

ILLOWA MESSENGER JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

July Birthdays

1 Denise S.	'91
4 Chuck L.	'91
5 Sharon K.	'96
7 Nancy C.	'01
8 Jesse N.	'06
8 Bill H.	'15
9 Jim K.	'81
9 Jack P.	'92
10 Bruce M.	'04
10 Victoria Q.	'05
13 Todd S.	'99
14 Al B.	'93
15 Raul R.	'81
15 Mary Ann G.	'04
17 Don J.	'84
18 Vi P.	'77
21 Lisa D.	'96
24 Julie B.	'90
25 John B.	'78



*Please contact Lisa at Intergroup
(309) 764-1016 if you need
literature or chips so pickup can be
arranged. Office opening is still to
be determined, so please call
ahead.*

July Events

July 13th – Online Intergroup
business meeting (see website at
www.aaquadcities.org for info)



Birthdays 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.



<u>Group Contributions</u>	<u>May 2020</u>	<u>Jan. – May 2020</u>
Aledo	0	53.00
Bettendorf	2,197.00	3,104.50
Big Book Study	0	622.40
Blandine	0	50.00
Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet	0	100.00
Camden Serenity Group	0	25.00
Central Discussion	0	400.00
Clinton	75.00	375.00
Courage to Change	0	511.38
DeWitt	100.00	100.00
District 90	0	175.00
Henry County Group	0	250.00
House Group	0	25.00
Inclusive Serenity	0	55.25
La Nueva Vida	0	30.00
Ladies Night	0	317.00
Last Chance	0	25.00
Marquette	0	50.00
Milan Hillcrest	0	50.00
Morrison	0	300.00
North Scott	0	500.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0	100.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0	50.00
The Three Legacies	<u>0</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	2,372.00	7,518.13

Call Counts for May 2020

12-step – 1 Information – 45

Visitors – 9 Alanon –1

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2020

Web Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm by Monique M.

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, West End and Marquette.

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair – Monique; Secretary – Deb P, Treasurer – Al B, Telephone Chair – Julie B, District 90 Liaison – Randy for TJ, Office Manager – Lisa W, Web Guy – Randy C., District 9 Liaison – Jennifer B.

Motion made Lisa/2nd Randy and passed unanimously to accept May minutes.

Treasurer's Report 6/1/20

INCOME

Contributions	\$2,442.00
Sales	\$315.00
Events	\$150.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.88
Totals	<u><u>\$2,907.88</u></u>

EXPENSES

General	\$1,115.76
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$550.00
Totals	<u><u>\$1,665.76</u></u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,242.12</u></u>
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ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$4,386.12
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$4,358.29
	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$8,744.41</u></u>

Office Manager's Report

The office is still closed, and I am working from home, taking the phone from 9 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. on weekdays. If anyone needs literature or other materials, please contact me at 309-764-1016 and we can make arrangements for a pickup. Our landlords were generous enough to offer us one month's rent forgiveness, so we used that for June. A thank-you letter has been sent to them. Call counts for May were 1 12-step, 45 information, 9 visitors, and 1 Al-anon. Please be sure to send any meeting information regarding virtual meetings, re-openings, social distancing requirements, etc. to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com or to the webmaster Randy. Otherwise, we will not have the proper information to give callers and people using the website who are looking for meetings. Thanks!! Stay safe, everyone! In love and service, Lisa W.

