

JULY 2022

ILLOWA

M E S S E N G E R



One Day at a Time

EXPERIENCE

STRENGTH

HOPE

ILLINOIS INTERGROUP CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

Group	May	Jan - May
8n8 AA	115.00	702.00
Bettendorf	0.00	2629.72
Big Book Study	0.00	337.71
Camden Serenity	100.00	440.00
Central Discussion	0.00	680.00
Cleveland	0.00	50.00
Courage to Change	0.00	679.48
De Witt	50.00	50.00
District 90	0.00	250.00
Geneseo	0.00	75.00
Henry County Group	0.00	100.00
House Group	0.00	50.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	20.00
Ladies Night	0.00	773.64
Last Chance	0.00	736.00
Marquette	0	200.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	70.00
The Three Legacies	0.00	500.00
West End	30.00	75.00
Total	305.00	8418.55

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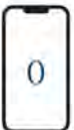
INFORMATION



VISITORS



AL-ANON



JULY Birthdays

4	Chuck I.	'91
5	Sharon K.	'96
7	Maureen K.	'17
7	Nancy C.	'01
8	Jesse N.	'06
8	Bill H.	'15
9	Jim K.	'81
9	Jack P.	'92
10	Victoria Q.	'05
13	Todd S.	'99
14	Al B.	'93
15	Christy P.	'91
15	Raul R.	'81
15	Mary Ann G.	'04
17	Don J.	'84
18	Vi P.	'77
21	Lisa D.	'96
24	Julie B.	'90
25	John B.	'78

JULY EVENTS

- 7/11 Intergroup Business Meeting on Zoom
- 7/16 Camden Serenity Group Potluck & BBQ
- 7/16 House Group Potluck & Speaker Meeting
- 5/15 District 9 Mini Event
- 5/21 House Group Potluck & Speaker Meeting
- 5/21 West End Potluck & Speaker Meeting

Intergroup
Office
CLOSED
MONDAY
4 JULY



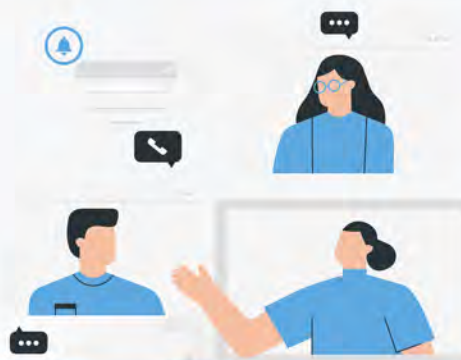
ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS

Chair	Mike C.
Co-Chair	Al B.
Secretary	Julie B.
Treasurer	Tom M.
Office Manager	Lisa W.
Telephone	Jennifer G.
Webmaster	Randy C.

GROUPS

Bettendorf
Big Book Study
Blandine
Central Discussion
Courage to Change
Freedom
Henry County
Knuckleheads
Last Chance
Marquette
New Beginings
Three Legacies
West End



Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup chair, Mike C. at 6:00 pm with Serenity Prayer.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

TREASURER

There were questions and some confusion so Mike C. recommended the report be tabled until the previous treasurer, Al could meet with Tom to discuss and review the report.

A motion was made to table the report, it was seconded and passed.

Tom M.

OFFICE MANAGER

Greetings from the Intergroup Office, I am looking for a volunteer to work Friday mornings from 9-12:30.

AA World Services still has quite a few books that are out-of-stock, due to supply chain issues. Please check with the office to see if we have what you want.

I will be going on vacation June 25-July 2. Please contact me if you are interested in filling in at the office while I am gone.

I am still having memory issues with the office computer. Both Chris C. and Randy C. have looked at it. We will possibly have to reinstall Windows and purchase new copies of QuickBooks and Microsoft Office.

Our next business meeting will be July 11 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W,

TELEPHONE CHAIR

Thank you for allowing me to be of continued service in this position.

