

# ILLOWA MESSENGER MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



### 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 CathyG. '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
- 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 into the Intergroup Office, (309) 764-1016, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter. Please help make this list as complete as possible by letting us know of any corrections or additions. Thanks!!

### EVENTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intergroup Elections
- 11<sup>th</sup> Three Legacies Anniversary
- 20<sup>th</sup> Intergroup 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cabin Fever Speaker Event



The Intergroup office remains closed, but arrangements can be made to purchase and pick-up literature and chips by calling Lisa at 309-764-1016 from 9 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Monday through Friday.



### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Intergroup will be celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Zoom this year on March 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Following that will be the Cabin Fever Speaker Event on Zoom starting at 5:00 p.m. Donations can be made online, and proceeds from both events will go to Intergroup.

**Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions**  
**January 2021**

Jan. 21

Big Book Study	355.01
Clinton	75.00
District 90	275.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00
Last Chance	70.00
Marquette	100.00
Sisters in Sobriety	<u>75.00</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>960.01</b>

**Call Counts for January 2021**

12-Step - 2

Information - 44

Texts - 8

Visitors - 6

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2021**

Web Meeting called to order by Monique

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Officers Present:** Chair - Monique M.; co-chair, Mike C.; Treasurer – Al B.; Office Manager- Lisa W., Telephone Chair-Julie B., Newsletter Chair-Beth E., Events Chair – Steve H., Webmaster – Randy C.

**Groups Present:** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Camden Serenity Group, Courage to Change, DeWitt Group, Geneseo Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Sisters in Sobriety, West End, 8n8 AA.

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

**Treasurer's Report 02/01/20**

**INCOME**

Contributions	\$1,204.26
Sales	\$821.89
Other sales-vendor	\$1.25
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$1.05
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$2,028.45</u></u></b>

**EXPENSES**

General	\$2,263.99
Events	\$0.00
Literature	\$897.90
Workman's comp insurance	\$12.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u><u>\$3,173.89</u></u></b>

**TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES** **(\$1,145.44)**

**ACCOUNTS**

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

### **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 set up a time for pickup.

The treasurer and I sent in the quarterly payroll taxes and quarterly reports this month.

Please be sure to send any meeting changes to [illowaintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto:illowaintergroup@yahoo.com) so I can update the files in the office and send the information to Randy for the website. We do have paper schedules available in the office but they do not reflect online meetings, so be sure to check [www.aaquadcities.org](http://www.aaquadcities.org) for the most updated meeting information.

Call counts for January were 2 12-step, 44 information, 8 visitors, and 6 texts.

Our next business meeting will be on Zoom on March 1, 2021. Information on how to join will be on the website a few days before the meeting. We will be having elections so no reports will be read but still need to be emailed to the secretary for inclusion in the meeting minutes. In love and service, Lisa W.

### **Telephone Chair Report:**

Hello! I hope everyone is well!

I currently have 2 shifts that need filled on the phone rotation—please contact me or Lisa if you (or someone you know/sponsor) are interested:

3rd Tuesday of the month: 5:30pm-9:00am

3rd Saturday of the month: 5:30pm-9:00am

Thank you!

Julie B

### **Webmaster Report:**

Hello Everyone, we had 2,307 users total but 1,258 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then Events, in that order. We didn't have any real spikes. The busiest time for usage stayed at 5pm. I added an Events link to the Menu. I removed it last year since there wasn't any real Events, to make room for the Closings and Virtual pages. I did have a link on the front page but now that there are some things happening, I put the menu link back.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service, Randy C

### **Group Reports**

#### **Big Book Study Group:**

We are still holding our meeting on Zoom – every Tuesday at 6:30pm, the join link is on the [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org) website. We read from the Big Book and discuss what we've read, we're currently in the chapter **To Employers!** Come join us if you're free on Tuesdays at 6:30pm!

The Big Book Study Group's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up Feb-23! Event flyer is on the website, it'll be virtual! Speaker is Marsha S, Austin, TX ☺

Thank you! Julie B

**Courage to Change:** (Welcome New Rep Nadine K.)

We filled our service positions for the upcoming year. We still meet virtually every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.

