

ILLOWA MESSENGER NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

November Birthdays



1	Carol P.	'83
4	Joe C.	'83
5	Betti B.	'04
7	Denny B.	'81
7	Gary D.	'13
8	Judi B.	'11
8	Bill M.	'75
9	Bill T.	'82
16	Sandy S.	'98
18	Jody F.	'88
26	Dennis P.	'96
27	Sheryl F.	'99
27	Jerome J.	'04



Has your group changed meeting times or days, moved to a new meeting place, or discontinued a meeting? If so, please help us keep our meeting schedule current by contacting the Intergroup Office at 309-764-1016.



EVENTS

15th – Holiday Decorating at Blandine
22nd – Holiday Potluck at Blandine



The Intergroup Office is open by appointment only – usually on Fridays but please call ahead to make sure someone will be there. Masks are required. Cash or check only. Thanks!!



NOVEMBER IS GRATITUDE MONTH Gratitude is an action!!!

- Call someone you haven't seen in a while
- Sign up for the Intergroup 12-step list and/or phone rotation
- Do something nice for your sponsor
- Donate to a food bank
- Contribute to Intergroup, District, and the General Service Office – Give back!
- Thank your Higher Power for your sobriety and your life.

Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions September 2020

	<u>Sep. 20</u>	<u>Jan. – Sep. 20</u>
Aledo	0	53.00
Bettendorf	0	3,104.50
Big Book Study	0	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	675.00
Courage to Change	0	511.38
DeWitt	100.00	200.00
District 90	0	175.00
Henry County Group	0	350.00
House Group	50.00	75.00
Inclusive Serenity	0	55.25
La Nueva Vida	0	80.00
Ladies Night	0	317.00
Last Chance	0	25.00
Marquette	300.00	350.00
Milan Hillcrest	25.00	75.00
Morrison	0	300.00
North Scott	0	500.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0	175.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0	50.00
The Three Legacies	<u>200.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	750.00	9,434.41

Call Counts for September 2020

12-Step – 2

Information – 69

Visitors – 7

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2020

Web Meeting called to order by Deb P., 6:05 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair –absent; Co-Chair Mike C, delayed, Secretary present, Treasurer - Al B, Telephone Chair Julie B, Office Manager – Lisa W, Web Guy, Randy C. Events Chair – Steve, District 9 Liaison–Allison, District 90 Liaison open position. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept September minutes.

Treasurer's Report 10/5/2020

INCOME

Contributions	\$1,278.93
Sales	\$1,183.05
Events	\$175.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.94
Totals	<u><u>\$2,637.92</u></u>

EXPENSES

General	\$2,361.45
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$851.14
Workman's comp insurance	\$191.00
Totals	<u><u>\$3,403.59</u></u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES **(\$765.67)**

ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$1,273.58
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$4,856.55
	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$6,130.13</u></u>

Office Manager's Report: Hello everyone, the office continues to remain closed except by appointment. If anyone needs literature or other materials, please contact me at 309-764-1016 and we can make arrangements for a pickup. I am requesting people wearing masks while in the office out of respect for me and other customers – if you don't have one, I have some available there. Thank you. I have been going in every Friday afternoon but please call before you come in case I am not there for some reason. Don't forget our birthday donation challenge ends Oct. 31. So far only 8 groups have participated, so please donate for your home group, and challenge your group members! You can contribute even if you don't have a home group as well. Call counts for September were 2 12-step, 69 information, and 7 visitors. Since I do get a lot of Intergroup calls and texts on my personal phone number, I am going to try to start counting those too to reflect Intergroup calls more accurately. I would like to thank Gail S. and Mel M. for covering the phone when I can't. I was able to attend parts of the ICOAA (Intergroup office managers) annual convention online on Zoom this year, which was great as I have never been able to attend before. I will be revising my literature price lists, as I erroneously had all Grapevine literature on the “Other Literature” (i.e. non-conference-approved literature) list when in fact Grapevine and all its literature is approved by GSO (as stated by representatives from both GSO and Grapevine in a workshop). Our business meetings will continue to be held online/by phone until further notice. Check our website for current information. Our next business meeting will be held online on Monday, November 2. In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair report: Hello everyone! I don't actually have a report but just wanted to remind all REPs and officers/chairs to please remember to discuss at your business meetings the options we are exploring for how to handle our phone helpline after normal business hours. The flyer is posted on the aaquadcities.org website and provides all the information (why, what, etc). Please provide any feedback to me or Lisa at the Intergroup office (309-764-1016). Thank you! In love and service, Julie B.

