

# ILLOWA MESSENGER DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Carol J.	'77
9	Sue H.	'91
14	Terry L.	'89
15	Greg B.	'03
16	Patrick G.	'01
19	John M.	'99
20	Nikki L.	'11
22	Hank T.	'92
22	Trish B.	'01
25	Tim T.	'84
27	Dee R.	'92



## EVENTS

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Camden Serenity Group  
Potluck/Speaker Meeting

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Intergroup Business Meeting on  
Zoom

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Blandine Christmas Potluck

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Bettendorf Group open all day  
between meetings

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Blandine New Year's Eve  
Gathering

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve at Bettendorf

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – Milan Hillcrest Group New  
Year's Eve Potluck/Speaker Meeting



## Happy Holidays from your Illowa Intergroup staff and volunteers:

**Office manager** - Lisa W., **Volunteers**- Deb C-P,  
Kamala R., Bill H., Bill M., Bob F., Jim E., Mike P.,  
and the web guy, Randy C.

## And the officers and chairpersons:

Monique M. – Chair  
Mike C. – Alternate Chair  
Al B. – Treasurer  
Julie B. - Secretary  
Jennifer G. – Telephone Chair  
Desiree K. – Telephone Alt./co-chair  
Beth E. – Newsletter Chair  
Cassidy G. – Events Chair  
Craig K. – District 90 Liaison  
Erica B. – District 9 Liaison



**Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions**  
**October 2021**

	<u>Oct. 2021</u>	<u>Jan - Oct.. 2021</u>
8n8 AA	150.00	1,629.00
Bettendorf	0.00	1,300.00
Big Book Study	230.47	1,799.25
Blandine	0.00	100.00
Camden Serenity	25.00	225.00
Central Discussion	0.00	300.00
Cleveland	20.00	41.00
Clinton	0.00	575.00
Courage to Change	101.00	101.00
DeWitt	0.00	100.00
District 90	0.00	275.00
Geneseo	0.00	60.00
Henry County Group	500.00	1,100.00
House Group	0.00	132.00
La Nueva Vida	0.00	60.00
Last Chance	0.00	392.00
Marquette	200.00	1,200.00
Port Byron Hilltop Group	0.00	100.00
Rainbow	0.00	40.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	195.00
The Three Legacies	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>1,266.47</b>	<b>10,124.25</b>

**Call Counts for October 2021**

12-Step - 1

Information - 5

Visitors - 33

Al-anon - 1

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

Virtual Meeting called to order by Monique M at 6:02pm with Serenity Prayer.

**Attendance:**

**Officers present:** Chair/Monique M.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Al B.; Events/Cassidy G., Office Manager/Lisa W.; District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K., Webmaster/Randy C.

**Groups present:** 8n8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, Last chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

**Welcome 2 New reps/new groups:** TJ representing the Knuckleheads Group, Grant representing Freedom group

**Welcome 2 Guests:** Jennifer G: attending to stand for telephone chair, Desiree K attending to stand for telephone chair.

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

**Officers' report:**

**Treasurer's report given by Al B.:**

Income: \$3003.23

Expenses: \$2846.18

**Income minus expenses: \$157.05**

Checking and savings account total: \$5570.56

**Office Manager's Report:** Hello everyone, I would like to thank Julie B. for doing the weekend phone transfers in October. I would also like to thank Desiree K. for taking the phone when the office is closed in the morning on Thursdays and Fridays, Gail S. for doing early morning transfers and filling in often, and Mel M. for doing the reminder calls.

The Intergroup office will be closed on Thanksgiving. I am going out-of-town Nov. 23-30 so will need some volunteers to cover my afternoon shifts. If I can't find any, the office will be closed in the afternoons, so please call or check the website to find out the office hours.

Call counts for October were 1 12-step, 55 information, 33 visitors, and 1 Al-anon. Our next business meeting will be Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W,

**Telephone Chair** – position open

**Events** – At November meeting we discussed a date for the winter event, there were no objections to January 15th.

We discussed cost of hosting winter event at West End Alano Club, there were no objections.

We discussed hiring a DJ & the cost for both the winter event & annual event, there were no objections.