Love and Service, Nadine K.

**New Beginnings:**

Hello Everyone, Still closed to the public and keep them in your prayers.

In Love and Service Randy C.

**8n8 Meeting:** (Welcome new Rep Desiree K.)

As we have established our 8n8 virtual group, we have twice daily meetings, an 8am and an 8pm meeting 7 days a week. Tuesday 8pm is a Step/Traditions meeting, Saturday 8pm we have a Grapevine subject meeting. We had had been doing a BB study meeting on Monday nights, but the attendance had dropped dramatically, people had said it was too hard to follow along during the reading, so we chose to make it a normal meeting.

We have elected our officers and chair members, which I will send an email to the secretary of that information. We have started a speaker meeting that is on the last Saturday of each month, which our Chairperson, Randy C of the 8n8 chooses each month. So far, we have been doing business meetings every two weeks to get in the groove of things and so that newcomers can get the idea of what happens in the business meetings. Our last biweekly business meeting will be this Friday, February 5, 2021, and going forward, we will be moving to monthly business meetings. The website to our Zoom meeting is: [meetings@8n8aa.com](mailto:meetings@8n8aa.com)

Desiree

**Old Business:**

District 9 and 90 Liaison positions are open; Encourage people to stand for Intergroup positions at our March 1 elections.

**New Business**

Craig K. and Randy C. discussed the Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet which is being held via Zoom on March 20 with all donations going to Intergroup. Randy discussed adding an all-day Intergroup Zoom event on the same day with several speakers, either local or circuit speakers, possible workshops, raffles etc.

Randy made a motion to have a Zoom Intergroup event from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on March 20.

Bill M. seconded motion – motion passed.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to [illowaintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto: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 7:20pm

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

**District 9 Monthly Meeting**  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Attendance:** Chairs: DCM; Alt. DCM; Treasurer; Corrections; Grapevine; Secretary; Treatment.

**Groups:** Bettendorf; Big Book Study; Blandine; Courage to Change; The Three Legacies.

**Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$8,337.31; Income \$188.33; Expenses \$1,321.84; Ending Balance \$7,203.80; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300.00.

**DCM:** Greetings district 9. I had the privilege to participate in the virtual area 24 business meeting held January 10th. Here are some highlights and information. Dave G incoming area treasure asks that all DCM's New DCM's please pass these friendly reminders onto the GSR's in your district: Make checks out to Iowa Area Assembly / Area 24 and send to PO Box 1291, Des Moines, IA 50305. I have envelopes you can take back to your district. Please list group's accurate name, district number and group number on the check. Group numbers can be found in the Area 24 Directory in the Area 24 Shared Dropbox. If you do not have access to the drop box, please let me know and I will get you pointed in the right direction. A few notes from our incoming delegate Maryanne: I have received my committee assignment for the 71st General Service Conference this spring. I will serve on the Trustees Committee for the next two years and I am thrilled to be involved in such a busy committee with 8 vacancies on the General Service Board this year. I have been dabbling in the wealth on information located on the AAWS Dashboard beginning with the 71st GSC Communication Kit. There is multitude of documents on this platform to review prior to the conference this spring. I will be busy. Our West Central Regional Trustee Mike L. contacted me in November and discussed the General Service Board's decision to hold the 71st General Service Conference virtually. The cost to hold an in-person conference with state guidelines would have cost GSO approximately 2 times the cost of the conference last year. I am excited to be on the ground floor of a new chapter of service work being implemented in the virtual environment. The virtual Area 24 Business Meetings and Spring/Fall Conferences in 2020 have technologically prepared me to participate in the General Service Conference in April. Maryanne participated in the US/Canada West Virtual Forum on 19 December. Specifically, our workshop topics focused on the new virtual environment and how we are practicing the traditions, protecting anonymity, and practicing reaching out to newcomers. There were over 100+ attendees who shared some great tips on navigating zoom, protecting anonymity, and creating enthusiasm for service. The Public Information Committee of the General Service Board has an opening for 1-2 non-trustee appointed committee member(s). They are searching for a suitable individual or individuals to fill this position and would appreciate any recommendations. They are accepting resumes of the suggested applicants. There is a Resume Sheet to be completed by applicants. GSO sent out a letter concerning 7th tradition contributions in December that I thought was worth reiterating to this body. Our 7th tradition contributions have enabled GSO to support our critical Twelfth Step work unimpeded. Some of their recent activities to better serve the fellowship include:

