

ILLOWA MESSENGER MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

March Birthdays

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
31	Sandra G.	'13

*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

- 4th – Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet
- 4th – Camden Serenity Group Potluck/speaker meeting
- 6th - Intergroup Elections
- 9th – Three Legacies Anniversary



TICKETS!!

Intergroup will be having our 48th anniversary on April 22, 2023 at the Hickory Creek Event Center in Davenport, IA. Tickets are available online at www.aaquadcities.org, from your Intergroup Rep, or at the office. Last day for ticket sales is March 21, 2022.



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	Jan. 2023
8n8AA	111.56
Bettendorf	996.40
Big Book Study	589.30
Camden Serenity	100.00
Central Discussion	300.00
Coal Valley	250.00
Courage to Change	758.65
DeWitt	25.00
District 90	0.00
Henry County Group	1000.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00
Ladies Night	322.38
New Boston New Hope	5.00
North Scott	500.00
TOTAL	4,968.29

January 2023

Call Counts

12-step	3
Information	61
Visitors	39
Al-Anon	0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes / February 6, 2023

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Co-Chair, Al B. at 6:11 pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Chair/Mike C.; Co-chair/Al B.; Secretary/Julie B.; Treasurer/Tim M.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Jennifer G.; Events/Cassidy G.; District 90 Liaison/Craig K, District 9 Liaison/Erica B., Webmaster/Randy C.

Groups present: 8n8, Bettendorf, BB Study, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End.

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$5477.84

Total income: \$7485.99

Total expenses: \$4048.16

Income minus expenses: \$3434.83

Checking ending balance: \$8912.67

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report.

Office Manager's Report: The office continues to be closed Monday mornings until 12:30 due to lack of volunteers. It is important to continue to check the website for the most current hours or call ahead, as inclement weather and illness could cause some hours to change.

Tickets for our anniversary event on April 22 are on sale at the Intergroup Office. Intergroup Reps are responsible for coming in to pick up their tickets to sell to their group. Quite a few reps haven't picked up their tickets yet. It is important to do that ASAP as sales are ending earlier this year due to the new venue, and tickets will NOT be sold at the door. That is one of the main parts of your job as an Intergroup Rep.

Thanks! Thank-you letters were sent out to groups and Faithful Fivers for their 2022 contributions.

Thanks go out again to Randy C. for putting together a February newsletter for us. We really need someone to step up and fill this position at our elections in March. It is an easy way to do some service work. Call counts for January were 3 12-step, 61 information, 0 AI-anon and 39 visitors.

Our next business meeting will be March 6 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom (elections, no reports given verbally, but still hand to secretary). In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Currently all of the phone positions are taken, and I have a few people on back-up status. Thank you for allowing me to be of service in this position, I have enjoyed this experience and have grown in many ways. In my last month of service, I am updating the 12-step list for the intergroup phone volunteers, this was last updated in the fall of 2021. I will be calling every volunteer and verify their availability and willingness to continue to be of service to the AA community. I will be removing those members on the list that are not returning my calls and messages. I would like to put a HUGE shout-out to Lisa W and Julie B, they been extremely helpful and patient with me in this position. In love and service – Jennifer G

Events: The Winter Speaker Jam was a great success. People really enjoy coming to hear speakers all day and fellowship especially when there's a good variety present & speaking from different groups. We averaged about 60-70 in person attendants through-out the day and approximately 10-12 zoom participants. Unfortunately, same as last year attendance dropped by the time the potluck came around. Might suggest to next Events chair to reconfigure potluck times if they plan to carry on this event for future years. I went with a silent auction for the baskets this year rather than a raffle it seemed to do alright as far as profits go compared to last year.

There were many people who came to be of service Friday-Saturday and I couldn't have pulled this off without the help of my fellows from all over. In addition, many of them new to service were asking how they could become involved with intergroup and future events.

