

ILLOWA MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

September birthdays



1	Dilia	'93
2	Jane S.	'79
3	Bill S.	'82
3	Debbie J.	'06
4	Patti P.	'91
5	Mary K.	'00
7	Al D.	'00
8	Dan C.	'82
10	Barb K.	'83
12	Gail R.	'01
12	Gail S.	'03
14	Ben D.	'01
16	Dee A.	'97
18	Norma D.	'85
20	Ken H.	'78
21	Fred K.	'78
21	Leo Y.	'98
22	Brenda C.	'78
23	Deb P.	'80
29	Jerry P.	'80
30	Jeanne S.	'80



Please call the Intergroup Office at 309-764-1016 to make arrangements to purchase literature and chips. The office remains closed except by appointment.



September Events

13th – Bettendorf Picnic

13th – Blandine Picnic

14th – Intergroup business meeting on Zoom

20th – House Group Picnic



Remember that the newsletter deadline for flyers and birthdays, etc. is always the 15th of the month preceding the month of the newsletter.



<u>Group Contributions</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 20</u>
Aledo	0	53.00
Bettendorf	0	3,104.50
Big Book Study	315.88	938.28
Blandine	0	50.00
Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet	0	100.00
Camden Serenity Group	0	25.00
Central Discussion	0	800.00
Clinton	75.00	525.00
Courage to Change	0	511.38
DeWitt	0	100.00
District 90	0	175.00
Henry County Group	0	350.00
House Group	0	25.00
Inclusive Serenity	0	55.25
La Nueva Vida	10.00	70.00
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	400.88	8,524.41

Call Counts for July 2020

12-Step - 1 Information - 66

Visitors - 17

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2020

Web Meeting called to order by Deb P and continued by Monique M

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept June minutes.

Treasurer's Report 8/3/20

INCOME

Contributions	\$665.38
Sales	\$784.25
Events	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.92
Totals	<u><u>\$1,450.55</u></u>

EXPENSES

General	\$1,922.15
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$560.74
Accounting services	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$2,482.89</u></u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES **(\$1,032.34)**

ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$2,622.32
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$4,654.66
	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$7,276.98</u></u>

Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone, the office continues to remain closed until further notice. If anyone needs literature or other materials, please contact me at 309-764-1016 and we can make arrangements for a pickup. I would appreciate people wearing masks while in the office – if you don't have one, I have some available there. Thank you. In addition, please keep in mind that I am looking for volunteers to man the office for 3.5 hours one morning a week once we do open. This is perfect service work for people who are retired or not working mornings. Contact me if interested. **We would appreciate if people and groups are able to contribute to Intergroup, as our checking account will probably only cover one more month of expenses if there is no income coming in.** We have been trying to build up our prudent reserve to cover six months' expenses the last few years, so we would hate to have to tap into it before we get there. Please take this back to your groups!!! We take cash, checks, and PayPal. Thank you. Call counts for July were 1 12-step, 66 information, 17 visitors, and 0 Al-anon. I have printed some new paper schedules showing which meetings are open and which are closed for now. However, the online meetings are not listed there. The most up-to-date meeting information can be found on www.aaquadcities.org. Our business meetings will continue to be held online/by phone until further notice. Check our website for current information. Due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 7, our next business meeting will be held on Sept. 14. Stay safe, everyone! In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair report / August 3, 2020

Hello everyone! First, there are still 2 open shifts on the phone rotation! Answering the Intergroup phone is a great way to do Twelve Step work! See aaquadcities.org for the flyer on the Service Opportunities page. The openings are:

- **3rd Saturday of the month 5:20pm-9:00am**
- **5th Sunday of the month 9:00am-5:30pm—Deb P volunteered 😊**

Second, a big thank you goes out to Mel for transferring the phones this past weekend while I was out of town, and also to Lisa for taking the phone during the week, 9am-5:30pm. And last, I wanted to get a consensus about how this group/body feels about me investigating other options regarding how we cover the phones on nights and weekends. I believe this has been visited periodically over the years, and in the past, it has been decided to keep our live volunteers answering the phone instead of going to an answering service (cost) or a Voice Mail message. I think I'd need to bring this up under NEW Business, though. So, with that, thank you, and...

In love and service, Julie

Webmaster Report

Hello Everyone, we had 2,629 users total but 1,453 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meeting Guide Page was the most visited page. We did have a spike on Saturday the 18th, I'm not sure if there was some sort of event in town but we had 3 times the number of visits.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

Bettendorf Group:

Bettendorf has resumed its full meeting schedule and retains one Zoom meeting on Saturdays at 8 AM. In general, attendance is about half of the pre-COVID volume. To date, we have not resumed speaker meetings, which were historically on the first Sunday 8PM meeting. Bettendorf will hold its annual picnic on September 13th at the Bettendorf Bandshell. There is a notice on the Intergroup site. Thanks, Frank

Big Book Study:

The BBS group is still meeting via Zoom through August! We are just taking it month by month it seems and having regular chats with the church. If anything changes, we will update the aaquadcities.org website, but for now, Zoom is our meeting place! Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 6:30pm, the join info is on the aaquadcities.org website. We are currently in the chapter, The Family Afterward, and it's so refreshing and powerful to hear others share their experience, strength and hope on this topic! Join us for a really good meeting with a great group of friends!

