

ILLOWA MESSENGER

January 2024

January Birthdays



1 Ed P.	'83
1 Butch W.	'89
1 James C.	'94
1 Slick	'02
1 Mary H.	'04
2 Bob F.	'82
4 Christina R.	'98
4 Dawn M.	'08
5 Lynn G.	'02
8 Barb S.	'03
13 Bob P.	'67
16 Chuck L.	'88
17 Paul S.	'10
18 Tami H.	'07
23 Erica S.	'00
24 Jeff S.	'07
26 Sara J.	'80
27 Dave L.	'03



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Call the office, 309-764-1016, by the 15th of the preceding month to include birthdays and events in the newsletter.

Flyers and minutes are due by the 15th of the preceding month as well.

January

EVENTS

1st – Intergroup Office Closed

1st – Camden Open 8am – 9pm

6th – Camden Serenity Group Speaker Meeting/Potluck

8th – Intergroup Business Meeting on Zoom

Tickets for our 50th Anniversary Event will be available from your Intergroup Reps or at the office after February 5, 2024.



Happy New Year

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

	November	Jan. - Nov. 2023
8n8 AA	155.22	1071.95
Aledo	0.00	100.00
Bettendorf	1179.98	5474.39
Big Book Study	0.00	934.77
Camden Serenity	100.00	1100.00
Central Discussion	0.00	600.00
Cleveland	125.00	200.00
Clinton	10.00	70.00
Coal Valley	0.00	250.00
Courage to Change	0.00	758.65
DeWitt	0.00	175.00
District 90	0.00	75.00
Geneseo	0.00	867.00
Henry County Group	1500.00	2811.40
House Group	0.00	95.00
IAYPAA	0.00	25.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	110.00
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		60.00
North Scott	0.00	500.00
Rainbow Group	0.00	50.00
Sisters in Sobriety	50.00	100.00
Three Legacies	0.00	500.00
West End	30.00	135.00
Winola Group	0.00	100.00
TOTAL	3160.20	17997.54

November Call Count

12-step	3
Information	66
Visitors	38
Al-Anon	0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes/December 4, 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, Henry County, Last Chance, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End

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

Officers' reports:

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$4773.00

Total income: \$4274.72

Total expenses: \$4114.53

Income minus expenses: \$160.19

Checking ending balance: \$4933.19

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

Office Manager's Report: As discussed at our last business meeting, we renewed our lease for 3 years, to December 2026. Regarding the Anniversary Event, in July I paid \$1,000 deposit to Hickory Creek Event Center to reserve our spot for April 13, 2024. We can get that back if we cancel the event, but it would have to be as soon as possible, so hopefully someone will step up to be the new events chair. It is going to be the 50th anniversary of Intergroup so it's an important event. There is an opening for a volunteer to man the office every Monday from 9 – 12:30. The office will be closed during these hours until someone volunteers for this shift. Call counts for November were 3 12-step, 66 information, and 38 visitors. Our next business meeting will be January 8 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.
In love and service, Lisa W.

Telephone Chair: Hello all, things are going well with the phones. All positions are filled at the moment. I am always looking for people who are willing to take a once a month shift if someone is no longer able to do it. Other than that, things are going great. In Love and Service, Desiree K.

Newsletter: Hello everyone! There's no change in the newsletter or its format, although I ponder often how I could change it up a little (let me know if you have ideas). Also, I always forget to thank Lisa for her help with her review of the newsletter and then printing it, so thank you Lisa!
That's all, yours in service, Julie B.

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 2,760 users total but 1,401 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. I thought I would mention that the By-Laws beat the Newsletter as the most downloaded file this month. There was a spike on the 30th, 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:

Bettendorf: Elections were held at last meeting. I will be passing the baton to new Intergroup Rep Michael F. for open Intergroup positions are up in the room. I have enjoyed my year with Intergroup. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Courage to Change: The new chairs and officers are learning their new jobs and eager to step into their new positions. Thank you to my home group for letting me serve in this capacity this year
Love and service, Pam S.

