ILLOWA MESSENGER December 2025

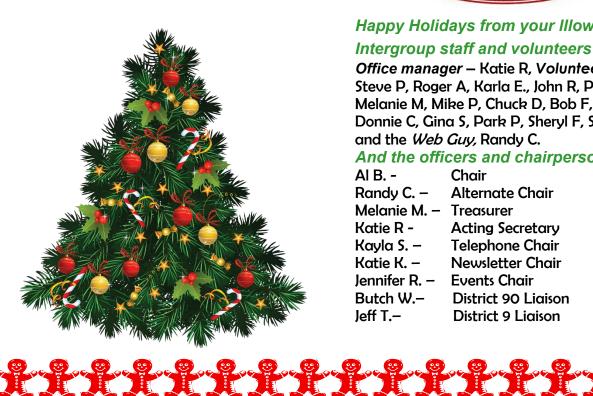
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

1st Intergroup Business Meeting 5th Last Chance Bingo Night 7th-District Business meeting canceled until Jan 4th 6th Camden Speaker/Potluck 20th Westend Speaker/Potluck 21st- Blandine Christmas Potluck 25th Bettendorf open 7:30am to 9:30pm Christmas day 25th Three Legacies Virtual Only 26th Geneseo Speaker/Potluck 31st Blandine New Year Eve Celebration 31st Bettendorf open 8pm to 1am January 1st Bettendorf open 9am to 9pm







Happy Holidays from your Illowa Intergroup staff and volunteers:

Office manager - Katie R, Volunteers-Steve P, Roger A, Karla E., John R, Pat J, Melanie M, Mike P, Chuck D, Bob F, Donnie C, Gina S, Park P, Sheryl F, Sandy R

And the officers and chairpersons:

and the Web Guy, Randy C. AI B. -Chair Randv C. -Alternate Chair Melanie M. – Treasurer Katie R -**Acting Secretary** Kayla S. -**Telephone Chair Newsletter Chair** Katie K. – Jennifer R. – **Events Chair** Butch W.-District 90 Ligison Jeff T.-District 9 Liaison

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<u>Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – November 3rd, 2025</u> Virtual Meeting called to order by Chair, Al B., at 6:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. **Attendance: Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:** Chair/Al B., Co-Chair/Randy C., Treasurer/Melanie M., Phone-Chair/Kayla S., Webmaster/Randy C., Newsletter-Chair/Katie K., Office Manager/Katie R., Event Chair., Jennifer R., District 9 Jeff T., District 90/Butch W **Groups present:** Bettendorf, Big Book, Blandine, Central, Courage to Change, Geneseo, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, Three Legacies, West End. **Officers' Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Checking balance forwarded: \$5,688.88 Total Income: \$3,120.21 Total expenses: \$5,039.91 Income minus expenses: - \$1,919.70 Checking ending balance: \$3,769.18 Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the treasurer's report. Telephone Chair: Present, no report submitted Newsletter: Hello. I have mailed out the November and October Newsletter were mailed out on October 29th, 2025. I am actively working on being more accountable on sending this out in a timelier manner this upcoming month. Thank you for your patience with me. In loving service, Katie K Office Manager Report: November 2025 Office Manager Report. Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well here at the office, Quarterly taxes have been reported and paid for the next quarter. Nothing much to report this month. Call counts for August were -2 - 12-step, 38- information, 22 -visitors and 0-Al—Anon. The next business meeting will be held on Dec 1st at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In Love and Service Katie R

Events: - Present, no report submitted District 9: Present, no report submitted.

District 90: District 90 is holding their elections for all officers tomorrow, November 4, 2025 at 7:00pm. Please remind your GSR to attend the online meeting in order to vote and make themselves available for a new position. The positions qualifications, duties and responsibilities are on the I/G website, please read through them and consider making yourself available. You May take action and reach out to a sponsee tonight, suggesting they take a look at them and consider taking part in General Service.D90 -finances are in good shape with a balance at the end of September of \$1066.37. D90 held a Literature workshop on 9/27 at the Camden Group. Attendance was much lower than the previous Grapevine workshop. The district is considering holding future workshops on Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Public Information (PI) and Accessibilities.D90 is searching for a location to hold a hybrid District meeting as Covid has ended and all but 2 of the 26 districts in Northern Illinois Area (NIA) are back to meeting in person or hybrid. The district is checking out facilities in Colona as a centrally located spot to serve Henry, Mercer and Rock Island County groups. Butch W.