- Digital initiatives: ERP system and aa.org website GSO is hitting significant milestones in the implementation of our digital upgrades and projects. The new webstore is up and running; the new online contributions portal is up and running; the new database portal, Fellowship Connection, is going live Monday, Dec. 14, with Fellowship input/user testing happening now. The new aa.org website is being developed and will be released next spring. The Meeting Guide app is functioning, and more improvements lie ahead in 2021.

- Corrections and other service activities Correspondence on the Corrections desk has ramped up throughout the period of pandemic shutdowns. Currently, we need volunteers (women and men) to correspond with our members behind the walls; GSO plans revamp the Corrections Correspondence database and platform to ensure completeness and accuracy of contact information.

- Literature special offers and a new book!

Please visit the new webstore at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for more information, including the new title, A Visual History of A.A., for which we are taking pre-orders prior to a publication date of February 14, 2021.

- Virtual United States/Canada Forums

The creative leadership of G.S.O. staff with participation of our trustees is brought together two “big meetings” in December. The first, with the four eastern regions of North America, drew more than 2,000 participants. Check [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for additional information on the December 19 Forum.

- World Service Meeting Sixty-nine international delegates from 44 countries and regions on every continent met virtually (in lieu of Westchester Hilton, New York) for the 26th WSM with the support of the General Service Office team. The sharing and love of A.A. filled every screen and every face visible on the digital platform. The West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) will be held virtually on March 5th, 6th, and 7th. The theme will be “A.A. in a Time of Change”. The Zoom meeting numbers, and password are pending. I will pass along as soon as I receive additional information. This will be a great opportunity for many to attend this conference who might not have been able to in-person. If you need to contact Maryann, I can give you her information, or you can email her at [area24.delegate@aa-iowa.org](mailto:area24.delegate@aa-iowa.org), or call (309) 235-7158.

A few noted from our ALT Delegate Julie S: The Alternate Delegate has 2 major functions for Area 24. One is to orient to and be ready to serve as the Delegate in the event the Delegate is unable (and to mother her relentlessly so that this never happens), and the other wieldier task is to function as the Area Registrar. The Alternate Delegates from across the United States and Canada meet on the first of every month, and I have had the opportunity to meet with this group twice. It is interesting to discover the different 'other' duties each of the Area Alternate Delegates have (besides their primary duty of ensuring that the Delegate stay safe and healthy). I also attended parts of the Western US/Canada Regional Forum on December 19<sup>th</sup> The General Service Office has rolled out their new database called Fellowship Connection, and I was able to attend an orientation to this on December 14<sup>th</sup>. All Area and District Officer and chair changes, as well as New Group information and Group GSR, alternate GSR, meeting location and times changes will be entered into the system. This will signal the GSO of new positions so they can send workbooks and other needed material for your specific position as previously discussed. In order for me to look up individuals in this system, I will need to have your personal email, so please assure that you include this information. If the position has an email (i.e.) this will be included, but we do not want to tie