In love and service, Julie

OLD BUSINESS: District 90 needs a new liaison; do not need to live in Illinois to be a liaison. Please bring this back to your group; meeting meets the evening after the Intergroup meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A new District 9 liaison will be needed; Jennifer regretfully will be unable to continue due to her work schedule. Please bring this back to your group.

- Discussion was held regarding Telephone Chair request to review options for the Intergroup Phone. Agreed Julie may review and bring back to the Intergroup Meeting findings/suggestions of other options.
- Discussion was held regarding having an Intergroup fundraiser based on a group sobriety countdown. Agreed Julie and Deb will create, and Randy will assist with web set-up.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, September 14th at 6pm via zoom video/phone conferencing.

District 9 Monthly Meeting
August 2nd, 2020

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Literature, Secretary, Treatment.

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Dewitt, The Three Legacies, West End.

Chair Reports:

Treasurer Report:

Beg Balance \$5,878.25, Income Received \$555.29, 2 Expenses \$212.74, Balance \$6,220.80 motion to accept by Kristen G & 2nd by Kristin C.

DCM: Will attend Marshalltown next week, event is virtual.

Alt. DCM: No Report.

Archives: Did receive new archives photo from area archivist but need to review more before sharing.

Corrections: No meetings inside, No new updates.

Grapevine: Nothing new to report this month.

Literature: No new report.

Treatment: With Spike in COVID-19, Country Oak / Abby doing inside meeting.

Intergroup: The Intergroup office will be in need of 3 morning volunteers once the office opens back up. This is one morning per week from 9-12:30. Call Lisa at 309-764-1016, and she can set up a quick training session for those interested. This is the same contact number for any materials your groups may need.

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: No Report

Big Book Study: Still meeting virtually until at least end of August. Attendance still good.

Blandine: Reviewed Treasurers report, Anniversary & Picnic combo on September 13th & will be a potluck. We will do best to social distance, group is social distancing & adding disinfectant, will resume speaker meetings the last Friday of the month beginning in August, extra contribution to intergroup this month to keep funds local, donated grapevines to Scott county jail.

The Three Legacies: 3 legacies meetings are currently being held virtually as the church that hosts our meeting prefers this for now for safety purposes. We do host two other meetings which are listed on the intergroup website and aaquadcities.org. We hope you are all doing well and look forward to in person meetings in the future.

Marquette:

- 1st Item of Business: Treasury Report, as of July 1st, Checking Beginning 6/29 \$3,865.73, Income for July: \$646.91, Expense \$1130.13, Checking Ending 6/29 \$3,382.60, Prudent reserve ending July 27th \$5,012.75
- 2nd Item of Business: Purchaser report, Leo's reported that supplies are OK for now.
- 3rd Item of Business: Program Chair, Don said all meeting for the month have been covered.
- 4th Item of Business: Trustee positions were discussed, and a decision was made, that in the future there will only be five-year terms for Marquette trustees, when the lifetime terms for Joe C. and Ron F. are over. We will be selecting another trustee position (5yr.) at next business meeting.
- 5th Item of Business: Review the Covid-19 policy, agreed that the document should be read at every meeting for the next two weeks.
- 6th Item of Business: discussed going back to our old routine of having our Step & Traditions meeting, Big Book & Grapevine meetings that we had pre-pandemic.

Old Business: None

New Business: September business meeting move to 9/13 due to Labor Day.
Motion to Adjourn by DCM, 2nd by Park

District 90 Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2020 @ 6pm Virtual ZOOM Meeting

Welcome – Serenity Prayer

Attendance – Gene, Pete, Annissa, Randy, Craig, Kelsey

AA Birthdays – None

Minutes Approval –Pete motioned to approve the minutes from July. Craig second the minutes. All in favor, minutes approved.

Officers' Reports:

DCM: Randy C. no report

Alt. DCM: Craig K. no report

Treasurer: Gene V. Beginning Balance: \$405.27, Deposits: \$0.00, Debits: \$0.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$244.02, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48

Secretary: Kelsey C. no report

Committee Reports:

Corrections: Brandon S.-not present but Craig did report that all the facilities are still closed and AA is encouraging them to try and do some sort of ZOOM meetings.

Treatment: Justin W.

P.I. : Richard S. Libraries opening back up. Gave a book to Colona today. Planning on giving one to Silvis. Would like to get more books. Craig motions to get Richard more books from Lisa at Intergroup. Gene second the motion. All in favor

Literature: Kelsey C.

