# ILLOWA MESSENGER DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

5	Carol J.	'77
11	Jennifer B.	'17
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



Happy Holidays from your Illowa Intergroup staff, volunteers, and the officers and chairpersons.



### **EVENTS**

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Camden Serenity Group Potluck/Speaker Meeting

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Intergroup Business Meeting via Zoom

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – IAYPAA Fundraiser Christmas Potluck

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – IAYPAA Fundraiser Parents Night Out

Dec. 17th - House Group Speaker Meeting

Dec. 18th - Blandine Christmas Potluck

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Marquette Christmas Eve Candlelight Meeting

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Bettendorf Open All Day

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

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



### Illowa Intergroup Group Contributions October 2022

	Oct. 2022	<u> Jan - Oct 2022</u>
8n8 AA	126.11	1,356.08
Bettendorf	0.00	3,823.48
Big Book Study	72.50	633.65
Camden Serenity	100.00	840.00
Central Discussion	300.00	1,380.00
Cleveland	0.00	50.00
Clinton	0.00	575.00
Courage to Change	0.00	679.48
DeWitt	0.00	100.00
District 90	0.00	250.00
Geneseo	0.00	75.00
Henry County Group	0.00	1,200.00
House Group	0.00	50.00
La Nueva Vida	0.00	50.00
Ladies Night	0.00	773.64
Last Chance	355.00	1,251.00
Marquette	100.00	900.00
Primary Purpose	0.00	200.00
Rainbow	0.00	50.00
Sisters in Sobriety	50.00	145.00
The Three Legacies	400.00	900.00
West End	<u> 15.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	1,266.47	10,124.25

# Call Counts for October 2021

12-Step - 1

Information - 5

Visitors - 33

Al-anon - 1

#### Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / November 7, 2022

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Chair, Mike C. at 6:01 pm with Serenity Prayer.

#### Attendance:

#### Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Mike C.; Co-chair/Al B.; Secretary/Julie B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Jennifer G.; District 9 Liaison/Erica B.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K, Webmaster/Randy C.

**Groups present**: BB Study, Blandine, Camden, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, West End.

(If I missed anyone, please let me know!)

Motion was made and passed to accept the October minutes as published. (note: Newsletter was not sent; minutes are posted to the website)

#### Officers' report:

#### Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$6928.50

Total income: \$2093.22 Total expenses: \$4130. 22

Income minus expenses: (-\$2037.00) Checking ending balance: \$4891.50

Questions/Comments: Lisa confirmed the IL state tax is due to Lisa's residence in IL. Tim stated we have not dipped into prudent reserve since he's been in the position.

**Office Manager's Report:** The Intergroup office is now restocked with most literature but a few items are still not available. Grapevine has raised its prices so our prices will go up in the next year when new inventory comes in. The treasurer and I sent in the quarterly 941 payroll tax reports in October.

Anyone looking for service work for themselves or sponsees is welcome to volunteer as a backup office volunteer or sign up for our phone rotation. I am looking for volunteers to cover the office in the afternoons while I go out-of-town for Christmas.

Please notify the office of any holiday happenings (send flyers) so we can tell callers what is going on and can post them on the website. Thank you.

Call counts for October were 1 12-step, 56 information, 1 Al-anon and 41 visitors.

Our next business meeting will be December 5 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 getting sent out via text on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We have one opportunity for a phone position on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The shift is from 5:30pm on Sunday evening until 9:00am on Monday morning. In love and service, Jennifer G

**Events**: Events chair was not present during the meeting, but a verbal report was given by Erica B. Events chair emailed the following report:

Not much to report for me: Tentatively planning the Winter Speaker Jam event for Saturday Jan. 28th at the West End Alano club. Waiting for confirmation from the West End group so there isn't a conflict of interest with meeting times. Starting & trying to find people interested in forming sub-committees for the upcoming events in 2023. In love & service, Cassidy G., Events Chair

Newsletter: not present

**District 9 Liaison:** report given verbally; no written report submitted.

**District 90 Liaison:** report given verbally; no written report submitted.

**Webmaster:** Hello Everyone, we had 2,635 users total but 2,277 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is almost 900 more users higher than our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, the Events Page stayed as the second most visited page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. There was heavy usage for the last week of the month, no real single day spike but the last week was noticeably higher usage. We still continue to have consistent daily usage, except for this last week. 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: not present

**Bettendorf**: not present

**Big Book Study**: Big book study group attendance is good. Newcomers are coming in; we are reading out the Big Book in Bills Story. Our election is coming up this month. In loving service, Jerome J

**Blandine**: report given verbally; no written report submitted.

**Camden:** Camden's numbers remain strong. In addition to our quarterly business meeting, we will have a special meeting this Saturday to discuss the upcoming Holiday schedule. – Laura S.