District 90 Liaison Report: Hello Everyone. We have filled one of the open positions, CPC, but still have Accessibilities and Grapevine open. We will not be hosting the Area 20 Winter Assembly; it will be held Online. We are looking to host something as soon as they resume with In-Person Meetings. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Webmaster Report: Hello Everyone, we had 2,242 users total but 1,336 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meeting Guide Page was the most visited page. The Virtual Meetings Page was the 2nd most visited page. I have missed this on the last couple of my reports, I have been reporting that the Events Page was the 2nd most visited page but I went back over the last 3 months and it was actually the Virtual Meetings Page, so, people are still looking for online meetings. The Challenge Page come in at 3rd with 146 views closely followed by the Events page with 143 views. The 24-hour phone service flyer had 40 views, which isn't as high as I had hoped for, I was hoping to see about twice that. The spike wasn't on the 18th this month like it was for the last 2 months, it was on the 10th, still don't know why we have a spike. We also still have a spike at 4am. The spikes are not a big deal but it's just something I should probably mention. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

GROUP REPORTS:

Big Book Study Group: Group is still holding virtual meetings only; church is thinking they will not open until the first of the year. Attendance is averaging 25 people per meeting. In love and service, Krista B.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Stutsman Lodge is still closed to the public, but the Meetings are still being held by the residents. The meetings are well attended by the residents. Please keep them in your prayers. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Old Business:

- District 90 Liaison position is still open.
- Options for Phone rotation and what to do with after-hours phone answering: Julie will summarize the information provided in her report and have it posted to the website. Reps are encouraged to share the information with their groups and bring back any questions and feedback to the next Intergroup business meeting in November.

New Business: NONE

Meeting adjourned.

The next Intergroup meeting will be held Monday, November 2nd at 6pm via zoom video/phone conferencing.

District 9 Monthly Meeting
October 4th, 2020

Attendance: **Chairs:** DCM, ALT. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Secretary, Treatment. **Groups:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, The Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beg. Balance 6,220.80. Income \$300 Expenses \$92.90 Balance 6427.90. Prudent Reserve of \$300. Seed Money \$300. Operating Balance of \$5827.90. Question of what the check from Jessica Y. was from, not sure which group this came from or for what. Toni made a motion to accept, Jaclyn 2nd.

DCM: Dan will do delegates report @ 10:30, pass along information, everyone is welcome. Conference is next weekend on Zoom.

Alt. DCM: Hello district 9, I brought to the district the motion made from area to donate \$5000 to GSO. GSO is using their prudent reserve and area24 wanted the groups voice. Some of the questions asked were, how much in area bank account? There is roughly \$21,000 with a few thousand dollars outstanding. The consensus was to let area 24 know we approved of sending \$5000 to GSO. This motion passed at the fall conference held on October 10th. More info will be added on next month's report. It was brought to my attention there were errors on meeting times and address for the Blandine group, that is being corrected. If you notice any errors on the area 24 website, please let me know and I can get that fixed for you. Here is the webmasters report- Hello Everyone, we had 2,242 users total but 1,336 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The Meeting Guide Page was the most visited page. The Virtual Meetings Page was the 2nd most visited page. I have missed this on the last couple of my reports, I have been reporting that the Events Page was the 2nd most visited page but I went back over the last 3 months and it was actually the Virtual Meetings Page, so, people are still looking for online meetings. The Challenge Page come in at 3rd with 146 views closely followed by the Events page with 143 views. The 24-hour phone service flyer had 40 views, which isn't as high as I had hoped for, I was hoping to see about twice that. The spike wasn't on the 18th this month like it was for the last 2 months, it was on the 10th, still don't know why we have a spike. We also still have a spike at 4am. The spikes are not a big deal but it's just something I should probably mention. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C. – In Love and service, Lee C.

