

ILLOWA MESSENGER FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

February Birthdays



2	Mary M.	'04
3	Tommy H.	'89
4	Judy C.	'07
5	Jim S.	'78
6	Susan C.	'01
7	Randy B.	'69
13	Bob C.	'74
16	Kurt H.	'03
21	Roger A.	'83
23	Edwin M.	'92
25	Maggie A.	'88
25	Muff	'81
25	Sandy C.	'90
27	Joann N.	'00

Please help make this list as complete as possible. Call Intergroup at 309-764-1016 with any additions, corrections, or deletions. Remember that all flyers and other items for the newsletter are due in no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month of the newsletter. Flyers are \$7. Thank you!!



February Events

23rd - Big Book Study Anniversary on Zoom



The office remains closed. Please check www.aaquadcities.org for meeting information. Call 309-764-1016 to make arrangements to Purchase literature and chips.



Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions December 2020

	<u>Dec. 20</u>	<u>Jan. – Dec. 20</u>
8n8 AA	184.19	184.19
Aledo	0	53.00
Bettendorf	3,300.00	6,404.50
Big Book Study	0	1,305.78
Blandine	100.00	150.00
Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet	0	100.00
Camden Serenity Group	0	50.00
Central Discussion	0	1,600.00
Clinton	75.00	900.00
Courage to Change	0	511.38
DeWitt	0	400.00
District 90	0	175.00
Geneseo	0	25.00
Grace Fellowship	176.70	176.70
Henry County Group	0	450.00
House Group	0	75.00
Inclusive Serenity	0	55.25
La Nueva Vida	10.00	110.00
Ladies Night	0	317.00
Last Chance	0	75.00
Marquette	0	350.00
Milan Hillcrest	0	100.00
Morrison	0	300.00
North Scott	0	500.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0	225.00
Rainbow Group	60.00	60.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0	75.00
The Three Legacies	<u>0</u>	<u>450.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	3,905.89	15,177.80

Call Counts for December 2020

12-Step – 2 Information – 51 Texts – 8 Visitors – 13

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021

Web Meeting called to order by Monique

ATTENDANCE:

Groups Present: Present were Big Book Study, Blandine, De Witt, Henry Co, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, Three Legacies

Officers and Chairs Present: Chair – Monique, Co-Chair Mike C, Secretary Deb, Treasurer - Al B, Telephone Chair Julie B, Events Chair – Steve Office Manager – Lisa W, Web Guy, Randy C., District 9 & 90 Liaison are open positions.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the December minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report 1/4/21

INCOME

Contributions	\$4,164.04
Sales	\$708.04
Events	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.91
Totals	<u><u>\$4,872.99</u></u>

EXPENSES

General	\$1,839.71
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$0.00
Workman's comp insurance	\$0.00
Totals	<u><u>\$1,839.71</u></u>

TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	<u><u>\$3,033.28</u></u>
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ACCOUNTS

Checking	\$3,626.01
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$5,157.51
	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals	<u><u>\$8,783.52</u></u>

Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone,

The office continues to remain closed until further notice. Anyone needing literature or chips can call me at 309-764-1016 to make an appointment for pickup. Masks are required and we accept cash or check only.

Call counts for December were 2 12-step, 51 information, 13 visitors, and 8 texts.

Thank you to all the groups that contributed to us this past year. We really appreciate it as it helps us continue to carry the message. Our business meetings will continue to be held online/by phone until further notice. Our next business meeting will be February 1, 2021.

As always, login information will be on our website prior to the meeting at

www.aaquadcities.org. In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair Report Hello! Welcome to 2021!

Not much to report!

There is just 1 open shift left on the phone rotation; you can also reference the flyer on the aaquadcities.org website with this information:

5th Thursday of the month: 5:30pm-9:00am

In love and service, Julie B

Webmaster Report:

Hello Everyone, we had 2,156 users total but 1,278 actual users that were on the site for more than 30sec. The Meeting Guide Page was the most visited page. The Virtual Meetings Page was again the 2nd most visited page. The Events Page is still back at 3rd. We didn't have any real spikes. I expected something around Christmas and New Year's Eve like we have had in the past. I assume it's due to the pandemic and social distancing requirements. The unexplainable spike that was occurring around the 18TH has disappeared as well. The busiest time for usage moved from 8pm to 5pm. Perhaps the 6pm meetings are more popular now. That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service, Randy C.