the position email to a person. Additionally, assure you are including a personal address as well. Much of my role will focus on assuring that your Group and District information is recorded so that the Area Directory, Website and GSO database are accurate. Any information that I receive regarding Group and District changes will be recorded in all appropriate locations and then returned to the District to verify the receipt of these changes. I just want to assure all that all group change information will be relayed back to the appropriate District as well as to the Webmaster and GSO. I would encourage all to use the Group Change Form, New Group Form, and District Officer and Chair Change form that is on the Area Website as this will ensure the Directory and Area Website are accurate and that the GSO is notified so all obtain their needed service material. I will assure all information I receive via the Area Website will be relayed back to the DCM for their use and needs. The Area 24 Directory is a separate document maintained for the use of Area members to conveniently look up Area and District information. I will work to keep the Directory as accurate as possible and look forward to my communication with the DCMs and GSRs to assure it is. The most current Directory will always be available in the Area 24 shared Dropbox folder. If you do not have access to the Dropbox, please make our Area Chair aware so you can be given access. I encourage everyone; DCMs, GSRs, and Chairs, to please check the Directory information and let me know if there are any changes needed. For the purposes of the Directory, I will use the position email if provided, and can include or exclude information as you wish. Just let me know. Additionally, the Area Webmaster will be notified of meeting time and location changes so this can be updated on the Area Website. It can be difficult right now with many groups utilizing a virtual or hybrid format for their meetings. Some groups may have temporarily changed physical locations. When completing the group change forms, I would encourage you to use the current group location information, then change it when the group returns to its previous or original location. Finally, just a quick reminder that 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. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me. Yours in love and service, Julie S. Area 24 Alternate Delegate 319-721-4056  
Area24.altdelegate@aa-iowa.org

**Conference Reports** - a) Fall 2020 Conference Final Report: Margaret F. 91 participants in total attended the Fall Conference last year. The final treasury tally from our excellent treasurer Caroline is as follows –Income – \$1250.00 seed money- \$82.00 Registration (Did not want it back after the conference went to virtual.) Total Income: \$1332.00 Expenses – \$62.00 P.O. Box - \$68.00 physical flyers mailed out (yet to be reimbursed) Total Expenses: \$130.00 Balance – \$1202.00 (soon to be mailed to the Area treasurer) Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve during this strange conference year. It's been a blessing. In Love and Service, Margaret F.

**New Business:** Bid for Fall 2021 – No bids were presented. Chair Dan P. assigned District 7 to host Fall 2021 Conference for Area 24. I moved that Area 24 pay for upgrades by the Webmaster to the Area 24 Secretary's Laptop, not to exceed \$200. (This will include a solid-state hard drive, cloning software, RAM assessment and S&H to Webmaster, and back to



Area Secretary). Motion submitted by Julie S., seconded by John R. Vote taken. Motion failed.

I move whenever a committee is established in District 7 to host the Fall 2021 Area 24 Conference that they be provided \$500.00 seed money. Motion submitted by Ross H., seconded by Darrell T. Vote taken. Motion passed.

I move to postpone adopting of the budget to March service weekend. Motion submitted by Ross H., seconded by Bill H. Vote taken. Motion passed.

I move to hold the Area 24 Service Weekend in March Virtually. Motion submitted by Shery F., seconded by Beth C. Vote taken. Motion passed.

I move to approve a new laptop for Area 24 Secretary not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion submitted by Terry C., seconded by John R. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Now for my report: Park and I met via zoom with district 11 in Dubuque to get experience on holding zoom activities such as district 9 mini event. Park and I asked Kevin K to host district 9 mini event and he agreed to do so. Thank you, Kevin, for being willing to serve in an uncertain time. Also, I am asking for \$900 for my budget for 2021. With careful consideration and realizing that the information for all the incoming chairs were not entered into the database last year, it was decided that it would be in the best interest of our district for me to order the GSR packets for our incoming and current GSR's. I ordered all the pamphlets that were available except the grapevine packets for the GSR's. Unfortunately, all that is back ordered, and some is unobtainable. Most GSR's should have their packets except for 2. It would have taken 3 more months for GSR's to receive their material because of backlog. If GSR's did enter their information into the area website, you will eventually receive a packet. please give the extra packets to me or Park so I can pass them along to other GSR's as they rotate in. That way there will be no duplicates. I had a worker bee helping me get the packets out to the GSR's thank you for your help Amber.

