-10. April 10th is the last day for ticket sales. No tickets are sold at the door, so get yours early. We are also looking for coffee donations and raffle baskets or donations from individuals and groups.
- Vonage has informed us that our bill will increase \$2 a month for 2020.
- Call counts for January were 2 12-step, 59 information, and 39 visitors.
In love and service, Lisa W.

Treasurers Report:

<u>INCOME</u>	
Contributions	\$2,233.03
Sales	\$1,991.20
Income Events	\$100.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$1.63
Totals	<u>\$4,325.86</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
General	\$2,281.93
Literature	\$1,205.15
Totals	<u>\$3,487.08</u>
TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	<u>\$838.78</u>
<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	
Checking	
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$3,998.71
	\$3,853.76
Totals	<u>\$7,852.47</u>

District 90 Liaison Report

Hello Everyone, there are 4 positions that are still open are: **Accessibilities, CPC, Grapevine, & Archives.**

The Treasurer needed the addresses confirmed for the Grapevine Subscriptions, he did get them, so this month we should know how much will be left over and sent to Intergroup. The idea is still being tossed around to host a 2021 assembly, possibly in Kewanee, but again tabled until the next meeting. Finally, Corrections is always looking for more volunteers. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Newsletter Report

Newsletter is going well! Sent 19 through the mail this month. That's one down from last month. Deadline for flyers that anyone wants included in the newsletter is the 15th of each month. Thank you! Beth

Telephone Chair Report

Phone rotation update: Over the last few months I've added several new volunteers to the phone rotation: Rob P, Kim H, Jamie P, Kendra W, Brandi S, Melissa G, Darcie D, and Lee A! What's more awesome is that each of them was happy and grateful for the opportunity to participate in this type of service work! Thank you, all!

12-step list packets: I reported last month that I would be sending out the updated 12-step list packet to all the volunteers on the phone rotation and I'm thrilled to report everyone has been either mailed a hard copy or sent the packet via email!

I also want to announce a GIANT thank you to Mel who makes the reminder calls each week! This is SO helpful! Thank you! In love and service, Julie B.

Webmaster Report

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GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf Group

Bettendorf now has 30 meetings per week, including M-F 6AM, 8PM T-Sunday. The most recent addition was approved at our December business meeting: a men's meeting at noon on Saturdays. If the attendance is consistent, we will request that it be added to the printed and online schedule. For the last week of December, average total daily attendance was 101, with 62 the maximum number and 4 the minimum. This is close to our year-long daily average. To accommodate the need for room openers and to facilitate the spirit of rotation, the group developed a monthly sign-up sheet for meeting openers, which is circulated during

each meeting. This practice has made the Room chair's position far more straightforward and has brought many new chairs into rotation. In response, some meeting times, e.g. 6AM, have developed their own sign-up sheets to assure continuity.

New officers, committee chairs and representatives were selected at our November and December business meetings; all positions are filled. The group has a balance above its prudent reserve and continues to support the District and Intergroup.
Love and service, Tony E.

House Group

Steps to Freedom by Terry Mahan – Maybe we could share from excerpts from Terry's book; he had 39 years of sobriety; he died in 2019. Our attendance is up, especially weekday 12:30 meetings. We are having a potluck speaker meeting Saturday 2/8/20. Fellowship and doors open at 5pm. Meat is provided, bring a dish to pass. Speaker at 7pm; Ted M from Geneseo. Our next business meeting is this coming Sunday 2/9. Thank you, Melanie

New Beginnings Report

Hello Everyone, attendance has been pretty good for all 3 of our meetings. The Lodge is undergoing a change to "Men Only" until the Ladies Building gets renovated, as a result, the female presence is slowly fading out. Not sure on how long the renovation will take but when it's complete there will double the rooms so our meetings may grow accordingly. Finally, we are always looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides...
That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service, Randy C.

Sisters in Sobriety

As a small women's Big Book Meeting we are proud to have been able to give intergroup \$375 contribution for 2019 and will continue to do so. Nothing new this month. Attendance has been consistent and would welcome visitors or new members. Meetings are Saturdays 10-11am at MCC Church across from the fairgrounds. Next business meeting is Saturday, February 8th at 10:45am. In Love and Service, Joy P.

Three Legacies

Continue to have great speakers. Attendance is picking up with Holidays slowing down. We still provide daycare for small fee \$5.00 per child for the hour – anyone needing help can contact group member. Next business meeting will be March 26th immediately following the 6:30 meeting, all welcome to join the group and attend. In Love and Service, Joy P

OLD BUSINESS:

District Corrections numbers – Item was tabled for further review and discussion.
Nominating Committee – Erica asked that groups share and pass on that we are seeking people interested in serving Intergroup Officer positions as elections will be held in March, positions begin in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

All reps need to sell event tickets – please sign up with Lisa.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 2020.