**Central**: not present

**Courage to Change:** Courage to Change Group held their Business Meeting on October 25th. Elections were held for the new service year.

Topic discussed regarding potentially changing the verbiage in the Preamble from "A group of men and women" to "a group of people". No vote at this time. This was discussion only. Also discussed was potentially removing the Lord's Prayer at the end of the meeting and replacing it with the Serenity Prayer. No vote was held as this was discussion only. Home Group members have decreased slightly from previous Business Meeting. — In Love and Service, Carlee

**Dewitt:** not present

Freedom Group: not present

**Geneseo:** Geneseo Group is settled into their new location, a few minor things to finish but the transition went well. We had our 44th Anniversary celebration at the Isaac Walton League on 10/22/22 and had a good turnout, was hoping for campfire and Smores but had 80-degree weather instead. Elections for all positions will be held this Wednesday 11/8/22. Our next speaker meeting is on Friday, 11/25/22 at 7 pm. Jerry M from Galesburg will be speaking. Love and Service, Lynette

**Henry County:** report given verbally; no written report submitted. **House Group:** report given verbally; no written report submitted.

**Knuckleheads:** not present

**Last Chance**: Our next speaker meeting is Friday the 18th, Matt T from Bettendorf group to share at 5:30pm. Potluck after, bring a dish to share.

We will be open all day for Thanksgiving with a meeting at 11am and one at 5:30pm. We will have a meal at 12:30, bring a dish to share.

We have decided to discontinue our Wednesday 5am Zoom meeting at the end of the year and have removed information from the intergroup website.

Attendance is good. We see a lot of newcomers on a regular basis, which is a wonderful thing to be a part of. We continue to pass an extra basket for intergroup donations throughout the month. Our next business meeting is the last Sunday of the month. - Tracey

**Marquette:** Marquette Group canceled October business meeting. This was due to not enough officers available to hold a quorum. Meeting attendance has been good. Love and service. Jennifer B

**New Beginnings:** Hello Everyone, 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, we are in the working with others chapter. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. Randy C.

**Three Legacies**: Three Legacies had their business meeting October 13, 2022. Elections were held and Mary Ann G. will be Three Legacies Intergroup representative for 2023.

Three Legacies speaker, meeting at Asbury Methodist church on Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. is going well. Average people attending Thursday's speaker meeting is 29 and average children in daycare is 4.

The Three Legacies Big Book, Saturday, virtual meeting is 9:00 A.M.

Information to get on both meetings can be found on our flyer at aaquadcities.org/meetings.

The next business meeting and elections are October January 26<sup>th</sup>, after the speaker meeting. In Service and Love, Vickie S.

West End: report given verbally; no written report submitted.

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

**Old business:** none **New business:** none

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – Checks can be mailed to the office or donations can be made online via PayPal to <u>illowaintergroup@yahoo.com</u>.

All reports need to be e-mailed to the secretary prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month 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 **December 5, 2022, at 6 p.m**. on Zoom.

# November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – District 9 Monthly Meeting Chair Reports:

**Treasurer:** Beginning Balance \$6,299.72; Income \$1582.59; Expenses \$1060.27; Ending Balance \$6822.04; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance \$6222.04

**DCM:** Greetings district 9, I attended the fall conference in Spencer IA and have information to report for our district. Our delegate reported that the 2022 membership survey was launched in late September and is still ongoing through October 15th. There were ten groups throughout area 24 randomly chosen to participate. Our area delegate also reported that she participated in a delegates only survey from GSL early this month pertaining to the participation of online groups in the US and Canada service structure. GSO is interested in how we are incorporating the online in virtual groups in our service structure. She also reported that during the monthly West central regional delegates meeting our West central regional trustee discussed GSL financial updates. AAWS and Grapevine are experiencing increased expenses largely due to cost of goods sold tripling across the board. AAWS has been negatively impacted to a larger degree because of the volume of material they sell, and the supply inputs included in their budget period great vine will need to increase prices to accommodate for the increased expenses. They are trying to limit the increase to the ten book titles that will need to equal the replacement cost. Price increases for Grapevine books will take effect in January 2023,