Accessibilities: OPEN

Grapevine: OPEN

C.P.C. : OPEN

Archives: Aaron M. if anyone has any leads on a box that had archives that he is looking for let him know. Randy says he might know the guy that move to Wisconsin that was last known to have the box.

Intergroup Liaison: OPEN- Randy did mention that Intergroup has enough money to last another month then will be using the Prudent Reserve so they are working on fund raising.

GSR Reports:

Geneseo: Back to regular schedule besides our monthly speaker meeting

Last Chance: None

House Group: Anissa reported that they are still chugging along and still doing online meetings as well, pretty much breaking even on money.

Henry County: Still doing business meetings weekly. Still has a lot of rules for in person meetings.

Milan Hillcrest: holding meetings. trying to keep around 10. Still able to pay rent and utilities but not in a position to be sending money anywhere.

Camden: None

New Beginnings: Still closed. They are not allowed to go to meetings outside.

Old Business:

Open Positions

- **Accessibilities**
- **Grapevine**
- **C.P.C.**

New Business:

Pete asks Randy if he is going to the fall assembly. Randy says fall is virtual. Pete wants to know if they think it's going to virtual for winter as well. Randy says it will be decided at the fall meeting Sept 19th. Pete wants to be considered for the 2021 spring assembly. Randy plans to put that out there.

2020 Winter Assembly Update:

Waiting on Area to decide if Virtual at Fall Assembly Sept. 19th. Pete asks Randy if he is going to the fall assembly. Randy says fall is virtual. Pete wants to know if they think it's going to virtual for winter as well. Randy says it will be decided at the fall meeting Sept 19th. Pete wants to be considered for the 2021 spring assembly. Randy plans to put that out there.

NEXT MEETING Sept. 15, 2020 via ZOOM (Later due to Labor Day Holiday)

Pete motions to adjourn. Richard seconds. All in favor.

Intergroup has two open
positions:

District 9 Liaison and District 90 Liaison

Suggested sobriety is 1 year.

Responsible for attending both District and Intergroup meetings each month and reporting to each one what the other is doing, including sending a written report to the secretaries.

BETTENDORF GROUP



Sunday, September 13th

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

23rd Street Band Shelter

1645 23rd Street, Bettendorf



11:30 Fellowship

12:00 Lunch

Meat, Pop & Coffee Provided

Please bring a dish to share!



Blandine 66th Anniversary & Picnic –

September 13, 2020



10:30 A.M. Fellowship

**11:00 A.M. – Speaker Meeting
Rob B. from Central Discussion**

RAFFLES AND 50/50

12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Picnic

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Brats provided
Please bring a dish to share.
Water \$0.50 donation**

**Masks are a choice, but are not required, but can be worn
but we will practice social distancing and
have hand sanitizer**

**Bring your fishing poles and/or bikes.
Lots of fun for the whole family.**

**Directions: Drive East on River Drive into Bettendorf. Turn left
onto 18th Street. Drive upto you see Parkway Drive and turn right.
Follow the curve around housing addition to you reach the shelter.**

Hope to see you there!

God willin' and the covid numbers don't rise

House Group

Will hold its annual picnic

September 20, 2020

12:00 - ???

Empire Park Pavilion

East Moline

Group will provide:

Chicken, Pulled Pork,

and place settings

Please bring a dish to share

The 9th Month and the 9th Step Prayer!

A 9th Step Prayer:

"God, with regard to this amend, give me the strength, courage and direction to do the right thing, no matter what the personal consequences may be. Help me not to shrink from anything. Help me not to delay if it can be avoided. Help me to be sensible, tactful, considerate and humble without being servile or scraping."(79:1, 83:3)

A 9th Step prayer for the Spouse:

"God, please show me how to make amends to my Spouse. Father, Help me to keep my Spouse's happiness Uppermost in my mind as I try, with your Grace, to make this relationship right. Amen" (82:1)

A 9th Step Prayer for the Family:

"God, please show me how to find the way of Patience, Tolerance, Kindness and Love in my heart, my Mind and my Soul. Lord, show me how to demonstrate these principles to my family and all those about me. Amen." (83:1)

Taken from http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

I know we have some great writers out there!!



I'm looking for individuals that would like to write an article for our newsletter!

Some examples of things you could write about are:

- Tell us your story! We've seen so many people's lives change with this program. We read and hear it all the time in the Grapevine about alcoholics whose lives have gotten better with the simple AA program. Most of those stories in the Grapevine come from places we've never even heard of. It would be a blessing if we could hear some of these stories from right here in our own area.
- An experience you had at a conference. One here local, far away or maybe one of the international conferences.
- The history of your home group. All of us here in the quad cities area would enjoy hearing how your home group got started and some of the traditions it carries on with today. Anything AA related would be wonderful.

You can contact me at bethmelliott07@gmail.com or simply call the Intergroup office at 309-764-1016!

Love, Peace & Coffee,
Beth E. – Newsletter Chairperson

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