I made sure to announce before each speaker our upcoming elections, the need for an office volunteer, and the timeline for ticket purchases for the annual event in April. My greeters were able to sell 5 tickets during this event. These numbers will probably be a bit different from the treasurers report due to how

QuickBooks categorizes things for them but this is what I got for profits for the event:

Drink Sales: \$113.50

Annual Event Tickets: \$125

Freewill Donations: \$85.63 50/50
Profit: \$157 (total pool was \$314)
Baskets \$210
Total Raised: \$691.13

I have started to put something together for the incoming Events Chair as far as how I've done things and kind of a how to, it is getting pretty lengthy, but I hope it will be helpful. I will continue to work on that and hopefully have it ready by the time we fill the position after elections. I need people to be of service at the annual event – I'm hoping to lean back on a lot of the same volunteers from the winter event but if you or anyone you know would like to be of service, please let me know. Also please continue to push ticket sales at your home group as there will be no dinner tickets sold at the door. The flyer is on the website which has deadlines for ticket sales and also how to pay online. In Love & Service, Cassidy G.

Newsletter: per Randy: it got done/sent!

District 9 Liaison: report was given verbally, no written report submitted
District 90 Liaison: report was given verbally, no written report submitted

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,775 users total but 1,686 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is 60 more than last month and just above our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. There was no noticeable spike this month which is good since I don't have any reason for the spike. I did publish the "New Look" last week. I still have some more changes in mind and should be putting them out over the next month. The content will stay the same but the pages will have a different look. I did get some positive feedback from several people so it seems I am moving in the right direction. 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.

Comments were made regarding discrepancies on the meeting guide app, and who to contact.

Group reports:

8n8: no written report was submitted

Bettendorf: Last year the group decided to have business meetings every other month starting in January. Also, due to a change in our distribution schedule, the group will not make any monetary quarterly donations after September. It's final quarterly distribution for 2023 will be in September. Intergroup should take note of this and plan accordingly. The new liaisons and representatives are getting acclimated to their new positions. Our GSR enjoyed attending conference in Marshalltown Iowa especially the topic on appropriate ways to handle inappropriate behavior. The annual group inventory will be held February 11, 2023, following the 10 am meeting. It was voted to hold group inventories every 2 years instead of annually. Our Anniversary will be held April 15, 2023. More to come.... Love and service, Nancy R

Big Book Study: Greetings and Salutations! The Big Book Study Group is going well. Attendance is good both in person and online. We are currently in Chapter 2 'There is a Solution'. Our 22nd Anniversary is coming up, Tuesday Feb 28th. Event Flier is on the intergroup website. We will be having Food and Fellowship starting at 5:30, Speaker at 6:30: Kelly F from the Basic Text Group in Cedar Rapids. That's all for now! Love and Service~ Carlee

Blandine: not present

Camden: not present

Central: not present

Courage to Change: Courage to Change attendance is steady and we're looking forward to our first business meeting of the year. – Pam S.

Dewitt: not present

Freedom Group: not present

Geneseo: Attendance has been good. We have added a new meeting on Thursdays at 9:30am. We have a speaker Feb 24-Carmen S from Coal Valley Group. ~ Jessie

Henry County: no written report was submitted

House Group: not present

Knuckleheads: not present

Last Chance: Attendance has continued to be good at the Last Chance group.

At our last business meeting we decided that the group will now hand out 9 month chips!

We have a First Friday Fellowship opportunity now happening once a month. Pizza party after the meeting at the group on the first Fridays of the month. \$7.00 per adult.

Our speaker meeting and potluck is the 3rd Friday of the month and we are excited to have Julie B, from The Big Book Study, share her story with us on the 17th this month at 5:30pm.

Our next business meeting is on Sunday, February 26th at 12:20.

In love and service, Tracey S

Marquette: Meeting attendance has been excellent. Marquette is seeing some new faces at our business meeting, which is wonderful. Marquette is having their 49th anniversary celebration in April, and planning is underway. Marquette was able to make a \$300 donation to Intergroup for January.

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. 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: Good Evening All!