Phone transfers have been going well on the weekends. Reminders have been sent via text on Mondays and Wednesdays. We also have an open position on the phone rotation, on the first Sunday evening of the month. This shift is 5:30 pm Sunday night until, 9:00 am on Monday. Sobriety requirement is 6 months, and is a great opportunity to be of service. Please contact myself, Lisa, or Desiree for more information.

Discussion: 6 months sobriety is recommended to take the Intergroup phone on the rotation.

In love and service, Jennifer G

DISTRICT 90 LIASON

District 90 Liaison was not in attendance, Randy has submitted this report.

Hello Everyone, District 90 has started planning to have a picnic just to raise some awareness that we are here and willing to serve. We meet tomorrow so hopefully a flyer will be posted soon.

We also are looking for Bridging the Gap Temporary Contacts to help with those getting out of Correctional or Treatment Facilities. More information about BTG and how to contacts us can be found on the aaquadcities.org website.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy C.

Question: Who should we contact for BTG?

Answer: Go to aaquadcities.org, click the link to send email. You can view the form, there is no requirement to complete it at this stage.

NEWSLETTER

No written report submitted.

DISTRICT 9 LIASON

Balance Forwarded	\$6714.81
Monthly Income	\$80.00
Monthly Expenses	\$81.35
Prudent/Seed	\$600.00
Operating Balance	\$6713.46

Greetings from district 9.

I'm attending my son's sports banquet tonight and I'm unable to attend the meeting, so I do apologize, but thank you Lisa for reading my report!

The Scott County jail is closed to all meetings due to covid positive results. When they re-open (which should be June 6th) masks will be required. Please check the District 9 minutes to see all corrections openings for service opportunities.

Due to the 4th of July holiday the next district meeting is July 10th at 10:30am at central discussion. This is a hybrid meeting.

In love and service, Erica B

EVENTS

No written report submitted.

WEBMASTER

Users onsite for more than 30 sec
(higher than average) 1,461

Total Users 2,418

The most visited pages were as usual:

1. Meeting Guide
2. Virtual Meetings
3. Events

Hello Everyone, site visitors are right in line with our current average.

The Anniversary Event must have caused last months swap between the Virtual and Events pages.

We had some heavy usage at the first of the month but no real spike this month. We still continue to have consistent daily usage.

I added a Bridging the Gap Information Page for District 9 and will be working with District 90 as well.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

BTG covered by Randy (see BTG on the aaquadcities.org website). No other old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers met last month to discuss creating and/or updating the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all positions to ensure transitions are smooth and efficient from the outgoing chair/officer to the new incoming chair/officer. Most hold the position for 1 year, or up to 2 years and it can take a while to get up to speed with what the previous holder of the position did. The importance of this was noted considering the Events chair did not have the benefit of the previous chair's input and help with questions. Events position involves much work and effort to coordinate decorations, raffles, how to collect money, how to get speaker, etc. Having an updated SOP for Events Chair, Treasurer, as well as other officer and chair positions will help each feel more prepared to take on the role. If you've been in a chair position at intergroup before and can help with the SOPs please reach out to Lisa or Mike C.

Regarding the computer issue; the hard drive of computer thinks it's full, something to do with windows, some glitch. It's being worked on and they are trying to find a solution. To reload windows may incur a cost; the cheapest method seems to be to get a second hard drive, which will give them time to reload windows and Quick books. They are still stumped as to why it's doing what it's doing. For now they want to avoid having to purchase new software, so the temp fix is to purchase a 2nd hard drive and copy everything over. It was mentioned Tim G worked on computers on the arsenal, maybe he could provide help. Mike will get them paired up to see if he has insight.

Al made a motion to purchase 2nd hard drive, it was seconded and passed. (approx \$62)

GROUP REPORTS

8n8 AA

8n8 Rep was not in attendance. Randy gave this report.

Hello Everyone, we still have good attendance and of course are meeting every day at 8am and 8pm.

We have a speaker meeting the last Saturday of the month and this month's speaker is Linda K. from the Henry County Group, on June 25th at 8pm.