District 9 Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 2nd, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Chairs: DCM: MaryBeth P., Alt DCM: Lee C., Secretary: Kiersten C., Archives: Ronna B., CPC: Park P., Literature: Kristin C., Treasurer: Sheryl F.

Groups: Big Book: Erik, Central Discussion Tim, Clinton: Mike, Dewitt: Shelly, Foglight: Kyle, Freedom Group: Brandon, Three Legacies: Shawna, Intergroup: Kevin

New Business:

- MaryBeth P. motioned to accept 2020 budget for the District Chairs. Park P. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: 5,652.52; Total Income: 666.04; Total Expenses: 128.11; Balance: 6,190.45; Seed: 300.00.
Prudent Reserve: 300.00; Operating Balance: 5,590.45

DCM: The District Mini event is February 8th, 2020.

Upcoming dates -

Jan 11 & 12, 2020 - Marshalltown - Best Western.

March 21st & 22nd 2020, - Marshalltown - Best Western.

June 5th - 7th-Buena Vista College - Storm Lake IA.

October 9th - 11th, 2020 - The Fall Conference - Coralville, Iowa City.

Reminder that both Treatment and PI chairs are currently open. District 9 Chairs please get the Spring Conference forms filled out so that Sheryl can send 1 check.

Couple of items from the Marshalltown Business Meeting: Currently there are no bids for the 2021 Spring Conference. There will be further discussion regarding 2021 during the upcoming meetings. There is going to be a survey sent out for the GSRs from John R. They are looking for more participation from the GSRs and will be asking questions around attending conferences etc.... The agenda items for the upcoming Marshalltown meeting should be available mid-February.

ALT DCM: Greetings district 9, here are some highlights from Marshalltown. Dave G. our area 24 Alt delegate has reported that he is passing along all the group information that he has received to the records department at GSO into the new update to NetSuite. Dave also reported 654 active groups and 17 groups unknown in area 24. If you have any updates to your groups, please give to me or Mary Beth and we will forward them on to Dave.

Here are highlights from Dan the area delegate. Dan has been making his rounds to different groups and sharing his experience strength and hope with various meetings in our

area. He will be attending NYC GSB January 30th to February 3rd. He is finalizing agenda items there. Dan will also be attending the west central regional AA service conference in Billings Montana, March 24 meeting for the agenda items, and the General service conference 2020 in NY.

Dan also wants to bring up a concern for the meeting guide app coinciding with information that is gathered by the new group/change forms. Dan contacted these departments and he was informed there are not any plans at this time to revise those forms but that could change. He was also informed that the intent for the new group/group change forms is to capture the address information to GSO can stay in contact with the groups. GSO is hosting the meeting guide on the website, however, we have nothing to do with the information in the meeting guide. We are two separate entities.

Marshalltown – There was no unfinished business. Accessibility check list for conference – It was suggested that it should be placed in the drop box for when the bids are submitted. And there also will be an explanation if the accommodations are not met. There was a motion made to create a committee to plan a constant location of a conference to a central location such as Des Moines. This motion was postponing until June conference. Some concerns where we must ask Des Moines groups, not have equal votes, need a committee. Another motion was made to develop a form to be completed by groups to be used to populate the area 24 website with detailed info regarding Area 24 meetings. (comment was made) – Could submit form electronically, but if a meeting is not established or registered there can be problems. Concerns that groups other than AA could be listed. Motion made to postpone until June conference, motion passed.

Conference report June 2020 reported all is well just received a quote for the banner of 480\$ and all requirements have been met. Rooms are 89\$

Conference report for fall 2020 in Coralville – 7500\$ minimum for food and beverage needs to be met, no paid block and there is a 22% service charge. Tickets are 22\$, lunch 25\$ and dinner is 35\$ I did not catch a room price.

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Treatment report – Need speakers for Tuesday of every month 8-9pm at Country oaks. Also need volunteers to chair meetings at treatment centers. Will need to attend orientation at Trinity volunteer services. Please see Lee C. for now if you have any questions. 563-210-4942 or leegarnica@yahoo.com.

Mini event report – District chairs are bringing deserts and group liaisons and GSR's are bringing festive snacks. Food chairs are Park P. and Sheryl F. Food is being catered in by Hy-Vee. It will be a taco bar. Coffee and pop are Joy P. and Marybeth has raffles. Decorations are Kiersten and Ronna. Game is Lee C. Love and service, Lee C ALT DCM

Archives – Hi all, nothing new to report at this time. I was not able to make it to Marshalltown due to weather. Continuing to take inventory of what is needed and will keep you all updated. In love and service, Ronna

Corrections – Hello all! Sorry I am missing out as I am probably on the beach right now in sunny Florida. Everything is going well. The Scott County jail has received the big books, 12 by 12 books and are stocked up with pamphlets. They have recently cancelled the Friday am meeting due to some rearrangement of programs. I was assured it was no fault of AA as all the Friday am programs are being cancelled. She encouraged us to start another AA meeting any other night or Friday afternoon. I have not pursued any other opportunities at this time. I will send out a poll to all Scott County volunteers to see if anyone is willing to help with another meeting there. The 605 meetings are going well to the best of my knowledge and that meeting is stocked up with pamphlets as well. I was not able to attend the conference in January as the weather was bad. In love and service Jaclyn M.