Voted on menu choice for annual event, chose Chicken Supreme.

Made group aware Holiday Inn will be providing a discounted room rate for Annual Event speaker.

Called on volunteers to form a committee to plan the winter event - speaker choices, decorations, raffles, plan timeline, make flyers, and plan potluck/desserts.

**Newsletter** – not present/no report

**District 9 Liaison** – Hello! District 9 treasurer report: Balance forwarded 4944.35. Income for the month 76.82 and expenses were 49.00. YTD Income 5021.17 and YTD expenses 4972.17. After 300 seed money and 300 prudent reserve money OPERATING BALANCE 4342.17.

Need volunteers for the Scott County jail AA meetings - MEN AND WOMEN'S MEETING. Women's is Wednesday at 7pm and Men's is Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. Paper applications are at all groups in person meeting. Any questions, please contact Vicki F., District 9 corrections chair. Next District 9 business meeting is December 5th at 1030 and still hybrid. In love and service, Erica B, District 9 liaison

**District 90 liaison** – *Report was given verbally by Craig K, written report was provided by Desiree K:* Hello, District 90 has many positions open. Our business meeting was the day after the Intergroup business meeting. Craig has stepped down from being the Alt DCM and was voted in for the Corrections Chair. I was voted in for the District Grapevine, and plan to see about the Area Grapevine chair. Not really much to report outside of the positions that are open, which are: Treatment, CPC, PI, Accessibilities, Alt DCM, and maybe Secretary and Literature. They were not at the meeting, so we are waiting to find out if they are still interested in their positions. If you any other questions, feel free to let me know. As far as the phones, I am doing them on Sundays, and Jennifer is doing them the rest of the week. Things went smoothly as far as I know. In Love and Service, Desiree K.

**Web report** – Hello Everyone, we had 2,333 users total but 1,474 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. We had almost 100 less users this month but that is a normal fluctuation. The most visited pages were, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then the Events Page. We didn't have a noticeable spike this month but we did have some heavier usage the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

#### **Group reports:**

**8n8:** Online every 8am and 8pm. Attendance is good, averaging 17 each meeting. We are seeing more newcomers that also seem to be returning. Primary Purpose Big Book Study starts this week on 3 November at 8pm and continues every week. This meeting will no longer be an open topic meeting. We've had lots of interest from many online groups and are looking forward to what seems might be a good turnout. In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

**Bettendorf:** Elections will take place next month. The following was decided at our October business meeting:

Room will be open Noon-9pm for Thanksgiving with regular meetings at 6am, 5:30 and 8:00.

Room will be open 8am-9pm for Christmas Day with regular meeting times.

Room will be open 8pm-1am on New Year Eve with regular meeting times, and from 8:00am-9:00pm on New Year's Day with regular meeting times.

Distributions – The group voted to up our prudent reserve from \$7,500 to \$10,000, and to give 25% to GSO and 75% to Intergroup of what is left in account after \$10,000. Thanks, and God bless, Bob

**Big Book Study:** Our Tuesday 6:30pm meeting is still having good zoom attendance as well as in person. Our next business meeting takes place next Tuesday and we will hold elections! We are also still in the process of planning for our group inventory. We have recently finished the first 164 pages! Based on our notes it took about 5 years! Nothing more to report! In love and service, Julie B

**Blandine:** Holiday happenings at Blandine, Thanksgiving potluck Sunday November 21st after the 11:00 a.m. meeting all are welcome please bring a dish to share if you can.

Sunday November 28th decorating for Christmas immediately following the 11:00 a.m. meeting. Pizza will be provided for those who stay in help.

Friday through Monday meetings are going well, and attendance is up.

Christmas potluck Sunday before Christmas immediately after 11:00 a.m. meeting. Families are encouraged and welcome to come please bring a dish to share.

New Year's Eve there will be a party, (time to be announced), followed by a candlelight meeting. Once again all are welcome.

