ILLOWA MESSENGER August 2025

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1 Linda A.	'82
1 Jim S.	'89
4 Jonny W.	'79
4 Burt P.	'89
11 Dale S.	'81
11 Grace M.	'03
12 Mark N.	'84
12 Bob B.	'89
13 Pete R.	'91
18 Theresa J.	'87
18 Chris C.	'91
19 Laurie D.	'96
21 Deb C-P	'82
24 Valerie R.	'04
25 Ron C.	'81
29 John O.	'04



Birthdays and special events 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. We also need all flyers by that date. Thank you.

AUGUST EVENTS

2nd - Camden Group Speaker Meeting Potluck

4th - Intergroup Business Meeting

16th - West End Picnic

22nd - Geneseo Group Speaker Meeting Potluck

23rd - Marquette Picnic

Last Sat. of the Month-Campfire Meeting





GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

June Jan. -Dec. 2025

8n8 AA	164.92	514.16
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf		1175.56
Big Book Study		446.45
Blandine		25.00
Cabin Fever Banquet		775.00
Camden Serenity	100.00	600.00
Central Discussion		800.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton		250.00
Coal Valley		350.00
Courage to Change		690.10
DeWitt		0.00
District 90		433.49
Geneseo		199.00
Henry County Group	100.00	1600.00
House Group	25.00	50.00
La Nueva Vida	60.00	70.00
Ladies Night		239.70
Last Chance	264.00	264.00
Marquette	225.00	725.00
Milan Hillcrest	25.00	25.00
Morrison		0.00
New Boston New Hope		0.00
North Scott		300.00
Rainbow Group		0.00
Sisters in Sobriety	25.00	50.00
Surrender Group		0.00
Three Legacies		0.00
West End	15.00	90.00
Winola Group		0.00
TOTAL	1002.02	0072.40

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Call count:

12-step:3Information:45Visitors:38Al-Anon:0

Intergroup Meeting Minutes

(not provided)

District 9 Meeting Minutes July 13, 2025

<u>Attendance-</u> DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Public Info, Secretary-Toni, Digital Coordinator, Intergroup Liaison.

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

Chair Reports- read

Secretary - minutes approved

Treasurer- read, approval of report. Balance Forward \$4,388.78 Ending \$4,309.27

DCM- Hello District 9! I attended the Spring Conference held in Clear Lake and it was a great weekend. Thank you to our district for everyone who showed up and participated. District 9 had a strong participation. Here is an update with what happened in Clear Lake. The fall conference gave a report on the upcoming conference in October. Please see the flyers that I brought back and be sure to sign up for that conference as soon as you can. The Spring conference for 2026 in Marshalltown is underway as well. I have save the dates for that one. We have a rare chance to also help volunteer and/or attend the West Central Regional conference as it is going to be held in Cedar Rapids in Feb 2026. There is a flyer out for that. The pink can fund currently has a balance of 3679.89. Area is still exploring banking alternatives to simplify the bank transitions. They presented but there were some questions so they are going to revisit this next time. The committee to centralize location of all area events has postponed their report until after the spring conference next year as it is going to have a different format that may work in Marshalltown. Area 24 has agreed to lend the use of the Tech Chair and the equipment for the zoom portion of the 2026 West Central Regional Conference (it was voted on and passed). The fall 2026 conference will have a formal bid from Waterloo next conference. A motion passed to send our area corrections person to The National corrections conference in Nashville in November. GSO is reporting that AA as a whole has 6.4 month of prudent reserve. Dan P, our delegate also gave us his report from the GSO conference and I am so excited to say that he will be here for our Aug 3rd meeting to give us his presentation as well. Please invite all members of your groups to the next district business meeting so that we can have a good attendance for Dan. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. In love and service, Jaclyn M.

