

ILLOWA MESSENGER

April 2024

April Birthdays



1	Leon R.	'89
1	Pam S.	'92
2	John H.	'65
3	Pat W.	'84
4	Jodie P.	'98
4	Crystal T.	'00
4	Chuck O.	'04
5	Jaclyn M.	'03
7	Lisa W.	'03
9	Shannon M.	'99
10	Leodis A.	'76
13	Roy S.	'03
15	Art J.	83
16	Linda S.	'80
18	Mario N.	'90
18	David H.	'95
19	Kirby P.	'80
22	Carl S.	'85
22	Karen K.	'04
23	Bob R.	'94
23	Chuck C.	'94
26	Pam T.	'98
26	Linda B.	'99



April Events



1st – Intergroup Business Meeting

5th – DeWitt Anniversary-
Potluck/Speaker Meeting

6th – Camden Serenity Group
Potluck/Speaker Meeting

13th – 50th Illowa Intergroup
Anniversary Event

20th Westend Potluck/Speaker Meeting



Anniversaries and special events and/or any flyers 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.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

February

Jan. -Dec. 2024

8n8 AA		95.00
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf		0.00
Big Book Study		0.00
Camden Serenity	100.00	300.00
Central Discussion		700.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton	10.00	20.00
Coal Valley		0.00
Courage to Change		330.54
DeWitt	2.50	2.50
District 90		400.00
Geneseo	34.00	73.00
Henry County Group		0.00
House Group		0.00
IAYPAA		0.00
La Nueva Vida	10.00	20.00
Ladies Night		493.67
Last Chance		0.00
Marquette		200.00
Milan Hillcrest		0.00
Morrison		0.00
New Boston New Hope		5.00
North Scott		0.00
Rainbow Group		0.00
Sisters in Sobriety		0.00
Surrender Group	25.00	25.00
Three Legacies		0.00
West End	15.00	60.00
Winola Group		0.00

TOTAL

196.50

2724.71

February Call Count

12-step	8
Information	34
Visitors	24
Al-Anon	0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes/March 4th, 2024

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

Attendance:

Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present: Co- Chair/Al B.; **Secretary**/Jennifer B.; **Treasurer**/Tim M.; **Office Manager**/Katie R.; **Telephone**/Desiree K.; **Webmaster**/Randy C. **Events**/Rebecca N.; **District 90 Liaison**/Adam A.

Groups present: 8&8, Bettendorf, Big Book Study Group, Courage to Change, DeWitt, Geneseo, Henry County, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, 3 Legacies, West End

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

Officers' reports

Treasurer's report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$4771.65

Total income: \$5157.12

Total expenses: \$4204.64

Income minus expenses: \$952.48

Checking ending balance: \$5724.13

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

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

Event tickets are printed and bundled in groups of 10 per Rep and or Chair. Please come pick up your pack of tickets. Just a reminder tickets prices go up after March 9th. The Moline Municipal Credit Union is closed and everything has been moved to the Ascentra Credit Union in Davenport. Call counts for February were 8 12-step, 34 information, and 24visitors. In love and service, Katie R

Telephone Chair: Hello from the Intergroup Phones Chair, things are going great! I will be serving you all for a other year. I feel very blessed. Thank you all for you wonderful and continued support and service. In Love and Service, Desiree K.

Events: Hello All, Myself and our raffle and decorations chair (Shawna and Jaclyn) met with Hickory Grove Event Center last month to tour the event space and for a Q&A. Event chairs and I will also be having another meeting on March 16th for updates and general Q&A. Hickory Grove will need the following information by March 16th: Head Count Table # (including for raffles, greeter, cake) Meal choices/Coffee 40 gallons. Below are the expenses so far, as well as projected expenses: \$1000.00 event center deposit (refundable) *Please note on my last report I had 100.00 deposit listed in error.* Event Space: cleaning fee of \$250 and a bartender (staffing fee) of \$100 per bartender. \$150 DJ/sound plus \$25 event ticket. Hotel accommodations for Speaker: \$119.84, \$30 welcome/gift basket. (The speaker chair anticipates that total cost for speaker with be under \$300). Event/coffee donation flyers (50 copies each): \$76 Thank you for this opportunity to be of service, Rebecca N.

Newsletter: Hello everyone! The March newsletter was mailed out a bit later than normal and was posted to the website later than normal also. Hopefully it didn't cause any issues for anyone. Nothing more to report. Yours in service, Julie B.

