

ILLOWA MESSENGER

December 2023

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5	Carol J.	'77
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

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 2nd - Camden Serenity Group
Potluck/Speaker Meeting
- 4th - Intergroup Business Meeting on
Zoom
- 17th - Blandine Christmas Potluck
- 31st - Blandine New Year's Eve
Gathering



Happy Holidays from your Illova Intergroup staff and volunteers:

*Office manager - Lisa W.,
Volunteers- Bill H., Gale G., Karla E., Chris
C., Roger A., Chuck D., Bob F., Mike P., Mel
M., and the web guy, Randy C.*

And the officers and chairpersons:

Cassidy G. - Chair
Al B. - Alternate Chair
Tim M. - Treasurer
Jennifer B. - Secretary
Desiree K. - Telephone Chair
Julie B. - Newsletter Chair
OPEN - Events Chair
Dave W. - District 90 Liaison
OPEN- District 9 Liaison



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	OCTOBER	JAN. - OCT. 2023
8n8 AA	0.00	916.73
Aledo	0.00	100.00
Bettendorf	0.00	4294.41
Big Book Study	0.00	934.77
Camden Serenity	100.00	1000.00
Central Discussion	0.00	600.00
Cleveland	0.00	75.00
Clinton	10.00	60.00
Coal Valley	0.00	250.00
Courage to Change	0.00	758.65
DeWitt	100.00	175.00
District 90	0.00	75.00
Geneseo	700.00	867.00
Henry County Group	0.00	1311.40
House Group	20.00	95.00
IAYPAA	0.00	25.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	100.00
Ladies Night	0.00	322.38
Last Chance	0.00	452.00
Marquette	0.00	950.00
Milan Hillcrest	0.00	110.00
New Boston New Hope	5.00	60.00
North Scott	0.00	500.00
Rainbow Group	0.00	50.00
Sisters in Sobriety	0.00	50.00
Three Legacies	0.00	500.00
West End	0.00	105.00
Winola Group	0.00	100.00
TOTAL	945.00	14837.34

October 2023 Call Count

12-step	3
Information	68
Visitors	45
Al-Anon	0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes/November 6, 2023

Virtual Meeting called to order by Intergroup Chair, Cassidy G. at 6:01 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Chair/Cassidy G.; Co- Chair/Al B.; Secretary/Jennifer B.; Office Manager/Lisa W.; Telephone/Desiree K.; Newsletter/Julie B.; Webmaster/Randy C.

Groups present: 8&8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$5754.46

Total income: \$3091.45

Total expenses: \$4072.91

Income minus expenses: \$-981.46

Checking ending balance: \$4773.00

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

Office Manager's Report: Hello from Intergroup, I would like to announce that I am retiring from my position as Intergroup Office Manager effective Jan. 12, 2024. I have notified the officers and webmaster, and would like to thank everyone in the Quad City AA community for this wonderful opportunity I have been given for the last 14 years. It has truly been a blessing in my life and greatly enhanced my sobriety.

We have an opening for a volunteer to man the office every Thursday from 9 – 12:30. The office will be closed during these hours until a volunteer can be found. Please contact me at Intergroup for more information.

Call counts for October were 3 12-step, 68 information, 45 visitors, and 0 Al-anon.

Our next business meeting will be December 4 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Hello all, everything is going smooth. All positions are filled, and I have plenty of back up people to take the phones when needed. I am currently covering the phones on Thursday mornings till we find a volunteer to come into Intergroup from 9am-12:30pm. I have sent an email out asking for everyone to please announce the need for a in-office volunteer at their home groups, as it is better to have the office open for purchases and what-not. But until then, I am happy to be of service by taking the phone. If anyone would like to be added to the backup list and/or the 12th step list, please reach out to me. In Love and Service, Desiree K

Newsletter: Hello everyone! Totally unrelated to Newsletter, there's only 49 days until Christmas. 😊

I want to thank Lisa for stepping in while I was out of town! Thank you for printing, stapling, folding, and mailing the newsletter for me!

I don't have anything of importance to report, but this might be useful. If you get a physical Newsletter mailed to you, you may not realize the date on your mailing label. The date that's printed is the date you began your subscription. When your subscription is coming to an end and needs to be renewed, Lisa highlights the date and writes RENEW. This could seem really obvious to most people, but I never paid much attention, and this needed to be explained to me. I hope that helps someone! Yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,694 users total but 1,447 actual users that were on the site for more than 30 sec., which is right in line with our current average of 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 spike on Oct. 3rd, but the rest of the month looked pretty normal. 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:

8&8: Greetings from online 8n8aa meeting! Things are going well! Attendance average is 15-20 people. We are announcing all the intergroup announcements at every meeting to get the word out of all the things happening in our local aa. Next business meeting is Nov 10th at 6pm and the next speaker meeting is November 25th at 8pm and Jessica H from the Big book study is our speaker. In love and service, Erica B.

