

# ILLOWA MESSENGER

## July 2025

### JULY BIRTHDAYS



4	Chuck L.	'91
5	Sharon K.	'96
7	Maureen K.	'17
7	Nancy C.	'01
8	Jesse N.	'06
8	Bill H.	'15
9	Jim K.	'81
9	Jack P.	'92
10	Victoria Q.	'05
13	Todd S.	'99
14	Al B.	'93
15	Christy P.	'91
15	Raul R.	'81
15	Mary Ann G.	'04
19	Katie R.	'94
21	Lisa D.	'96
24	Julie B.	'90



*Birthdays and special events should be called in to the Intergroup office, 764-1016, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month for inclusion in the newsletter. Help make this list as complete as possible.*

### JULY EVENTS



7<sup>th</sup> - Intergroup Business Meeting on Zoom

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Each Month  
Geneseo Step Study Series

12<sup>th</sup> - Camden Picnic

26<sup>th</sup> - Blackhawk Park-  
Campfire Meeting/Potluck



**The Intergroup Office  
will be closed Friday  
July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance  
of Independence Day.**

**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS**

	May	Jan. - Dec. 2025
8n8 AA		349.24
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf		1175.56
Big Book Study		446.45
Blandine		25.00
Cabin Fever Banquet		775.00
Camden Serenity	100.00	500.00
Central Discussion		800.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton	50.00	250.00
Coal Valley		350.00
Courage to Change		690.10
DeWitt		0.00
District 90		433.49
Geneseo	37.00	199.00
Henry County Group		1500.00
House Group		25.00
La Nueva Vida		10.00
Ladies Night		239.70
Last Chance		0.00
Marquette		500.00
Milan Hillcrest		25.00
Morrison		0.00
New Boston New Hope		0.00
North Scott	300.00	300.00
Rainbow Group		0.00
Sisters in Sobriety		25.00
Surrender Group		0.00
Three Legacies		0.00
West End	15.00	75.00
Winola Group		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502.00</b>	<b>8693.54</b>

**Call Count**

12-Step	3
Information	45
Visitors	38
Al-Anon	0

## **Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**

*None provided*

## District 9 Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2025

**Attendance-** DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Public Info, Secretary, Digital Coordinator, Intergroup Liaison.

**Groups-** Bettendorf, Big Book Study, Central Discussion, Courage to Change, Marquette, West End.

**Chair Reports-** Secretary's minutes approved.

**Treasurer-** Approval of report. Balance Forward \$4,284.32 Ending \$4,388.78

**DCM-** Greeting district! I don't have much to report this month. I will be attending the spring conference in Clear Lake IA. If there is anything I can do for you or if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Alt DCM-** Greetings District 9,

The Webmaster reported that there were 4,089 visitors to the Illowa site in April. 1,408 were on the site for more than 30 seconds, which is on track with our average of 1,400 visits per month. The Meeting Page is still the most visited page on aaquadcities.org, followed by the Flyer Page. The Virtual Page came in 3rd and the Calendar Page was the 4th most visited page in April. There was a spike in visits was on the April 15th. The annual website renewal cost of \$163.02 was split three ways, between Intergroup, District 9 and District 90.

In May the website had 5,308 visitors, of which 1,290 were on the site for more than 30 seconds. This is slightly below the average of 1,400. The Meeting Page was still the most visited page, followed by the Flyer Page. Just like April, the Virtual Page came in 3rd and the Calendar Page was the 4th most visited page. In an interesting note; the month of May had 2 spikes in visits! One on May 7th and the other on May 15th. As always, please check the Flyers page for all Group Announcements.

I will be attending the Spring Conference in Clear Lake. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

**Literature-** I will be putting together an order to have literature available for the June 13-15, Spring Conference in Clear Lake. Please send orders into me by May 29th, I plan on placing the order that evening to assure that we have the materials in time. Emails are preferred, texts work too 319-550-1620, if you call, please leave a message so I can return your call. Thank you for your service and helping carry the AA message. In love and service, John R Area Literature Chair

