

ILLOWA MESSENGER June 2023

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



2	Allen H.	'04
4	Beav T.	'00
5	Cheryl K.	'07
6	Bob H.	'86
7	Bob S.	'96
7	Joy M.	'07
8	Beth H.	'20
9	Ray B.	'76
12	Mike C.	'83
13	Mike P.	'91
14	Vickie B.	'86
14	Yvette T.	'85
15	Steven T.	'80
15	Bill M.	'83
15	Pam D.	'84
15	Karen S.	'84
17	Nicki P.	'90
18	Weezie S.	'07
20	Terry M.	'90
21	Bob H.	'95
21	Chuck M.	'03
22	Richard S.	'07
24	Sue M.	'94
24	Chris W.	'06
26	Fathley J.	'96
27	George S.	'97
27	Chuck O.	'05
30	Bob B.	'75



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June EVENTS

June 3 – Camden Serenity Group speaker meeting/potluck

June 5 – Intergroup business meeting on Zoom

June 11 – IAYPAA Carnival Event

June 17th – Clinton Spring Fling

June 17th – District 90 picnic



June 10 – Dr. Bob takes his last Drink



A donation has been made to Intergroup in memory of John B. Long-time Central Discussion member 1938-2023

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	April	Jan. - Apr. 2023
8n8 AA	0.00	257.07
Aledo	0.00	100.00
Bettendorf	0.00	996.40
Big Book Study	0.00	589.30
Camden Serenity	300.00	400.00
Central Discussion	300.00	600.00
Cleveland	0.00	75.00
Coal Valley	0.00	250.00
Courage to Change	0.00	758.65
DeWitt	0.00	25.00
Henry County Group	0.00	1100.00
House Group	0.00	50.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	40.00
Ladies Night	0.00	322.38
Last Chance	452.00	452.00
Marquette	0.00	400.00
Milan Hillcrest	0.00	100.00
New Boston New Hope	5.00	30.00
North Scott	0.00	500.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	25.00
West End	15.00	60.00
Winola Group	0.00	100.00
TOTAL	1082.00	7230.80

April 2023 Call Counts

12-step	3
Information	97
Visitors	51
Al-Anon	1

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Co- Chair, Al B. at 6:01 pm with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Co-chair/Al B.; **Secretary**/Jennifer B.; **Treasurer**/Tim M.; **Office Manager**/Lisa W.; **Telephone**/Desiree K.; **Events**/Johanna S.; **District 90 Liaison**/Alternate-Bob; **District 9 Liaison**/Barbara A.; **Webmaster**/Randy C.

Groups present: 8n8AA, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Courage to Change, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, West End, IAYPPA

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

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$12,868.64.

Total income: \$7489.81

Total expenses: \$10,206.88

Income minus expenses: \$-2707.17

Checking ending balance: \$10,151.17

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

Office Manager's Report: Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well at the office.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our anniversary event a success. I would like to remind Intergroup reps and chairs that your reports need to be emailed to the secretary as soon as possible – within 5 days of the meeting is preferable. Remember if this was an in-person meeting, you would be expected to turn in your report tonight, so please email them as soon as you can. Thank you.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

Call counts for April were 3 12-step, 97 information, 51 visitors, and 1 Al-anon. Our next business meeting will be June 5 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: April went well for the phones, I did notice an issue with a couple people not answering their phone when I or Lisa would try to transfer the phones. I am going to leave it as is till next month, and see how it goes. As discussed in our April meeting, I have formed a phones committee, we plan to have our first meeting on May 21st. I am very happy with the diversity of women that stepped up and want to be of service in this area. The phones are so important to the still suffering that someone must be there to answer 24/7.

