ILLOWA MESSENGER JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



	Seat Seat	
2	Allen H.	'04
4	Beav T.	'00
5	Cheryl K.	'07
6	Tom M.	'76
6	Bob H.	'86
7	Bob S.	'96
7	Joy M.	'07
9	Ray B.	'76
12	Mike C.	'83
13	Mike P.	'91
14	Vickie B.	'86
14	Yvette T.	'85
15	Steven T.	'80
15	Bill M.	'83
15	Pam D.	'84
15	Karen S.	'84
17	Nicki P.	'90
18	Weezie S.	'07
20	Terry M.	'90
21	Bob H.	'95
21	Chuck M.	'03
22	Richard S.	'07
24	Sue M.	'94
24	Chris W.	'06
26	Farhley J.	'96
27	George S.	'97
27	Chuck O.	'05



Bob B.

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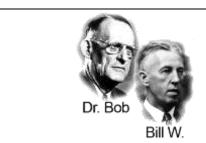
Anniversaries and special events should be called in to the Intergroup Office, 309-764-1016, by the 15th of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter. Flyers cost \$7 per page and are also due in on the 15th.

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EVENTS

June 7th – Intergroup business meeting on Zoom



June 10 - Dr. Bob takes his last drink



Please go to www.aaquadcities.org
for listings of all meetings, whether open, temporarily closed, or online. There is also a page with information on donating to Intergroup and both districts. Thank you!

Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions April 2021

	Apr. 21	Jan Apr. 21
8n8 AA	693.00	693.00
Bettendorf	1,000.00	1,300.00
Big Book Study	438.71	793.72
Camden Serenity Group	25.00	25.00
Central Discussion	0.00	150.00
Cleveland	0.00	21.00
Clinton	75.00	300.00
DeWitt	100.00	100.00
District 90	0.00	275.00
Henry County Group	0.00	100.00
House Group	100.00	100.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	30.00
Last Chance	0.00	140.00
Marquette	100.00	200.00
Sisters in Sobriety	70.00	145.00
The Three Legacies	<u>400.00</u>	400.00
Total	3,011.71	4,802.72

Call Counts for April 2021

12-Step - 2

Information – 49

Texts - 7

Visitors - 16

Al-anon - 2

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes May 3, 2021

Virtual Meeting called to order by Monique M at 6:02pm

ATTENDANCE:

Officers present: Chair/Monique M.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Al B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; Webmaster/Randy C.

Groups present: 8n8 AA, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County Group (welcome Craig!), Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End (If I missed anyone, please let me know!)

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

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report given by Al B:

INCOME	
Contributions	\$3,863.71
Sales	\$2,013.73
Other types of income	\$92.70
Prudent Reserve Interest	\$0.65
Totals	\$5,970.79
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
General	\$1,837.83
Events	\$158.00
Literature	\$1,379.67
Website	\$139.04
Totals	<u>\$3,514.54</u>
TOTAL INCOME MINUS EXPENSES	\$2,456.25
<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	
Checking	\$3,798.15
Savings (Prudent Reserve)	\$5,458.42
Totals	<u>\$9,256.57</u>

Office Manager Report

Hello everyone,

The office is open by appointment only at this time. Call Lisa at 309-764-1016 from 9-5:30 Monday through Friday to make arrangements to purchase literature and/or chips. As discussed last month, I donated 10% (\$158) of what we made at our Anniversary Event this year to Mike M. from St. Louis who provided the Zoom room and contact info for all the speakers, recorded the event, etc. He was grateful for the donation.

The treasurer, Al B., and I did the quarterly payroll tax reports last week.

Call counts for April were 2 12-step, 49 information, 16 visitors, 2 Al-anon, and 7 texts. Julie B. was nice enough to continue transferring the phones in April even though her phone chair term was over, but we really need a telephone chair ASAP so that we can continue to have our great 24-hour phone line that is always answered by an alcoholic. Please spread the word and consider doing some service work, as that is what keeps us sober.

Our next business meeting will be on Zoom on June 7, 2021. Information on how to join will be on the website a few days before the meeting.