<u>Alt DCM</u>- Greetings District 9, I attended the Spring Conference in Clear Lake on June 13th – 15th. On Friday night at the DCM share many topics were covered; including bridging the gap, group and district safety, and groups carrying liability insurance. On Saturday our Area Delegate, Dan P., gave an extensive presentation on the General Service Conference that he attended in April. It was very informative, and I look forward to him presenting his report to us at our next district meeting in August. In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

<u>Literature</u>- Good morning, District 9! I am grateful to be sober and to be able to serve as your literature chair. I attended the spring conference in Clear Lake last month. Our delegate Dan gave a heartfelt, informative presentation of his trip to New York. I took away a much-needed message of healing, love &

unity for our fellowship. I encourage you all to tell your groups to attend our meeting on August 2nd to hear Dan's report. I'm all about the audio/video recordings on AA.org right now. This month, I watched the AA video for employment professionals and read the pamphlet A Brief History of the Big Book. My reports on these is separate to keep this brief. For the coming month, I will begin reading AA Comes of Age. Finally, the West Central Regional Forum on Sept. 19–25th will be held in Omaha, NE. The flyer reads, "Regional Forums are designed to enhance trust & communication between AA members & the General Service Board, Staff & Directors from the General Service Office, & AA Grapevine." It's free to attend. Road trip, anyone? In love & service, Toni F. District 9 Literature Chair Archives- Hello District Chairs, GSRs. I attended June Area Conference. I turned in to the Area Archives oral histories for 2 Vietnam Vets with over 40 years of sobriety. DeWitte Anniversary recordings and pictures, Blandine Anniversary speaker, group information form. Marquette reports and pictures. I attended the Archives Workshop. Jeff the Area Archives chair, attended the National Archives event. There were 250 people there. Another District Chair talked how using NotebookLM. Scanned in all minutes and AI finds information. Cedar Rapids used AI to summarize a long-term story in their area. Another District is just setting up a website for their area. The Area Delegate Dan spoke on his experience at the conference and changes that have been enacted at WSO. I look forward to next District meeting in August to hear him again. Corrections contacts for the Womens Prison in Mitchellville said they are not letting AA meetings in but are using a program called "Full Circle Recovery". It is a nonprofit funded by state agencies, providing multiple services such as counseling, job-seeking assistance, and other life skills. Anamosa does bring in AA meetings and has the tablets with AA literature. I filed hard copies of flyers in group folders as the Dropbox is full. Save the date flyer. Turned in expense report to the Treasurer for 1/3 mileage, ½ room for 1 night, and registration fee. Save the date flyer for the mini event made. Room, kitchen, bounce house reserved pending on insurance certificate. Recorded Oral History with AA member, Tony, with over 40 years sober and a Vietnam Vet. He spoke of being in AA all over the country and coming back from Vietnam and the discrimination he faced. I gave him the WSO story on their request for military members and their stories. In service, Christy CPC- Hello everyone-the month of June/July has been busy! I did attend the spring conference and had a wonderful time! i met my area chair and was able to acquire many ideas for the upcoming workshop. I met some wonderful cpc chairs as well, and we were able to check in with each other, learning what we were all doing in our new positions. I have also met my committee chair, and we are working on trying to communicate with the various QC professionals in the area. (i have updated my contacts list) and have made some phone calls and am waiting to hear back. Also, things are still going well with the September workshop...we are still on track for our September dates. (more to come) In love and service, Ronna. **Treatment-** No report – position filled. **Grapevine-** No report received **Intergroup Liaison-** No report received. PI- Monthly Report 7/13, Hello all I was able to attend the Spring Conference in clear lake. My Pi session was on Friday night and I learned about the struggles that some districts are facing regarding get information out. I shared our projects and got some good feedback. I also met with my committee and we have a tentative date scheduled for our Presentation to the community. We chose the Bettendorf Library meeting rooms and tentatively scheduled for September 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 and September 20th from 12:00 to 2:00. I use the online portal to reserve those rooms and am waiting on a confirmation from the library more to follow. Love and service MJ **Corrections**- No report received.

Group Reports:

<u>Central Discussion</u> - Central discussion is alive and well. Central Discussion was represented at the Area 24 Spring Conference by our GSR. Several of us carpool together and had a wonderful visit on the way up and back. Our next business meeting is Sunday, July 20 at 10:15 AM at which time the GSR will share the information from May, June and July's district meetings as well as the Area 25 Spring Conference. Yours in service, Cissi

<u>Big Book Study-</u> Hello from the Big Book Study Group! Attendance is great every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m, and we still have consistent Zoom users weekly. Our business meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. We have had a few new home group members in the last few months. Feels good to grow! The group decided that since the alternate to the GSR has a district position they have been removed from our Alt GSR position. I would ask that our information change at the district level please. I will be reaching out to Area 24 to update the group information form. In love and service, Jennifer G.

