

ILLOWA MESSENGER MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

March Birthdays

1	Dick G.	'82
2	Gina S.	'97
5	Pat P.	'86
5	Crystal T.	'00
6	Wm. Brad S.	'01
7	Bob H.	'94
8	Cathy G.	'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
25	Mary E.	'92
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 in to the Intergroup office, (309)764-1016, by the 15th of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter. Help make this list as complete as possible.



March Events

5th – Camden Serenity Group
Potluck/speaker meeting

6th – Blandine chili cook-off

7th - Intergroup Elections

19th – House Group Potluck/speaker
meeting



TICKETS!!

Intergroup will be having our 48th anniversary on April 9, 2022, at the Holiday Inn in Rock Island. Tickets are available online at www.aaquadcities.org, from your Intergroup Rep, or at the office. Last day for ticket sales is March 30, 2022.

Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions

January 2022

Jan. 2022

Bettendorf	1,595.65
Big Book Study	50.71
Camden Serenity	50.00
Central Discussion	180.00
Courage to Change	679.48
District 90	250.00
Geneseo	75.00
House Group	50.00
Ladies Night	773.64
Last Chance	<u>120.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	3,824.28

Call Counts for January 2022

12-Step - 3

Information - 58

Visitors - 26

**Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
Feb-7- 2022**

Virtual Meeting called to order by Randy C. at 6:02pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

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

Groups present: 8n8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central, Freedom Group, Geneseo, Henry County, Knuckleheads, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.
(If I missed anyone, please let me know!)

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

Officers' report:

Treasurer's report given by Al B.:

Income: \$8092.63

Expenses: \$3594.39

Income minus expenses: **\$4498.24**

Office Manager's Report: Hello everyone, the office continues to be open from 9-5:30 Mondays only. Call or check the website for any changes. If you need literature or chips and can't get in on a Monday, call 309-764-1016 to make an appointment for pickup. Hardcover Big Books are still on backorder at AAWS. I have some at the office, and some groups also sell them. I have plenty of other formats of the Big Book. Event tickets are available in the office for sale. Intergroup Reps need to pick up their bundles of tickets to sell ASAP. Contact me to make arrangements if you can't come in on a Monday. The tickets are \$25 until March 25th, and \$30 after that. We received a generous contribution from an AA member who recently passed away. We are grateful for that. Call counts for January were 3 12-step, 58 information, and 26 visitors. I will be going out-of-town next Month from March 12-18. Our next business meeting will be March 7 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. It will be elections – all positions are open.
In love and service, Lisa W

Telephone Chair – Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this position. Phone transfers have been going well on the weekends. I reported last month that some volunteers have not been answering their phones during transfers. Collectively between myself, Lisa, and Desiree we will be keeping track of that and revisit in March to discuss further action. Reminders for the week have been getting sent via text on Mondays by myself and Desiree K has been helpful to fill in the gaps when needed. Thank you – Jennifer G

Events – Last month we hosted a Winter fundraising event which was a big success & a great kick off to the new year even with the inclement weather & on-going Covid concerns. Donations directly to

Intergroup: \$758.06

50/50 = \$92.50

7th Tradition = \$167.30

Basket Raffles = \$435.0

Door Donations = \$377.00

Venmo/Paypal Donations = \$340

Total Income: \$2169.86

Events expenses:

DJ = \$175

Decorations = \$30

Hall & Food = \$312.95

Total expenses: \$517.95

Total profit after expenses: \$1651.91

Next up & most importantly we have the 48th annual anniversary event coming up in April. We need ALL Intergroup reps to pick up tickets from Intergroup to sell at their respective groups. Right now, the office is only open on Mondays but pick up can be coordinated directly with Lisa who can be contacted via phone or via email at illowaintergroup@yahoo.com. Tickets are on sale ONLY until March 30th – prices go up from \$25 to \$30 after March 25th. Flyers have been made and need to be distributed by all Intergroup reps as well. If you have not gotten a copy yet, please let me know and I will get one emailed to you for printing. A committee has been formed for this event which is comprised of Myself – Events chair & speaker host, Angie M. – Raffles Chair, Erica B. – Greeter Chair, Chantel F. – Desserts Chair, Jackee F. – Decorations Chair. Historically our events require more coffee than most other events typical venues host. Therefore, we need to raise funds for coffee. Coffee is \$30 per gallon. We will also be looking for basket raffle donations & dessert donations. I have created a flyer for these donation requests. It will be on the Intergroup website, and I can also send this flyer out directly to anyone via email to distribute to local groups. – Cassidy G.