Group Reports:

New Beginnings:

Hello Everyone, the Stutsman Lodge is still closed to the public. Please keep them in your prayers. In Love and Service Randy C.

Three Legacies: (new rep is Katie A)

3 legacies is re still currently closed to in person meetings. We are holding 3 virtual zoom meetings a week on Tuesday at 8pm, Thursday at 6:30pm and Saturday at 9 am. The meeting ID is posted on the AA Quad Cities website and the code is the same for all three meetings. We had elections in October 2020 and everyone is now starting their new positions for 2021. We have not filled our alternate GSR position, so that is still open.

In love and service, Katie A

Old Business:

District 90 Liaison position is still open.

Feedback on Spring Event – per Steve, still open to ideas.

New Business:

Office Manger Lisa states due to absenteeism, the District 9 position is now open for election. She also encourages reps to bring back to the groups that donations to Intergroup are needed.

Monique states she needs to form a task force for the upcoming March Intergroup elections and needs a couple volunteers. Appreciation extended to Julie and Krista for volunteering.

7th Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com

All reports need to be e-mailed to the secretary as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned.

All who care to join, Lord's prayer.

The next business meeting will be held Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6pm.

District 9 Monthly Meeting
January 3rd, 2021

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, CPC, Grapevine, Secretary, Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, The Three Legacies

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Treasurer: Beginning Balance: \$8,287.31; Total Income \$50.00; Total Expenses \$0; Balance \$8337.31; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300. Operating Balance \$7737.31.

DCM: Greeting from district 9. I am excited to start a new year with new beginnings and to serve as your DCM. Just a few housecleaning leftovers from last term. Reached out to past DCM to see if all the kits were ordered from GSO for the district chairs. She is looking into this and will get back to us. When new GSR's rotate in they are to go to the area 24 website and click on the link for "Group information change for
"https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmA93Cobb1rKgfVAzFw_ce_r-drs3btZIHtnwdfacX4B-zSQ/viewform?embedded=true. This should be done as soon as possible so that there is not a delay in getting the updated information. For the Area, District Officer, & Service Chair Change Form, this is to be done when DCM, and the district chair officers rotate in.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVlwgP07P_rN_IP9Ew80uXnbLGXJKclZePGTs oe7IGj8X2vQ/viewform?embedded=true . If anyone needs help let me know. I know someone who has completed a form and I can direct you to her or I can help as well. Here are important dates to remember. District chairs and GSR's are encouraged to participate. Area 24 Service Weekend Zoom Meeting January 9 - January 10. Area 24 GSR & Business Meeting (to be determined) March 13 - March 14. Area 24 Spring Conference June 4 - June 6. An agenda will be emailed to each district chair before the business meeting which is the first Sunday of every month at 10:30am. All GSR's and district chairs are encouraged to participate. Please email any new business to District 9 Secretary Kristen at kristengrchan@gmail.com, or Lee- DCM leegarnica@yahoo.com.

Alt. DCM: There were 2,156 users total but 1,278 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 again the 2nd most visited page. The Events Page is still back at 3rd. The busiest time for usage moved from 8pm to 5pm. Perhaps the 6pm meetings are more popular now. I will be attending, virtually, the Area Conference January 9th & 10th.