however Grapevine is offering free shipping on products through the fourth quarter 2022. AAWS budgeted a 1.2 million laws for 2022. At the July board weekend, it appeared as if the loss may double due to increased expenses. AWS were able to reduce projected loss back to 1.2 million. Keep in mind GSOD did have a surplus last year of approximately one million. The surplus should wipe out the deficit this year and balance out. Currently there are no plans to move funds from the prudent reserve. Group contributions are on pace to hit 11 million, similar to group contributions in 2021. I attended the GSR sharing session and there were four topics discussed The first one was fear of rotating out after your term as DCM. What do you do when no one else steps up to serve. (Asking for suggestions). There was a lot of great feedback including how to promote the service position and visit different meetings and leaving the results up to God. The second topic discussed was the Lord's prayer when closing a meeting. Feedback was to follow what area does, and it's a group decision. The Third question was regarding changing the format of an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to include non-alcoholic issues, feedback for this topic included that we ask ourselves are we in an AA meeting? How does the nonalcoholic subject separate themselves from Alcoholics Anonymous? The 4th and final question was how often does a group take their inventory? Feedback was very light but included some comments that some groups don't take inventory, or they give it a different name to attract attendance.

There was a hefty debate regarding a proposal for a 2024 general service conference agenda item. There was a lot of confusion with wording and explanation. After several votes, reconsiderations, and re-votes, a district from our area is sending an agenda item to keep the first 164 pages Of our big book as is.

Motion: I move that Area 24 send a proposal for a 2024 General Service Conference agenda item stating we will not make any changes to the Doctors opinion and the 1st 164 pages of our book "Alcoholics Anonymous" Made by Cindy G.; seconded by Dave B. Vote taken. Motion passed. (Count of 37 to 43)
Yours in service, Lee C

**Alt. DCM:** There were 2,635 users total with 2,277 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 seconds, which is almost 900 more users higher than our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was the most visited page, the Events Page was second and the Virtual Meetings Page was third. There was heavy usage for the last week of the month, no real single day spike but the last week was noticeably higher usage. Lee, Sheryl, Pat, and I met to review the SOPs. In love and service, Park

**Corrections:** Greetings from Corrections! Literature has been requested and sent to SCJ, 605 Main, and RCF. We are looking at reducing the women's jail meetings from 2 to 1 meeting per week due to lack of volunteers. We are still in need of both male and female volunteers. Please reach out if you have any questions. Love and service, Vicki F

#### **Group Reports:**

**Courage to Change:** We held elections, all positions are filled. Attendance is steady.

The Three Legacies: Good Morning All, Three Legacies Treasurer Report: (August 25 – October 13, 2022) Income: \$509.39, Expenses: \$324.52, Account Balance: \$3,562.02, Prudent Reserve: \$630.00, Operating Balance: \$2,932.02 Our group's last business meeting was held October 13th during which time we held elections. All service positions were filled as follows: Chair: Erin B, Secretary: Rachel B, Treasurer: Kristin E, G.S.R.: Christina G, Alt G.S.R.: Joy P, Intergroup Rep: Mary Ann G, Grapevine: Katie A, Coffee Chair: Melissa G, Set Up Chair: Rebecca N, Teardown Chair: Shawna S. A motion was passed to disburse \$400 each to G.S.O., Area 24, District 9, and Intergroup to total \$1,600. Our next Business Meeting will be January 26, 2023. The Three Legacies group holds two meetings each week on Thursday Evening @ 6:00 pm (Hybrid – Open Speaker – Childcare available) and Saturday Morning @ 9:00 am (Online Only – Closed Big Book Discussion). Yours In Love & Service, Rachel B. Three Legacies GSR RachelBofService@Yahoo.com Cell: 563-459-7382

#### **Old Business:**

Treasures report – read, motion to approve by Toni & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheryl F.

#### **New Business:**

Reports not read, Delegate speaker meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Jaclyn M. & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen M.

# District 90 Business Meeting Nov. 8, 2022

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM-Randy, BTG- Erica, Grapevine/Alt. Secretary- Maddie, Geneseo- Ken, Camden- Jennifer, Treatment- Brandon, Archives- Aaron, Corrections- Craig.

AA Birthdays: None Minutes Approval- Motion-Erica, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Maddie, Minutes Approved.