That's all I have until next month.

In Love and Service Randy, C.

Bettendorf

Attendance is good.

Still working on a new location.

Plans are being made for annual picnic.

In love and service, Teri V.

Big Book Study

Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Blandine

Blandine's anniversary potluck went really well. High turnout and a lot of fun it was.

As of now, we are planning our picnic which is scheduled for September 11, 2022. I will have more information for that event at next months meeting.

Within the last month, Blandine saw a continuous increase in newcomers, especially from out of town. Our meeting numbers are continuing to grow and a few newcomers have stepped up to get involved in service work.

Blandine's speaker meeting is always the last Friday of every month at 8pm, that's June 24th for this month. Speaker will be Kelly H. from Courage To Change. A flyer is up on the Intergroup site.

Also, Blandine's business meeting is the last Sunday of every month after the 11am meeting.

Michael

Central

We don't have anything set in stone for our Anniversary Party.

Next business meeting is July.

Attendance is good except Wednesday evenings at 5pm.

Nichole S.

Courage to Change

Attendance remains consistent.

Our next business meeting will be June 21.

June 7th will be the 29th Anniversary. Flier is on the Intergroup Website. We will be raffling off a Big Book that has had Home group members highlight their favorite passages and added notes. Cupcakes will be served.

Love and Service, Carlee.

Freedom Group

The attendance at Freedom Group is good.

We are looking forward to the upcoming event The Freedom Group Fun Fellowship Field Trip 2 will be held June 10th - 12th at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, located at 19408 Loud Thunder Road, Illinois City, IL.

We are planning to go over the Group Inventory that was held in March after the Saturday morning 10am meeting at the event this weekend.

In loving service, Darcie D.

Henry County

Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Knuckleheads

Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Last Chance

Nothing new to report.

Still looking for a new building and the next meeting will be July 31, 2022.

Toni S.

GROUP REPORTS cont...

Marquette

Not a lot to report. Things are going well.

Meeting attendance is steady.

Group elections were held and a few new officers were appointed.

Love and service, Jennifer B.

New Beginnings

Hello Everyone, we are required to wear masks again. There have been 2 cases of COVID, but everyone else tested negative, however if any more cases pop up, they will be closing to the public again. I will post a flyer and update the meeting guide if they do end up closing. Otherwise, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. No speaker meetings yet. Wednesday at 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study is Saturday at 2pm. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence.

Randy C.

West End

Report given verbally, no written report submitted.

Three Legacies

Open speaker meeting is on Tuesday's at 7:00 PM at Central Discussion in Davenport. The meeting is hybrid and the information to get on Zoom is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings.

We have a Closed Big Book Zoom meeting on Saturday at 9:00am. Information is on our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings.

Next business meeting is Tuesday June 14, after our Speaker meeting, at 8:00am. Zoom information our flier on aaquadcities.org/meetings.

In Love and Service, Vickie S.

**7th Tradition - Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to illowaintergroup@yahoo.com
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer | The next business meeting will be held on July 11 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.**

I SEEK FREEDOM FROM EGO AND CONFLICTS GENERATED
BY SELF-WILL. I WILL TRY TO IMPROVE MY CONSCIOUS
CONTACT WITH THE GOD OF MY UNDERSTANDING,
SEEKING THE GUIDANCE AND POWER I NEED TO LIVE IN
HARMONY WITH MY WORLD,

just far today

ATTENDANCE

DCM

Alt DCM

Treasurer

Archives

Grapvine

Intergroup Liaison

Secretary

Treatment

Webmaster

Big Book Study

Central Discussion

Courage to Change

Marquette Group

The Three Legacies

West End

CHAIRS

GROUPS

District 9

Business Meeting

5 June 2022

Chair Reports

TREASURER

Beginning Balance	\$6714.81
Income	\$80.00
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Ending Balance	\$6713.46
Seed Money	\$300.00
Prudent Reserve	\$300.00
Operating Balance	\$6113.46

Motion by Rachel & 2nd by Ronna - motion passes

DCM

Greetings District 9.