<u>Three Legacies-</u> Hello District 9! Kelsey and I had a fantastic experience at the Spring Conference in Clear Lake, where we gathered valuable information to share with our group during our recent business meeting. Our next business meeting is scheduled for August 14th. Attendance has been impressive lately, we meet every Thursday at Asbury Church at 6:30 PM for our speaker meeting, with daycare available on a voluntary donation basis. In love and service, Erin B

<u>Marquette</u> - We are working on are drops D9 and area 24 for everyone to have access to them. We are having are Picnic August 23 flyer information on the illowa inergroup website. We are looking for a new inergroup representative.

<u>West End</u> - The decision was made to have speaker meetings the 3rd Saturday of every month throughout the entire year. West end Annual Picnic will be August 16th. West Lake Gate 1 Lakeview Shelter. 11am fellowship, Noon speaker - Linda A. (Camden), 1:00 sobriety countdown - Potluck afterwards - Fried Chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Love and service, Gina S.

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

<u>New Business-</u> Update on mini event – the venue is finalized, the date is September 20th, the time is 11am-1pm.

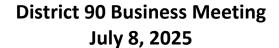
<u>Motions:</u> Kevin – move that district 9 go back to the free version of the drop box due to new information received from Area 24. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin – move that D9 mirror Area 24's dropbox. Motion passed unanimously.

Amber – move that the digital coordinator oversee D9's dropbox. Tabled until next month.

Dates to remember:

- Aug 9-10 2025 Service Weekend Marshalltown DCM/GSR (Sat) @ 9am. Zoom option as well.
- October 17-19 Area Fall Conference 2025 Fort Dodge Iowa. DCM/GSR/chairs
- February 27-March 1, 2026 West Central Regional Conference will be held in Cedar Rapids.



Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: DCM- Randy C., Alt DCM-Maddie P., Corrections/Henry Co.- Aaron M., Treatment- Erica B., Grapevine/Geneseo- Chris W., Archives- Craig K., Intergroup Liaison- Mike K., Last Chance Alt. GSR- Sarah A. Camden GSR- Jon B.

AA Birthdays: Chris W.- 4yrs., Jon B.- 30yrs., Maddie P.- 4yrs.

Minutes Approval: Maddie Motions, Sarah 2nd, Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** Randy C.- I didn't attend the Assembly since it was the same day as our picnic and the Delegate did not send his slideshow so I won't be able to forward that to you. I have a lot of emails to go through before I will have a report.
- Alt. DCM: Maddie P.- I was able to listen to the Assembly on my phone, The Archives was able to get some historical copies of AA literature. The motion to include other resources with the AA Phones did not pass. The next Assembly is Sept. 13th. I have some things to email you after the meeting.
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer R. Absent But Randy Gave Report Beginning Balance: \$ 1,275.06, Deposits: \$190.00, Debits: \$505.59, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$634.59, New Balance/Available Funds: \$324.88, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48.
- Secretary: OPEN

Committee Reports:

- Corrections: Aaron M.- "Day with the Dads" was 2 weeks ago. More guys getting released and going to Peoria. 1 more Ap for Women's RICO but haven't gotten a response yet.
- **Treatment:** Erica B.- Pretty much the same. Going good. Still needing Speakers. Need at least I more lady for RICO Jail.
- Accessibilities: Beth P.- Absent.
- PI: Open Literature: Open CPC: OPEN
- **Grapevine:** Chris W.- 90 Years of AA. Working on a traveling display. Reached out to GV to get all the free stuff they offer for GV Reps. Looking for any old GVs. GV Joke.
- BTG: Gene V.- Absent. Archives: Craig K.- No Report.
- Intergroup Liaison: Mike K.- Expenses in the Red. Golf Outing Sept. 7th. Intergroup Event April 11th 2025 at Hickory Creek again.

GSR Reports:

- Geneseo: Chirs W- Speaker Meeting July 25th. Katie R.
- Last Chance: Sarah A. We have our speaker the third Friday of the month, and it is Big, Tall Matt, Matt S. That's honestly all I have.
- Henry Co.: Aaron M.- Business Meeting the 15th. Speaker Meeting the 19th. Tracy S. which is the only Sat. Night Meeting we have. Looking at existing Meetings.
- Milan Hillcrest: Pete B.- Absent.
- Camden: Jon B.- 13th Annual Potluck and Speaker Meeting Saturday. Elections on the 26th. Still need to check on the room availability for the Lit Workshop.
- Alley Group: Butch W.- Absent

• 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 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 Recap — Pretty Hot, Very Windy, only about 14 in attendance, Good Speaker Good Food, Great Fellowship - Literature Workshop --New Date and Time Set Sept. 27th @ 3pm --Pending Approval from Camden. -- NIS20 Literature Chair Jan S. is Available. New Business: - Discuss District Meetings in-Person/Hybrid - (Tabled) Mike motions to adjourn, Sarah seconds. Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting: Aug. 5th, 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 12th 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 the monthly newsletter. Office manager provides assistance with information available only at the office (call counts, group contributions, etc.). Newsletter chair is responsible for including the minutes from Intergroup, District 9 and District 90 business 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 6pm.