Thank you, In Love and Service, Desiree K. Intergroup Phone Chair

Events: The 2023 anniversary event was a success. There were 192 tickets sold with additional in attendance for fellowship. The venue was beautiful and very accommodating. Thank you to all who came to be of service before, during, and after the event. I believe we did much better with the amount of coffee provided this year

and had PLENTY of donations for coffee and the event overall. I would recommend next year having the person handling desserts/cake also make sure we have plates and serving utensils and be available to serve the dessert. I could have done better at delegating tasks out as I feel like I was trying to run around and do many different things at once to keep things running smoothly. Everyone seemed very appreciative though. I will be wrapping up a how to document for the incoming events chair over the next few weeks to help with future events planning. Below are the figures from Lisa as far as income and expenses for this event.

04/26/23	Illowa Intergroup Event Report February 3 through April 26, 2023	Feb 3 - Apr 26, 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Events Income		
50/50	805.00	
Event Tickets	4,768.54	
Raffles	979.00	
Events Income - Other	1,977.01	
Total Events Income		8,529.55
Total Income		8,529.55
Gross Profit		8,529.55
Expense		
Event Expense		
D.J.	100.00	
Decorations	224.36	
Hall & Food	5,287.34	
Speaker	553.55	
Total Event Expense		6,165.25
Total Expense		6,165.25
Net Ordinary Income		2,364.30
Net Income		2,364.30

In love & service, Cassidy G., Outgoing Events Chair

Events report – Johanna

I was asking Cassidy what is the next event that I need I to plan. She stated that it would be a golf outing. Will raise questions at next meeting about either going forward with it or asking if something else would be more of interest to people. In Love & Service Johanna B.

Newsletter: Hello! Nothing special to report, just that it felt pretty good to successfully assemble my very first newsletter! I was surprised, even though I was informed, how few newsletters are actually mailed. So, as a reminder, you can receive a newsletter by mail, to you personally, or to your group: \$16 for a year. You can also receive it digitally, via email, and that costs you nothing. If you have a flyer you'd like in the newsletter, please let Lisa, Randy, or me know, and remember the cost is \$8. If you just want a flyer posted to the website, that costs nothing. As always, the deadline to get anything in the newsletter is the 15th of the month. That's all! Yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,757 users total but 1,530 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which raised our average up to 1500, it was 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was a noticeable spike on Sunday April 2nd. The spike had been gone for about 3 months, but it seems to have returned. The Website was renewed for \$151.04, which will get split 3 ways between Intergroup, D9 & D90. The total price did go up by \$20. 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:

Big Book Study: Greetings! Big Book Study attendance is going strong. We had our monthly business meeting on April 11, much of the discussion was Intergroup Event Related. Our next Business meeting will be Tuesday May 2nd following the regularly scheduled meeting. Love and Service, Carlee

Last Chance: Last Chance's 35th Anniversary is August 2nd, we are planning to have a party on August 5th. More details to come. I will have location and time available at the next Intergroup meeting. Speaker meeting on May 19th - Derek C from Bettendorf to speak at 5:30, potluck at 6:45, please bring a dish to share. Attendance is going well, Big Book Study is held every Sunday. If you need anything, please let me know! ~~ Ruby

Marquette: Greetings, everyone. The Marquette Group had the 49th anniversary celebration with a fabulous turnout of about 70 people in attendance and a wonderful speaker. The numbers in meeting attendance continue to stay strong. Group elections will be held on May 22nd.

In love and service, Jennifer B

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, which has had a very much appreciated attendance from members from outside of the Lodge. Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study and we are starting Chapter 5, "How It Works." 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: All is well at Three Legacies. We are glad the weather is getting warmer and hope we will have new visitors to our group. Love in Service,
Mary Ann G, Intergroup Representative - Three Legacies

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

Old business: Desiree notified the group that she has formed a committee to assist her as needed with the phone chair duties.

New business: Johanna asked that ideas for the next Intergroup event be taken back to the groups for discussion and ideas.

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, June 5th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

May 7, 2023 District 9 Minutes

Attendance:

Chairs: DCM, Treasurer, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf, Blandine, Central, Clinton, Courage to Change, Three Legacies, West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$7,949.14; Income \$15; Expenses: \$983.60; Ending balance: \$6,980.54; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300.