District 90 Liaison Report

Hello Everyone, there are still 3 positions open: **Accessibilities, CPC, & Grapevine**. We are still meeting Online as well. I am excited to announce that we will be hosting the NIA 20, 2020 Winter Assembly on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at the Hill Church in Kewanee, IL. We have a committee put together, Chaired by Pete B. (Milan) and Co-Chaired by Anissa M. (House). If anyone would like to be involved join us tomorrow for are Business Meeting and I'm sure you will be put to good use. Or, let me know and I will put you in touch with Pete or Anissa. A flyer is pending approval so I will hopefully have that for you next month. If you have never been to an Assembly, this would be a great opportunity to attend since they are usually held more towards the Chicago Area. We hope this will help spark some much-needed involvement in the District's Service work and it's an opportunity for our groups to just simply get together. The Archives Position was filled by Aaron M. and he has been gathering information from some of the various members who have been around for a while, so, if you have any information on the history of your group please contact him. Brandon, the Corrections Chair, reported that all of the facilities are still closed to the public, so no meetings are being taken in. Plus, he will keep us updated on the National Correction Conference, Nov. 13-15 in Schaumburg, IL.

Telephone Chair Report

Hello everyone! There is not much to report regarding the telephone. Lisa is still taking the phones Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm while the office is closed. Although it would make sense that the weekend call volume would have picked up due to the closing of many meetings for the last few months, it has not. Weekend call counts usually are no calls, or 1 call for the entire weekend, rarely 2 or more. I now have 3 openings on the phone rotation, this should be updated soon on the aaquadcities.org:

- 2nd Monday of the month 5:20pm-9:00am (Tuesday morning)
- 3rd Saturday of the month 5:20pm-9:00am (Sunday morning)
- 5th Sunday of the month 9:00am-5:30pm

I do have a few volunteers on the phone rotation who consistently are not available when I call them to transfer the phone. I am working on a solution for this, as it gets frustrating. I normally take the phone when that happens, although we do have backups I could call.

Webmaster Report

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GROUP REPORTS:

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OLD BUSINESS: Intergroup Event – Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Sisters in Sobriety and West End Groups reported that no, they are not interested in rescheduling the Event to an October date. Randy motion/Lisa 2nd to cancel completely the Intergroup Event for 2020. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

July Meeting – Frank motioned/Randy 2nd to move the July Intergroup meeting to 13July20 due to the 4July holiday.

District 90 is looking for volunteers to help District with Area Conference and so wanting to post flyer on service page of website. Discussed and was clarified yes, it is okay as it is District 90 needing the volunteers.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, July 13, 2020.

*****Unknown if will be web or in office at this time*****

District 9 Monthly Meeting
June 14th, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Chairs: DCM: MaryBeth P. Alt DCM: Lee C. Treasurer: Sheryl F Corrections: Jaclyn M: CPC: Park P.

Grapevine: Jeremy W. Literature: Kristin C. Treatment: Kevin K.

Groups: Bettendorf: Toni F Big Book: Erik T, Blandine: Christy P, Three Legacies: Shawna, Intergroup: Jennifer

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: 5,386.82; Total Income: -791.43; Total Expenses: -; Balance: 6,178.25; Seed: 300.00; Prudent Reserve: 300.00; Operating Balance: 5,578.25

DCM: I attended the virtual spring conference. They decided to have the Marshalltown business meeting in August virtual. It was a long discussion, but the body decided to have the fall conference virtual. Dan gave his delegate report. He put it in the drop box and also, I will receive ten hard copies. I will also reach out to Dan to see if he is willing to come and talk about his experience or virtual. I will keep you posted. Mike L is our new trustee for the West Central region. Due to the holiday our meeting will be July 12 at 1030 virtual. I wanted to thank Inner group and Randy for all the wonderful information on virtual and in person meetings going on. I am always here too for support. Love and service Marybeth

Alt DCM: Hello district 9. I had the pleasure of sitting in on the DCM sharing group and here are the topics discussed. Dan is to speak in our district time to be determined. Dan stated he will be wearing a mask; his wife is in healthcare and he will not be offended if we decline to invite him due to COVID. Dan asked that we take 10 final reports. Discussion on what to do with the leftovers or outdated conference items, the experience shared was to shred them but save a copy for archives. Be mindful of what you do with them, they have confidential information in them. The other districts are mixed with in meeting and zoom meetings and the experience seems to be the same across the board, this has been a real experience in autonomy and we are all doing our best and listening to the concerns of our groups.