Newsletter – absent, no report submitted

District 9 liaison – Greetings! District 9 held their meeting yesterday February 6th and is back to hybrid as the previous meeting was only virtual. Treasurer report: balance forwarded 5846.84 monthly income \$130.14 expenses \$230.00. Operating balance now is \$5146.98. I know I've reported this before, but Rosecrance is still looking for people to share their stories. Must have 1 year sobriety, through the 5th step and is being sponsored. Times to speak are Wednesday 930am or 1pm. Please contact Jaclyn M to schedule your time. Also, March 6th at 9am at Iron & Grain Coffee in Davenport. Jaclyn will be there and hoping some people show up and join her treatment committee on discussion of Bridging the Gap. If you have questions, please contact Jaclyn M or just show up. In love & service, Erica B, District 9 liaison

District 90 liaison – no written report

Web report – Hello Everyone, we had 2,714 users total but 1,715 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is almost 200 more than last month. The most visited pages were as usual, the Meeting Guide, the Virtual Meetings Page, and then the Events Page. We did have a couple noticeable spikes this month on the 2nd, and another on the 19th. Still very consistent daily usage. 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: 8n8AA has been accepted as an official AA Group from the General Service Office! Online every 8am and 8pm. Attendance is good, around the 20's now at each meeting. We are still seeing newcomers and many that are returning regularly. Primary Purpose Big Book Study is travelling well with an average of 18 attendees. Next speaker meeting in February at 8n8AA, Saturday, 26 February 2022 is Bethany K at 8pm. Finding the Key to Steps 1, 2, & 3 Workshop should be ready to go for March. And, 8n8AA has been accepted as an official AA Group from the General Service Office! In Love and Service, Krystyna D.

Bettendorf: Group inventory is February 12 following 10:00am meeting. No official news on moving/not moving Bett group. Next business meeting is February 16 at 6:30pm. In love and service, Teri V.

Big Book Study: The Big Book Study Group took its inventory! We went through the suggested questions from the AA Group pamphlet, and we recognized we have many good practices but also uncovered some things we hope to improve. We have updated our meeting format to include 1) changing the Preamble to “a fellowship of people...” to match GSOs revision, 2) an anonymity statement that includes if you’re joining remotely and you’re “unable to join from a private location that you please wear headphones to avoid broadcasting the meeting”, 3) we added part about the area of the room that is designated for anyone who prefers not to be on camera. 4) Feb-22 is our 21st anniversary!!!! Food and fellowship at 5:30, speaker John J from Albuquerque at 6:30, hybrid meeting (see flyer on website). In love and service, Jerome J.

Freedom Group: Wednesday Night 8 pm. For our business meeting we discussed and voted on the dates of our annual camping Trip. June 10, 11, and 12. Next business meeting we will discuss who is our speaker and will make a flyer. -Grant W.

Geneseo Group: Not a whole lot to report, we are holding up ok financially, attendance is steady. We have just finished a Primary Purpose Big Book study so we are starting over at the beginning, any one interested can come join us on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm (open meeting). Our next speaker meeting is Friday, Feb. 25th, our speaker will be Cassidy G. Love and Service, Lynette W.

Knuckleheads: Attendance is growing, many men are coming from the Abbey. The group’s bylaws were created, including all the positions and their sobriety requirements and length of term, and all specific duties are spelled out. All positions started February 1. -TJ M.

Last Chance: Not a lot to report this month. All is well at the Last Chance. We had our business meeting on 1-30-22. We continue to promote the Intergroup event on April 9th. Our next business meeting will be 2-27-22. -Toni S.

Marquette: Everything is going well with good attendance at meetings. The church has installed video cameras in the room that we hold our meetings in. We are trying to come up with a solution to as to how we can maintain anonymity for those in attendance. The Marquette Group will be holding their anniversary celebration on April 23rd. There will be fellowship and dinner followed by the Saturday night live meeting. Love and service, Jennifer B.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, unfortunately due to a COVID outbreak the meetings are closed to the public. Please keep them in your prayers. Randy C. (Lisa made a comment that someone told her the meetings are open again, this was confirmed after the meeting).

Three Legacies: 3 Legacies had a business meeting January 18th, 2022. It was voted on and passed, the chairperson’s Introductory script for meetings, to align with the conference approved amendment to the preamble, reading people in place of men and women. A motion was passed to disperse Grapevine inventory, collected in the past 2 years because we have not been at the church. 3 Legacies Grapevine chair, sometimes works at Intergroup, so she is going to take them there, where there could be a need. 3 Legacies next business meeting will be held on March 22, 2022, following the meeting. 3 Legacies Hybrid speaker meeting is Tuesday’s, at 7:00 P.M. at Central Discussion in Davenport. The information to get on is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings. 3 Legacies has a closed Big Book meeting on Saturday mornings at 9:00. The information to get on is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings. In Love and Service, Vickie S.

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

Old Business – none

New Business – Reiterating there's a need for help with Bridging the Gap; this is a district function but anyone can volunteer to join the committee.

7th Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com. All reports need to be e-mailed to the secretary as soon as possible if they are to be included in the Intergroup minutes.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next business meeting will be held on March 7, 2022, at 6pm on Zoom.

DISTRICT 90 Meeting
Feb. 8, 2022 @ 6pm

Welcome – Serenity Prayer – Attendance: Randy DCM, Craig corrections/intergroup liaison, Aaron archives, Gene treasurer, Michael visiting, Ted Geneseo GSR, Kelsey Secretary

AA Birthdays

Minutes Approval ted motions and craig seconds no one opposed.