Hope everyone is having a great start to the summer. Here are a few things that are in progress.

We have Maryanne our area 24 delegate scheduled for October 2nd District 9 Business Meeting to go over her delegates report for her service in New York.

Park our ALT DCM and I have met several times reviewing past actions and compiling a booklet. We have gone through all the digital reports on the aaquadcities website. Randy our webmaster has sent us past reports that he had saved. I reached out to Lisa at the intergroup office, and she has hard copies that Park and I must physically go through. Her and I will meet to do that sometime this summer.

I will be attending the conference in Preston June 10th through the 12th.

I will be paying for another month of zoom for our hybrid District 9 Business Meetings. I tried to pay for it early, but zoom will not let me pay until July 2nd, 2022.

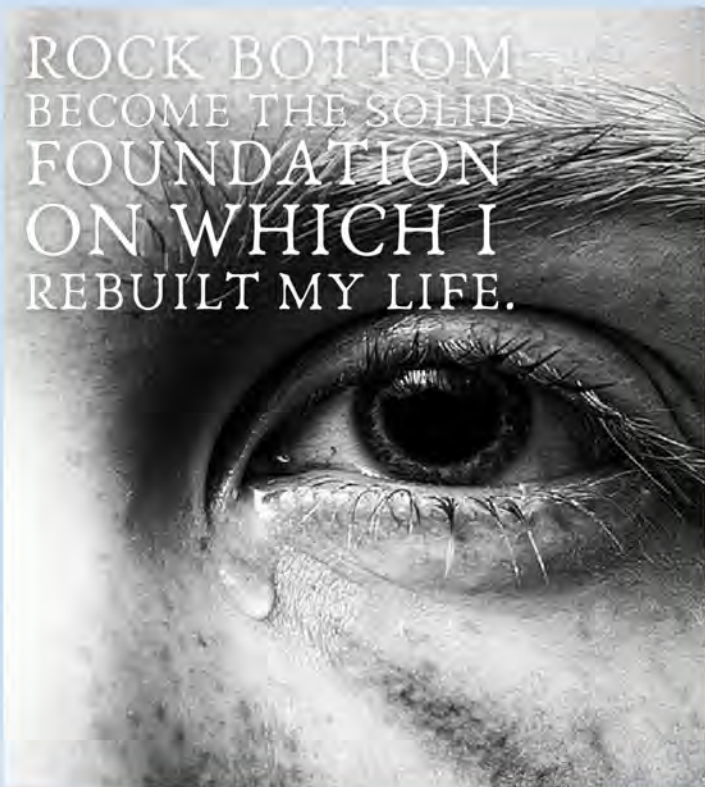
Kiersten, central discussions chair gave us permission to store equipment in the closet with an understanding that Central Discussion is not responsible for stolen or damaged items.

I believe the error with the Dewitt Group has been rectified and their group information is up to date and correct across all meeting guides and websites.

Just a short piece of information, there is now a place on the intergroup website for bridging the gap information to download forms to take into treatment, correctional facilities, or to be a temporary contact. There are also email addresses available for use at the district level for each position, more information to follow.

Yours in service, Lee C

ROCK BOTTOM -
BECOME THE SOLID
FOUNDATION
ON WHICH I
REBUILT MY LIFE.



District 9

Business Meeting

5 June 2022

Chair Reports cont...

ALT DCM

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The most visited pages were as usual:

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There was no real spike this month.

A Bridging the Gap Information Page has been added for District 9.

A 43" Samsung television has been purchased. The cost was \$320.99. Randy also purchased a wireless microphone with a stand for \$73.00. I would like to thank Randy for his assistance. He sent me the details for the TV. I did none of the research, only the leg work. His help was greatly appreciated.

Lee and I continue to wade through District's past actions. Lee is compiling a small notebook for our future reference.