A few ideas that other groups are doing regarding the pandemic:

- Meeting in person and passing phone around with zoom.
- Cannot join hands but can join spirit – for not holding hands at end of meeting
- Reminder we are someone's guest when joining a zoom meeting.
- Bring own material instead of using community literature.
- Set up pay apps for basket donation
- One person pour coffee only and use disposable cups.
- Meeting in house with zoom app open and microphone in middle of room

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Alternate Delegates report Dave G.: Area 24 Alternate Delegate Report June 6, 2020. Since my last report I have been working hard to keep the Area 24 Directory as accurate as possible. The directory is current through June 3, 2020 and is in the Area 24 shared Dropbox folder. Now, about the new NetSuite database system at the GSO records office. They are having problems converting data from the old system to the new one and this has caused significant delays in updating the information. Area registrars do not have access to the database and are unable to add or modify records. We do not know when we will get access to the database. Consequently, we are required to continue to forward all changes to the records office for them to enter. As a result of switching to the new system, each group has been assigned a new number. The old group number is still valid and is now called the legacy number, so please don't be confused or alarmed. All groups that were in existence before mid-October 2019 now have two numbers. New groups after mid-October 2019 only have one number. Big announcement! Area 24 is changing the way we collect group and service chair information. Beginning on July 1 you will be asked to go to the Area 24 website and enter all group and service chair change information there. Let me explain: When you have your group elections this fall, or have any other changes (e.g. location, time, GSR, alternate GSR, email, etc.), please do not use the old group change forms. Instead, please go to www.aa-iowa.org, our Area 24 website, and you will find three links on the home page: 1) A link for new groups, 2) A link for change of information for existing groups, and 3) change in service chair information for district and area officers and service chairs. Please enter all changes in this manner after July 1. This new method will streamline the gathering of information that will be sent to the GSO records office, to our Area 24 Directory and to our website meeting list. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me. Yours in love and service, Dave G. Area 24 Alternate Delegate. Love and service Lee C Alt DCM District 9

Archives: Hello everyone! Archives here! I had a chance to attend the virtual area conference and truly enjoyed reconnecting with the other districts. We discussed some interesting history regarding our very own Blandine group and one of its founding members. The area chair will be mailing me a copy of the information he discovered. More on that at a later time. So, looking forward to things getting back to normal and getting back in the rooms! Love and service, Ronna B.

Corrections: Hello all! Not much to report. I received an email from Scott County Jail stating they are not holding any outside program until further notice. It is indefinite as to when outside programs will be allowed. We are welcome to drop off literature, but that is the extent. They do not have zoom or virtual capabilities. We are currently not taking meetings into any facility. I did attend the Corrections workshop portion of the Conference on June

5th-alot of discussion was focused on how to get the message to inmates around the country during this time. Mail correspondence is a great way-right now they is a huge need for male correspondence. We talked about how to get our program into juvenile detention centers. A reminder was also mentioned about pre-release forms (mostly state penitentiaries). In Love and Service Jaclyn M.

CPC: I attended the Area 24 virtual CPC Workshop, Saturday, June 7th. I am attending a CPC/PI Workshop put on by Area 14 on Saturday, June 13th. I continue to gather ideas as to the continuation of our services within the professional community in these uncertain times. One suggestion made at the Area level was to distribute a Big Book is those little stand-alone libraries in yards. I know of several of those, so I am going to be doing that. In love and service, Park

Grapevine: Grapevine January-May issues will continue to be free online until 7/1/2020 In love and service, Jeremy W.

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf: Bettendorf held its first business meeting since February 19th. Items discussed:

- Quarterly Financial Disbursements - o BG allocates anything above our prudent reserve to Intergroup, Area, District & GSO. Normally, this disbursement is split equally to each service arm. Due to the financial strain our Intergroup is facing due to COVID, it was motioned and passed to allocate all of this quarter's contribution to Intergroup.
- BG began having meetings at the community center on Friday, May 15th. The original stipulations for meetings was no more than 25 people, face masks and room sanitizing after each meeting. These "suggestions" were not being followed. It was decided to put the remaining chairs (over 25) into the locked storage area and make masks and hand sanitizer optional.
- We had discussion regarding Iowa "opening up" completely. Our chair was questioning whether it would be appropriate for him to make the call to lift room restrictions. It was decided that he is a trusted servant and could make that call without having to schedule a group conscience for the collective group decision.