Regarding elections: I'm working out of town so cannot attend the business meeting/elections, however, I'm happy to stand for another term for Newsletter chair if that's how it goes. If someone else is nominated and wishes to stand, I'm happy to touch base with them when I get back and share notes and help them along for the first month or until they are comfortable with the duties of the position. ~Julie B.

District 9 Liaison: I attended the District 9 meeting yesterday, 3/3 and much of the discussion surrounded the 2024 General Service Conference that occurred last month. The only chair report was from the treasurer. The forwarding balance was \$5,630.53, income was \$442.35, expenses were \$16, and the ending balance was \$6,056.88. Amber J.

Group Reports:

Dewitt Group: The DeWitt Group next business meeting will be on Sat 10. We will be discussing our 49th Anniversary on April 5th. Will have flyers out and come and have fun. Love and Service, Bill

Three Legacies: 3 Legacies Thursday night meetings are going well. We meet at Asbury Church in Bettendorf from 6pm-7pm. We do have childcare available and this is always a speaker meeting. Our business meeting date and time will be changed to Saturday March 23rd as we are going to spend more time reviewing the agenda items for the 74th annual Spring conference. 3 Legacies will be celebrating our 11th Anniversary on Thursday March 7th. Erika M from Cedar Rapids will be our speaker and coffee and cookies will be provided! We hope to see you there. Love and service, Shawna

Old Business: Intergroup elections were held. Al. B was nominated for Chair, Bill M. for Co-Chair, Ruby L. for Secretary, Tim M. for Treasurer, Desiree K. for Phone Chair, Randy C. for Webmaster, Julie B. for Newsletter, Adam A. for District 90 Liaison. Intergroup has both the Events and District 9 Liaison positions open. The Intergroup 50th anniversary event tickets are now on sale. This celebration takes place on April 13th at the Hickory Creek Events Center.

New Business: A motion was made that the current description of the Phone Chair be reviewed and edited with the final approval being voted on by the group at the next Intergroup meeting.

The next business meeting will be held on **Monday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

March 3, 2024 District 9 Meeting

Attendance:

DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Intergroup Liaison, Literature, PI, Secretary, Treatment

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

Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Beginning balance \$5630.53; total income \$442.35; total expenses \$16.00; ending balance \$6056.88; seed money \$300; prudent reserve \$300; operating balance \$5456.88

DCM:

Alt DCM:

Archives:

Corrections:

CPC:

Grapevine:

Intergroup Liaison: Intergroup financials as of 2/5/24: Income: 3,289.63 Expenses: 4,644.65 Ending Balance: 4,771.63. Event tickets are printed and can be purchased at the office or through your Intergroup Reps. Prices before March 9th is \$30 and after March 9th is \$35. Flyer for the event is on the Intergroup Website. Amber J.

Literature:

PI: Our PI Committee met and went through the workbook to review projects for this year. We decided to start by contacting local colleges and universities using the template letter in the workbook. Our PI liaison for Bettendorf has a connection with St. Ambrose and volunteered to reach out to them with some literature and information. Then we'll touch base again with local libraries to make sure they still have copies of big books. In Love and Service, Ayla B

Treatment: I attend a District 90 Treatment Workshop on 2/10 at Last Chance. I learned a lot about what the other side of the river is doing to carry the message. I shared what we have been doing in District 9. I learned a lot about Bridging the Gap and the Green can fund in Illinois. It is like the pink can fund but for literature in treatment centers. There is an 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 fill out 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. MJ

Group Reports:

Big Book Study: Good morning, everyone! things are going incredibly well at Big Book study group, we celebrated our 23rd anniversary this last Tuesday and it was a huge success. Our speaker, Mark L from WI was inspirational. Our numbers continue to grow averaging anywhere from 40 to 45 people (that includes online.) Due to a scheduling conflict, I will not be able to attend the March Area service event. However, my alternate GSR Krista B will be attending in my place. In love and service, Ronna

Clinton: Cabin Fever party on March 16th, 250 20th Ave., No., Clinton, Ia. Eat at noon in the gymnasium. Chicken and potluck. We are in the process of recovering our chairs (\$200.00 at a time). As far as the Founders' Writings are concerned about 1/3 of all Clinton Group members are okay with any potential changes while about 2/3 are quite against the idea! Bill P.