**Archives-** Hello District Chairs, GSRs, and Guest: National AA Archives is taking bids for 2027 and have a new chair named Eric L. Here is a quote from his e-mail, "And I love AA history, and I know that archives ensures that we guard the collective memory of a fellowship that saved our lives. We preserve our history protecting our early history, stories of longtime members and key events, guiding future generations in their understanding of AA's principles and how they were lived out over time." I was told that District 9 Dropbox was full. I have picked up hard copies of flyers from Intergroup and filed them in the file cabinet here. I would like to briefly meet with any GSRs today to show them where exactly they can store items for Archives. May 18th, I attended the Clinton Group Steering meeting to ask about having their location host the District 9 Mini Event. The Steering Committee was supportive and said they could rent the gym

at no cost as they are tenants. They are also handicapped-accessible. The motion was made to combine Clinton Fall Fest and Mini Event and it passed. The discussion was turned to activities for kids. Clinton Group has several yard games and another member had a lot of experience with games for kids from years doing 4H. Grills would be available for barbeque. The next step is they have to get a group conscience from 3 of their biggest meetings. So far 2 group conscientious have passed. I also attended their Sunday meeting where I saw Dave pick up 54 years. Dave's friend Larry spoke about how Dave gave time, material (chili suppers), and service to the Clinton Group. I also attended the Blandine Group's 71 Anniversary and recorded Charles P. speaking. He spoke about how Clinton carried the AA message to Davenport. The first recorded AA meeting was in 1943 in Des Moines but Davenport received the message from Clinton. I have passed out scripts for a recovery skit. The last page has the website where there were other skits. This skit is more in line with District and Area service levels. Hopefully, it will be educational and funny and peak interest in the audience to serve on District and Area. Everyone will have a role. Including Tech chair. We need a director. If anyone has any leads on a possible Director, please let me know. The goal is to have 3 rehearsals before production. If anyone has connections to any possible renting costumes let me know. I know Moline High School as Space costumes but I no longer have kids that go there. I look forward to input and ideas. Looking forward to going to the upcoming conference. In Service, Christy

**CPC-** Hello, everyone. Greetings from CPC! Nothing new really too report. Still working towards getting the workshop with PI up and off the ground. we have decided to go with the Davenport public library. Which location is yet to be determined? (Depending on availability) we are looking at a date in late September. We have been meeting and discussing agenda as well as an introductory letter that we can send out to some professionals in the area. More to come. I will be attending this spring conference in June. Yours in love and service Ronna.

**Treatment-** No report – position filled.

**Grapevine-** I have been reading the Grapevine more often and June's Grapevine is the Annual Prison Issue which includes personal stories of AA members who have volunteered in the prison system and those who have found sobriety during their incarceration. The Grapevine app is helpful in showing how long it takes to read the articles and they are also available to listen to as well. There was also information about a Call for Veteran AA Members for Interview Project and you can find more information by reaching out to [militaryoutreach@aa.org](mailto:militaryoutreach@aa.org) -Amber J. She/Her/Hers

**Intergroup Liaison-** No report received.

**PI-** Hello all - I was recently able to chair a table for AA at a John Deere health fair. I brought newcomer pamphlets, schedules and pamphlets for professionals. We also brought candy and mints to encourage people to talk to us. Most people quickly moved on when they saw that we were AA. A few individuals came up and shared that they were sober or had a loved one struggling with alcohol. People took all but one of our SCHEDULES! It was a great time and hopefully we will be able to do it again in future. Love and Service, MJ

**Corrections -** No report

**Group Reports:**

**Central Discussion** - -we formed the group anniversary planning committee - we held our election for group chairperson - our next business meeting is Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 10:15am Yours in service, Cissi

**Big Book Study**- Hello from the Big Book Study Group! Attendance is great every Tuesday at 6:30PM and we still have consistent Zoom users. Our next business lands on FOUNDERS DAY, this year will be 90 YEARS of AA! What a blessing we have been given. I am planning to attend the Area 24 Spring Conference in just 12 short days. I am looking forward to this new experience. In love and service, Jennifer G.

**Three Legacies**- Hello District 9! Three Legacies continues to have great attendance, both in person and virtually, at our Thursday night speaker meetings. Our next business meeting will be Thursday, June 19th, directly following our meeting. Please note that on June 19th we will be meeting via zoom \*only\* as the church needs the space for an event; this will be a discussion meeting. Kelsey and I are looking forward to the 2025 Spring Conference in Clear Lake! In love and service, Erin B

**Old Business**- Mini event chair update – location Clinton. Skit has been handed out to GSR's. Treatment chair – TJ from Big Book Study was voted in.

**New Business**- Dropbox plan – existing plan was free, we are now upgrading to a larger plan 2,000gb storage for \$119.88/year.