Three Legacies is going well. Our meeting is on Thursday evenings at 6pm at the Asbury United Methodist Church 1809 Mississippi Blvd Bettendorf, IA. We are an open speaker meeting and are also hybrid. Zoom ID is 254-615-7093 and password is 852140. Our attendance has increased in our permanent location, and we are now offering daycare for \$5 per child. We are also celebrating our 10-year anniversary on March 9th and we will have a speaker Troy F. from Cedar Rapids and cookies to celebrate. I plan to pick up tickets for the intergroup event in April from the office this week. Several home group members are very excited about this event! Love in Service, Mary Ann G., Three Legacies – Intergroup Representative

West End: no written report was submitted

IAYPAA: no written report was submitted

No other written reports were submitted

Old business:

- 1) Newsletter chair is still open; Randy has been taking care of it while we have been without. Minimum requirement is 1 year and a computer. Anyone interested please contact Lisa.
- 2) Intergroup Anniversary Event Tickets are ready for reps to pick up from the office.
- 3) Reps were asked last month to ponder some options of how to make the office hours more regular, or brainstorm alternative regular office hours. As a reminder, the Office Manager is paid for 25 hours/week. There were no new comments on this topic.

New business:

Jennifer G explained she's been updating the 12-step list and have made multiple phone calls to 12 members on the list with no return calls. Jennifer made a motion to be allowed to remove those 12 names. Lisa seconded the motion. After some discussion, it was agreed that the telephone chair is a trusted servant and can make the decision without a motion. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

REMINDER: Election of officers takes place at the next business meeting, March 6. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested in service work should attend the March business meeting; all officers and chair positions are up for grabs!

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 prior to the 15th 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 **Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 – District 9 Monthly Meeting

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment,

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Three Legacies Intergroup Liaison

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance - \$6,407.99 Total income - \$2159.27, Expenses - \$495.36 Ending Balance - \$8071.90, Seed Money \$300.00, Prudent Reserve \$300, Operating Balance \$7471.90. Motions accepted to approve.

DCM: I attended the Service Weekend in Marshalltown January 7th-8th. The meeting minutes are available in the Dropbox. As of 31DEC2022 Area has an available balance of \$11,562.33. There will be 5-8 first draft chapters (without AA edits) from the Plain Language Big Book available at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in March. A new hardcover jacketless Big Book is now available. The hardcover looks like the jacket and will reduce production and delivery time. EDW, Equal Distribution of Work, is going to be used at the GSC. PI and Literature have the greatest number of items. Webmaster, Adam B., is working on giving the website a facelift. Area is still reviewing alternate sites for the Marshalltown Service Weekends in January, March, and August. It is their hope to continue holding the meetings in Marshalltown due to its central location. The March meeting will be held at the Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center (MACC), 709 South Center Street.

Area new business:

- **Motion** – Area 24 cover cost of WCR AASC registration, lodging and travel for all Areas Officers and Chairs for the 2023 Conference. Amended to include past delegates. Motion passed.
- **Motion** – All Area 24 Committee Meetings and Assemblies be hybrid from this point forward (5 Meetings annually). Motion failed.
- **Motion** – Transfer the Pink Can fund back to Area 24 Corrections Chair. Motion passed.
- **Motion** – Marshalltown Community College be used for the March Service Weekend 2023. Motion failed.
- **Motion** – Area Chair appoint a technical committee that whose responsibility is to purchase equipment and censes (Zoom and/or other) to support hybrid/video conferencing with a limit of \$1,500. This committee will also be responsible for setup and facilitation of the video conference, including admission to deo and vote counting during the meeting. Amended, Area Chair appoint a technical committee to explore hybrid business meetings and assemblies. Motion passed.

I will be receiving the Agenda Items for this year's GSC something after February 15th. Jaclyn and I will separate them and get them sent out, digitally, to each chair. I will not be printing them this year. If you are in need of a hard copy, please let me know and I will do my best to provide one. I will be attending the West Central Regional AA Service Conference, via Zoom, Friday evening and Saturday, March 3rd-4th. As always. I am available to all of you. If you have questions and/or comments don't hesitate to let me know. This is a joint effort by all of us.

Alt. DCM: Good morning, all! This last month I have been getting acquainted with all that I am needing to do. Here is the Webmaster's report. "We had 2,775 users total but 1,686 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is 60 more than last month and just above our average of 1400. The Meeting Guide was still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, leaving the Virtual Meetings Page as the third. There was no noticeable spike this month which is good since I don't have any reason for the spike. I did publish the "New Look" last week. I still have some more changes in mind and should be putting them out over the next month. The content will stay the same but the pages will have a different look. I did get some positive feedback from several people so it seems I am moving in the right direction. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements."