I will be attending the Area 24 Spring Conference in Creston, Iowa, June 4th through the 6th. In Love and Service, Park

In love and service, Park

GRAPEVINE

Hi all!

Grapevine has a new book out, Fun in Sobriety.

Look for June's edition of the grapevine which talks about Staying Green. Long timers share how they stay active in the program.

Don't forget about our Podcast and inspirational works on Instagram.

Literature is going well, we were not able to get around to places recently, but we are planning making up for that this week.

I will be attending spring conference next week.

In love and service, Ronna

CORRECTIONS

Scott County Jail meetings are being cancelled until June 6th due to a Covid outbreak. We will know by June 6th if we are able to restart meetings or if they will have to be further postponed.

When we are ready to go back in all volunteers will need to wear a mask. Please reach out if you have any further questions. I have been visiting the group Business meetings to talk about the need for volunteers at the Scott County Jail. There has been much interest and great questions! Even though we have been at a stop and go with meetings there is still a need for volunteers. I have also created an email account for the corrections chair. You may email this account if you have questions or a need volunteer applications. district9corrections1@gmail.com

Lastly, our committee meeting meets on the 4th Friday of the month at 11:15am at the Bettendorf Group. Come and get involved in some service work!

Here is a list of the meetings and time for Corrections:

Meetings at Scott County Jail:

- Women's Monday 7pm
- Women's Wednesday 7pm- not officially started yet
- Men's Monday 7pm- not officially started
- Men's Wednesday 7pm; Men's Thursday 3:45pm

Meetings at RCF:

- Men's Tuesday 7pm

605 Main:

- No meetings being held at this time

In love and service, Vicki

INTERGROUP LIASON

Income	\$8,524.14
Expenses	\$9,685.04
Income minus Expenses	-\$1,160.90

Lisa did file quarterly payroll taxes last month.

Intergroup office is still looking to fill Friday, 9am-12:30pm shift. Please contact Lisa at the office.

In love and service, Erica B

District 9

Business Meeting

5 June 2022

Chair Reports cont...



ELEVATOR OUT OF ORDER

USE THE STEPS

ARCHIVES

Greetings from Archives! Trivia Question: What year did the general service office open the archives? 1975

1966 The Trustee's New Alignment: In a move that stresses the fellowships full acceptance of responsibility for conducting its own affairs, the 1966 general service conference recommends and accepts a new alcoholic to non- alcoholic ratio of trustees of the general service board. With the gradual addition of US and Canadian trustees at large the board's membership would now be made up of 14 Alcoholics and seven Non-Alcoholics.

1967 Bill's writing printed and Bound: The A.A way of life, a collection of bills writings, is published in 1967 as a daily source of comfort and inspiration. The title of the book will be changed in 1971 to as bill sees it.

1970 Hospital and Prison Groups Worldwide A G.S.O. New York report of the 1970 World Service meetings notes that 54,031 institution members belonged to the fellowship worldwide 20,160 members in 742 hospital groups and 33,871 members in 895 prison groups. If you would like to learn more about A.A history or get involved with Archives.

Please feel free to reach out to me or attend one of our Archive Committee meetings.

In Love and Service, Sheryl F

CPC / PI

Good morning District 9.

I am unable to attend today due to my work schedule.

I wish I could say that there has been a large response from our multiple previous contacts with the Nursing schools, the V.A or Humility Homes and services but I cannot. I am waiting to hear back from Craig K to see if we can get more pamphlets and or to see if we can get an opportunity to share more about AA with the Burmese community. I do know that the language barrier is a concern, but If it can be done, my committee and I are willing to go share about AA if we get linked up with a church or organization in our District location. I am in the process of making follow up calls and or emails to previous opportunities to see if the interest can be resparked! If you are connected to any professionals that would be interested, please reach out to me and I can make contacts with them personally to see if AA can be of any assistance to them or if you know of anyone who could use or benefit from some of our pamphlets I would be happy to reach out and assist in any way possible. I did hear back from Craig from District 90 and he did share that he has had 3 meetings with 1 individual through a translator that has not had a drink in 3 weeks so that is great news. Other than that, he does report having difficulty getting anything more than the pamphlets at this time. We just keep pushing on and doing all we can to serve our community.