Thanks to all for your dedication sacrifice and service. Love and service Donnie

**Courage to Change:** Courage to Change continues to meet in person on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. At our business meeting on October 26th, nominations were made, and positions accepted for new officers for the upcoming year. In love and service, Nadine K,

**Geneseo:** Geneseo Group is doing well; attendance seems to be average or above. We celebrated our anniversary on Saturday, October 23 with a potluck and speaker meeting and had a great turnout. Our little blue shanty has been freshened up with new paint and new carpet thanks to our wonderful membership. Our next business meeting is Wednesday, Nov 3rd. Love and Service, Lynette

**Last Chance:** We have been experiencing low attendance at our 5:30pm meetings on Saturdays. If you are looking to change up your Saturdays, come over and check out the Last Chance at 5:30pm on Saturdays. Last Chance will be open 11am-midnight on Thanksgiving Day. Meeting at 11am lunch/dinner at 12:30pm, 5:30pm meeting and then doors will stay open until midnight. Feel free to bring snacks, drinks and games.

**New Beginnings:** Hello Everyone, meetings are still being held outside, however, we hope to be back inside by next week. Masks will be required. We meet Mon. @ 6:30pm, Wed. @ 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study, (PPBB), Sat @ 2pm. If you can, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope. Randy C.

**Three Legacies:** 3 Legacies open speaker meeting is on Tuesdays at 7 pm at Central Discussion in Davenport. The meeting is hybrid and the information to get on zoom is on our flyer on [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org). We continue to look for another location that could have us on our old date and time (Thursdays at 630) - any suggestions of churches or other places that would let us come in are welcome. 3 Legacies last business meeting was held on Tuesday October 12, where we had elections. The new Intergroup rep will be Vickie S.; she will be starting her position in January. We are still announcing the need for a phone chair at the end of our meeting during announcements. In love and service, Katie A.

**Knuckleheads:** TJ reported group just started, just had elections. Tuesdays at 6pm 104 E Central Ave, meets outside, it's a men's sober house.

**Freedom Group:** Meets at Blandine Club 117 N. Perry St. Davenport IA on Wednesday nights 8 pm open meeting. Last month's business meeting we had an election for Intergroup representative: Grant W. (me). We also discussed our Thanksgiving Potluck/ Speaker meeting is going to be on Wednesday Nov. 24 2021 at Blandine Club. Potluck starts at 7pm Freedom Group will provide turkey. We ask everyone to bring a dish to share. 7:45 Raffle. 8pm Speaker Amy S. From Cedar Rapids IA. (see flyer on [aaquadcities.org](http://aaquadcities.org))

**\*\*No other written reports were submitted\*\***

**Old Business** – Telephone chair position is open. Desiree K. and Jennifer G are both willing to stand and gave service talks. Both were nominated, and with Zoom polling it was determined Jennifer G won the election. Discussion took place that the telephone chair position could benefit from having an alternate or co-chair. It was noted a co-chair could be appointed by the telephone chair also. Desiree agreed to assist and act as co-chair or alternate.

**New Business** – Per Lisa, the Intergroup office Lease has come due, for a 2-year lease. A motion was made and seconded to renew lease for 2 years. 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 with the Lord's Prayer at 7:16pm.

**The next business meeting will be held on December 6, 2021 at 6pm on Zoom**

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

**Attendance:**

**Chairs:** DCM; Treasurer; Archives; Corrections; Grapevine; Intergroup Liaison; Secretary; Treatment  
**Groups:** Bettendorf Group; Blandine; Central Discussion; Courage to Change; The Freedom Group; The Three Legacies

**Chair Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$4,944.35; Income \$76.82; Expenses \$49.00; Ending Balance \$4,972.17; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$4,372.17. Motion to accept treasurers report made by Sheryl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachel

**DCM:** For the period August 31, 2021, through September 30, 2021, our income was \$8,124.18 which consisted of \$4,737.70 in contributions, \$3,314.23 in returned seed money from District 2, and \$72.25 in coffee basket money from the August business meeting. Expenses totaled \$2,717.50 and consisted of \$12.00 in bank service fees for a contribution check that was returned NSF, \$378 for conference committee expenses, \$1,250 for conference seed money, \$748.57 for the August business meeting, \$548 for the Regency Inn for the August business meeting, \$59.86 for the web site, \$15.89 for the Zoom account, \$321.35 for returned archives expenses, and \$26.53 for treasurer expenses. Year to date we show a profit of \$4,392.91. As of September 30, 2021, our bank balance is \$24,418.30. With our prudent reserve of \$3,000.00 our available balance is \$21,418.30. Delegate visiting multiple districts to share the 71st General Service Conference Report attending the West Central Regional Delegates Monthly meeting chaired by our West Central Regional Trustee Mike L. Mike shared that both AAWS and the Grapevine are financially better than positioned than they had anticipated in the budget GSO is currently working on digital materials being used in correctional facilities. They are currently working with four (4) vendors. Each vendor is at a different stage of progress. The first one is Edova which they have been working with for several months. They have 103 facilities across 24 states. They will expand through a new partnership to another 100+ facilities. The GV publisher is finalizing the arrangements with American Prison Data Systems (APDS). If you go on their website, you can see where they have facilities.

(<https://apdscorporate.com/#contact> – added by admin). AAWS is still negotiating with them, Grapevine is about ready to go live with them. GTL is the third company. A contract is currently being negotiated. AAWS is also in progress with them. Jpay (Securus Systems) is the 4th company. A contract was signed in July and is awaiting countersignature. They serve facilities in 35 states. Since each of these companies operates a bit differently, the challenge is how to inform the Fellowship about how to participate in this Next, Mike shared about the subcommittee assignments. The committee that has gotten the most attention is the one dealing with the simple language translation. The committee has distributed RFI's (Request For Information) to potential vendors who have experience with this. There are five (5) sectors in which simple language translation is used. (Education, Government documents, Self-Help Industry, Legal and Medical) The committee will be requesting samples of translations to selected excerpts from the Big Book so they can make an apples-to-apples comparison. The committee wants to make sure that any translation is such that it carries a message that alcoholics can identify with. That's critical to a determination of whether a translation can work. The vendor will be selected based on that criteria. The process may take 3-5 years. There will be a National Corrections Conference, in New Orleans on November 12-14, 2021. It will be a hybrid event. Please pass this info along to your groups and encourage participation. I emailed the flyer out last month to everyone. Mike L. will be representing the GSB, giving an update on projects that are going on – Corrections Correspondence Service (a new digital application) and the digital placement of materials in correctional facilities, and Nancy McCarthy, who will be presenting on something to do with professionals, will be there as well We are working through the proposed agenda for

the West Central Regional Service Conference. Dates will be 3-6 Mar 2022 in Minneapolis, MN GSO is currently planning on the 72nd General Service Conference will be in person in Brooklyn, New York Alt delegate report. As of 8/1/21, Area 24 currently had 653 active groups listed. Most groups that were once online are now back in person or with a hybrid option, but some remain online only. New groups, both face-to-face and online, continue to form in many Districts and it exciting to learn about them. As a quick point of clarity...if one completes the form for New Groups or Group Changes via aa.org (rather than aa-iowa.org) we at the Area level unfortunately will not get looped in on that information. The way to assure that everyone (District, Area, and GSO) gets information on all additions or changes is to go through the Area Registrar (aka me) via email or the forms on the Area Website, which are then forwarded to my email. Conference report e-registration was at 272, lunch 194 and dinner 191. I would like to also share with you all that the hotel has been so kind to us and decided yesterday to give us coffee! Many DCM reports reported going back to live meetings, some hybrid (not many) and lots of picnics an speaker meetings. All seems to be at a new normal- whatever that is. Some districts reported losing groups and decline in service positions, while others have reported the opposite, as we all know, alcoholics anonymous is forever evolving and changing. Several districts are back in correctional facilities and some still are not. As I was reading all of the district reports in our area, one thing is for certain and that is alcoholics anonymous is resilient. If someone came in from another planet and never knew we had a pandemic they would not know any different in alcoholics anonymous. It almost seems unchanged except for the few minor details of certain public involvement. If you need more information, please reach out to me and I can get you a copy of the area 24 minutes or help you get access to the drop box where all the reports are stored.