I will be attending the West Regional Conference virtually in March. In love and service Jaclyn

Archives: Good morning, everyone, I have been brainstorming a few ideas for archives over the past few weeks. I have spoken with Lisa about possibly arranging archives display in the Intergroup Office in an effort to make our district's archives more available to the public. This idea still lives mostly in my mind, though I'm working on how to make this come to life. Anyone interested in this project or presenting any project ideas of your own, please see me after the meeting to confirm your contact information. I have prepared and submitted an expense report for the 2023 year. I am looking forward to all the conferences and service commitments!!!! Archives Anecdote: "Sam Shoemaker was a clergyman who was influential during his lifetime to many, including A.A. co-founder Bill W. Doctor Shoemaker (1893-1963) helped many alcoholics through his work at Calvary Church in New York. His ideas were fundamental and instrumental to the development of the A.A. program. Dr. Shoemaker helped A.A. in fundamental ways. Physically, he provided refuge for alcoholics in New York through Calvary Church. Spiritually, he directly influenced the Twelve Steps and the nature of A.A.'s program of recovery. His long and close friendship with Bill W. provided support to the co-founder. Sam helped the Fellowship weather its fledgling years." G.S.O. shares an online Archives Exhibit on the AA.org website from the "About A.A." dropdown located in the blue ribbon at the top of the page. www.aa.org/aa-archives-exhibits Reminder for GSRs: PLEASE make certain to share your Home Group's meeting minutes with me so that I may add them to your Home Group's history with our district. Yours in love and service, Rachel B

Corrections: Good morning, District 9. Things are moving along with Corrections. I have a comprehensive list of volunteers created with phone numbers and emails, pending applications, etc. Scott County Jail: Women's meetings are scheduled on Monday Nights at 7:00 pm. We do not currently have enough volunteers that have completed orientation to do a Wednesday night meeting for women. As soon as we do, the jail will be happy to add it to their schedule. Men's meetings are being held on Monday's and Wednesday's. There is a fellow AA that has been handling the men's meetings, scheduling, etc. I have not reached out to him yet. It's my goal to speak with him before our next District Meeting. I'm not quite sure how he started scheduling and handling the Men's meetings, but I would like that to come back under the district umbrella and he can certainly assist if he would like to. I have scheduled 2 meetings with Jennifer Rice and we have yet to connect. I have reached out again and we will be meeting. It's just been a scheduling thing. I also plan on reaching out to RCF and 605 in the coming months. Since jail meetings are currently active, I'm trying to get my bearings there first. That's all for this month. Love and Service, Toni F.

Treatment I continue to receive bridging the gap slips from Country Oaks and have connected members to these individuals. If you know of any men interested in connecting newcomers to AA, please have them contact me. I submitted my budget request for \$400.00 this year. This was the requested amount last year and I believe will be adequate for our needs. I connect with Craig K. who is Treatment Chair for district 90. We discussed the areas where we feel we could do better at connecting those in treatment to AA. I emailed staff at the Abbey treatment center to ask if there is anything else that would like to see from us, or if there are more opportunities there for people to sponsor/bridge the gap. I am awaiting a response. I contacted Eagleview to ask if they would interest in hosting AA speakers for those in mental health treatment there right now and I am awaiting a response. We had 4 speakers at Rosecrance for the month of February. There will be need for 4 speakers in the Month of March as if anyone is interested in volunteering, they can contact me and I will provide the dates and times. Love and Service, MJ

CPC: Good morning, all. I have received from Shawna the CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) work book and have read thru it, a lot to wrap my head around but gives great guidelines. Looking ahead, I would like to put out my cell phone number to all GSRs to pass onto your home groups for anyone who would be interested in getting onboard a committee to assist with CPC. I believe in our area medical students, health care professionals, high school counselors, clergy, and possibly even military personal on the Arsenal are areas to reach out to share AA information. My cell phone number is (563-320-5782). Yours in service, Colin M.