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 or contact the District 9 Corrections Chair at d9corrections@aaquadcities.org

Questions? Call Intergroup! 309-764-1016



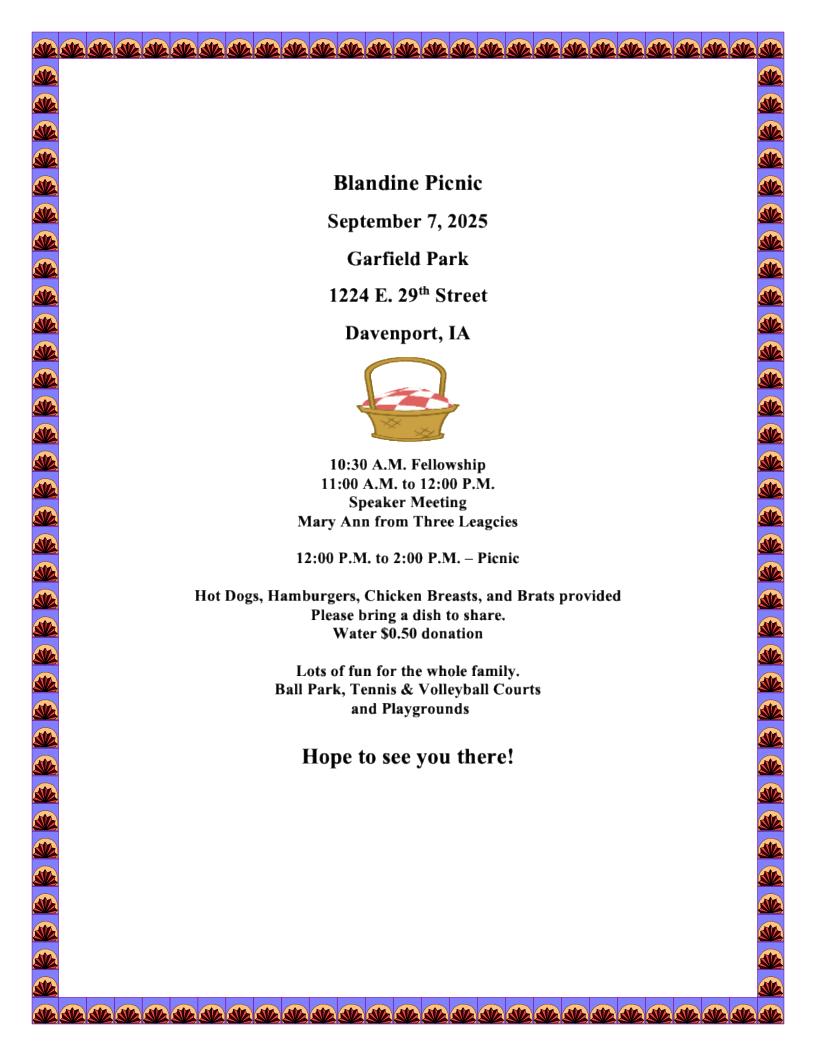


Socializing at 5:30