Last Chance: 1) December 15, we will be our Speaker Meeting, together with an Ugly Christmas Sweater party. Our speaker is Michele P., and our potluck theme for the month is chili. If you are able to, please bring a dish to share. 2) December 25, we will be hosting a Christmas dinner at 3 p.m. Please note, we will still have our 5:30 meeting. 3) December 31, Last Chance will have their business meeting at 12:20 p.m., we currently have an open position. We are looking to fill our chair-person position. 4) December 31, fellowship after our 5:30 p.m., to ring in the new year. Love and service, Ruby L.

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.

New business: The position of Intergroup Office Manager has been filled. More details on this will be announced soon. Amber J. stood for the District 9 position, Rebecca N. stood for the Events Chair position. Both individuals were elected by a unanimous vote.

The next business meeting will be held on **Monday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

December 3, 2023 District 9 Minutes

Attendance:

Alt DCM, Treasurer, CPC, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment

Groups: Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Blandine, Central Discussion, Clinton, Three Legacies, West End

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance: \$5,002.45; Total Income: \$2,465.39; Total Expenses: \$4,090.32; Ending balance: \$4,799.05; Seed Money: \$300; Prudent Reserve \$300; Operating balance: \$4,199.05.

Katie asked everyone to have their 2024 Budget to her by January 15th. Mike S. mentioned that next year's conferences are going to be expensive for GSRs and Chairs. June Conference is in Sioux Center and the Oct one in Sioux City. There is more information on Area 24 website to use for your budgets. It's important that we carpool and double up in rooms as much as possible.

DCM: It's the Holidays!!! As we all get ready to celebrate the many gifts that we have received in sobriety let us not forget those not as fortunate. I wish all of you the happiest of Holidays. I look forward to seeing you January 7th. I will be attending the January Service Weekend in Marshalltown, Saturday the 13th-14th. All GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. In love and service, Park

Alt DCM: Greetings to all! Not a lot to report for the month of November! A few reminders for those who don't read their email. There is a message from GSO in regard to the financial state of AA along with a request for increase in contributions to GSO. Please see me if you have not read the email. There is also the link for an AA survey that was sent out. Again, I would be happy to forward the email to whomever wants it with the link to fill it out or you can go to the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZXKWG5>. A reminder to download the grapevine app for more AA related information. See the grapevine chair for details on that. There is a year end sale on some literature with a 20% off if you are wanting to order additional copies of literature. I do plan to attend the January weekend in Marshalltown and of course GSR's are strongly encouraged to go. The webmasters report is as follows: we had 2,760 users total but 1,401 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. I thought I would mention that the By-Laws beat the Newsletter as the most downloaded file this month. There was a spike on the 30th, but the rest of the month looked pretty normal. As always, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, see you in 2024! In love and service Jaclyn M

Archives:

Corrections:

CPC:

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison:

Literature:

PI:

Treatment:

Group Reports:

Bettendorf: Greetings from the Bettendorf group, Bettendorf just had elections and all of our positions were filled! I will be connecting all of the liaisons with the District chairs. For Christmas and New Years the Bettendorf group meeting rooms will be open, in addition, all meetings will be opened. In Service, Vicki F. Bettendorf GSR

Big Book Study: Hi everyone, Things are well at big book, our next business meeting is Tuesday December 12th after the meeting. Last month we had elections with all positions being filled. We are looking forward to what 2024 brings for our group.... We are continuing to avg about 35 to 40 attendees both online and in person. I will be attending the January service weekend. In love and service Ronna

Three Legacies: Hello District 9! Meetings at Three Legacies have continued to be well attended. We are grateful to be able to provide childcare on a donation basis. It has been my pleasure serving with Joy as my ALT-there's nothing like AA service weekends to get to know your fellows. I am looking forward to welcoming Erin as the new Alt for Three Legacies this upcoming year! In love and service Christina G

West End: We held our business meeting on November 15th. Most of the meeting was concerning elections. I'm happy to report that all positions have been filled and I will be returning next month. We did vote to begin our monthly speaker meeting again starting in the new year. More to come on that later. I will bring up the archive's subcommittee again at our next business meeting on January 17th. Hopefully we can get started on creating a west end file.