PI: Hello everyone! I received the Public Information Workbook in the mail which is super helpful. I also reviewed the budget sheet that was shared from previous years and I think a \$200 budget for PI would be sufficient as in previous years, when data was reported, it appears that we used far less funds than were allotted. Vicki F. got me in contact with Troy who is the PI liaison from Bettendorf. Troy and Beth H. from Last Chance both agreed to be on the new PI committee. We will touch base this week to schedule our first meeting. In love and service, Ayla

Grapevine: I don't have anything as of yet. Will get hold of Rona to find out more: will send letters to groups to introduce myself as the District Grapevine Chair and go from there. I have turned in a budget request for \$300 as well today. In love and service Angel

Literature:

Intergroup Liaison:

Group Reports:

Bettendorf Group: Greetings from the Bettendorf group, We will be doing our annual group inventory February 11th following the 10 AM meeting. At our last business meeting we made disbursements to the three

entities; GSO district and Intergroup. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Bettendorf group

anniversary which is April 15. We have officially started business meetings every other month and that is all I have.

In love and service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Hello from big book study group! Things are going well with in person attendance remaining very strong. Just a reminder that big book has its 22nd annual anniversary celebration Tuesday February 28th. Potluck starts at 530, Mulkey's chicken will be provided, please bring a dish to share. Our speaker is Kelly F from the Basic Text Group in cedar rapids ia. (This is a hybrid meeting.) In love and service, Ronna

Blandine: Blandine Group has a Chili Kick Off schedule for 2/12/2023, where other groups can participate and win a Certificate and bragging rights for a year. Blandine Group's 69th Anniversary is scheduled for May 21, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Potluck and Maid rites to follow. Announcement to follow of speaker. January 29, 2023, business meeting was held, and the following are positions that were elected. Bob B. – Chairperson, Chris C. – Treasurer, Christine P. – Secretary, Mike R. – Intergroup, Mia, V. – GSR, Don C. – Speaker Corodinator, Jesse M. – Coffee Server . In loving service, Mia V.

Courage To Change: Greetings District 9, Courage to Change has implemented our new service positions and will have our first business meeting of 2023 on Tuesday, February 7, immediately following our meeting. Our Anniversary meeting this year will be held the first Tuesday in June, which is June 6th. More details to follow as the date approaches. In love and service, Kristina K. GSR Courage to Change

The Three Legacies: Hello, District, 9! Three Legacies hosts an open speaker meeting each Thursday evening at 6pm. We invite you to pull up a chair and listen to experience, strength, and hope from members in the fellowship. Three Legacies offers daycare to meeting goers at a \$5 suggested donation per child. This Thursday night meeting is hybrid. In person we meet at Asbury Methodist Church and our link to join online is located on aaquadcities.org. We continue to host a Saturday morning 9am closed Big Book discussion meeting virtually. The same link is used for Saturday morning for the Thursday night meeting and again on the intergroup website. Attendance at both meetings is good and there is always room for more! Three Legacies will be celebrating a decade in March! Please join us for our anniversary on March 9th at 6pm. We are welcoming Troy F from Cedar Rapids as our guest speaker. Please celebrate and enjoy cookies and coffee with us. Our last business meeting was held at the end of January. A motion was made that Three legacies pay for the GSR and ALT GSR to virtually attend the West Central Regional Conference in March. Joy and I are looking forward to attending. Our next business meeting will be held March 23rd directly following our regular meeting. In love and service, Christina G

Old Business:

New Business:

- Area – Zoom This will be a continuing discussion
- Motion for District 9 to get PayPal account. Discussion. Tabled to gather more information
- **Motion** by Rachael for District 9 to create a Dropbox account. Seconded. Motion passed. Rachel to gather information on how it is managed, how does it operate and who the Owner is.
- Discussion on District also paying for Chairs to stay one night for Marshalltown Service weekends and two nights (rather than one) for Area Conferences. Motion by Toni F. and seconded. Discussion. Toni withdrew her motion. More discussion. MJ made motion for GSRs to take this back to their Groups. Motion passed.
- Give Park your email address if you want access to Area 24 Dropbox
- Holiday meeting changes: July meeting will be on the 9th and September will be on the 10th

Dates to Remember

- March Service Weekend reminder March 18 at 8:30 AM – March 19 at 5:00 PM. District will pay for DCM and Alt to stay for Sunday meeting. Chairs and GSRs should attend on Saturday.
- Area 24 Spring Conference – June 9-11 at Grinnell College. Workshops are late. District will pay for one day of meals and one overnight

Motion to Adjourn:

District 90 Business Meeting

Feb. 7, 2023

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance DCM- Randy, Grapevine/Alt. Secretary- Maddie, Geneseo- Ken and Ted, Corrections- Craig, Last Chance- Krista, Camden- Jennifer, Archives- Aaron, Literature- Dave, BTG- Erica, and Treasurer- Gene V.