Marquette: Marquette finalized their 50th Anniversary event. April 27th. Fellowship starting at 5-5:30 we'll start serving dinner at 5:30 which will be pulled pork and pulled Chicken. Water and condiments furnish. After dinner, we'll have a speaker meeting with 3 or 4 speakers from the Marquette group, to be announced on the flyer later. Ranae will be designing that fire. *Motion for budget for \$250 for Anniversary decoration - motion passed. Motion for food budget \$500 for Anniversary food, motion passed. Motion for Jennifer to order cake -full sheet - motion passed. Motion to get Daves speaker system Anniversary event motion passed. Chuck mentions a board for sober anniversaries - motions to put up whiteboard for it- motion passed. We donated at a \$100 to inter-group. Love & service Jim D.

Three Legacies: Three Legacies will be celebrating 11 years of speaker meetings on Thursday, March 7th. We are holding an additional business meeting Saturday, March 23rd to go over agenda items. Erin and I attended the West Central Regional Conference this weekend and got our first full dose of the agenda items. We look forward to getting more information and different perspectives at Marshalltown on the 9th . Meetings have been well attended at Three Legacies and our new secretary has been doing a wonderful job finding speakers each week.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Founders' Writings – GSRs reported on how their Groups felt about any changes. (This **DOES NOT INCLUDE** the Big Book, the Steps, Traditions, or Concepts).
- Julie's gift while at GSC – Toni made motion to send \$100 gift card; Pat seconded, motion passed.
- Agenda Items – Chairs reported on their pertinent Agenda Items for the GSC.

Dates to Remember: March Service Weekend- March 9th-10th. MACC, 709 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA. Begins @ 9:00 Saturday morning. All GSRs and Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend.

District 90 Business Meeting March 5, 2023

Call to Order 6:05pm/Welcomes- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM/New Beginnings- Randy C., Alt. DCM-Maddie P., Treasurer/Camden- Jennifer R., Corrections/Henry Co.- Aaron M., Treatment- Erica B., PI/Lanst Chance- Krista P., GV- Chris W., BTG- Gene V., Archives- Craig K., Geneseo- Ken M., Intergroup Liaison- Adam A.

Guest Speaker: Dawn B. – NIA20 Chair

Offered to do a Service Workshop. Let us know that NIA20 works for us. Assembly recordings are available through AMOTAUDIO.COM. Lette/Email about GSO funds was sent from just 2 AAs in California, they are not part of the Board. Corrections Pen Pal available through GSO. Consolidate BTG for IL. Suggested getting help from NIA Treatment and CPC when dealing with hard to contact Treatment Facilities. Suggested going there In-Person. Most of the Districts in Northern IL have their own phone services, there is not any Intergroups.

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** Randy C.- I forwarded the Final Agenda Items for the 74th GSC. Does anyone need help with Excel or is there any items you would like me to find out more information on.

- **Alt. DCM:** Maddie P. – Asked for help to get a better understanding the Final Agenda Items. Randy explained the Final Agenda items will be what are Delegate discusses at the General Service Conference (GSC) in New York, in April. The GSC is a gathering of Representatives, (Delegates from all the Areas) from the US and Canada. However, they divide the items up evenly, for example, Corrections may cover 10 of them and Literature may cover 10, and so on. All 80+ items are not discussed by any 1 Delegate or Committee. There are 3 types of Agenda items: DISCUSS: a request to brainstorm and bring your group ideas and suggestions. REVIEW: is review the work that was completed in the past year. Provide suggestions, changes or corrections. CONSIDER: means a vote might be taken at the GSC on this item. Erica posted the 3 types in the chat and mentioned that she wanted to make sure she paid extra attention to the items that would be considered, since those items may be voted on at the Conference. Dawn suggested we attend the Pre-GSC workshops, which are the week of April 23rd. Groups should probably pick a few items to instead of trying to go through all of them. The workshops are so our Delegate, Eric, gets informed on what the groups in our area have decided about the items. It was mentioned at this time about the changes to the Founders writings questions. Randy and Dawn both reiterated that there are no proposed changes and the questions were just something groups could talk about. The original email was misunderstood and the Questions were not supposed to be replied to, but just discussed. The Literature Committee sent a 2nd email clarifying that the questions were just topics to be used as group discussions and not a “poll.” Aaron asked about a Area GV Chair and Dawn replied that a new GV Chair was elected last weekend, Tina R., so in a week or so she should be up and running. Randy confirmed with Dawn that the Area Roster he receives can be shared with the District Members. Erica mentioned the Plain Language BB and Dawn replied that the Delegates will get to look at the draft, in a separate room, no cameras or phones allowed. Maddie asked about the BB Conference. Dawn informed us that this 1-day conference is dedicated to just the BB, with workshops on chapters, steps, stories etc.