Secretary: Read new and old business from April meeting. Motions accepted to approve

DCM: I attended the Q&A session offered by our West Central Regional Trustee, Mike L. I found it to be informative. I also walked away from the session confident that Mike has our best interests at heart. I continue to receive information pertaining to the resignations in New York. I am forwarding on all information that I receive. I look forward to Julie's report at the Spring Conference in Grinnell. I received a nice thank you note from Julie for the \$100 gift card we sent her for her trip to New York. I will be passing it around during our meeting. I have gained access to the newly created District 9 Dropbox. I will be attending the Spring Conference in Grinnell June 9th through the 11th. I look forward to seeing you all there. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any question/concerns that you may have. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM Hello all! I am not with you again this month as I already had another previous commitment. Have no fear, I will be here next month! I did attend the zoom discussion with a delegate to hear Mike speak about the situation with Linda. It was very informative, and I think that more will continue to be revealed. I am looking forward to the Spring Conference to hear more about this and the inner workings of GSO and the processes. I have obtained access to our D9 drobox. I also attended the intergroup event last month and it was so great to see so many people! I will be sending over the Webmaster's report when available. And as always, if there is anything that I can do for you or questions I can answer, please don't hesitate to reach out! In love and service
Jaclyn M. Webmaster Report: We had 2,757 users total but 1,530 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which raised our average up to 1500, it was 1400. The Meeting Guide is still the most visited page, followed by the Events Page, and the Virtual Meetings Page is third. There was a noticeable spike on Sunday April 2nd. The spike had been gone for about 3 months, but it seems to have returned. The Website was renewed for \$151.04, which will get split 3 ways between Intergroup, D9 & D90. The total price did go up by \$20. Keep checking the Events Page for any type of Group Announcements.

Archives: Good morning, everyone, I have been working on the Dropbox setup for District 9 and look forward to being able to see in in full swing by next month. Archives Anecdote: 1954: In the wake of Alcoholic Anonymous' success, several colleges and universities offer Bill W. honorary degrees. He declines, explaining why in this excerpt

from a letter to Yale University, which had proposed an honorary Doctor of Laws degree: "The tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous . . . entreats each member to avoid all that particular kind of personal publicity or distinction which might link his name with our Society in the general public mind." He then quotes A.A.'s need for anonymity, as stated in Tradition Twelve. 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 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:

CPC: Good morning, all, Update from CPC: I have reached out to St Ambrose nursing & Scott Community College nursing, unfortunately no response. I will be contacting the nursing department at Trinity (Unity Point) in Bettendorf. I will also be stopping by next week to the Chancery of the Diocese of Davenport. I was on an AA retreat over the weekend (Raising the Bar) in Monticello Iowa and had a nice chat with Bill (former Area CPC chair). Yours in service, Colin M.

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison:

Literature:

PI: Good Morning Everyone, we've been enjoying the warmer weather and are looking forward to events coming up this summer. Our committee has not met since our last meeting but we're still collecting info on what local libraries need Big Books, literature, and Meeting Schedules. I will be visiting the Intergroup office this week to get supplies (Big Books, pamphlets, schedules, etc.) to distribute to those locations who need them. I did attend the Intergroup Anniversary last month which was a really nice event. I received a text from Jody H., the Area 24 PI Chair, sharing his contact information and a link to the PI/CPC Working Group Zoom Meeting which is the second Saturday of every month. I am looking forward to attending the Area 24 Spring Conference. Thank you
In Love and Service, Ayla B

Treatment: We continue to provide speakers for Country Oaks and Rosecrance. If you are interested in sharing the language of the heart, please let me know. Bridging the gap continues to connect individuals with AA members. Thank you to everyone who has been helping carry the message. If anyone is interested in contacting individuals coming out of treatment and getting connected with AA, please contact me. I continue to communicate with the Abbey. They have decided against taking clients to meetings in the community but have members of the community come in to chair meetings. If you are interested in doing so, I can pass your information to the person coordinating those meetings. I have discussed the accessibility inventory agenda item with my committee members, and I am waiting to hear what was decided at GSO for next steps. Stay Tuned! Love and Service, MJ