In love and service,

Toni F, GSR, Bettendorf Group

Blandine: Blandine meetings are no longer restricted to 10. Asking to maintain 6 feet and wipe down tables and chairs after meetings. Hand sanitizer set out. for attendees. Treasurer \$572.65 starting balance. \$53.66 contributions (after expenses). No disbursements made to intergroup, district or AWS. 605 attendees expressed desire to be able to return to meetings. Talked of combining annual picnic and anniversary and having at Blandine Sept 13. Discussion on Intergroup event. Speaker meeting were discontinued and discussed having again starting in July. Discussion on slip signing. In love and service Christy

Clinton: The Clinton meetings are back in full swing. We are able to Keep social distancing and masks are optional. In love and service Mike M.

Marquette: Intergroup report Sam reporting on intergroup, the office assistance is working from home. So, getting material (chips) from intergroup will be challenging at the least. No one in office, ordering material online. Will bring receipt for literature later.

GSR report: Jim made motion to make \$50 contribution too each; Intergroup, Dist. 9 & World Service Office. After discussion a decision was made to contribute \$100 to Dist. 9, we should continue supporting our local support. Until a clearer understanding on when everything will open up. This included Sam's suggestion to hold off on intergroup contribution until a request is made, or the intergroup office opens, whichever comes first.

Program Chair: Don program chair said there wasn't much for him to report. He was able to fill almost all vacancies for the month of May except one.

Final Business Item: Bill made a motion to change the Monday night 8pm meeting to 7pm. Bill's point was a majority of the folks at the 8pm he talked with would rather it at 7PM instead of 8. After discussion Bill decided to contact the various treatment centers about it would affect their program. Discuss at June meeting. Love and Service Jim D. – GSR/Secretary

Three Legacies: Good morning beautiful people!! 3 legacies is remaining virtual at this time as the church has asked us to respect their guidelines of adding bodies in the building. There is a link to our Thursday night meeting on the aaquadcities.com website which will take you to Intergroup page. We did just have our monthly business meeting and have voted to continue the Saturday 9am virtual meeting as well that we have been hosting. I hope you are all well and wish you a happy Sunday!!!! Love and Service, Shawna

District 90 Minutes
June 2, 2019

Virtual Meeting – Meeting Called to Order by Randy C. at 6:10pm

In Attendance: Randy C., Craig K., Gene V., Kelsey C., Brandon S., Richard S., Aaron M., Pete B., & Anissa M.

Birthdays: None

Minutes: April Minutes – Motion from Craig K. with Second from Pete B. to Approve the Minutes – Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

DCM: Randy C. The only thing I have to report now is that all Motions we are to report to our Delegate on have been postponed until after the Pandemic. The rest of my Report will be in Old & New Business.

Alt DCM: Craig K. Report will be in Old Business.

Secretary: Kelsey C. No Report

Treasurer: Gene V. Beginning Balance: \$340.37, Deposits: \$100 from Henry Co., Debits: \$0, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$200, New Balance/Available Funds: \$240.37, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48 Motion from Ricard S. with Second from Pete B. to Approve the Treasurers Report – Treasurers Report Approved

Committee Reports:

Corrections : Brandon S. All Facilities still closed. Several Contacts are working hard to get in. In Love and Service Brandon S.

PI: Richard S. Everything closed as well.

Treatment: Justin W. - Absent

Grapevine: Open **CPC:** Open **Accessibilities:** Open

Literature: Kelsey C. No Report

Archives: Aaron M. Still gathering contacts who have been around and know history of AA in District 90. Trying to Track down “District Box” that has documents from previous District meetings, may have been thrown in trash.