Big Book Study Group: Hello! The Big Book Study group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Asbury Church in Bettendorf. Our next business meeting is next Tuesday and will be further discussing the idea of offering childcare as well as how to handle our newly acquired property (laptops), as our online attendance has continued to be strong and steady so we will keep meeting as a hybrid meeting. Also, next Tuesday's business meeting will be our elections. – Julie B reporting for Carlee B.

Courage to Change: Our elections were held and everyone is looking forward to learning their new positions, except for the GSR, which is a two year term. Pam S.

Marquette: The Marquette group talk about contribution, on the holiday. Thank you, Angie P.

New Beginnings: Hello Everyone, the Meeting times are Monday at 6:30pm. Wednesday at 8pm, and Saturday at 2pm is the Primary Purpose Big Book Study. 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: Greetings everyone!

All is well at Three Legacies! Thursday meeting attendance is good. We held elections during our Business Meeting on 19 October. The new Three Legacies Intergroup Representative is Shawna S. for 2024. I will be out of town next month, so Shawna will be in attendance on 4 December. Thank-you for allowing me to serve over the last year. Love in Service, Mary Ann G.

Old Business: The Intergroup office needs a volunteer on Thursday mornings from 9-12:30. Both the District 9 and Events Chair positions are open.

New business: Lisa W. announced her upcoming retirement. She will be leaving her position as Intergroup Office Manager on January 12, 2024. There is a job opening posted on the Intergroup website. This is a paid position working an average of 25 hours a week and requiring 3 years of sobriety.

The Intergroup office lease is up in December. With a renewal of the lease, rent will increase from \$359.25/month to \$382.81/month. The group was given the option to renew for either 2 or 3 more years and voted unanimously to renew the lease for 3 more years with the monthly rent rate of \$382.81.

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, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

November 5, 2023 District 9 Minutes

Attendance:

DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Secretary, Treatment, Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Clinton, Courage to Change, Marquette, Three Legacies, West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$5598.52; Total Income: \$2365.39; Total Expenses: \$3886.92; Ending Balance: \$5,002.45; Seed Money \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating Balance: \$4402.45

DCM: I attended the Fall Conference in Dubuque October 13th-15th. I thoroughly enjoyed it. The primary discussion centered around the continuation and cost of Zoom. The final decision was that all five Business Meetings in 2024 will be hybrid. I have printed one copy of the minutes from the Area Business Meeting. They are available in the Area 24 Dropbox for everyone's viewing pleasure. I have copies of the General Service Board's approval of Scott H., past Trustee-at-Large Canada be added to the slate of Officers as chairperson of the General Service Board at the 74th General Service Conference. I will be attending, via Zoom, the West Central Regional Service Conference March 1st & 2nd. I highly recommend all District chairs do so as well. The agenda items that the GSRs will be taking back to their groups will be reviewed. I have always found this to be very informative. In the past there has been a cost for Zoom. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Good morning! I have a simple report this month. I attended the fall conference with Park and attended the DCM sharing session and other sessions throughout the weekend. There is still so much to learn from others. I did not receive the web masters report as of the time this report was written. An update will be made. Nothing else to report at this time. In Love and Service Jaclyn M

Archives:

Corrections: Meetings are going well. A steady trickle of applications do come in. I personally know of two women that are now out and sponsored and attending meetings outside. 605 meetings haven't started yet. Following up on volunteers that have not returned their applications. In love and service...Toni

CPC: Good morning, all, Update from CPC. I did attend the CPC workshop at the fall conference. I shared Alya's flyer she developed, the folks there were very impressed. I continue to reach out to the High School librarians to see if they have Big Books in their libraries. I will begin attending a monthly Zoom CPC meeting held on the second Saturday of each month. As always if anyone has any contacts in the professional community, please give me a call. Yours in service, Colin M.