**Alt. DCM:** There were 2,307 total users. 1,258 were on the site for more than 30 sec. The sites most visited were the Meeting Guide and the Virtual Meetings page followed by the Events page. There were no spikes this month and 5:00 pm remained the busiest time. An Events link has been added to the Menu. It was removed last year when everything was shut down. I attended the Area 24 Service Weekend Zoom Meeting January 9th & 10th. It was very informative but more than anything it showed me I have a lot to learn! January 31st Lee and I met with Don & Patti from Dubuque. They planned a very successful virtual District event and we were anxious to hear exactly how they had done that.

**Archives:** Greetings from Archives! I have reached out to our Area 24 Archives chair Jeff. Jeff Currently traveled to our Archives collection in Marshalltown. He also received a summary from District 3 on how they have addressed the pandemic this past 2020. This is my goal also with District 9 and the groups that have continued in person meetings vs zoom meetings. He made efforts to preserve an oversize photograph of the Des Moines A.A summer picnic at Pioneer Park in 1944. He is also working a biographical data sheet of Ed Emerson who was a past delegate and later an Archivist. Ed had 61 years of sobriety. He is

also working on an historical survey data sheets for District 3, 19 and 23. I will be working on going through our Archives materials to see what data sheets we have received in the past and working on collecting those for our groups. I will also be making copies to submit to our Area 24 archives collection. Please again remind your group secretary to forward me any minutes or flyers your group may have. Please again feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have at 563-340-2870 or email me at figsheryl@gmail.com

**Corrections:** Hello all! although I am not the corrections chair, I have been keeping the line of communication open and following up on some of the corrections duties. I am happy to report that we are currently doing an in person meeting at RCF and that is being headed up by Donnie Collins. Scott Co Jail contacted us a few weeks ago to begin doing a virtual women's AA meeting with the facility. We are doing one meeting on Monday's from 11-12. We do have a all the time slots filled for a chair for each week as we have many volunteers ready to be of service. As for 605, I have been in contact with them. As of right now they are not doing any in person meeting but have reached out and Sandy N will be the contact moving forward. They have also requested some meeting schedules be delivered. Is there anyway the literature chair could drop those off or I can find time to do so as well. I have also reviewed the corrections report from the service weekend in January. *Is the woman virtual meeting going on? Are men open to a virtual meeting as well? – Jaclyn will follow-up and report back on this. Pink can – suggest going through pink can for literature since they have the budget*

**Grapevine:** Hello all! Lots of good things on the near horizon, still working on gathering my committee. GSR's please look for an email from me that you can take back to your home groups. It's just a letter introducing myself and finding out if there is any interest from your groups in having a grapevine rep. I also attended the service weekend in January and enjoyed the experience. I have received communication from John, my area grapevine rep, and look forward to working with him this year.

**Treatment:** I am happy to report that since elections, I have contacted all three facilities- Rosecrance, Country Oaks, and the Abbey. I have also emailed the Area 24 treatment chair and extended my information. I have also received the treatment workbook. As of right now, the Abbey is allowing a certain few AA members to go in and chair a meeting but are not allowing them to rotate out. They do not have the ability to do zoom. Rosecrance has been awesome and we have been invited to do some zoom meetings and have done our first month worth! As for country oaks-they have not returned my call. I have reviewed the report from the treatment chair, Ross from the service weekend in January. As for a working budget, I have not idea what to propose other than \$250 at this point for literature. I would like to hold a treatment workshop but that is very tentative with COVID-19. Perhaps I could do one on Zoom this fall.

**Webmaster:** No report

## **Group Reports:**

**Bettendorf Group:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm with 21 people in attendance. Minutes read and approved. Opening Balance \$9033; Contributions 2003; Ending Balance \$4901. OLD BUSINESS We have an intergroup liaison. So, alternate intergroup is open. We have a lease through June. We continue to look at properties but are not close to making a decision. NEW BUSINESS: Group Inventory set for 2/20/2021 at 11:00 am Bettendorf Anniversary in April (committee chair) We have co-chairs this year. Jan O and Kelly are the co-chairs.

**Big Book Study:** Nothing new, speaker for the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary zoom event changed. Sandy G. from Virginia. Flyer on the intergroup website.