In loving service, Keaton G.

Old Business: Progress reports from all Chairs.

New Business: Pat – Birthday Club: I just wanted to bring up that GSO has what's called the Birthday Club where we, as individuals, are encouraged to give \$1 for each year of our sobriety on your anniversary; it would also help if our Groups and individuals order AA books, etc. from Intergroup/GSO and not get them from Amazon or another source.

Vicki is wondering if that lack of funds to GSO are due to Groups practicing "the power of the purse" due to some decisions that were made last year at GSO. Things such as: the plain language Big Book; changes being made to 12 & 12 and Big Book; lack of transparency; the Manager, Chair, Trustees could be doing a lot less travel as well.

Dates to Remember:

- January Service Weekend – January 13th-14th. MACC, 709 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA. Begins @ 8:30 Saturday morning. All GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend. The Chairs are not required to attend but are most welcome.
- West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1st-3rd. Grand Hotel Minot ND, 1505 North Broadway, Minot, ND - There is a Zoom option available for this event.

Jaclyn also mentioned Spring Conference is June 14th on Area 24 Website
September 26-29 GSO will have an Archives workshop in Des Moines

District 90 Business Meeting Dec. 5, 2023

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM/New Beginnings- Randy C., Treasurer/Camden- Jennifer R., Corrections/Henry Co.- Aaron M., Treatment- Erica B., Literature/Intergroup Liaison- Dave W., Accessibilities/8n8AA- Beth P., Grapevine- Chris W., CPC- Beth H., BTG- Gene V., Archives- Craig K., Geneseo- Ken M., Last Chance- Krista P.

Minutes Approval: Ken Motions, Erica 2nd, Nov. Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** Randy C.- Hello Everyone Welcome to the new line up of District 90. For those who were newly elected last month I just want to let you know it's ok not to have any report. I registered everyone but Dave with NIA 20. I need address. (got it) The winter assembly is this Sat. and I will forward info on how to register for ZOOM when I get it, probably Thurs. They will be doing Elections so the officers and chairs may be changing so I will get you any new contact info then. I emailed everyone some questions from the Literature committee regarding changing the book. We should voice our opinion just to make sure we overpower anyone who would like to change it.

- **Alt. DCM:** Absent

- **Treasurer:** Jennifer R.- Beginning Balance: \$1,925.12, Deposits: \$50.00, Debits: \$0.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$249.59, New Balance/Available Funds: \$1,725.53, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. Gene noted it has been difficult to switch from him to Jennifer but it should be completed by next month.

- **Secretary:** OPEN

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- RI - still hard to get approvals, 3 men 2 women. Thurs. is the only available night for AA. E. Moline - working on a possible speaker meeting, explained BTG. Life Skills – doing well, having a turn around.

- **Treatment:** Erica B.- Contacted Riverside, Rosecrance, and Top of the World Ranch. Riverside was glad to hear from us and ready to start ASAP. Note for the Detox – FLU/COVID/TB are required. Still playing phone tag with Top of the World.

- **PI:** OPEN

- **Literature:** Dave W.- There are still old stye books available.

- **Accessibilities:** Beth P.- Looking forward to getting more information from Area and really getting started.

- **Grapevine:** Chris W.- Purchased a GV subscription.

- **CPC:** Beth H.- Contacted D9 CPC. Got the CPC Workbook/Kit. Planning to start with Augustana College.

- **BTG:** Gene V.- No Report.

- **Archives:** Craig K.- Going to get everything from Aaron.

- **Intergroup Liaison:** Dave W.- Balance was a positive \$160.19. Renewed the lease for 3yrs. Event Date April 13th. New Office Manager was hired, start date to be announced. Looking for Phone Volunteer Monday mornings. Event Chair was filled by Rebecca N. from 3 Legacies. D9 Liaison was filled by Amber J.