AA Birthdays: None

Minutes Approval- Motion-Erica, 2nd-Ken, Minutes Approved.

• **DCM:** Randy C.- Hello Everyone, I send out an Edited version of the Preliminary Agenda for the 2023 General Service Conference. I highlighted the items that were not sent forward. The items in yellow can be skipped. I missed some stuff on Page 7. I will send out a new file. Also, our Delegate, Chris D., would be willing to join us and talk about the Agenda items. --there was significant interest, Randy will check if Chris can join us next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

• **Alt. DCM:** OPEN

• **Treasurer:** Gene V.- Beginning Balance: \$1383.57, Deposits: \$411.19, Debits: \$0.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$700.00, New Balance/Available Funds: \$1794.76, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. Gene added later that the we did receive a very nice thank you letter from Intergroup.

• **Secretary:** Kelsey C. -Absent

Committee Reports:

• **Corrections:** Craig K. - There is a fantastic group of Volunteers for both prisons and the RI Co. Jail. There are 6 for the RI Women, 3 for the Men. Always looking for more. Life Skills Re-Entry is doing great with Justin W. speaking last month and Erica B. this month. Always looking for speakers. The process of getting approved is better but tedious. Henry Co. Jail meetings are doing well, 2 guys and 2 girls consistently showing up. In Love and Service Craig K.

• **Treatment:** Brandon S.- Absent

• **P.I.:** Open

• **Accessibilities:** Open

• **C.P.C:** Open

• **Literature:** Dave W. - Trying to contact groups, having a hard time connecting with anyone. Phone numbers on printed meeting list are not getting any answer. Going to contact Lisa at Intergroup to try and get some contact information.

• **Grapevine:** Maddie P.- Running Late.

• **BTG:** Erica B.- Hello Everybody, I am not getting any answers on the list of Volunteers. The list is an old list. If you can take it back to your groups that we are looking for Volunteers that would be helpful. I have been in contact with District 9 and she is having trouble as well. I gave her some of our volunteers.

--Craig suggested contacting the Intergroup Telephone Chair and getting her 12 step list.

Update on the Picnic since I have to leave early. They can't give me a price for the Pulled Pork now, since it may change by the time we have the Picnic. However, they do have a party pack for \$249, which includes 25 lbs of pork, baked beans, slaw, and plasticware/plates for 125 people.

• **Archives:** Aaron M.- I found a old bag of VHS tapes and DVDs that I am going to borrow a tape player and see if anything is of use. I did talk with a guy who was the District 9 Archivist, so maybe he can help give me some more information on who to contact. The archives email hasn't had anything but spam.

• **Intergroup Liaison:** Craig K.- The main thing is Elections next month, all positions will be open. The 12 Step call list is problematic so take it back to your groups to see if there is any interest in being on that list. There will be a basket raffle at the Intergroup Anniversary Event, that was up in the air but a volunteer came forward. There was a large amount of contributions last month, probably due to the year ending.

--Randy added that they are looking for an Office Volunteer, Mondays 9:30a-12:30p.

GSR Reports:

• **Geneseo:** Ken M. – We got a speaker meeting coming up on the 24th of this month, not sure who it is yet. Business meeting tomorrow. A quick one. Our regular one is scheduled for March 8th. Attendance is really good, seems like we've got some new faces coming in. We started a Thursday 9 30 am, Closed Discussion. That's about it.

•**Last Chance:** Krista P – Attendance has been really good. At our last Business Meeting, we decided to give 9 mo. chips out. We started a 1st Friday fellowship, it's usually like a pizza, \$7, 1st Friday of the month. Our speaker meeting is the 17th at 5:30, Julie B from the BB Study. Our next business meeting is Sun. Feb. 26, at 12:30, and I think that's all I got. Thanks guys.