Archives: Warm greetings from the District 9 Archives Chair. In my role as Archives Chair, I am embarking on several projects in the next year. I would like to invite your Archives chair to join my committee. If you do not have an archives chair but know someone who may have a passion for Archives. Please forward my information to them. My goal this next year is to continue collecting group minutes, book/pamphlet about A.A, documents developed locally to support twelfth step work, photographs, meetings schedules, newsletters, etc. Bill's far-reaching vision outlined an archival message that is still sound today. As he said: "Every one

of the new and unexpected developments (in A.A.) has, lying just underneath, an enormous amount of dramatic incident and experience—stories galore. It isn't hard to prepare a fact sheet of what happened— that is, dates when people came in, groups started and so forth. The hard thing to lay hold of is the atmosphere of the whole proceedings and anecdotal material that will make the early experience alive.” Historical records help us to sift through our day-to-day experience in recovery and reach back for the shared experience from the past. As we sort out the myth from the facts, we ensure that our original message of recovery, unity and service remains the same in a changing, growing, expanding Fellowship that constantly renews itself. Your journey of setting up and maintaining an archival collection will be a truly rewarding experience of service to benefit Alcoholics Anonymous. If you would be willing to sit on this committee with me, please feel free to contact me at the address above or you may reach me at 563-340-2870. I am excited to serve this position.

Corrections: Hello all! Happy New Year! There is not too much to report. I have spoken with RCF (they have a new contact) and the men's meeting will be starting up again coming this Tuesday night. There was a small hiccup with volunteers, but we have found some and Donnie C has committed to keeping the meeting going in. YAY! As for Scott Co Jail, there is nothing new to report. We do have one person going in and doing one on one's with inmates via the telephone. I will be covering these until this member returns at the end of January. This is not AA as a whole going in, but rather a "professional" meeting with the CPC chair. 605 is still no hosting any in person meetings for the foreseeable future. I will be in attending Marshalltown however it will be for treatment chair not correction but depending on the schedule, I may try to attend that as well.

CPC: Hello and greetings to you all. Happy New Year. I hope the Holidays were peaceful and blessed. I will be working with Park to gather all of the contacts so I can gather and share information. I was able to attend one of the Nursing classes to share what AA is and what AA has to offer with Park and Cissi which was so very interesting. Due to Covid-19 the dynamics have changed regarding most in person opportunities. I look forward to serving you and am very grateful for this opportunity.

Grapevine: hello all and happy 2021! I'm very much looking forward to this new year and all the possibilities it could bring. Currently I've spoken with Jeremy, the previous chair and had him update me on where he left off. Some of the things to come: I'll be following up with the davenport libraries, since they have expressed an interest in carrying the grapevine, i will also be reaching out to the groups to introduce myself and see if there's an interest in having a grapevine rep for their group. I'm currently reviewing my SOP and will let you all know of what's to come! here's to a wonderful 2021!!

Intergroup Liaison: No Report

Literature: OPEN POSITION.

PI: OPEN POSITION.

Treatment: Hello all! Happy New Year! I am looking forward to serving as your new treatment chair! I have reached to and spoken with Kevin briefly. We plan to meet to go over all the

treatment chair duties etc. I have sent an email to Rosecrance as they have 3 meetings next week that I will need to get volunteers for. I believe I only need one for Wed am at 9:30 and these are via WebEx and occur every 4 weeks. For now, that is all I have to report.

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: Continue to hold face to face business meetings. Treasurers Report – Beginning \$7,306; Expenses \$1,746, Deposits \$2,873; Ending Balance \$9,033. Outstanding Checks \$1,800; Disbursements: 50% GSO; 50% Intergroup. Biggest order of business is moving the group due to community center closing. Committee looking for new location. Current rent is only \$100, group anticipates this will change substantially – which will impact contributions. Voted Yes to send \$1000 to GSO. New Business: New Year’s Eve Function still on.

Big Book Study: Voted Yes to send \$1000 to GSO.

Blandine: 12/27/20-Blandine Business Meeting - Treasurer \$717.11 Beginning balance, \$84.18 Contributions, \$86.39 books, chips, sign. Ending balance \$714.90. It was decided that Prudent reserve in the amount of \$300. Blandine voted no on District sending \$1000 to GSO. Proposed \$500 to GSO and \$500 local (Intergroup) – want money to stay local. Discussion on walling off back room for another hybrid meeting or renting out for another purpose.