Grapevine:

Intergroup:

PI:

Treatment: I attend the Area 24 Fall conference in Dubuque on Oct 13th and 14th. I attended the DCM workshop and treatment workshop on Friday night. I learned a lot about districts in our area. The treatment workshop workshop was well attended and I was able to get contact information for

some other districts for bridging the gap. I began to really deeply appreciate our district and the spirit of service in District 9 when listening to other districts talk about the difficulties they face. I will continue to keep you update on Area 24 treatment. We continue to provide speakers for Rosecrance, however they have discontinued the Friday evening group for the time being. Contact me if you are interested in being a speaker. There is a online link for volunteers to apply to chair meetings at Country Oaks. Then you will need to get a badge to get in. Al B. is currently running meetings at country oaks every other Sunday. If interested in going with, contact me. Here is the link for those interested: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1082488839>. You will also need to provide proof of covid vaccination and flu shot or complete an exemption form. 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.. Love and Service, MJ

Group Reports:

Bettendorf: I attended the Fall conference and it was informative. Bettendorf created an information board when you walk into the room on the walk on the right-hand side. This makes information more visible and accessible. Our next Business meeting is November 15th immediately following the 530pm meeting at 6:40pm. In Service, Vicki F.

Big Book Study: Hi all. Things are doing well at big book with our numbers averaging around 35 to 40. I did attend the fall conference, and as always took a lot from it that look forward to bringing back to my group. Our next business meeting is this Tuesday. In love and service
Ronna

Central Discussion: Central Discussion held its last quarterly business meeting of the year. Elections for most officer positions were held. For the first time in quite a while, all positions are now filled. Including our newly created position, Alt. Intergroup Rep. Elected for one-year terms are: Steve S. – Treasurer, Brian B. – Secretary, Troy, a transfer from the Bettendorf Group – Intergroup Rep. and Amanda J. for Literature and Alt Intergroup. Aiden C. will fill the Alt GSR position left vacant by Mike S. only until April '24. Group Chairman Bill B. will hold office until April '24. We will be seeking out someone that will take the Alt GSR position in April for a two-year term. My campaign using ChatGPT to boost attendance, met with mixed reviews. We had four new participants. However, two of the older participants that usually attend, did not. I am bound and determined to get more people involved for future meetings. I attended the Fall Conference and had a great time spending most of the time with my fellow District 9 representatives

Marquette: Everything is going well with Marquette Group. The 11AM meetings held Monday-Saturday have been well attended. There are also night meetings available Sunday, Monday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Our last business meeting was held on October 30th, and is held the last Monday of every month, at 5:30PM. The monthly Speaker Meeting is held on the last Saturday of each month, and will be held on November 25th, at 7 P.M. Jennifer R., homegroup Camden Serenity Group, will be speaking, along with fellowship and a 50/50 raffle. I look

forward to attending more District meetings, to gain access to more knowledge to bring back and forth from Marquette Group. Respectfully, Samantha P

Three Legacies: Good morning, District 9 October was a busy month. I was grateful to attend the Area 24 fall conference in Dubuque with Joy. We attended the GSR sharing session which covered some really important topics and had some great discussions. The whole event was beautifully put on. As always it was great to be a part of something bigger than myself. Three Legacies held elections. We are fortunate to have an active home group and all positions were filled. Yay service work! Three Legacies will be hosting a discussion meeting in lieu of a speaker meeting on Thanksgiving. Please join us at 6pm at Asbury Methodist Church we look forward to seeing you. Our meeting continues to be well attended and we are thankful for all speakers sharing their experience, strength, and hope. In love and service, Christina G

West End: We do not have much to report currently. Our next business meeting is going to be held on November 15th where we will hold our elections. I'll have more to report next month! In loving service, Keaton G.

Old Business: None

New Business: Park requested that for next month's Chair Report you provide a short recap of what you've done in 2023 and what you plan to do in 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Dates to Remember:

- West Central Regional Service Conference – March 1st-3rd – Minot, ND – A Zoom option is available.
- January Service Weekend – January 13th-14th – MACC, 709 S. Center Street, Marshalltown

District 90 Business Meeting Nov. 7, 2023

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM- Randy C., Grapevine/Alt. Secretary- Maddie P., Corrections- Craig K., 8n8 AA- Beth P., Archives- Aaron M., Last Chance- Beth H., Camden- Jennifer R., Treasurer- Gene V., Geneseo- Chris W., BTG- Erica B., Literature- Dave W.