•**Henry County:** Aaron M – It's not the Henry Co. Group, but it is happening around the corner. The Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet. March 4th, fellowship at 5, eat at 6, Speakers at 7. Tom, and Juanita, from New Mexico. Sobriety countdown, 50/50 raffle. Sunday, March 5th, they will do a workshop on the traditions and relationships in general, \$20, flyers/registration papers out all over the cities.

As for Henry Co. pretty light business meeting last month. Still working on a few of our remodel things that we did a year ago. Putting some money back into the hall. Sent money to other organizations or levels. Speaker/Potluck on the 18th at 6 this month, Christina from 3 legacies. And that is all that I can think of...

--Gene added at Cabin Fever. If you don't want to attend the banquet, it's just \$5 for the speaker or for the Sunday event is the donation we're asking for that.

--Jennifer asked What time does the Sunday thing start. Answered 1p to 4p, Arron added we have a wave of newcomers. Friday nights, have really finally started to resemble what they were.

•**Camden:** Jennifer R. – Happy to be here tonight. We had our first breakfast in Jan, good turnout for that. The next is on Feb. 19th. Biscuits and gravy will be served, and we just ask for a small donation to our cans, or just come for the meeting. We had a speaker meeting last weekend a large turnout, I think the biggest I've ever seen 70. So that's a good sign. Our next Speaker meeting is on Sat. Mar. 4th. We've been doing quarterly business meetings so the next one is March 25th at 12:15.

•**New Beginnings:** Randy C. Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm and a Primary Purpose Big Book Study is Saturday at 2pm. We have had some "newcomers" join us that are not residents of the Lodge, which is great! If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. Randy C.

•**8n8AA:** Randy C. – We've had good attendance, the average is above 15 now and sometimes up to 20 at night. We will have a Speaker Meeting the last Sat. of the month. Feb. 25th and Jonathan B. from New Hampshire will be the Speaker. One nice thing is being online we have had some speakers from outside the QC area, Canada, Australia, California, Florida.

Old Business:

-D90 Picnic – Shelter booked for June 17, 2023

Update- It was decided to go with the Pulled Pork Party Pack and have some additional hot dogs as well.

-D90 PI Workshop –Randy will contact Area on availability this week.

-Attending Spring Conference March 10-12, 2023

--Jennifer is going with some Camden Group Members.

--Maddie and Aaron will be going with Randy.

New Business: Craig asked to use the 12x12 Displays at Cabin Fever which was agreed upon.