GSR Reports:

- **Geneseo:** Ken M. Great Attendance, Speaker Dec. 22.
- **Last Chance:** Krista P. Attendance Steady. Potluck/Speaker 3rd Friday at 5:30p, ugly sweater contest. Christmas Dinner at 3pm.
- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Sat the 16th Potluck/Speaker "T" will be the Speaker. Elections last month, started a "Pink Can."
- **Camden:** Jennifer R.- Open all day NYD, with meetings at 11a & 7p. Speaker Jan. 6th. Started a "Pink Can."
- **New Beginnings:** Randy C.- 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.
- **8n8AA:** Beth P.- Business Meeting this Friday. No Dec. Speaker. Attendance has been up and down.

Old Business:

- Treatment Workshop – Date set for Feb. 3 or 10, pending Last Chance Approval.

New Business:

- Year End Money Distribution – Set Aside \$700 for Picnic. Bring Corrections/Treatment Set Aside up to \$300. Set Aside \$150 for Treatment Workshop. Purchase (2) GV for Riverside, Erica will confirm proper address.

Gene motions to adjourn, Erica seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2024 at 6pm via Zoom.

NEW SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

THE INTERGROUP OFFICE HAS A VOLUNTEER OPENING – GREAT CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT SERVICE WORK!!!

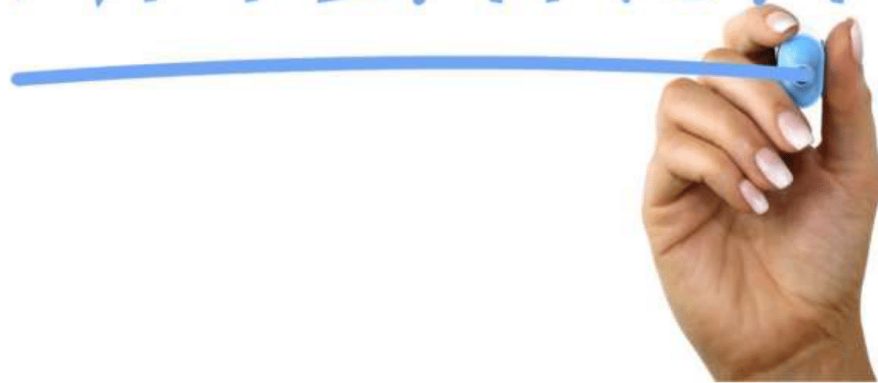
**Monday morning – 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
JANUARY ONLY**

We need someone to man the office and phone.
The office will be closed during these hours until we
find a volunteer.

6 months sobriety requirement

Please contact Lisa at the Intergroup office if you or anyone
you sponsor is interested, or interested in being a backup.
309-764-1016

ATTENTION



The Intergroup office will be closing at 5:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays starting Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023.

**.A.R.M. Chapter 11
Game Night & Chili Cook-off
Sat Feb 10 2024
3:0PM/15:00**

**No Alcohol or Drugs
On or In you!
Donations**

**or
Literature welcome**

Contact:

Gator

or

Slyder

with questions



Located:

**West End Alano Club
2603 Rockingham Rd
Davenport, IA 52802**

**BIG BOOK STUDY
23RD ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 2024

Asbury United Methodist Church
1809 Mississippi Blvd Bettendorf, IA 52722

5PM

DOORS OPEN

5:30

POTLUCK & FELLOWSHIP
MULKEY'S CHICKEN PROVIDED

6:30

GUEST SPEAKER:
MARK L. FROM WAUKESHA, WI

BBS Group is a hybrid meeting. Join us in person or on zoom
Meeting ID: 821 7468 0504 Passcode: 634096

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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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A subscription to the newsletter makes a great gift idea. Use form below to send in renewal, gift subscription, or Faithful Fiver donation!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Contribution amount: _____

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