**Alt. DCM:** There were 2,333 total users in October. 1,474 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec. There were almost 100 less users this month but that is a normal fluctuation. The most visited pages were the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and the Events Page. There was no noticeable spike this month, but we did have some heavier usage the weekend of the 16th. I attended Central Discussion's October 10th business meeting stressing the importance of a group's GSR participation and involvement. In love and service, Park

**Archives:** Greetings from Archives! This month's Trivia question: What year was the first General Service Conference? 1951 (• 1951 First General Service Conference / • 1952 The arrival of Al-Anon / • 1953 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is first published. Bill W becomes increasingly devoted to writing projects, one of which emerges as the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions / • 1954 The Alcoholic Foundation becomes the General Service Board • 1955 Second Edition of Big Book published in 1955) We met as a committee in September and were able to start the organizing of our Archives. We were not able to meet in October but hoping to schedule something before the end of November. We decided as a committee to meet monthly. It was exciting to watch the expressions and excitement with the committee when we started to go through our Archives. If you would like to be part of this process, please feel free to reach out to me at 563-340-2870. In Love and Service Sheryl F

**Corrections:** Greetings from Corrections, Scott County Jail meeting have temporarily been suspended. They will resume within the next couple of weeks. I have a phone call with Jennifer from the jail on Monday. Even though we had that bump in the road we still need more volunteers for both the male and female meetings at the Scott County Jail. Women's meeting needs to be filled is Wednesday 7pm. If you are new to serving, once approved via volunteer application you will orientate with an experienced volunteer on Monday nights. For men we need additional volunteers Monday and Wednesday nights at 7pm. I am asking all GSR's to bring this information back to their group along with the volunteer application. I would also like this to be posted to the Intergroup website. Lastly, there is a National Corrections conference November 12-14. Virtually the cost is \$25. I am asking for funding to attend. Please contact me in you have any questions. [Vfiliatreau28@gmail.com](mailto:Vfiliatreau28@gmail.com) 563-271-9651 In love and service, Vicki F.



**CPC:** Good morning District 9!!! I was not able to attend the fall conference due to my work schedule change. I was under the assumption that the conference would be Hybrid however I was informed it was not. I did email Area 24 CPC inquiring about any possible zoom options for the CPC breakout session, but I did not hear back. At this time, I am not able to view the Fall Conference minutes but will update when I hear any new Information. I have not heard back from 2 of the Nursing Colleges or the VA, I will be reaching out again. I did receive a message from a local Physicians office requesting information on how someone could get in contact with AA. I made packets for this particular clientele and took them to the office. At this time, they decline having us come and share with the providers as a group. District 9 CPC is still looking for committee members to help us take information on AA into the professional community, I can be reached at 563-570-5301 I hope Fall is treating you well. Love and Service, Shawna

**Grapevine:** Greetings, I was able to attend fall conference this year and once again had a wonderful time connecting with other GV reps in our area. we focused a lot on gathering ideas for potential workshops and ways to gather more interest to grapevine. There was also discussion on getting more people to write articles for grapevine. So, myself and a couple other district reps will be working together on potentially creating a zoom workshop which will focus on how to write an article for grapevine. We are working with our area rep and will keep you up to date on the progress. In love and service, Ronna

**Intergroup Liaison:** Intergroup is still low with contributions. Income 3003.23 expenses 2846.18. Total minus expenses 154.05. Checking 1459.88 savings 4110.68 totaling \$5570.56. PHONE CHAIR HAS BEEN FILLED! The intergroup office needs afternoon office coverage Nov 23-30. Please contact Lisa if anyone is interested. Sat Jan 15 intergroup is having a jungle jam. It will be a day full of speakers and a dance to follow. Any questions please contact Cassidy G at [cgrn@gmail.com](mailto:cgrn@gmail.com). Next intergroup business meeting (still online) December 6th @6pm In love and service, Erica B

**Literature:** Position Open

**PI:** Position open

**Treatment:** Hello all from treatment! Not a lot happening. I have emailed all the treatment centers to see if they are needing any pamphlets or literature. Genesis has been put on hold until after the holidays-January. This is due partly to needing more volunteers and to revise the volunteer process and meeting process. I spoke with the director who agreed to have some things adjusted. Meetings at Rosecrance have been going great. In love and service, Jaclyn M.