- DCM: Randy C. Hello Everyone, I do have an update from last month's NIA 20 meeting. Chris D., our Delegate, reported mostly on the financials of GSO. What caught my attention was GSO is operating in a deficit, or over budget, mainly due to the increased costs of printing. Several books were out of stock because the Normal Printers had staffing and supply issues which put them behind so they were unable to fill our needs. GSO had to use other Printers to restock, and without the large volume discounts, had to spend more on literature. As a result of the use of different printer the 12x12 had a printing error, a page from step 7 was duplicated in step 8, the error was corrected in the next printing. The budget for GSO next year will include an increase which also includes an increase in the price of some literature to us. On another note, I received the preliminary agenda for the 2023 General Service Conference. There are currently 97 items to be discussed at the conference but this may increase as they finalize the agenda. Just an FYI, all the Delegates don't discuss all 97 items, the conference is made up of committees, each committee will discuss a section of the agenda items so that there is an equal load. Just a couple of items of interest to share for now, when I get the final agenda with the background information, I will get that to you all so you can discuss it with your group. Real quick mention, there is an item to change the Preamble back and several to stop and reverse any changes to the BB or 12x12, also, to stop with the plans to translate the BB into a more modern version of English, Plain English Version, which does not replace the BB but create a different book. As I get more information, I will pass that all on to you. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.
- Alt. DCM: OPEN
- Treasurer: Gene V. was absent Report given by Randy C. Beginning Balance: \$1144.25, Deposits: \$300.00, Debits: \$119.28, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$144.90, New Balance/Available Funds: \$1180.47, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. --Gene did Renew Grapevine Subscriptions for Top of the World & Ricca.
- Secretary: Kelsey C. -Absent

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Corrections: Craig K.- Craig K.- There are four volunteers approved and four more awaiting approval for AA meetings at the Rock Island County Jail. East Moline prison meetings are well attended. They are looking for more volunteers for the East Moline correctional facility. Life Skills Re-entry is well attended. There is a possibility of holding two Big Book studies there in the future. There was no speaker meeting at Life Skills Re-Entry last month. Michael from Last Chance will be speaking at Life Skills Re-Entry on November 26th. Craig has more literature for corrections. They have also been maintaining contact with inmates who have been recently released.
- **Treatment:** Brandon S. He has been in contact with local facilities about possibly doing tours of their locations.
- **P.I.**: Open
- Literature: Dave W. Absent.
- Accessibilities: Open
- **Grapevine:** Maddie P. Grapevine literature currently has free shipping. There is a Grapevine workshop on Nov. 10 at 7pm via Zoom.
- C.P.C: Open
- **BTG:** Erica B. Erica has been in contact with women who will soon be released from jail and has put them in contact with B.T.G volunteers. On Oct. 12th Ken and Maddie attended a Bridgeway event in Kewanee representing A.A.
- Archives: Aaron M. Is asking groups for historical archives information about their groups.

• Intergroup Liaison: Craig K. – Lisa is in need of volunteers for the Intergroup office. There will be a winter event on Jan. 28th at the West End. They are in need of a phone chair volunteer for the 5th Sunday of every month from 5:30pm-9am

#### **GSR Reports:**

- **Geneseo:** Ken M. The anniversary event at Izaak Walton Park was well attended. There will be a business meeting and elections on Nov. 9th. There will be a speaker at 7pm on Nov. 25th. There will be no potluck. But, there will be a meal at a local restaurant after the speaker.
- Last Chance: Krista P Absent.
- House Group:
- Henry County: Brandon S. Anniversary was great. Speaker/Potluck on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Still going through the Group Inventory.
- Milan Hillcrest:
- **Camden:** Jennifer R. There will be a business meeting Nov. 12th. They will have a speaker meeting Saturday Dec. 3rd.
- **New Beginnings:** Randy C. 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, we just starting Working with Others. If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence.
- **8n8AA:** Erica B. Meetings are well attended. There is a Big Book Study Wed. at 8pm. There will be a speaker meeting Saturday Nov. 26th. They are looking for volunteers to fill open positions

#### **Old Business:**

- OPEN Positions: Alt. DCM, P.I., Literature, Accessibilities, C.P.C
- **D90 Picnic:** The date for the picnic is Saturday June 17th, 2023. Craig K. will be arranging speakers. There will be fellowship at 12pm, a speaker at 12;30pm, followed by a workshop and potluck afterwards. Pulled Pork from TPC will be provided, bring a dish to pass. Craig made a motion to set aside \$500 for catering for the picnic. Erica seconds this motion.
- **D90 PI Workshop:** Postponed until Spring.