**Blandine:** 1/31/21 Blandine Business Meeting. Next Blandine Business Meeting will be Sunday, Feb 28 from Noon to 1 pm and will be held after the Blandine 11 am meeting. Treasurer's Report Starting balance \$714.90, Contributions \$60.16, \$300 prudent reserve, 100 donated to Blandine Inc, 100 donated to Intergroup, \$26 exp chips, Ending Balance \$249.06, \$300 prudent reserve. Intergroup report – Solvent for December. Discussion again on Bettendorf not being able to contribute like they used to. Report in the last Box 459 what other Central Offices are doing. Text messaging, curbside delivery. New Business – Elections – Chairman Bob B., Treasurer Chris, Secretary – Tricia, Intergroup Donnie, GSR Christy P., Speaker Coordinator Donnie. Tues Step meeting making it only Step 1,2, 3. Just attended by 605. Passed. Last Friday Speaker will be brought back as attendance is up.

**Courage to Change:** Have added another meeting, Sunday @ 9:00am (virtual) – links are listed on the intergroup website.

**The Three Legacies:** Treasurer's Report: (October – January) Income: Mail in Contributions: \$255.00 PayPal Contributions: \$463.01 Expenses: Zoom Subscription: \$64.16 Distributions: \$300 to GSO Account Balance: 1,659.28 Prudent Reserve: \$630.00 Operating Balance: \$1,069.28. The Three Legacies group has recently updated its contact list for homegroup members and tabled service positions pertaining to the physical setup of the meeting hall. Our Alternate GSR position stands open as of now. Next Business Meeting will be held March 25, 2021. Our anniversary meeting is being held virtually Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with guest speaker Bev H. from Omaha, Nebraska. 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 @ 6:30pm (Open Speaker) , Tuesday @ 8:00pm & Saturday @ 9:00am (Closed Big Book Discussion) The centralized link & password to our virtual meetings can be found on the Intergroup website. ([aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org))

**Old Business:** Open Positions - Corrections, PI, Literature. Corrections Chair Nomination: Vicki (Park/Cissi).

**New Business:** Reminder – Conference Agenda topics will be coming up (Reminder). Timeline from the group is uncertain, would be beneficially to provide that to the group as well. Mini-Event will be held (Virtually). Budget – we should probably start discussing

budget; could be difficult to determine if we're going to travel for events. We could do two budgets, one that plans for travel & one that plans for a virtual type of budget. Motion that all Chairs turn in an estimated budget before next district meeting to discuss at next District meeting. (Kevin K./Ronna) April meeting will fall on Easter. Motion to move April meeting to April 11<sup>th</sup> (Jaclyn/Park)

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made @ 11:30 by Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen.

## **DISTRICT 90 Business Meeting**

February 2, 2021 @ 6pm Virtual ZOOM Meeting

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

Welcome – Serenity Prayer

Attendance – DCM- Randy, Alt. DCM- Craig, Treasurer- Gene, Archives- Aaron, PI- Richard, GSR Geneseo- Ted/Alt. Ken, GSR- Kelly, Visitor- Jim-Henry Co.

AA Birthdays – None

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

### **Officers' Reports:**

**DCM:** Randy C. Hello Everyone, I would like to share with you a couple of items from the Virtual Winter Assembly Minutes. GSO has dipped into the Prudent Reserve several times last year and has reported the remaining money would cover about 8 months. That is if no money was being generated, which they are getting money from sales and donations but only covering about 73% of the operating costs, hence, the reason for dipping into the reserve. There was also a large loss associated with canceling the International Convention last year. GSO is not in danger, however, the 28% decrease in sales and donations is expected to continue for the unforeseeable future which suggests that this may be a good time to promote donations to GSO. There is a new portal on AAWS Website to donate electronically and Area 20 also has the same method of electronic donations as well. There is also a new portal for buying literature online. The other item comes from the DCM reports and there was something I noticed, a lot of talk about online meetings and not much on the hybrid meetings or face-to-face. Maybe because it was an “Online Assembly,” so the face-to-face members don’t attend the “Online Anything.” Just something I noticed and wanted to mention to bring some awareness that there is somewhat of a separation happening. Finally, with the absence of a Liaison, I would like to mention Intergroup is still needing donations, as a result, there will be an all-day Intergroup Event with Speakers and possible workshops on March 20th, from 9am until 5pm. Intergroup is looking for input on what attract you to this event. If you would like to join the committee or just have a suggestion please contact Intergroup at (309) 764-1016 or email [webmaster@aaquadcities.org](mailto:webmaster@aaquadcities.org). That’s all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