### **Group Reports:**

**Bettendorf Group:** Bettendorf Meeting 10/20/2021 Greetings District 9 from the Bettendorf Group! Bettendorf Group will be announcing Corrections Needs Volunteers. Bettendorf Holiday Schedule: Thanksgiving 11/25/2021 Noon to 9pm; Christmas Day 12/25/2021 8am to 9pm; New Year's Eve 12/31/2021 8pm to 1am; New Year's Day 01/01/2021 8am to 9pm. No news on the search for a new meeting place. Yours in love and service, Toni.

**Blandine:** Blandine will have a Thanksgiving meal 11/21 at Noon. RCF, and 605 Main will be allowed to eat first since they will have to leave early. Blandine's next business meeting will be November 28, 2021 at noon. Blandine Christmas Celebration 12/19 at noon (after 11 am meeting). New Year's Eve Celebration 9-12 with a candlelight meeting at Midnight The 10/31 business meeting was not formally held as the Halloween Gathering was held. Officers In attendance: Bob, Don, Tricia, Christy, Chris Treasurer report Contribution \$85.74, Expenses: Grapevine to the SCC Jail was renewed. \$47.25 books and chips, \$18.25 Intergroup. The Into Action AA board game was taken out to play but no one wanted to work the steps or call their sponsor. In service, Christy

**Marquette:** 1. Bill wanted to discuss the chairperson's guidelines for chairing meetings. Presently when we recognize newcomers, visitors, and 24hrs sobriety, and we give them a marble. It was suggested that we modify it to read if there is someone with 24hrs Sobriety we are now ask if it is there very first meeting? This is to determine if it will be a 1st step meeting or conduct normal meeting. 2. We discussed and tabled until next month on having Group Conscious Inventory we are going to find more information before proceeding. 3. Bill voiced his concern on our Intergroup's financial and service abilities if there isn't an intervention by the A.A community. 4. We are making a donation to intergroup of \$200 also donated \$50.00 Dist. 9.

**The Three Legacies:** The last Three Legacies Group business meeting was held Tuesday October 12th. Treasurer's Report: (August 17, 2021 - October 05, 2021) Expenses: \$257.32, Income: \$434.79, Prudent Reserve: \$630.00, Operating Balance: \$1,399.31, Ending Balance: \$2,029.31 Three Legacies has added the meeting pass code to the group's online listings and will remain hybrid until revisiting the topic at the next business meeting. Group Elections were held with the following results: Secretary: Melissa G., Treasurer: Katie A., G.S.R.: Rachel B., G.S.R. Alternate: Christina G., Intergroup: Vickie S., Grapevine: Kamala B., Setup & Coffee Chair: Rebecca N., Chairperson: Joy P., Clean Up Chair: Erin B., Zoom Coordinator: Vote held to table nomination. Three Legacies meetings are still being held twice a week: Tuesday Evening @ 7:00 pm (Hybrid - Open Speaker) & Saturday Morning @ 9:00 am (Online Only - Closed Big Book Discussion) Yours In Love & Service, Rachel Becker Three Legacies GSR; [RachelBofService@Yahoo.com](mailto:RachelBofService@Yahoo.com); Cell: 563-459-7382

#### **Old Business:**

- Group Inventory Dates - Group inventory date will be set for February and will be held in addition to the normal district business meeting. Will set for a 3-hour time block. The District Inventory is for District Chairs & GSRs.

#### **New Business:**

- Discuss combining CPC / PI position and the Grapevine / Literature position - table these until next month
- Discuss Hybrid District Meeting
- Kristi from Blandine made motion to put the audio file of a PI workshop on the intergroup website and advertise that district is in need of PI chair. Sheryl second and motion passed adding that Kristi will take the file to intergroup to get in on the website as it is on a flash drive.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Vicki motioned to adjourn, Kristi second - adjourned

**DISTRICT 90 Business Meeting**  
**Nov. 2, 2021**

Welcome/Call to Order/Serenity Prayer – Randy C

Attendance – Randy-DCM/New Beginnings, Aaron-Archives, Gene-Treasurer, Ted-Geneseo, Ken-Geneseo, Craig-Alt DCM/intergroup Liaison, Richard-PI, Desiree-8n8AA, Josh-Visitor, David-Visitor, Deiondre-Visitor.