**New Business:** None

Erica motions to adjourn, Maddie seconds.

Next Meeting: Dec. 6th, at 6pm via Zoom.

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



# SPEAKER MEETING Chris W.

# from Camden Serenity Group

- ♦ Fellowship at 5:30
- ♦ Pot Luck at 6:00, Please bring a dish to pass
- ♦ Raffles at 6:45
- ♦ Meeting starts at 7:00



# **Camden Serenity Group**

306 W. 3rd St., Milan, IL





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

#### NOVEMBER 20, 2022 AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MEETING THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

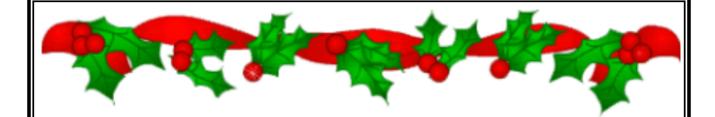
#### NOVEMBER 27, 2022 DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS



DECEMBER 18, 2022 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



# BETTENDORF GROUP OPEN ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Meetings at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM
ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN





Feel free to bring snacks to share. Come by for fellowship and fun.

Bettendorf Community Center - 2204 Grant Street - Bettendorf, IA 52722





# AT BETTENDORF GROUP!

# New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Meetings at 5:30 and 8:00pm and <u>candlelight meeting at</u> MIDNIGHT!

**Snacks provided starting at 5PM** 

# New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM to 9:00PM

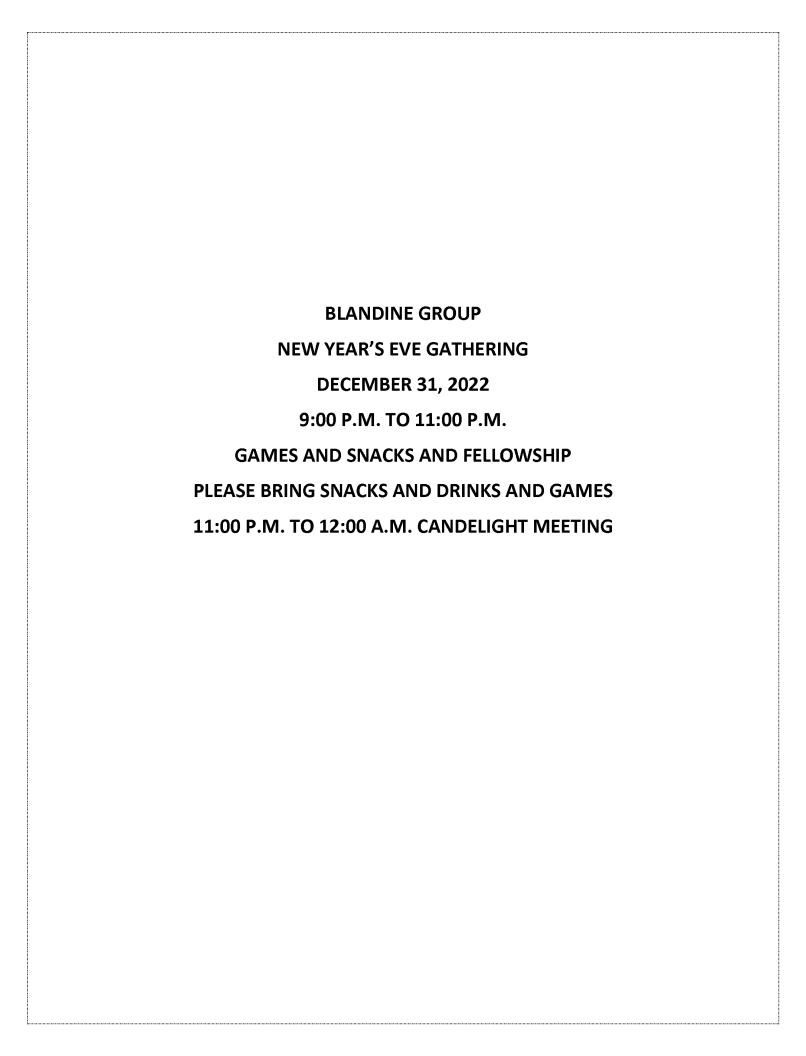
Meetings at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM

# **ALL MEETINGS BOTH DAYS ARE OPEN**

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