**Motions:**

New dropbox plan approved.

Treatment chair approved.

**Dates to remember:**

- Aug. 9-10: Service Weekend – Marshalltown DCM/GSR (Sat) @ 9am. Zoom option as well.
- October 17-19: Area Fall Conference 2025 – Fort Dodge, Iowa. DCM/GSR/Chairs

## District 90 Business Meeting

### June 3, 2025

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM- Randy C., Treasurer- Jennifer R., Treatment- Erica B., Grapevine/Geneseo- Chris W., Last Chance GSR- Michelle P., Last Chance Alt. GSR- Sarah A. Camden GSR- Jon B., Alley Group GSR- Butch W.

Minutes Approval: Erica Motions, Jennifer 2<sup>nd</sup>, Minutes Approved

#### Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** Randy C.- Welcome Butch W. from the Newly formed Alley Group in Cambridge IL. I emailed the Delegates Report with a partial report from the GSC. I would like to mention that the 2 Agenda Items concerning the Founders Literature were not acted on due to there not being a clear definition of what actually is the Founders Literature. We will probably see an item defining the Founders Literature next year.
- **Alt. DCM:** Maddie P.- Absent
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer R. – Beginning Balance: \$ 1,104.06, Deposits: \$187.00, Debits: \$16.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$969.58, New Balance/Available Funds: \$305.48, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48.
- **Secretary:** OPEN

#### Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- Absent.
- **Treatment:** Erica B.- No change except for a New Volunteer for Top of the World. RI Co. Jail has another Volunteer approved and still could use a couple more Women Volunteers.
- **Accessibilities:** Beth P.- Absent.
- **PI:** Open                      ● **Literature:** Open                      ● **CPC:** OPEN
- **Grapevine:** Chris W.- GSO Reports GV up 8%. LaVina up 17%. Print is Down and the APP is up. There was a 20% reduction in staff to try and save money. There will be a New Release at the Convention, Language of the Heart Journal. GV has Greeting Card available. Back Issues - 30 for \$36. GV Joke.
- **BTG:** Gene V.- Absent.                      ● **Archives:** Craig K.- Absent.
- **Intergroup Liaison:** Mike K.- Absent. Randy mentioned that Intergroup filled the Phone Chair Position, Kayla S. from Camden. The Motion to change the By-Laws from “10 years to 5 years” passed. Golf Outing Tentative Date Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### GSR Reports:

- **Geneseo:** Chirs W- Attendance is good. Speaker Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Last Chance:** Michelle P.- June 20 Speaker Meeting. Business Meeting noon June 29<sup>th</sup>. Sarah added Fishing with Friends of Bil & Bob Event June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Absent.
- **Milan Hillcrest:** Pete B.- Absent.



● **Camden:** Jon B.- Speaker Meeting June 7<sup>th</sup>. OK for D90 to use the facility for the workshop either date.

● **Alley Group:** Butch W.- Our new group, the Alley Group, meets on Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Cambridge Community Youth Center located at 407 N West Street in Cambridge. After 5 meetings we have an average attendance of 13 and have chairs and parking for many more. We will hold our 2nd business meeting next week following the regular meeting. So far, we have elected co-secretaries, a treasurer, a greeter, an Intergroup Representative and a GSR. We will set our Prudent Reserve after we have an idea of our monthly expenses. We have an unusual issue as our landlord is a founding member of the group. We will have a discussion at our next business meeting regarding our rental rate. The plan is to use a certain percentage of the 7th Tradition collection for our rent. I will also be contacting a few other local groups to see what percentage of their 7th Tradition goes toward rent. We will be opening a bank account as soon as our Treasurer returns from vacation.

● **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. The A.R.M. Chapter 17 BB Run on May 18th had a great turnout of about 40 people which is at least twice what it has been in the past few years. The 7th Tradition was a little over \$200 for the New Beginnings Group which is again record breaking and just fantastic. The Group very much appreciates all who participated and looks forward to this annual event next year. If you are available for any of our meeting times, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence.

**Old Business:** - **June 21st Picnic Planning** – Speaker-Rich H., is Confirmed.

--Duties Reaffirmed.

- **Literature Workshop** – Jan can't make either date.

--New Date and Time Set Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm

--Pending Approval from Camden.