Group Reports:

Bettendorf: Greetings from the Bettendorf Group! The Bettendorf Anniversary was a success. I will be attending the June 9-11 Spring conference. I attended the virtual meeting with our Area Delegate and Regional Trustee. I was able to ask questions. I have concerns regarding the recent resignations. There has been a breakdown of communication and I have concerns regarding the Traditions/Concepts/Bylaws not

being adhered to. I will communicate this to the Bettendorf group. Next Business meeting is May 17th @640pm immediately following the 5:30pm meeting. Love and Service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Greetings from big book study group. Happy to report that attendance is up averaging about 45 to 50 people, that includes online. Total checking is 1047.49, total savings is 1005.49. With a total balance of 2053.13. We did donate to the intergroup event with a basket and continue to put away \$\$ for new zoom equipment. We also welcomed 3 new members! I will be attending the spring conference and looking to gather more information about what's going on with Linda's resignation. In love and service, Ronna

Blandine: Blandine Anniversary — May 21, 2023. Roger A. from Bettendorf Group to share his experience, strength, and hope. Intergroup Office always looking for volunteers. GSR Report – Mia brought up that other groups are enforcing the rules of no children to be at closed meetings. Group discussion agreed however with the stipulation that a child/teenager that is claiming to be an Alcoholic can attend the meetings. Signs are to be posted outside the room, and only to read when the need arises if there are children brought to the meeting. New Business – Cindy brought a draft of a new sign to be posted downstairs to be given to Blandine Inc. to approve that will provide a list of all the meetings and that there would be postings on the doors upstairs, and a poster stating the meetings are in progress at this time. Group voted for a new layout for the sign-up board for people to chair and for the code holder who has agreed to open up the room. Code holders are approved by the board as there can only be so many that can have codes. Group voted and approved to have to have the Concepts posted on the wall after the Board approves it. Group also discussed while updating the room we still want to maintain the history of the room. In loving service, Mia V. GSR for Blandine Group

Three Legacies: Greetings District 9! All is well at Three Legacies. Attendance at our hybrid Thursday night open speaker meeting is steady. We have had an increase in daycare usage which is wonderful! Three Legacies continues a Saturday morning zoom big book study meeting at 9am. Our next business meeting will be held on June 15th. In Love & Service Christina G.

Old Business:

- Continue to announce new position for Technology Coordinator
- District 9 Dropbox – Park, Jaclyn and Rachael will continue to experiment with the process
- Motion was made in February for GSRs to take back to their Groups whether or not to send Chairs for two nights at the Spring and Fall Conference. Discussion. Motion by Vicki and seconded by Tyler to create a committee with ideas to spend down our funds. Discussion. Vicki withdrew her motion.

New Business

- Mini-Event date and theme tabled
- Dates to remember: Area 24 Spring Conference – June 9th – 11th @ Grinnell College. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight. Area 24 Fall Conference – October 13th-15th in Dubuque. Workshops are late. District will pay for mileage, one day of meals and one overnight.

District 90 Business Meeting May 2, 2023

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM- Randy, Grapevine/Alt. Secretary- Maddie, Geneseo- Ken, Jessie, Chris, Corrections- Craig, Camden- Jennifer, 8n8 AA- Beth, Archives- Aaron, BTG- Erica, and Treasurer- Gene. AA Birthdays: None
AA Birthdays: Beth- 90 days

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

- **DCM:** Randy C.- Hello Everyone, I did not get a response from our area delegate as to why he missed our meeting last month. I didn't press the issue, but I didn't hear back. The only thing I have to report is that AA World Services, or GSO, has updated their website for taking online contributions and they are encouraging us to use it. Somehow this saves them \$2.67 for every contribution. It's cheaper when you do it online so they've revamped the online way to make a contribution. In Love and Service Randy C.