- **Treasurer:** Jennifer R.- Beginning Balance: \$2,130.81, Deposits: \$0.00, Debits: \$108.56, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$1041.44, New Balance/Available Funds: \$980.81, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. Thanks for Randy’s help, since this was the first time we had any usage of the set-aside monies, and Last Chance has actually not cashed the check yet but I included it since it was money spent.

- **Secretary:** OPEN

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- Going to contact Mercer Co., it's kind of been the forgotten county. There are ways to be of service other than actually going in to a facility. We talked about the correspondence program earlier and being part of BTG, but not just signing up for it but taking the calls afterwards. I still have plenty of the QR code stickers if anyone wants some. Also, the pink can fund is low so I would encourage groups to consider that fund.

- **Treatment:** Erica B.- Still struggling with getting responses from facilities. The workshop had a good turnout. The Area 20 Treatment Chair attended and explained the Green Can Fund. District 9 Treatment Chair attended. There was a good discussion.

- **PI:** Krista P.- I did get the PI workbook. Basically, starting from scratch since we haven't had a PI Chair in so long. Looking at local libraries. Craig confirmed Kewanee Library has a BB and Randy confirmed that the Moline Library has (4) BBs and (2) 12n12. Dawn suggested that the Assembly Breakouts would be of assistance. Aaron asked about packets from area and Randy replied they may be on back order if you haven't received on yet. Maddie has a friend in Cambridge who can check the library there.

- **Literature:** Dave W.- Absent. ● **CPC:** OPEN

- **Accessibilities:** Beth P.- Absent (Randy forgot to give the report she sent him.)

- **Grapevine:** Chris W.- Had to leave since meeting was running long.

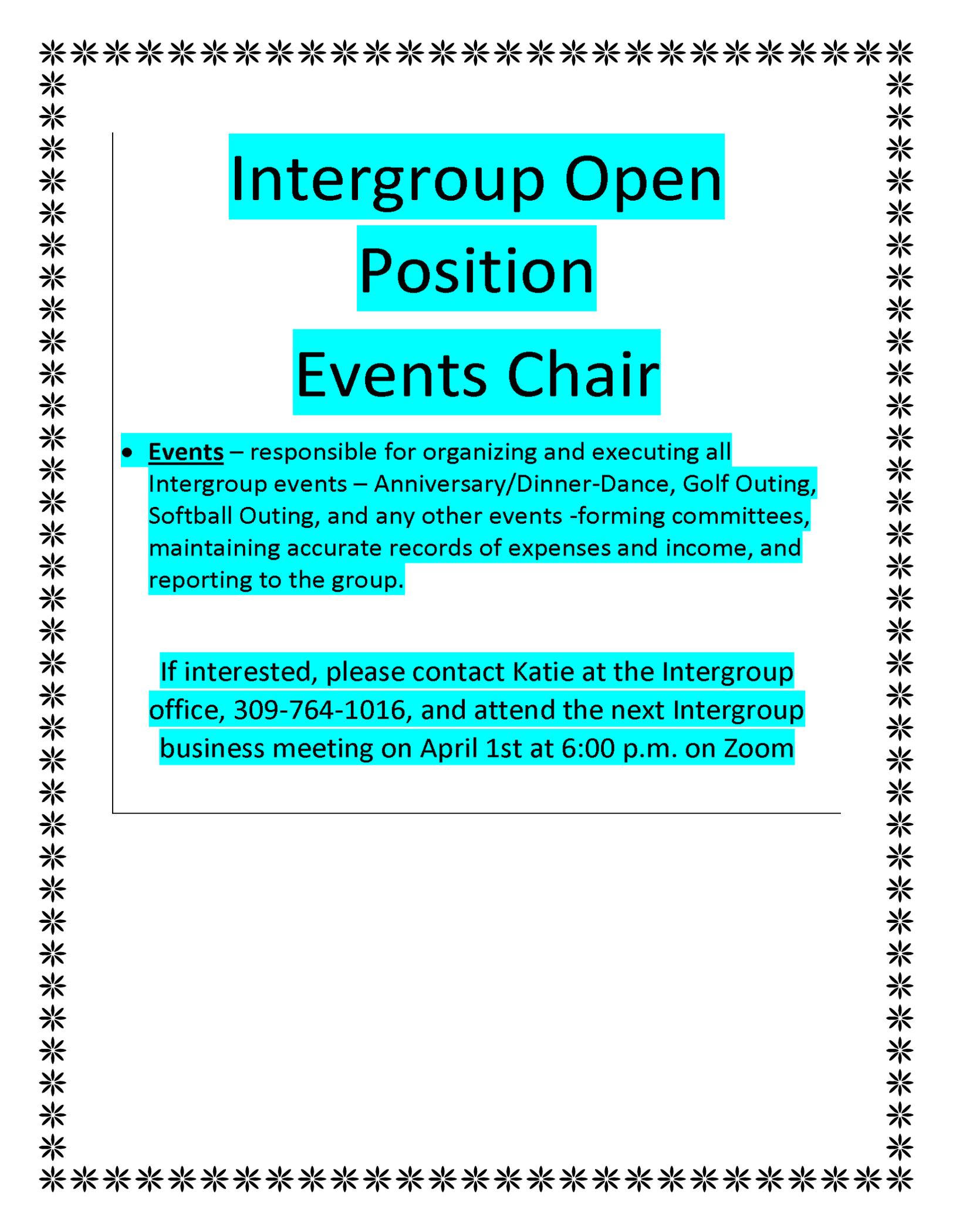
- **BTG:** Gene V.- Did get BTG Kit. No new volunteers. Randy mentioned that since the Database is gone, we can use the Contact information on the NIA20 website to get in touch with other Districts and do it the old-fashioned way by just calling. Aaron thought it may be a good idea to see if we could set up a pamphlet stand at facilities. Erica mentioned that some facilities require the pamphlets to face backwards do the Spiritual aspect of AA. Randy mentioned that the 8n8AA website has a Newcomer Page with all the suggested Newcomer Literature and that if you ever order a book from AA;s Online Bookstore you can add on a bunch of the pamphlets that are free.