In love and service, Lisa W. Office Manager

Telephone Chair - position open

From Julie B: Just noting that Lisa transferred the phone last weekend. I have not heard of anyone interested in the position since last month. Since the position hasn't been filled, the officers will be taking on the duties. If one officer of Intergroup takes one weekend and another takes the next weekend, it might not seem so overwhelming. If no one comes forward we may need to consider other options again for how we handle our after-hours phone service. Please direct anyone interested in the position to the aaquadcities.org website in the Service Opportunities page for an overview of the duties.

Events – position open

Newsletter - absent, no report

District 9 liaison

Good afternoon!

- Treasurer report ending balance was 6431.93
- Conference at Storm Lake June 4-6 A Vision For You. All GSR are encouraged to go. There are people wanting to carpool.
- Looking for a man with badge access to Scott Country Jail to speak to the male inmates. Contact Jennifer Rice (Park has that info)
- District 9 Mini Event Serenity Through Service- July 10th 12-3
 - Looking for committee members
 - Virtual event

AA speaker, panel of people to answer questions and Alanon speaker. participation needed for this event. Contact Kevin Kintz 563-505-4925 k.kintz@mchsi.com

- June District meeting has been moved to June 13th @1030
- July District meeting has been moved to July 11th @1030
- District 9 has a Podcast committee that needs volunteers. Great service work. This podcast will have recorded anniversaries, speaker meetings, mini events, etc. Committee Chair Christy P (Blandine Group) 563-275-0640 1050369.1956.blandine.gsr@gmail.com

Thank you and have a blessed day, Erica B
District 9/Illowa intergroup liaison

District 90 liaison - position open

Web report:

Hello Everyone, we had 2,004 users total but 1,237 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. The 6-month average is 1,330 which would allow swings from 1200 to 1400, so this month was a low swing. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then Events, in that order. We didn't have any noticeable spikes. The busiest time for usage has definitely moved from 5pm to 4pm. I was on vacation last week and we realized I need to get back to letting Lisa do more of the website updates. I started doing everything again when the pandemic started, to keep it simple, however, now things are back to a normal pace we can get back to training.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Group reports

Bettendorf:

Gratefully meetings continue to be in-person. Additionally, there is a mask only meeting once per week on Sunday afternoon, 1:00. Attendance appears to be increasing based on contributions, as things continue to open up. A few newcomers each month coming in with members and some from the Abbey if they are local. First quarter Intergroup contribution of \$1000.00. I continue to relay information regarding Intergroup open positions, Events Chair, District 90 Liaison and especially the Phone Chair, stressing the importance of our primary purpose of carrying the message and responsibilities of having the hand of AA available anytime someone is in need. We had interest in the Phone Chair position who asked for a copy of Julie B.'s duties description, which I had with me to share. -Bob

Big Book Study:

Still meeting on Zoom as the church is not allowing us to meet there yet. We hope to have some updates from the church the middle of this month. We have finished the chapter To Employers and have started A Vision for You! If you're not doing anything on a Tuesday night at 6:30, please join us! In love and service, Julie B.

New Beginnings-

Hello Everyone, I regret to report that the meetings are still closed to the Public, so keep them in your prayers. Randy C

Three Legacies:

3 legacies is still holding 3 meetings a week via Zoom on Tuesdays at 8 PM, Thursdays at 630 PM, and Saturday 9 AM. The meeting ID and password is the same for all meetings. We still haven't heard anything from the church about when we can come back for in person meetings. In love and service, Katie A., 3 Legacies Intergroup Rep.

No other written reports were submitted

Old Business

Open positions-Telephone Chair, Events Chair, District 90 Liaison.

As stated in the Office manager's report, the donation was made to Mike M. (10% of the donations from the Intergroup Event). Monique reminded everyone that the telephone chair position is still open and is an important position. Last year the telephone chair gave other options, and the consensus was that

members want a live person/AA Member to answer the phone. Please continue to announce the position at your meetings. Julie B mentioned telephone chair duties can be found on the aaquadcities.org website. Please consider downloading and printing a copy to post on your bulletin boards or put with other announcements.
New Business Craig K offered to take the district 90 liaison. A motion was made to nominate Craig for the District 90 Liaison, it was seconded and passed.
7 th 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 with the Lord's Prayer at 6:50pm

<u>District 9 Monthly Meeting</u> <u>May 2nd, 2021</u>

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Secretary

Groups: Bettendorf Group, Big Book Study, Blandine

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning Balance: 6,948.69; Income \$196.24; Expenses \$113.00 Ending Balance \$7,031.93; Seed Money \$300, Prudent Reserve \$300.