**Alt. DCM:** Craig K. Cabin Fever is going to be Online, Flyer on the website, Proceeds will go to Intergroup.

**Treasurer:** Gene V.

Beginning Balance: \$162.99, Deposits: \$55.00, Debits: \$28.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$28.74, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48

**Secretary:** Kelsey C. -Absent

**Committee Reports:**

**Corrections:** Brandon S. Absent.

**P.I. :** Richard S. Waiting on weather to get better to get out and about.

**Treatment:** Justin W. -Absent, Kelly gave a report, Riverside was hoping to get some books,(Craig offered some he has and mentioned that there is money for meeting guides), Kelly also reported that Justin was stepping down and she was interested in the position. Kelly was Elected as new Treatment Chair.

**Archives:** Aaron M. Nothing new to report, still waiting on Workshop Information and Information from Area.

**Literature:** Kelsey C. -Absent

**Accessibilities:** OPEN

**Grapevine:** OPEN

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

**Intergroup Liaison:** OPEN

**GSR Reports:**

**Geneseo:** Ted-Doors open and lights on.

**Last Chance:** Kelly-Normal Meeting Times, masks are optional, sanitizing after meetings.

**Henry County:** Craig-Still having meetings, in-person and online, in-person still have same restrictions, still self-supporting.

**New Beginnings:** Randy C. Still closed to the public so keep them in your prayers. over.

**Old Business:**

-Open Positions • Accessibilities • Grapevine

**New Business:** NONE

Craig motions to adjourn and Ted seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING Mar. 2, 2021 via ZOOM**



# Illowa Intergroup Online Event



We may not be able to gather Face-to-Face, just yet. However, we can still celebrate 47 years of Service in the Quadcities Area.

We have put together an Online Event, not only providing information about Illowa Intergroup, but keeping us connected by "Carrying the Message" with some great AA Speakers from around the globe.

*"Socially Distant but not Disconnected"*

Event Date: **March 20, 2021** From 9AM – 5PM (Central Time)

ZOOM Meeting ID:

**996 0742 3811**

Passcode: **561282**

Contact Illowa Intergroup:

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PH: (309) 764-1016

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome/Agenda and Intergroup/Theme Info.

9:30 – 10:30 Mike M. - St. Louis, MO

10:45 – 11:45 Joan S. - San Diego, CA

11:45 – 12:15 30 min Lunch Break

12:15 – 12:30 Welcome Back and Quick Intergroup/Theme Info.

12:30 – 1:30 Newcomers via Online Meetings

Robert H. and Jim M.

Plus, New Online Group Formed

1:45 – 2:45 Holly D. - Jacksonville, FL

3:00 – 4:00 Darren D. – Sydney, Australia

4:00 – 5:00 Open Discussion Meeting

Topic: "Socially Distant

but not Disconnected."



**March 20, 2021**

**New Location (ZOOM)**

**Meeting ID 996 0742 3811**

**Passcode 561282**

**Fellowship 5:00 PM (CT)**

**Meeting Starts At 6:00 PM (CT)**



**AFG/AA Speakers**



**Clif G. & Lori G.**

**Oklahoma City, OK**

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# The 3rd Month and the 3rd Step Prayer!

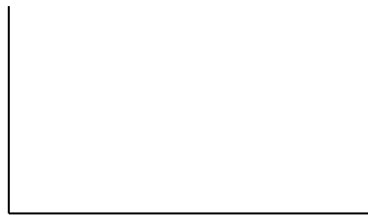
## **3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer:**

*"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)*

Taken from [http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve\\_step\\_prayers](http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers)

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