AA Birthdays-None

Minutes Approval – Aaron motions, Ted 2nds, Minutes Approved

**Elections Held:** Due to the Pandemic creating a stand still, the following agreed to retain their positions with the last 2 years not counting towards the “consecutive years” limitations:

**DCM-Randy**

**Treasurer-Gene**

**Archives-Aaron**

**New Elected Positions:**

**Grapevine-Desiree** (Nominated by Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron, Unanimous Vote)

**Corrections-Craig** (Nominated by Gene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Desiree, Unanimous Vote)

Desiree asked about the women’s corrections. Craig mentioned that RI and Henry Co. are not letting anyone in, but they will need female volunteers, and everyone will need to be vaccinated which is an issue.

**Open Positions: Secretary, Treatment, PI, Literature, Accessibilities, & CPC.**

**Officers’ Reports:**

**DCM:** Randy C. No Report – Thanked everyone for allowing him to Serve.

**Alt. DCM:** Craig K. No Report – Thanked everyone for allowing him to Serve.

**Treasurer:** Gene V. Beginning Balance: \$457.64, Deposits: \$100.00, Debts: \$14.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$161.25, New Balance/Available Funds: \$296.39, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$382.39. Randy asked why the “Set Aside Monies” was higher than last month and Gene realized he had a typo, so the Report was amended, the numbers shown here are the amended numbers.

**Secretary:** Kelsey C. Absent

**Committee Reports:**

**Corrections:** Brandon S. Absent - Craig did give a report. Kewanee meetings are happening and going well, plus, they are working on starting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. meeting which will have a monthly speaker.

**Treatment:** Kelly S. Absent

**P.I. :** Richard S. Thanked everyone for allowing him to Serve. Due to car and house issues, he would not be able to continue. He mentioned that he was not able to cover the Henry Co. area so let the next Chairperson know.

**Literature:** Kelsey C. Absent

**Grapevine:** Desiree K. Although just Elected, she reported that there is free shipping for the month of Nov.

**Accessibilities:** OPEN

**C.P.C. :** OPEN

**Archives:** Aaron M. No new updates.

**Intergroup Liaison:** Craig K. Telephone Chair position was filled. Desiree added that there are plans for a “Jingle Jam” speaker/dance Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Craig added that they are looking for committee members for the “Jingle Jam” and the Annual Intergroup Event.

**GSR Reports:**

**Geneseo:** Ken. Things are good, the Anniversary Event was a big hit with 49 attendees. Good meeting attendance in general.

**Last Chance:** No Report

**House Group:** No Report

**Henry County:** Aaron- Darcy from Milan will be the Speaker this month. Business meeting this week and will be doing Elections.

**Milan Hillcrest:** No Report

**Camden:** No Report

**New Beginnings:** Randy Hello Everyone, meetings are still being held outside, however, we hope to be back inside by next week. Masks will be required. We meet; Mon. @ 6:30pm, Wed. @ 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study, (PPBB), Sat @ 2pm. If you can, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope. Randy C

**8n8AA:** Desiree - Attendance is up, lots of Newcomers, last Sat of every month Speaker Meeting and Wed. is now a Primary Purpose Big Book Study.

**Old Business:** Aaron asked about Riverside, Randy informed that it was still closed to the public.

**New Business:** Craig met with Father Sergio Ayala, the Chaplain for Tyson, in Joslin, IL. Sergio is looking for volunteers. There are 9 different languages spoken. Those from other countries have discovered alcohol and it's not a good thing. They trust the church so the Father hopes to introduce AA with the hope that will then have some trust in AA. You can contact Craig or Intergroup for more information.

Ted motioned, Desiree 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting Adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2021 via ZOOM**

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

### PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS THAT THE 12-STEP LIST IS BEING UPDATED AND USE THIS SIGN-UP SHEET.