DCM: Greeting's district 9, After a slow down of activity's After agenda items, and various other district activities, our district decided that more was needed. District 9 has formed two committees; one is to gather information on our district meeting in person again. Not to be confused with being inconvenienced driving to our meeting. The natural thing to do is to take the path of least resistance as an alcoholic. This includes me. We are looking into CDC guidelines and health and safety measures only. If you serve in district, please remember when giving your opinion it is regarding being safe- not inconvenienced. The other committee is looking into podcasts for speaker/ anniversary meetings. Anyone is welcome to serve on this committee. Christy P from the Blandine group is heading this committee and has a lot of experience with podcasts whereas I have none. So, I get to learn and grow and get this experience. Please reach out to her or I if you are interested in serving on this committee. Love and service, Lee C DCM District 9.

Alt. DCM: There were 2,004 users total with 1,237 actual users who were on the site for more than thirty seconds. The six-month average is 1,330 which would allow swings from 1,200 to 1,400. This month was a low swing. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then Events, in that order. There were no noticeable spikes. The busiest usage is at 4 pm. I will be attending the Area 24 Spring Conference in Storm Lake. In love and service, Park.

Archives: I received an email this past month from Blandine with some old speaker tapes to add to our Archives Library. Thank You to the Blandine group records of the history of A.A in davenport. I also wanted to let those know who will be attending the spring conference in June that our area archives chair has invited those to join the Friday night Archives workshop. Feature Presentation will be the history of Ebby T.'s visit to Davenport in 1960. Ebby of course being Bill's first sponsor. Please mark your calendar for June 17th if you are in Storm Lake. I have continued to add flyers to our archive's library. We will find in time the history of how A.A came through a pandemic of Zoom meetings, Area Meetings, to a WCR Service weekend. I read an article from a delegate in the Netherlands who spoke of "We see virtual meetings as a portal that can bring us anywhere, we want to go. We've been catapulted from 1950 to 2020 in about nine months. And it works. Please visit our Archive online at www.A.A.org. There you can visit our Archives history exhibits from Sister Mary Ignatia 1889-1966, to a Biography of Sam Shoemaker. Our Grapevine Archives currently has over 34000 topics that you can read or listen to audio. The topics range from of course the History of A.A to Covid 19, to Emotional Sobriety. Please remember to forward me your flyers, meeting minutes or any other records that we can obtain as our district's history. Nell Wing (nonalcoholic), G.S.O.'s first archivist, wrote: "The A.A. Fellowship is one of the world's major sociohistorical movements. We owe it to future A.A. members, as well as to historians, scholars and researchers, to maintain as complete a record as we can of this society at all times, so its message, meaning, and contributions, not only to alcoholics but in other problem areas, can be recalled and assessed for whatever future purpose, fully and accurately. In Love and Service, Sheryl F.

Corrections: No Report

CPC: Happy Sunday! CPC us going well. We have been through 2 college mental health nursing rotations this past couple of months. We do have CPC committee meetings via Zoom and will planning another one soon. Currently we are done with Blackhawk and St Ambrose nursing students as they are done for the semester and out for the summer. They are very happy we are able to do this for them and will be reaching out for the fall classes. I have reached out to SCC and Trinity and have not heard back. At this time, it seems like this would be a good time to reach out to the V.A. We are thrilled to be able to serve. Love and service Shawna

Grapevine: Greetings everyone! I received a flyer from my area grapevine rep, it's for the campaign, "carry the message" by a district in Oregon, it is telling the history of grapevine. if anyone is interested in joining via zoom, let me know. Not much else to report this month, things are still at a bit of a standstill, with a lot of our places still being closed. i do however, want to encourage everyone to go out and view the grapevine website, it's a great source of inspiration. Many Blessings, Ronna

Intergroup Liaison: No report this month.

Literature: Open Position

PI: Open Position

Treatment: Meetings are going well at Rosecrance, no in-person meetings are being permitted in the other facilities. I do have plans to attend the Storm Lake Conference. In Love and Service, Jaclyn.