Potluck at 6:00

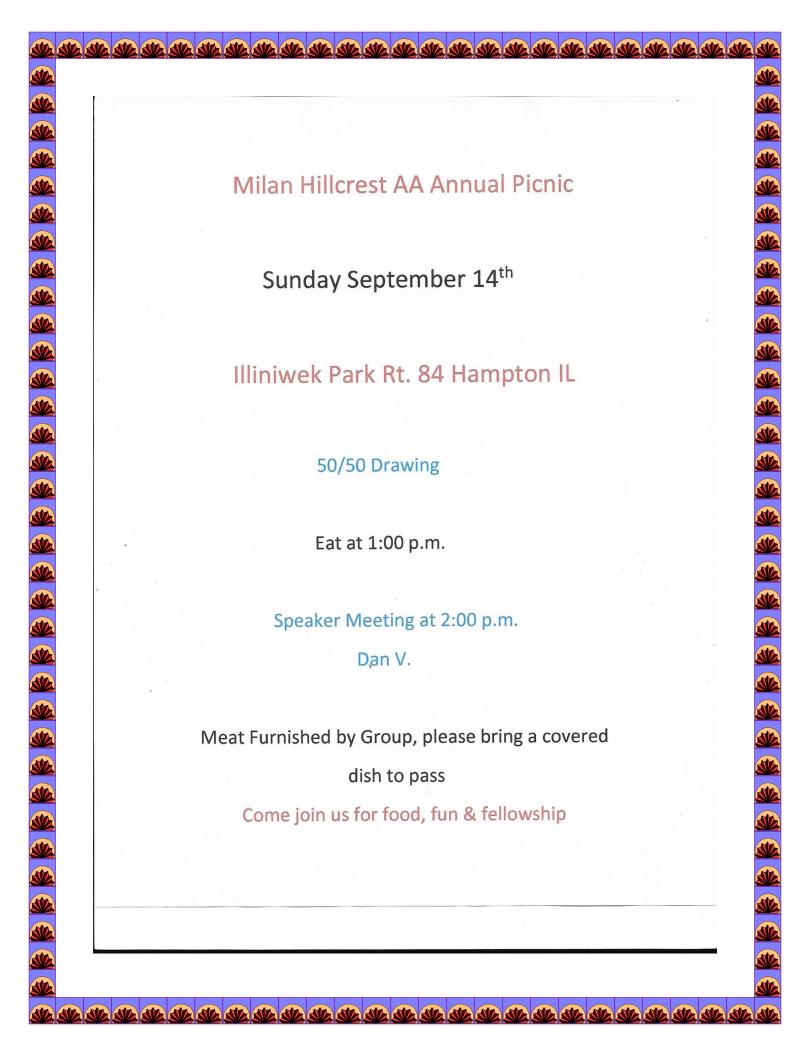
Camden Serenity Group 306 – 3rd Street West Milan, IL

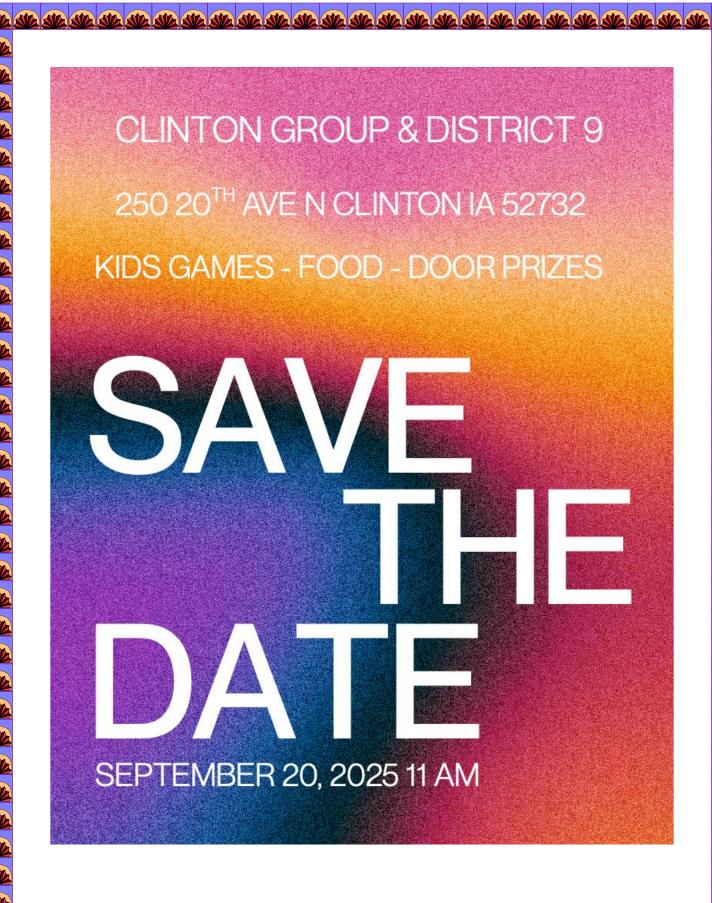
Meeting at 7:00





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