Minutes Approval: Erica Motions, Beth P. 2nd, Oct. Minutes Approved

Elections - Officers:

DCM: Randy C. – unopposed, Unanimously Re-Elected

Alt. DCM: Maddie P. – Nomination-Eric B., 2nd-Beth P., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

Treasurer: Jennifer R. – Nomination-Craig K., 2nd-Gene V., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

Secretary: OPEN

Elections - Committee Chairs:

Corrections: Arron M. – Nomination-Craig K., 2nd-Dave W., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

Treatment: Erica B. – Nomination-Maddie P., 2nd-Dave W., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

P.I.: OPEN

Literature: Dave W. – unopposed, Unanimously Re-Elected

Accessibilities: OPEN

Grapevine: Chris W. – Nomination-Maddie P., 2nd-Jennifer R., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

C.P.C.: Beth H. – Nomination-Erica B., 2nd-Beth P., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

BTG: Gene V. – Nomination-Erica B., 2nd-Jennifer R., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

Archives: Craig K. – Nomination-Aaron M., 2nd-Erica B., unopposed, Unanimously Elected

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** Randy C.- Hello Everyone, I just wanted to let everyone know that Area 20 will be holding their Elections next month so the contacts for your positions may change. I will hold off in getting you the contact info until then, just in case it changes from now.

- **Alt. DCM:** OPEN

- **Treasurer:** Gene V.- Beginning Balance: \$1,310.12, Deposits: \$750.00, Debits: \$135.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$249.59, New Balance/Available Funds: \$1,675.53, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48.

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

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Craig K.- What a joy it's been to serve as corrections chair. As you may or may not know this has been dear to me for over 30 years and so you know to have this this workshop and to have what I experienced there the other day was just so unbelievable and heart felt. I've gotten a ton of feedback. Especially from Franklin, he's been calling me non-stop and just thinking constantly about his experience and being able to share what he went through. I cannot thank you guys enough for your dedication service. Aaron and Maddie, you

guys weren't there but thank you very, very, much. It was very moving and powerful to have the testimonies from the volunteers that are there and I know, you know, from the people that I talked to, they were moved, very much so. Pastor was just incredible. I hope we can do that again and as many of these workshops that we can put together. Of course, the accommodations were wonderful and that Last Chance will allow us to do that. I think of treatment, you know, one would be You par as quickly as we can put that together. There's the humbly grateful for all of you. It's been a love of mine and, will always be. Everything elsewhere is still the same. I got a bunch of applications out of this for the Rock Island County Jail. I need to talk with Aaron about trying to get a second meeting started there at Rock Island. So same thing with the with the East Moline Correctional Facility, talking with Pastor about a different night or day to be able to put something together and then doing the speaker meeting there also. Exciting stuff, hopefully for the future.

Erica B. added that the faculty was also given our contact info and some have reached out. We are just not helping the Inmates

- **Treatment:** OPEN
- **PI:** OPEN
- **CPC:** OPEN
- **Accessibilities:** OPEN
- **Literature:** Dave W.- There are still old sty books available.
- **Grapevine:** Maddie P.- There is a poll on how often you use the Serenity Prayer.
- **BTG:** Erica B.- No Report to save time.
- **Archives:** Aaron M.- No Report to save time.
- **Intergroup Liaison:** Dave W.- Missed the Intergroup Meeting. Randy added Lisa W. is retiring in Jan. 2024 so they will be looking to fill the Office Manager ASAP. Erica added that the Event Chair has not been filled and the Anniversary Event may not happen if it is not filled, which is the biggest funding for Intergroup.

GSR Reports: (meeting running late so some had to leave "out of time")

- **Geneseo:** Chris W. Attendance is up. Speaker meeting Nov 24th day after thanksgiving. Geneseo rulz. God Bless!
- **Last Chance:** Beth H. Our next business meeting 26th. Speaker meeting/potluck is on the 17th, with Alberto M. We're having pasta which I'm personally really looking forward to. Thanksgiving we're having a meal around noon following the 11 o'clock meeting and the doors. will remain open at least most of the day.
- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Out of time.
- **Camden:** Jennifer R.- We will be open from 8am-9pm on Thanksgiving. Fellowship, games, and coffee provided, snacks welcome. Our next speaker meeting is Sat Dec 2nd. Carlee B from Big Book Study will be the speaker. Fellowship starts at 530, food at 6 (ham is the main dish - please bring a dish to share), raffles, and the meeting will start at 7. Thank you so much!
- **New Beginnings:** Randy C.- Out of time.
- **8n8AA:** Beth P.- Out of time.

Gene motions to adjourn, Erica seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: December 5, 2023 at 6pm via Zoom.

NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

THE INTERGROUP OFFICE NOW HAS TWO VOLUNTEER OPENINGS – GREAT CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT SERVICE WORK!!!

Monday morning – 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Thursday morning – 9:00 am. – 12:30 p.m.

We need someone to man the office and phone.

6 months sobriety requirement

Please contact Lisa at the Intergroup office if you or anyone you sponsor is interested.

309-764-1016

Saturday, December 2nd



SPEAKER MEETING

Carlee B.

from The Big Book Study 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

OPEN INTERGROUP SERVICE CHAIR POSITIONS

All Service Chairs shall adhere to AA's 12 Traditions.

- **Events** – responsible for organizing and executing all Intergroup events – Anniversary/Dinner-Dance, Golf Outing, Softball Outing, and any other events - forming committees, maintaining accurate records of expenses and income, and reporting to the group.
- **District 9 Liaison** –Responsible for attending both District and Intergroup meetings monthly, and reporting the activities and pertinent information of each group to the other.

The Body of Representatives shall elect the Chairs. It is suggested Chairs should have one (1) year of continuous sobriety and should have stability and a more than average interest in service work. They shall serve for a one (1) year term and can be re-elected for only one additional term of office.

The Service Chairs should attend and provide a report at the monthly business meeting. He/she will have a voice and a vote unless he/she is a representative of a group.

If any Service Chair fails to appear at two (2) consecutive monthly meetings, without being excused, they may be replaced.

If interested or for more information contact the Intergroup Office. The next Business Meeting is Dec. 4th at 6pm.

BLANDINE GROUP

NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING

DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

GAMES AND SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE BRING SNACKS AND DRINKS AND GAMES

11:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M. CANDELIGHT MEETING



Illowa
Intergroup



HIRING

SOON!

JOB POSITION

Office Manager

- Paid Position
- Average 25 hours/week



DO YOU HAVE:

- 3 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY
- EXPERIENCE WITH SERVICE WORK
- GENERAL OFFICE SKILLS

**TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION & JOB DESCRIPTION
SEND YOUR INTEREST IN THIS POSITION TO:**



illowaintergroup@yahoo.com



Quick look at the 12th Tradition

When we practice the 12 steps of A.A. as a way of life, we recover from a hopeless state of mind & body; when we incorporate the principles of the 12 traditions, we ensure the health and unity of our A.A. groups.

Tradition TWELVE short form: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Tradition TWELVE long form: And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

We naturally want those close to us to know we are in AA and sober; our family, close friends, our doctor, our employer, etc. But we can't "afford to take the chance of letting self-appointed members present themselves as messiahs representing A.A. before the whole public. The promoter instinct in us might be our undoing. If even one publicly got drunk, or was lured into using A.A.'s name for his own purposes, the damage might be irreparable. At this altitude (press, radio, films, and television), anonymity—100 percent anonymity—was the only possible answer. Here, principles would have to come before personalities, without exception."¹

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE²

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

For anyone wanting to understand the traditions better, I encourage you to grab a few A.A. friends and *together* read the **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions!** Get a copy of the **Twelve Traditions Illustrated** pamphlet and the **Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine** too (these are available at our local Illowa Intergroup Office; for convenience they are linked here to aa.org). Using these 3 together can help broaden our understanding of why they are so important still today, and zone in on how we can be better at practicing the principles in our groups, and even our jobs and homes. Please read the pamphlet, [Understanding Anonymity](#), for more on this tradition.

¹ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Tradition Twelve, page 187

² Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine, Tradition Twelve

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"Faithful Fivers"

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Illowa Intergroup Contributions

Faithful Fivers – "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."
 -----Bill W.

Every single AA service is designed to make 12th Step work possible. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contributions can and will make our vital services possible. You can start with a minimum monthly contribution of \$5.00 or more, which I'm sure is more than we would have spent per month on a drink!

Contribution Information: _____ Date _____

Amount \$ _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

(Note: No AA member can contribute more than \$5,000.00 per year)

Detach at line and keep top half for your records

Yes! I want to participate in the Faithful Fivers Club!

I am.....a new participant _____ a current member _____ a returning member _____

Payment Plan:

Amount \$ _____ Monthly _____ Quarterly _____ Semi-annual _____ Annual _____

Please make checks payable to:

Illowa Intergroup
1706 Brady St., Suite 201
Davenport, IA 52803

Your contribution is tax deductible

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Date _____ Sobriety Date (for inclusion in newsletter) _____

1706 Brady St, STE 201
Davenport, IA 52803

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Contribution amount: _____

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