Love and service, Shawna

District 9

Business Meeting

5 June 2022

Group Reports & New Business

Big Book Study

Things are going well 18-20 in person as well as zoom. June 14th due to church event we will only be online

Central Discussion

Tyler will take over Central GSR, Mike will be Alternate.

No real changes since last District Meeting.

District will be allowed to store the TV in the locked room.

Marquette

Hybrid meetings for MWF at 11:00am

The Three Legacies

The Three Legacies Group next Business Meeting will be held Tuesday June 14th. Minutes for the meeting will be recorded & brought back to the next District meeting that follows our meeting, in July.

Meetings are still being held twice a week, once every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm (Hybrid - Open Speaker) and every Saturday morning at 9:00 am (Online Only - Closed Big Book Discussion).

Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B.

West End

May 21 was the last business meeting until the end of summer.

Old Business

District 9 Mini Event Report.

I want to first thank you for allowing me to host the District 9 Mini Event. It was such a great time, it was truly an honor and a privilege. We held the 2022 District 9 Mini Event at the West End Alano Club. Attendance was around 34 people. This is including those that attended virtually. We had 2 panels of speakers, 1st panel was on sponsorship and 2nd panel on 4th step. A special thanks to Erica and Laura who helped greatly, and the event couldn't have gone on without them.

Budget:

Room cost: \$200; Food: \$120- cookies; \$21.41- cream/paper plates/plastic silverware; \$28.19- table cloths; \$8.98- stevia/sugar; Total: \$398.38

In love and service Vicki F.

New Business

- Motion to move July business meeting to July 10th @ 10:30, 2nd by Kristen - Vote, Motion Carries.
- Motion to increase gas reimbursement per mile to \$0.45 to be in line with area:

Discussion: current is \$0.35

Vote: 2 - Minority voice, are we complicating this, how much back & forth with treasurers have to do?

- Motion - up to 0.50/mile, 2nd by Jim. Motion carries
- Webpage Update - Bridging the gap webpage was approved & is active; emails are on the bridging the gap pages. Forms are there & downloadable; Working on creating a document that allows you to update electronically.
- Motion was made by Mike to discuss adding a Bridging the Gap chair - move to next month agenda.

Dates to Remember

Area 24 Spring 2022 Conference

June 10, 4:30 pm - June 12, 11:59 pm

SWCC Campus, 1501 W. Townline St.

Creston, IA 50801 United States

Area 24 Service Weekend

August 21, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Marshalltown Regency Best Western, 3303 S Center St

Marshalltown, IA 50158 United States

Area 24 Fall Conference

October 7 - October 9

Clay County Events Center, 800 West 18th Street

Spencer, IA 51301 United States

Motion to Adjourn, made by Park & 2nd by Kristen.

Camden Serenity Group

Milan, IL



**Camden Turns 10!
Annual Potluck Bar-B-Q
Saturday, July 16
Camden Park, Milan, IL**

11:30 Fellowship

12:00 Burgers, dogs, & brats will be served—
please bring a side dish to pass

12:30 Raffles

1:00 Speaker: Erica B. from The Bettendorf
Group

***** Volleyball, Bags, Kickball *****



Large picnic shelter on the hill,
Signs will be posted

Blandine Picnic
September 11, 2022
Garfield Park
1224 E. 29th Street
Davenport, IA



10:30 A.M. Fellowship
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Speaker Meeting
Rip

12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Picnic

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken Breasts, and Brats provided
Please bring a dish to share.
Water \$0.50 donation

Lots of fun for the whole family.
Ball Park, Tennis & Volleyball Courts
and Playgrounds
Hope to see you there!

Illowa Messenger
1706 Brady St, STE 201
Davenport, IA 52803

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