Archives: hi all, Things are going well with the archives committee. I will be attending the fall conference and am excited to connect with my area. Things are at a standstill with archives at the moment given the current situation, but i will keep you updated. In love and service.

Corrections: Hello all! Nothing new to report! Still no meetings in person. I have signed up for the conference on Oct 10th. Thanks! In love and service.

CPC: We were asked to present to the St. Ambrose nursing students September 28th and 30th. We have been asked to present to Rotary the 29th of October. It's great to be active again. In Love and Service.

Grapevine: No Report

Intergroup Liaison: Phone system changes, would like the group input on new options, or if we should keep the same, we have now.

Literature: In September I picked up pamphlets and schedules from the intergroup office. I will distribute them to the Abbey, Cads, 605 and Country Oaks in October. Love and Service.

Treatment: No Report

PI: Vacant Position

Webmaster: No Report

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: Bettendorf Group continues with face-to-face meetings. Hand sanitizer & disinfecting wipes are supplied by the group and placed on all tables. The Bettendorf Group unanimously supports Area 24 gifting an additional \$5000 to GSO A motion as made and passed to add an additional meeting to the schedule that would require face masks by all attending. It is a closed meeting at 1:00pm on Sundays. love and service, Toni F. Bettendorf Group GSR

Big Book Study: No Report

Blandine: Blandine Group Business Meeting-9/27/20- Treasurer Starting Balance-\$675.52, Picnic cost \$176.43, contributions \$132, ending bal \$631.09. Discussion and vote on using answering service. Group voted for Intergroup to have answering service but forward any 12 step calls to volunteer alcoholics. Group voted to have Grapevine subscription for Blandine. Feedback from 605 Main they appreciated the old Grapevines. New people are spending sometimes 28 days with 1 other person with no access to literature or meetings from the outside. Trying to have their own meetings with just 2 people. Blandine approved that Area 24 send \$5000 to AAWS. Nov 15 pizza party and decorating for the holiday. Blandine trying to gauge interest on Football Sundays from Noon until 3 pm. In loving service, Christy

Central Discussion: No Report

Clinton: No Report

Courage to Change: No Report

DeWitt: No Report

Foglight: No Report

Marquette: No Report

North Scott: No Report

Sisters In Sobriety: No Report

The Freedom Group: No Report

The Three Legacies: 3 Legacies meetings are going very well. We continue to meet virtually on Zoom every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm and have resumed our speaker meetings which has been incredible. Due to Covid 19 we will continue to meet virtually until we have been advised otherwise. 3 legacies does have a PayPal acct. for anyone wanting to observe the 7th Tradition, paypal.me/3legsQC or you can mail checks to our P.O. box, that address is on the Intergroup website. Thank you so much for keeping AA alive and well. Happy Sunday loves, Love and Service, Shawna

West End: No Report

Old Business: Discussion: Pull more from the reserve fund, which take back 13.1 million / 7.8 months of office operating, still expect a decrease of 2 million dollar and create a cash pressure. Bettendorf group unanimous to do it, area should give money, Blandine agree to give money as well. BBS – okay with it as well. No motion necessary, just requested group input.

New Business:

- **2021 Elections:** DCM – Lee C.; ALT DCM – Park; Treasurer – Kevin; Archives – Sheryl F.; Corrections – OPEN; CPC – Shawna S.; Grapevine – Ronna B.; Intergroup Liaison – Intergroup hasn't held elections yet; Literature – OPEN; Public Information (PI) – OPEN; Secretary – Kristen G. ; Treatment - Jaclyn M.
- GS Office \$1,000 motion by Sheryl. Concerned they have dipped into 7 months of prudent reserve. GSRs are to take this back to individual groups for input.
- Intergroup phone system – volume is down, issues with certain nights (people not filling commitments, missing phone calls)
 - Group feedback so far: more information on answering service, many newcomers saying answering service would not be sufficient & they wouldn't leave a message, are there test calls being done once the phone is transferred.
 - Hotline might be the only lifeline to the alcoholic with current conditions.
 - Not an answering service but a meeting
 - What is intergroups primary purpose?
 - What is intergroups financial situation? Should they be spending additional money each month?