- **Alt. DCM:** OPEN

- **Treasurer:** Gene V.- Beginning Balance: \$1428.76, Deposits: \$150.00, Debits: \$110.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$700.00, New Balance/Available Funds: \$768.76, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. Randy did turn in mileage reimbursement for the 2023 Spring Conference.

- **Secretary:** Kelsey C. - Absent

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Craig K. - Ton of activity! We have 14 volunteers between all the facilities. Meetings are well attended. They are still looking for volunteers for meetings at the jails and prisons. The Rock Island County Jail is now having their meetings with the men on Thursdays. I did receive a box of books from Area 20. In Love and Service Craig K.

- **Treatment:** Brandon S.- No Report Erica asked if any of the facilities are looking for speakers.

- **P.I.:** Open

- **Accessibilities:** Open

- **C.P.C:** Open

- **Literature:** Dave W. - Absent

- **Grapevine:** Maddie P.- Grapevine and La Vina apps will be available for download September 2023

- **BTG:** Erica B.- District 9 needs someone to volunteer to do BTG. There has been a packet made for inmates in the jails for resources when they get released.

- **Archives:** Aaron M.- No Report Chris mentioned a scrapbook at Camden. Jennifer was going to check on it. Ken suggested a questionnaire with the information Aaron was looking for and Aaron agreed to put something together.

Intergroup Liaison: Dave W.- Absent Randy did mention that the Anniversary Event went pretty well and they did raise some money.

GSR Reports:

- **Geneseo:** Ken M. – Meetings are well attended. There will be a business meeting May 3rd to discuss a group inventory.

•**Henry County:** Brandon S.- They have postponed their speaker meetings for the time being. There is a new 12&12 Meeting Wednesday Night at 7pm.

•**Camden:** Jennifer R.- They will have a speaker meeting May 6th. Fellowship at 5:30, pot-luck at 6, and Speaker will be Renee O. from Marquette at 7pm. They will have a business meeting May 27th at 12:15pm. July 22nd they will be having a picnic at Camden Park.

•**New Beginnings:** Randy C. Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, which has had a very much appreciated attendance from members from outside of the Lodge. Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study and we are starting Chapter 5, "How It Works." If you are available, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. Randy C.

•**8n8AA:** Beth P.- They have a beginner meeting at 8pm on Sundays. They will have a business meeting May 5th. There will be a speaker meeting May 27th at 8pm.

Old Business:

-D90 Picnic – Erica will pick up pulled pork. Craig is getting 50/50 raffle tickets for district 90 picnic. We will possibly be using Camden's PA System for district 90 picnic. Volunteers are still needed for the picnic. A list will be made for what the volunteers are needed.

-D90 PI Workshop – Postponed until after Picnic.

New Business:

-Recent Resignations and Turmoil going on at GSB/GSO.

--Craig shared some emails and information about the events happening. Randy had forwarded all the information to the current D90 members. There was some discussion about how we are getting different versions of what happened. Craig mentioned that the "power of the purse" may be the way to get the truth about what happened and is happening. The consensus is that we ask questions and talk to the current Area 20 members, not just be passive.

Craig motions to adjourn, Erica seconds. Meeting adjourned.

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

CLINTON A A
ANNUAL SPRING FLING
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 17

LOCATION

EAGLE POINT PARK----SOUTH SHELTER

SOCIAL TIME FROM 10:00 TO 12:00

FOOD WILL BE JEFF D. FAMOUS CHICKEN

AND WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS IF YOU CAN

District 90 Picnic

June 17th

Camden Park

Milan, IL. - Large Shelter

Fellowship at Noon

Lunch at 1pm

2 Speakers after Lunch

Pulled Pork will be provided.

A Covered Dish to Share is Welcome!

Speakers: Lisa and Robert Snipes

Both are past delegates.

Lisa is the current Area 20 PI Chair.

Camden Park:

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF THE MILAN BELTWAY AND US RT 67.

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