Central Discussion: No Report.

Clinton Group: No Report.

Courage to Change: No Report.

DeWitt: Dewitt voted yes to send additional money to GSO. No additional report.

Marquette Group:

1st Item of Business Treasury Report, as of Dec 28, 2020 Beginning bal. in Checking Beginning 11/01 \$4,444.06 Income for Dec.: \$607.22 Expense \$583.89 Checking Ending 12/28/20 \$4,467.39 Prudent reserve ending Dec. 28th \$5,013.29

2nd Item of Business Purchaser report Leo, all is well as far as supplies. We’ve got two boxes of mask as of today.

3rd Item of Business Program Chair. Don reported all chair slots were filled for the month of December. Pat of course

4th Item of Business Meeting Schedule - GSR report given by Mary Beth, new officers were elected for 2021, District is still continuing Zoom meetings at 10:30 Sundays. GSO is struggling so District motioned a \$1,000 donation, approved.

5th Item of Business GSR report. Don told us Intergroup is also really struggling and are looking for ideas for raising money. A motion was made to donate \$100 it was 2nd and approved

6th Item of Business P.C report O Elected MaryBeth as Group Secretary who is replacing Jeff/Jim, we thank her for that service. Also elected was Bill for Intergroup

Representative is replacing Jennifer who resigned last month. Bill we also thank you for that service. Adjourn; 6:25 Next Meeting January. 25th, 2021.

North Scott Group: No Report.

Sisters in Sobriety: No Report.

Stepping into Recovery: No Report.

The Freedom Group: No Report

The Three Legacies: Good morning and Happy New Year!!!! I am excited about what 2021 will bring for AA. 3 legacies continue to have virtual meetings on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Those meetings are speaker meetings, and It has been refreshing to be able to continue to listen to others experience strength and hope especially in these somewhat Isolating times. Rachel Becker is now the new GSR and we have been working together little by little and I know she is as excited about this position to serve as I am. Have an incredible Sunday. Good Morning and Happy New Year to all - The Three Legacies next business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14. Minutes for the meeting will be recorded and shared in at our next District meeting in February. Three Legacies meetings are still being held via the Zoom (online) platform & will continue to do so until the church opens back up for the group. Three Legacies currently holds three virtual meetings each week: Thursday (Open Speaker) Tuesday evening & Saturday morning (Closed Big Book Discussion). The centralized link & password to our virtual meetings can be found on the Intergroup website. (aaquadcities.org). I'm very excited for the new year & look forward to being of service to my home group as the Three Legacies GSR!

West End: No Report.

William's Hall: No Report

Old Business:

Give Additional Funds to GSO (\$1,000) – Motion made to give \$1000 to GSO. Minority – Blandine voices that half of the money should stay local to use of District. District is seeing a lot of website traffic. No vote changes, motion passes.

Open Positions (Corrections, PI, Literature) – No one at the meeting to stand for positions, carry this over to next month.

New Business: Zoom Meeting Setup / Running – What chair should this fall under? Motion made to add virtual responsibilities to Alt. DCM by Toni F. and 2nd by Sheryl F. Vote – Unanimous Votes.

Report Deadlines to Secretary – Motion made by Kristen that Reports are to be sent to the Secretary no later than the night before the District meeting and 2nd by Sheryl F. Votes – Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: 11:35 motion to adjourn/Sheryl 2nd

DISTRICT 90 Business Meeting
January 5, 2021 @ 6pm Virtual ZOOM Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/6591910636>

Welcome – Serenity Prayer

Attendance – DCM- Randy, Alt. DCM- Craig, Treasurer- Gene, Archives- Aaron, Corrections- Brandon, GSR Geneseo- Ted/Alt. Ken

AA Birthdays – None

Minutes Approval, Ted motioned to approve, Ken second, Minutes Approved.