**New Business:** - NONE.

**Chris motions to adjourn, Erica seconds. Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Meeting: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6pm via Zoom.**



**The Intergroup Office is in need of  
BACK UP VOLUNTEERS**



To fill in for our regular Volunteers when they are not able to come in. Shifts are just two hours each and only as needed.

Duties: Open and or close the office. Sell Literature. Answer the phones - provide meeting information or have someone on the 12<sup>th</sup> step list call a struggling Alcoholic when needed.

(6 Months Sobriety Required)

Please contact Katie at the Intergroup office if interested

309-764-1016

# **INTERGROUP OPEN POSITION**

## **Newsletter Chair**

**Newsletter** (1 year sobriety) responsible for creating, printing, collating, and mailing monthly newsletter. Office manager provides assistance with information available only at the office (call counts, group contributions, etc.) and other ways if possible. Newsletter chair is responsible for getting and compiling minutes from Intergroup and District meetings, flyers from groups, and any other information he/she deems pertinent, and presenting it in a manner consistent with AA's 12 Traditions and Intergroup's bylaws, as well as GSO guidelines.

If interested, please contact Katie at the Intergroup Office 309-764-1016 or come to our next Business Meeting via Zoom the first Monday of each month at 6pm.

**The Intergroup Phone Chair is in desperate  
need of Volunteers willing to take phone  
shifts.**



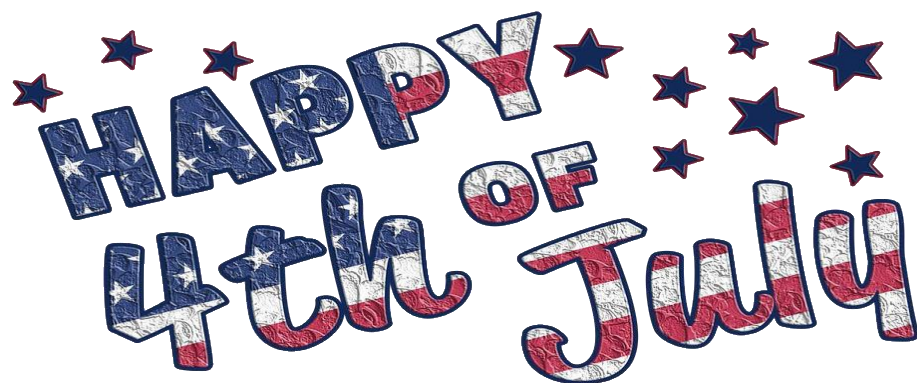
This would be before and after regular office  
hours-Monday-Sunday, Mainly Evening Shifts

Duties: Answer phones provide meeting  
information and have someone from our 12<sup>th</sup>  
Step list call a still suffering Alcoholic back if  
needed.

**Prefer 6 Months Sobriety**

If interested please contact Katie at the Intergroup office

309-764-1016



The Intergroup Office will be closed Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday July 8th and be back to regular days and hours.

Enjoy your holiday weekend and be safe.

Illowa Intergroup  
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# CARRY THE MESSAGE

## TAKE A MEETING INTO THE SCOTT COUNTY JAIL

*"This is our twelfth suggestion:  
Carry this message to other alcoholics!  
You can help when no one else can."*

*Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89*

- We need men and women volunteers to take meetings to Scott County Jail.
  - Meetings are Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 pm to 8 pm
  - Each volunteer chairs only one meeting per month!
  - Two volunteers for each meeting
- Get an application at [www.aaquadcities.org](http://www.aaquadcities.org) or contact the District 9 Corrections Chair at [d9corrections@aaquadcities.org](mailto:d9corrections@aaquadcities.org)

Questions? Call Intergroup!  
309-764-1016



**Camden Serenity Group**

**Milan, IL**

**Camden 13th  
Annual Potluck Bar-B-Q  
Saturday, July 12th  
Camden Park, Milan, IL**

**11:30 Fellowship**

**12:00 Burgers, dogs, & brats will be served —  
please bring a side dish to pass**

**12:30 Raffles**

**1:00 Speaker: Eric J from the Saturday Night  
Live Group, Cedar Rapids, IA**



**Large picnic shelter on the hill,  
Signs will be posted**

Milan Hillcrest AA Annual Picnic

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>

Illiniwek Park Rt. 84 Hampton IL

50/50 Drawing

Eat at 1:00 p.m.

Speaker Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Meat Furnished by Group, please bring a covered  
dish to pass

Come join us for food, fun & fellowship



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