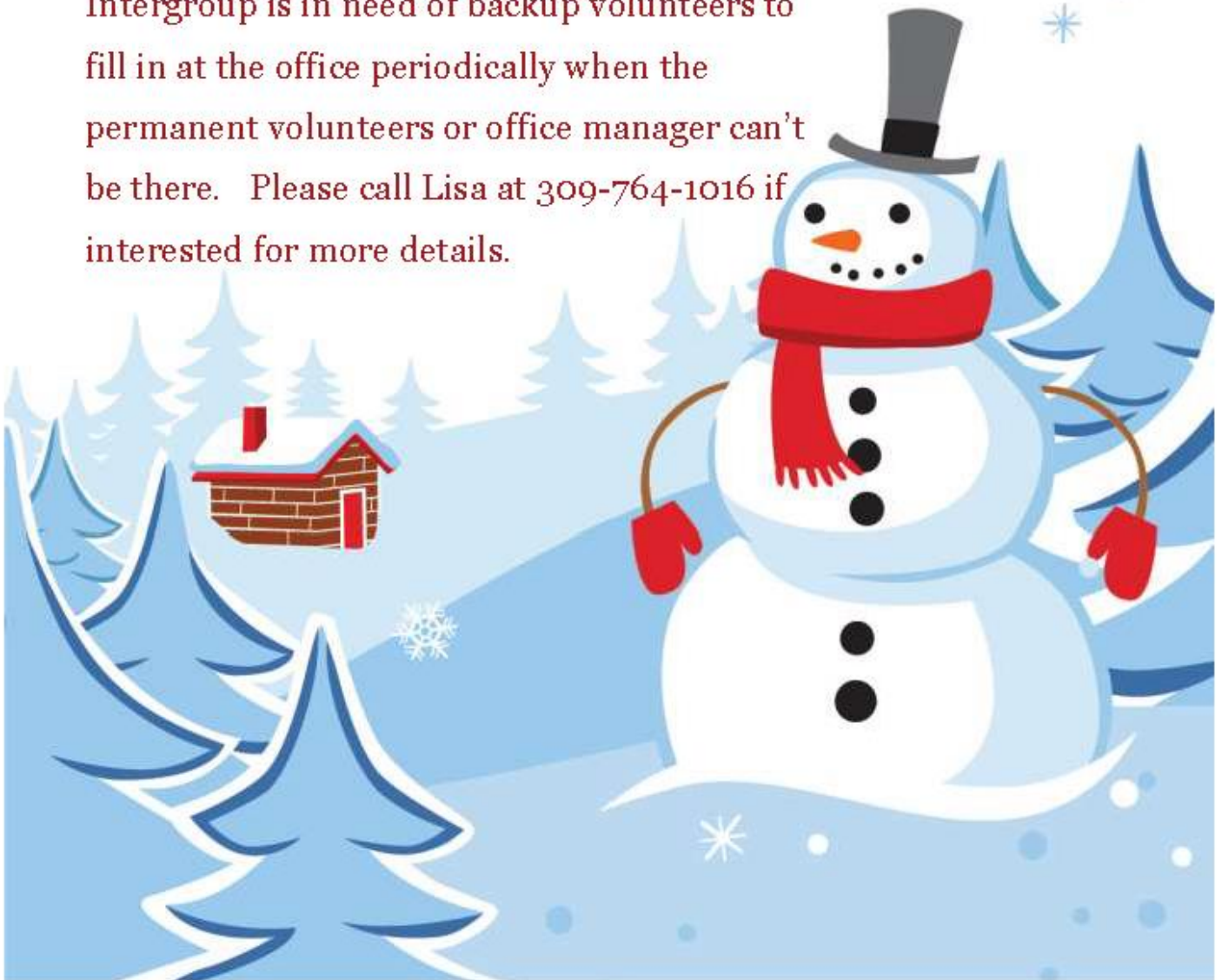
Craig motions to adjourn, Gene seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Mar. 7th, at 6pm via Zoom.

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13th Annual Cabin Fever Speaker Banquet

March 4, 2023



Hill Church: 107 N Main Street, Kewanee, Illinois

Registration, Fellowship 5:00 – 6:00

Dinner 6:00 – 7:00

Food provided by the Flemish American Club, Kewanee IL



Juanita & Tom U. – Santa Fe, NM

7:00 – 9:30

Meal & Speakers \$20.00 (50/50 drawing, raffles, prizes)

Speakers only: \$5.00 donation

Contacts:

Craig K. 309-738-4151 - Erica B. 309-428 2944 - Gene V. 309-525-4014

Tom & Juanita U.

Presenting Workshop on -

Traditions in Relationships

(A Journey through the AFG & AA Traditions)

Sunday, March 5th - (Same place.) - *Snacks provided.*

\$5.00 Suggested Additional Donation

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Dinner & Speaker ____ (Veggie meal) ____ Speaker Only ____ Sunday Event ____

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CAMDEN SERENITY GROUP

**SPEAKER
MEETING**

**KYLEE J.
FROM THE WEST END
GROUP**

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 4TH**

Socializing at 5:30

Potluck at 6:00

Meeting at 7:00

Camden Serenity Group

306 – 3rd Street West

Milan, IL

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INTERGROUP WANTS YOU!!!



Intergroup elections are coming up March 6th, 2023 at 6pm at the Intergroup Business Meeting on Zoom. All positions are open. We need YOU to come stand for a position – it's an excellent way to get started in service work and find out all the great things we do here at Intergroup.

Positions are:

Chair

Co/Alternate Chair

Secretary

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Newsletter Chair

Events Chair

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District 90 Liaison

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THE FOURTH DIMENSION

SPEAKER

PAULA P. - CHAMPAIGN, IL

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DEADLINE TO PURCHASE MARCH 21ST

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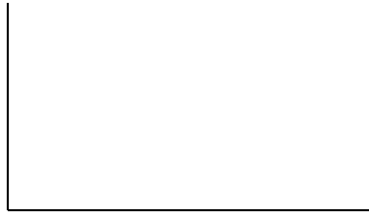
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