The 12-step list is a list of people who would like to participate in 12-step work. The people on this list need to be aware that they may be called at any hour of the day or night in the event someone needs help. It may be just to talk to someone about AA and share experience, strength, and hope, or it may be to take a newcomer to a meeting or give an out-of-town visitor a ride. Volunteers on this list should have a good understanding of what AA is and does, and what AA is not and doesn't do. We particularly need young people, people available during the day, and Spanish-speaking people. Please give back and share the message!!

For those who are on the 12 Step [List](#) and you have any changes to be made, please put them on the list or call Intergroup at (309) 764-1016.

**MAKE SURE IF SOMEONE WANTS TO BE ADDED THAT THEY FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING  
(and if willing to take Spanish-only calls). Thanks!!**

NAME:	PHONE #:	SEX:	CITY:	DAY/NIGHT <small>(AVAILABILITY)</small>
Jane S.	563-555-1212	Female	Moline	<u>D (Day)</u> <u>N (night)</u> <u>B (both)</u>
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Please have people sign up and return this to Intergroup or mail to Illowa Intergroup, 1706 Brady St., Suite 201, Davenport, IA 52803. Thank you for your service.




# **Intergroup Service Positions**

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**Morning Volunteers needed  
on Thursdays and Fridays  
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

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Contact Lisa at 309-764-1016 if interested



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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021  
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING  
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021  
DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**



**DECEMBER 19, 2021  
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING  
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**



**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, AND YOUR FAMILIES. IT'S A  
GREAT TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SHARING IT WITH YOUR  
FAMILIES**



# SPEAKER MEETING

**Chuck D. from the  
West End Group,  
Davenport**

**Saturday,  
December 4th**

- ◇ Fellowship at 5:30
- ◇ Pot Luck at 6:00, Please bring a dish to pass
- ◇ Raffles at 6:45
- ◇ Chuck will speak at 7:00

**Camden Serenity Group  
306 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Milan, IL**



**BLANDINE GROUP**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING**

**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**9:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M.**

**PLEASE BRING SNACKS AND DRINKS**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAMES OR CARDS**

**MIDNIGHT CANDELIGHT MEETING**

# Friday December 31st

Milan Hillcrest Group

## New Year Speaker Meeting

Happy  
New  
Year

Please join us as we welcome

**Don A**

From

Milan Hillcrest Group

Happy  
New  
Year

Dinner Will Be Served Beginning at 6:00 P.M.

50/50 Raffle Will Be Held

Please Bring a Dish to Share

Don Speaks at 7:00 P.M.

Milan Hillcrest is located at:

106 West 4th St. Milan, IL

# The 11th Month and the 11th Step Prayer!

## **The 11<sup>th</sup> Step Prayers:**

### **A Prayer On Awakening:**

"God please direct my thinking and keep my thoughts divorced from self – pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. Please keep my thought life clear from wrong motives and help me employ my mental faculties, that my thought-life might be placed on a higher plane, the plane of inspiration." (86:2)

### **A Morning Prayer:**

"God, should I find myself agitated, doubtful or indecisive today, please give me inspiration, help me to have an intuitive thought or a decision about this problem I face. Help me not to struggle, instead, help me to relax and take it easy. Help me know what I should do and keep me mindful, that you are running the show. Free me from my bondage of self. Thy will be done always." (86:3)

### **A Morning Prayer:**

"God, please show me all through this day, what my next step is to be and please grace me with whatever I need to take care of the problems in my life today. I ask especially that you free me from the bondage of self-will."(87:1)

### **An 11<sup>th</sup> Step Nightly Review Prayer:**

"God, help me to constructively review my day. Where was I resentful, selfish, dishonest or afraid? Do I owe an apology? Have I kept something to myself which should be discussed with another person at once? Was I kind and loving toward all? What could I have done better? Was I thinking of myself most of the time? Or was I thinking of what I could do for others, of what I could pack into the stream of life? Please forgive me for my harms and wrongs today and let me know corrective measures I should be take." (86:2)

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

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