Officers' Reports:

DCM: Randy C. Hello Everyone, I wasn't able to attend the Virtual Winter Assembly last month, however, I can give you an update on a couple of items that were shared via email to me. The Area 2021 Calendar has been approved with all meetings being Virtual unless the pandemic restrictions are removed. The Area Primary Purpose Budget was approved as if meetings were in-person but may include some significant savings due to the cheaper cost of Virtual Meetings and the savings included by sending a majority of the Concepts Newsletter via email. The Finance Committee will continue to meet and report the amounts saved which the use will be decided as the year goes along. Finally, with the absence of a Liaison, I would like to mention Intergroup is still needing donations and is looking for input or ideas to replace the Annual Fundraising Events. That's all I have until next month.

Alt. DCM: Craig K. Cabin Fever may be some sort of Streaming via the Service that records it or possibly ZOOM. Setting up so the donations go to Intergroup. They will be making that decision in the next couple of weeks.

Treasurer: Gene V.

Beginning Balance: \$542.27, Deposits: \$0.00, Debits: \$379.28, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$1.74, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48

Secretary: Kelsey C. -Absent

Committee Reports:

Corrections: Brandon S. Most of the guys they have been working with are getting out and by the time they open up there will be a new crowd so it will be like completely starting over again. Not many "success stories." Struggles. Craig Added; that there has been several "success stories," and if we can just help one, then it has been worth the effort.

Treatment: Justin W. -Absent

P.I.: Richard S. -Absent

Literature: Kelsey C. -Absent

Accessibilities: OPEN

Grapevine: OPEN

C.P.C.: Tom B. -Absent

Archives: Aaron M. Has been in touch with the Area Archives, they have some info about our District and are working on a workshop, more next month.

Intergroup Liaison: OPEN

GSR Reports:

Geneseo: Ted-still happening and doing what we can.

Last Chance: No Report

House Group: No Report

Henry County: Craig Hybrid Meeting having responsibility issues. Elections-Everyone is holding on to position until? Still self-supporting.

Milan Hillcrest: No Report

Camden: No Report

New Beginnings: Randy C. Still closed to the public so keep them in your prayers. I will be facing the same issues as corrections, whole new group/starting over.

Old Business:

Open Positions

Accessibilities

Grapevine

New Business:

Craig Mentions; Not to give up hope, find a Newcomer.

Craig motions to adjourn and Ted seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING Feb. 2, 2021 via ZOOM

Big Book Study Group is Turning 20!



When:

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 6:30pm

Where:

Zoom meeting ID: 752 320 859

Password: 561074

<https://zoom.us/j/752320859?pwd=cjBRejISVnBMSjA5Z1IKNkxmYWN6Zz09>

Speaker: Marsha S. Austin, TX



Intergroup elections are coming up March 1st, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Intergroup Business Meeting on Zoom. Information to join the Zoom meeting will be posted on the website at www.aaquadcities.org a few days before the meeting. All positions are open. **We need YOU to come stand for a position** – it's an excellent way to get started in service work and find out all the great things we do here at Intergroup.

Positions are:

Chair

Co/Alternate Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Telephone Chair

Newsletter Chair

Events Chair

District 9 Liaison

District 90 Liaison

Job descriptions and sobriety requirements are in the bylaws which are on the website under "About Us." Call 309-764-1016 if you have any questions.

Three Legacies

8th Anniversary

Thursday, March 11th

6:30 pm

Speaker

This will be a Virtual Meeting

Please email threelegaciesdavenport@gmail.com for the password.

<https://zoom.us/j/2546157093#success>

Meeting id: 2546157093

New to Zoom virtual meetings? Download the app and click on the link above.

The 2nd Month and the 2nd Step Prayer!

Second Step Prayer

Heavenly Father, I am having trouble with personal relationships. I can't control my emotional nature. I am prey to misery and depression. I can't make a living. I feel useless. I am full of fear. I am unhappy. I can't seem to be of real help to others. I know in my heart that only you can restore me to sanity if I am just willing to stop doubting your power. I humbly ask that you help me to understand that it is more powerful to believe than not to believe and that you are either everything or nothing. (p. 52:2, 52:3, 53:1, 53:2)

Taken from http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

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