Officers' Reports:

DCM: Randy C. Going to wait to talk about bridging the gap until we get to old business

Alt. DCM: OPEN

Treasurer: Gene V. Beginning Balance: \$622.06, Deposits: \$165.00, Debits: \$250.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$200.00, New Balance/Available Funds: \$337.06, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48.

Secretary: Kelsey C.

Committee Reports:

Corrections: Craig K. have been shut down for the last four weeks at Life Skills Re-entry. Tentatively we were set for the 17th but now down to the 10th. Had to get everyone tested to make sure everyone was good with Covid, and they are so hoping to move forward now. Rock Island and Henry County are still unwilling to let anyone come in.

Treatment: Brandon S.

P.I. : OPEN

Literature: OPEN

Accessibilities: OPEN

Grapevine: OPEN (Desiree K. - Area 20) on the 2nd Thursday of each month there will be a grapevine workshop on zoom. 7-8pm Central Time ZOOM ID: 838 532 82292 Passcode: grapevine

C.P.C. : OPEN

Archives: Aaron M. not much to report. Just got a number from Ted to make a call and try to get some more information. Hoping to have more information next month. Ted said he had more numbers for contacts he could send as well.

Intergroup Liaison: Craig K. Wasn't at the meeting but was listening. Jingle Jam did very well and raised around \$3,000. Looking for volunteers at the next event in April. Always looking for coffee donations. Tickets are being sold for the Anniversary event for \$25 now until April then they will increase to \$30 available at the office and possibly online. Desserts are also donated and baskets for raffle.

GSR Reports:

Geneseo: Ken: Cassidy from Marquette group is our speaker at 7pm this month Fri the 25th. Got a new coffee pot this month.

Last Chance: No Report

House Group: No Report

Henry County: Aaron - done with the first phase of the remodel at our hall. Looking to do more in the future. Next business meeting is next Tuesday at 9PM. No Cabin Fever this year. Ryan P from Galesburg is our speaker this month on the 12th - potluck is at 6pm speaker at 7pm. No Thursday meeting anymore, should be updated on the schedule now.

Milan Hillcrest: No Report

Camden: No Report

New Beginnings: Randy: Has been closed. Officially just opened back up to the public.

8n8AA: Randy: They did get accepted as a group from GSO. Meet every day online 8am and 8pm. Speaker meeting last Saturday of every month

Old Business:

OPEN POSITIONS:

● Alt. DCM ● Grapevine ● PI ● Literature ● Accessibilities ● C.P.C.

Bridging the Gap Position: Karen F is the Area rep for bridging the gap and said the district position gets the forms and pamphlets and hands them out to the jail's, hospitals and treatment facilities and then takes that information back to Area. Craig adds that Jackeline is going to have an informal gathering for bridging the gap at Iron and Grain coffee shop March 6th 9am? Randy comments that maybe this would be a better intergroup position then the treatment and corrections could just report to the intergroup position?

New Business: None

Craig makes a motion to adjourn meeting and gene seconds.

NEXT MEETING Mar. 8, 2022 via ZOOM



SPEAKER MEETING

Jennifer R.

**from Camden Serenity
Group**

Saturday, March 5, 2022

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



Camden Serenity Group

306 W. 3rd St., Milan, IL



Elandine is having a Chili Cookoff!

All AA and NA groups are welcome to attend.

Sunday March 6th from 12:30pm to 3:00pm

Please bring your pre-made crockpot of chili, along with any necessary toppings (cheese, onions, crackers, etc), as well as your own personal beverages.

Everyone in attendance will vote for a winner.

Hope to see you there!

Looking for some service work for you or someone else??

We have the perfect opportunity for you!

INTERGROUP



will be held on March 7, 2022 at 6 p.m. on Zoom
(information on joining the meeting can be found at www.aquadcities.org under
Virtual Meetings)

All positions are open:

Chair
Co/Alternate Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Telephone Chair
Newsletter Chair
Events Chair
District 9 Liaison
District 90 Liaison

Please see your Intergroup Rep or contact the office for job descriptions and
sobriety requirements.

**GET !
INVOLVED!**



COFFEE CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!

EACH GALLON OF COFFEE AT THE
INTERGROUP ANNIVERSARY EVENT COSTS \$30

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR ANNIVERSARY EVENT
BY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COFFEE FUND!

ANY AMOUNT APPRECIATED, CONTACT
INTERGROUP AT 309-764-1016 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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OF THE 48TH ANNUAL ILLOWA
INTERGROUP ANNIVERSARY
EVENT!**

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BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!

POINT OF CONTACT ANGIE M. – CALL INTERGROUP
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Forty Eighth
ANNUAL

Illowa Intergroup Anniversary Event

April 9th, 2022

Holiday Inn
226 17th St. Rock Island, IL

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

DINNER AT 6PM

SPEAKER AT 7:15PM

RAFFLES, SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN &
DANCE TO FOLLOW

speaker:

STEVE N. FROM WAUKEGAN, IL

TICKET INFO

\$25 BEFORE MARCH 25TH

\$30 AFTER MARCH 25TH

DEADLINE TO BUY-MARCH 30TH

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