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Toni, 2nd by Park.

DISTRICT 90 MINUTES

October 6, 2020 @ 6pm Virtual ZOOM Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/6591910636>

If you have the App (which is suggested) the meeting number is: 6591910636
via telephone 1 312 626 6799 Meeting Number: 659 191 0636

Welcome – Serenity Prayer – Attendance – AA Birthdays – Minutes Approval
Randy and tom celebrated 6 and 1 year

Minutes motioned to be approved by randy Kelsey second and approved.

Officers' Reports:

DCM: Randy C. I did attend the Fall Assembly last month and have a few things to report. I will report on the Winter Assembly and money for treatment later un old business. There were some motions the were decided: 1) Sending GSO \$2000 form the extra money Area has left over from holding meetings on-line instead on in-person, PASSED. 2) Requesting an agenda item for allowing Clubs to be allowed to donate to AA be added to the upcoming GSO Conference, FAILED. 3) Changing the Concepts Newsletter delivery to electronic, with an option to continue to get it in print, PASSED. Other discussions of interest if every AA member donated \$8.11 then GSO would be self-sufficient for a whole year. All GSO meetings will be on-line next year and Area will more than likely follow suit.

Alt. DCM: Craig K. cabin fever is still on for February 2021 as of right now. Thinking about how to do some sort of survey to see how many would attend.

Treasurer: Gene V.Absent but did send in a report.

Beginning Balance: \$356.27, Deposits: \$125.00, Debits: \$0.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$320.02, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48

● **Secretary:** Kelsey C. none

Committee Reports:

Corrections: Brandon S. none

Treatment: Justin W.

P.I. : Richard S.

Literature: Kelsey C. none

Accessibilities: OPEN

Grapevine: OPEN

C.P.C. : Tom B. has reached out to GSO twice. Made initial contact with Sissy, nothing beyond that.

Archives: Aaron M. reached out to area 20 to see how he goes about doing this job. Working on it.

Intergroup Liaison:

OPEN Randy did report that the website is doing great and there is still an open discussion on the 24-Hour Hotline. 3 Groups did report back, 2 were in favor of the Answering Machine and 1 would was in favor of keeping it the way it is. Please check out the flyer on the website and discuss with your group so Intergroup can make a well-informed decision. Also, most groups have reported lower attendance in online and in-person meetings.

GSR Reports:

Geneseo: had business meeting last month and decided to open completely

Last Chance: Things are still the same. Extra cleaning measures besides that nothing has changed.

House Group: Henry County is still doing online meetings, still pretty consistently attended. In house meetings are there with a 10-person restriction, masks, no coffee. Still self-supporting.

Milan Hillcrest: None

Camden: None

New Beginnings: Still closed to the public attended. Please keep them in your prayers.

Old Business:

Open Positions • Accessibilities • Grapevine

Money for Treatment green can fund is in the hole, \$185. They do have money for treatment.

New Business:

None.

2020 Winter Assembly Update: Will be online

NEXT MEETING Nov. 3, 2020 via ZOOM



**District 9 is still seeking individuals
to help serve in 2021**

The following positions are still open

Corrections Chair

Literature Chair

Public Information Chair

If you're interested or would like more [information](#) please contact
Mary Beth P. (563-579-6878) or Lee C. (563-210-4942)

DISTRICT 9 IS HOSTING DAN G. 70TH 2020 ANNUAL GSO CONFERENCE REPORT



Come join district 9 on Nov 1st at 10:30a to hear
our area 24 Delegate Dan G go over his report
from the 2020, 70th Annual Meeting of the
General Service Conference of Alcoholics
Anonymous held virtually!!

November 1st 10:30-11:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88261850067>

Central Discussion

1706 Brady St #105

Davenport IA, 52803

Questions?

Please call our Intergroup at (309) 764-1016 or email at

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**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT BLANDINE GROUP
117 PERRY STRET
DAVENPORT, IA 52722**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020
DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**



**DECEMBER 20, 2020
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**



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FAMILIES.**

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