- **Archives:** Craig K.- No Report

- **Intergroup Liaison:** Erica mentioned that the Intergroup Events Chair is OPEN. Note: Adam A. was elected to this position from Intergroup the day before and was overlooked at this meeting by mistake.

Meeting Adjourned due to running late.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2024 at 6pm via Zoom.



Intergroup Open Position Events Chair

- **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.

If interested, please contact Katie at the Intergroup office, 309-764-1016, and attend the next Intergroup business meeting on April 1st at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

DeWitt Group Anniversary

Friday, April 5th

5:30pm: Social Time

6pm: Dinner, bring a dish to share

DeWitt Group will provide meat, coffee,
water and table service

Speakers to follow!

Speakers

AA Park
Alanon Linda

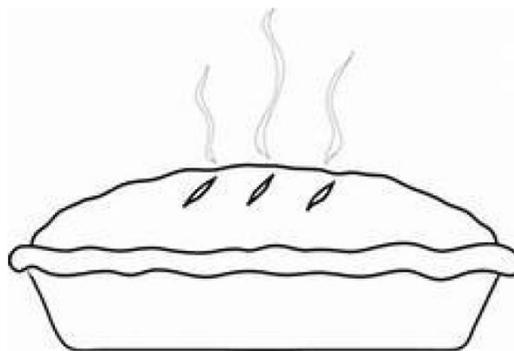


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New Location!

United Methodist Church
222 12th St, DeWitt, IA





CAMDEN SERENITY GROUP
SPEAKER MEETING
AARON M.

FROM THE HENRY COUNTY GROUP

DATE: **APRIL 6TH**

5:30 FELLOWSHIP

6:00 POTLUCK (Please bring a dish to pass)

6:45 RAFFLES

7:00 MEETING

CAMDEN SERENITY GROUP - 306 W. 3RD STREET
MILAN, IL



BETTENDORF GROUP

ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2024

5:30PM FELLOWSHIP

6:30PM DINNER

7:30PM SPEAKERS SARA M & BOB F

DUCK CREEK LODGE

3300 EAST LOCUST ST. DAVENPORT, IA

Meat, Cake, and Drinks will be provided
Bring a dish to share!

Campfire Meeting



Where: Blackhawk park

When: Last Saturday of the month starting May 25-Oct. 26

Food at 5:00PM

Meeting at 6:00PM

Hot dogs and hamburgers provided.

.50 pop and water

Please bring a dish to pass.

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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!

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