CPC – The committee met 01FEB. We have decided to work with high school counselors in 2020. We will be meeting at Intergroup 28FEB to select the literature we will be using. Once the literature has been selected, we will begin making our appointments. During the summer months when school is not in session, we will be contacting VA organizations in hopes of meeting with their staff. In loving and service, Park

Grapevine – Nothing new to report from the Grapevine perspective. In love and service, Jeremy W.

GROUP REPORTS:

Big Book – Big Book Study group is doing well. Attendance has been steady and growing some. We have our group anniversary coming February 25 at 5:30pm. Food and fellowship to start and Mike M. From Cedar Rapids will be our speaker at 6:30pm. We have donated 25\$ to the mini event which our guy will give Sheryl the check Thursday 2/6/20. Thank you for everything. In Love and service, Erik T.

Clinton – The Clinton group is doing very well. I went to the steering meeting Sunday morning, and was introduced as the new GSR. The only new business that was brought to the table was a verbal threat to a newcomer by a seasoned club member. Some other chair members and I are addressing the matter, on Saturday evening before the 8:00pm meeting. I am also going to remind all members willing to chair, to please arrive half hour early to open doors, I will post new flyers at the meeting. In love and service, Michael M.

Marquette – Highlights of our Business meeting:

- 01-27-2020 – Our income this month was down \$100 from last but still strong. Total income \$844.20, Expenses \$568.81 with a Prudent Reserve of \$5,000. We added another trustee, Ranae, which is the 4th Trustee member, and we discussed adding a 5th later.
- Don our PI discussed having a problem getting anyone to commit to 12 straight Tuesdays covering the 12x12 at our Noon meeting. So, after the discussion we

decided to break the 12x12 into 4 weeks, three times to cover it. Everyone agreed to try the change.

- The Focus group met and have developed rough drafts of individual responsibilities (SOP) for the steering committee positions. We made multiple copies of the drafts and passed them out to everyone present then we discussed them. We asked that everyone to take their copy home review what the committee has developed. Suggested that they review make changes as they think it should be and submit next business meeting to the Focus group. We had a discussion on the contributions we are presently making they are only to intergroup, and Dist. 9. The question was asked why we don't make contributions to AA World Service? After discussion we decided that we would give \$50 to each group monthly (Intergroup, Dist. 9, & AAWS) providing that our income is healthy enough to support our expense's. Love and Service Jim

Three Legacies: Thursday night speaker meetings are going well. We do have childcare available with a 5\$ fee per child. This money goes to pay the staff, so parents are able to attend the AA meeting. If you have any questions or concerns about that fee, please see any one of our homegroup members. We are very excited for the upcoming District 9 mini event this Saturday. Our last business meeting went well with no new business or old business. Happy Superbowl Sunday, love and service, Shawna



SPEAKER MEETING

**Trish from The Henry
County Group
Kewanee, IL**

Saturday, March 7th, 2020

- ◇ Fellowship at 5:30
- ◇ Pot Luck at 6:00, Please bring a dish to pass
- ◇ Raffles at 6:45
- ◇ Trish will speak at 7:00

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

HOUSE GROUP

SPEAKER

MURRAY H

FROM HOUSE GROUP

MARCH 14,2020

POTLUCK

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00

DINNER A 5:30

SPEAKER AT 6:30

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS



**GRACE FELLOWSHIP
GROUP**

**ONE YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING!
SPEAKER, CAKE AND PUNCH!**

**Monday, March 23, 2020
7:00 PM**

**Grace Bible Fellowship Church
1535 36th Ave., Moline, IL**

**Speaker: Dan F, Last Chance Group
Cake & punch following the speaker meeting**

INTERGROUP ANNIVERSARY COFFEE DONATIONS

Each urn of coffee at the Intergroup Anniversary Event costs \$75, and you know we drink a LOT of coffee!!!

Please help Intergroup in their annual fundraising event by donating to our coffee fund! Any amount is appreciated!

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Intergroup ensures that whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, the hand of AA is there.






46TH INTERGROUP ANNIVERSARY EVENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020
HOLIDAY INN BALLROOM
226 17th St., Rock Island, IL 61201**

SPEAKER – MARK L. from Waukesha, WI
Fellowship 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m., Speaker 7:15 p.m.
Raffles, 50/50, Sobriety Countdown, Fellowship

Tickets on sale for \$25 after Feb. 3 until April 6 – will be \$30 April 6-10
Last day for ticket sales is April 10 – not available at door!



The 3rd Month and the 3rd Step Prayer!

3rd Step Prayer:

"God, I offer myself to thee - to build with me and do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!"

(63:2 original manuscript)

(see also the webpage with other Third Step Prayers)

Taken from http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

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