Webmaster: No Report

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: Bettendorf Business Meeting, April 21, 2021. Meeting called to order at 6:40 with 19 in attendance. Bettendorf Group doesn't care if we meet virtually, face-to-face or hybrid. Treatment chair said that Rosecrance wants to start a meeting and has approached our Treatment meeting chair. Lee was going to reach out to Jaclyn and let her know and get our treatment chair and district chair.

Big Book Study: Still doing zoom, going month-to-month, attendance is up.

Blandine: No Report.

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: Three Legacies GSR Report, GSR – Rachel Becker, 05/02/21, Good Morning, Current Vacant Positions: Alternate GSR, Literature Chair, Set-Up Chair, Clean Up Chair, and Coffee Chair. Next Business Meeting: June 10, 2021. Three Legacies meetings are still being held via the Zoom (online) platform & Discounting 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 & Discounting Closed Big Book Discounting. The centralized link & Discounting Closed Big Book Discounting Closed Big Boo

West End: No Report

Old Business:

Mini Event Report – Greetings District 9, Lee and Park have tasked me with chairing our District 9 Mini-Event this year. The instruction I received was to model it loosely after District 11 and having attended the event previously, I understood the premise centers around service. Our Mini-Event will be on July 10th from 12pm – 4pm and the theme is Serenity Through Service. This event will be virtual, and we have invited District 9 Al-Anon to participate. We will not be breaking out into separate rooms as I believe we both can learn from each other. There will be two speakers, one will be AA and the other will be Al-Anon. The Al-Anon speaker has already been confirmed, it will be Vicki D. from Davenport. The AA speaker has not been decided yet. In between both speakers there will be a panel of trusted servants participating in a question-and-answer session. These questions will come from an Ask-Basket via email and from attendees. I do need some tech support and people with good ideas on the committee. Please let me know if you can help. A flyer is on the way. In service, Kevin K.

Intergroup Minutes – Question about if we are paying for minutes to be printed if everything is internet based now. Sheryl to follow-up with treasurer.

Face-to-Face District meeting – Motion made by Cissi L. that district meetings go face-to-face beginning in July. No second, motion fails.

New Business:

June District Meeting – Motion made to move June district meeting to June 13th by Lee, Ronna 2nd, vote taken, motion passes.

July Business meeting- Motion made to move July meeting to July 11th, 2nd by Kristen. Discussion: Event on July 10th, however it's virtual – should that be an issue? No. Vote – motion carries.

Treasurers Budget: Motion to accept the treasurers budget made by Cissi.

District Podcast - A motion made by Kristy that district 9 have \$500 for podcast hosting, 2nd by Cissi; Discussion: What is a podcast? Who would own this? Table to topic until next month to allow time for information gathering & because of time constraints. – Vote: no votes, motion fails.

District Podcast Ad-Hoc Committee - Sheryl makes a motion that DCM has an ad-hoc committee, with Kristie as chair to look into District 9 having a podcast, 2 nd by Park. Vote - motion passes.
In-Person Meeting Ad-Hoc Committee - Sheryl makes a motion that DCM has an ad-hoc committee, with Kristie as chair to look into District 9 meeting in-person again., 2 nd by Cissi. Discussion: Flexibility to be online is nice, especially during summer months. Called to vote, motion carries.
New Business for Next month: DCM /ALT. DCM contact groups not attending.
Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by: Park/2 nd by Kristen

DISTRICT 90 Meeting May 4, 2021 @ 6pm

Attendance: DCM Randy, Alt DCM Craig, Treasurer Gene, Secretary Kelsey, Corrections Brandon, Treatment Kelly, PI Richard, Literature Kelsey, Archives Aaron, Intergroup Liaison Craig, Geneseo GSR Ted, Last Chance Kelly, Henry County Group Brandon, new beginnings Randy, visitor Ryan k.

Minutes Approval - craig motioned or them to be approved and gene second. None opposed.

Officers' Reports:

DCM: Randy C. Hello Everyone, I wasn't able to attend the Spring Committee Meeting on May 1st due to me being on Vacation in TN, so my report is very brief. I checked with Intergroup about the \$14 per month fee, which is for 2 pages in the Newsletter used for our Meeting Minutes. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Alt. DCM: Craig K. -none

Treasurer: Gene V. - got a letter from Lisa about the website fees as well. Beginning Balance: \$232.99, Deposits: \$0.00, Debits: \$60.35, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$11.40, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48

Secretary: Kelsey C. - none

Committee Reports:

Corrections: Brandon S. - happy to announce Kewanee life skills re-entry center. Going to let three back in at a time. So, meetings will get started up again in the next month. This is good progress.