Intergroup Liaison : TJ -Absent (Report presented by Randy C.) The Intergroup Office is still closed until further notice. There are now 3 openings for the Phone Rotation, 2nd Mon., 5:20p-9a, 3rd Sat., 5:20p-9a, & 5th Sun., 9am-5:30pm, there is a flyer on the Service Page of the Website for more info. The rescheduling the Annual Intergroup Event in Oct. was voted down. Also, the Events Chair is going to start working on a possible Softball Outing and the Golf Outing. The Website usage is still up with 1,642 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meetings Guide Page is back to the most visited page, maybe because all the meetings and info is located there now. I created a Reopened Page and changes the menu meeting tab to contain the Guide, Virtual, Closed and Reopened pages. I also put some links on the front page about lettings us know about your Re-Opening Information and how to use the Meeting Guide.

GSR Reports:

Geneseo: Kelsey C. (GSR) Reopened, No Speaker Meetings yet, masks are made available, no refreshments, may start doing a Monthly Business Meeting.

House: Anissa M. Reopened, Nothing Has Changed.

Henry County: Craig K. Reopened, Guidelines Posted on Door and Website, Weekly Business Meetings, Unprecedented Donations from Fellowship during shut down.

House: Anissa M. Virtual Meetings doing ok.

Milan Hillcrest: Pete B. 10:30am Meeting Reopened but Outside and still doing 2 Virtual Meetings Tuesday 8pm and Sunday 7pm.

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Old Business:

- 1) Open Positions: **Accessibilities, CPC, and Grapevine.** No change. Everyone keep looking for candidates.
- 2) Hosting 2020 Winter Assembly Dec. 12th.
 - a) Flyer Information – Location: The Hill Church. Registration: 8am Assembly 9am. Lunch: TBA Cost: TBA. Contacts?? Pete & Anissa Phone and Email – Both OK with their information on flyer.
 - b) Lunch?? Craig will be getting estimates, asked that we keep it local to Kewanee. Update from Pete: He is getting Quotes, requested DCM to ask Erik about Seed Money, Tax Exempt Form, and if Lodging will be needed with an estimated number of

rooms needed. (Craig K. volunteered to take care of getting those estimates as well as any others that come along)

3) Continue to hold District 90 Meetings on WebEx? Motion from Craig K. with Second from Anissa M., to Continue to Virtual Meetings until further notice.

Discussion – Pete B. brought up Email from House Group GSR, Joyce E., concerning that she cannot attend due to not being “Tech Savvy.” Craig K. pointed out that you don’t have to be “tech Savvy” you can join from a phone. Plus, we have High Risk Members that will not be able to attend In-Person Meetings until this is all clear. DCM, Randy C. was asked about Response to the Email. Randy C. did not Respond to the Email but did send a text message with instructions on how to join via phone. He explained that there are only 3 steps, dial the number, enter the meeting number, press #. He also explained that Joyce says she is not “Tech Savvy” enough, but has sent him Emails with file attachments and requested Emails with file attachments, which shows she has way more “tech Savvy” then needed to dial the phone number and join the meeting. Aaron M. added that Henry Co, has several members who are not “tech Savvy” and have been regularly attending. Anissa M. agreed on the ease of joining. **Discussion Ended**, Motion still standing, Vote taken with all in attendance voting “in favor.” Motion Passed. District 90 Meeting will continue to be Virtual until further notice.

New Business: Hold our next meeting on July 14th, instead of our regular schedule, since Intergroup delaying their due to 4th of July Holiday. All Agreed.

Pete Motioned to Adjourn, Craig second, all in favor.

Next meeting is July 14, 2020 at 6:00pm via Webex.

The 6th Month and the 6th Step Prayer!

Seventh Step Prayer

"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good & bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you & my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here to do Your bidding." (76:2)

Taken from http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

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