Treatment: Kelly S. - none

P.I.: Richard S.

Literature: Kelsey C. -ask where to begin to be more active with this position. Craig commented that the central service website has all the new literature and updates. Randy also mentioned the shipping fees have been reduced significantly when you order a book and other literature off the website.

Accessibilities: OPEN

Grapevine: OPEN

C.P.C.: OPEN

Archives: Aaron M. - spoke to the area 20 archivist and he hasn't followed up yet.

Intergroup Liaison: looking for a telephone chair person. Please take to your groups. It's not difficult. Takes a little time on a Sunday to make switches on phones. July 10th event district 9 is putting together. Corrections has opened up in Scott county. They are looking for volunteers on the men's side. Has about \$800 dollars in the area chair to pass on for literature and such for treatment. Always looking for donations. Literature sales were up big time which is a good sign that meetings are opening up again. Randy mentioned the position is posted on the intergroup website.

GSR Reports:

Geneseo: Ted- Nothing major. Had pretty good attendance. Speaker meeting is back up every 4th Friday of the month.

Last Chance: Kelly- speaker and potluck on the 3rd Friday of the month. attendance has been well.

House Group:

Henry County: Brandon- Under construction for opening meetings. Meetings weren't being attended so they decided to close several meetings. Group conscious decided to raise the number of people at meetings to 15

Milan Hillcrest: No Report

Camden: No Report

New Beginnings: Randy- still closed to the public. Hoping with corrections opening back up a little that means they will also be opening back up to the public again soon. Keep them in your prayers

Old Business:

Open Positions • Accessibilities • Grapevine • C.P.C.

New Business:

Craig brought up the possibility of going back to in person meetings for the district. Richard said the church in Colona is open when we are ready. Craig mentioned that we had discussed Area 20 guidelines for service meetings.

Aaron motioned to adjourn, Ted second. Meeting closed with Responsibility Prayer

NEXT MEETING June 8, 2021 via ZOOM

Looking for some service work?

Intergroup has some open positions!!

Events Chair Telephone Chair

In order to continue to have alcoholics answer our 24-hour phone line, we need to have a phone chair to transfer phones to our volunteers on weekends and some weekday mornings. It is not hard!

Job descriptions and sobriety requirements can be found under Bylaws at www.aaquadcities.org or call Lisa at 309-764-1016 with any questions.

If interested, call Intergroup or show up at our next business meeting – first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. on Zoom (info to join on website a few days before meeting)

HOUSE GROUP

BIG BOOK STUDY MEETING

STARTING ON MAY 18, 2021

TUESDAYS AT 12:30 P.M.

4910 4TH AVE., MOLINE, IL 61265



Camden Serenity Group

SPEAKER MEETING

Please join us as we welcome

Mia V.

from the Blandine Group

- ** Fellowship at 5:30
- ** Potluck dinner begins at 6:00, please bring a dish to share
- ** Raffles will be held
- ** Mia will speak at 7:00pm



Located at the Corner of 3rd and 3rd, Milan, IL

District 9 Annual Virtual Mini-Event



SATURDAY JULY 10TH, 2021

- 12:00pm / Opening readings
- 12:30pm / AFG Speaker Vickie D.
- 1:30pm / Break (10mins)
- 1:45pm / AA Speaker Dave G.
- 12:45pm / Break (10mins)
- 3:00pm / Service Panel with Ask-it Basket (email version)
- 4:00pm / Closing



ZOOM MEETING ID: 859 6605 4423 PASSWORD: D9mini

The 6th Month and the 6th Step Prayer!

A 6th Step prayer:

"God, thank you for removing my fear and for showing me the truth about myself. Father, I need your help to become willing to let go of the things in me which continue to block me off from you. Please grant me your Grace Lord and make me willing to have these objectionable characteristics, defects and shortcomings removed." (76:1)

Sixth Step Prayer:

Dear God, I am ready for Your help in removing from me the defects of character which I now realize are an obstacle to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself & guide me toward spiritual & mental health. (76:1)

Taken from http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

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