that's the number we have been going with. About 200 below our average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page. The Flyer page is the 2nd most visited page. The Calendar Page stayed at the 3rd most visited page and the Virtual Meetings Page stayed at the 4th. The Calendar and Virtual Pages have been switching back and forth between. The unexplainable spike was on the 28th. The rest of the month had its normal ups and downs. I've had issues with the pictures not displaying, I have rebuilt the pages which seems to have fixed it. I will still keep an eye on them. For the District members using the aaquadcities.org email, there has been a phishing email about the email accounts, so just a reminder that any information about our email accounts will come from the Webmaster Account and contain my name, Randy C. Keep checking the FLYERS Page for any type of Group Announcements. That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randy C.

Group reports:

8n8 AA: Not present.

The Alley Group: The Alley Group has enough funds to purchase sobriety chips; an order will be placed very soon. We can also begin supporting the service entities as we have reached our Prudent Reserve. The groups next speaker meeting is Friday, November 14, 2025 at 7:00pm There will be a potluck and fellowship beginning at 6:00pm. The speaker is Johanna S. from the Last Chance Group. Butch W

Bettendorf: Present, no report submitted

Big Book Study: Present, no report submitted

Blandine: Present, no report submitted

Central: Present, no report submitted

Camden: Not Present

Courage to Change: Present, no report submitted

DeWitt: Not Present

Geneseo Group: The Geneseo Group held its 48th Anniversary event on October 25, 2025 at the Izaac Walton League Park just north of Geneseo. There was a great speaker and some really good chili, plus other -fine culinary delights. Unfortunately, the weather was not very favorable and attendance was approximately half of last year's event. I am not even sure if the camp-fire meeting took place as planned, as I left at 6:00 and there were only about a half dozen folks there at that time. Geneseo Groups next event is our monthly Speaker Meeting on Friday, November 28 (Black Friday) at 7:00pm, fellowship and potluck at 6:00pm. Our speaker is Beth R. from the Three Legacies Group. Butch W.

Henry County Group: Not Present

House Group: All is well at House Group. Our meetings are being pretty well attended, some newcomers. We voted at our last business meeting to start sending money on a quarterly basis. Our next business meeting is going to be on Sunday, November 9th. We will be having elections for officers, hopefully participation will be great! We have to give it away to keep it. Saturday, November 15th will be our Speaker Potluck meeting, doors open at 5pm, we eat at 6pm and our Speaker, Stephanie S from 3 Legacies, will speak at 7pm. Love and service, Melanie M.

Last Chance: Present, no report submitted

Milan: Not present.

Marquette: Marquette finances and attendance are good except for Saturday night 7 pm meeting.

Marquette is looking into changing meeting to 5:30 pm. No donations this month. SR reported attendance at a Clinton function. Marquette wants to purchase a locking cabinet (pending church approval) for storing literature, coffee, medallions, and related supplies to help protect inventory and reduce uncontrolled access. Literature inventory decisions were made. * 5 hardcover Big Books * 5 "12 & 12" books * 5 Daily Reflections * 5 "As Bill Sees It" * 2 each of other titles, including large print, softcover, and plain language Big Books. Marquette will give out 9-month sobriety chips now going forward. Marquette agreed to

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 for any of our meeting times, please stop in and share your experience, strength and hope, they could really use the outside influence. Randy C.

local events or groups. Everything else running smooth at Marquette. No other news.

coordinate event and holiday scheduling earlier, using the Intergroup calendar to avoid overlap with other

Three Legacies: Present, no report submitted

West End: Present, no report submitted

Old business: Ted K, Bid Co-Chair QCYPAA bid for IAYPAA 10, joined the meeting asking for a letter of support to have the 2025 IAYPPA 10 Conference in Cedar Rapids. It is a bid requirement to make sure IAYPPA is not scheduling during other AA events and will have someone attend intergroup meetings as a guest. A motion was made and a vote taken and approved.

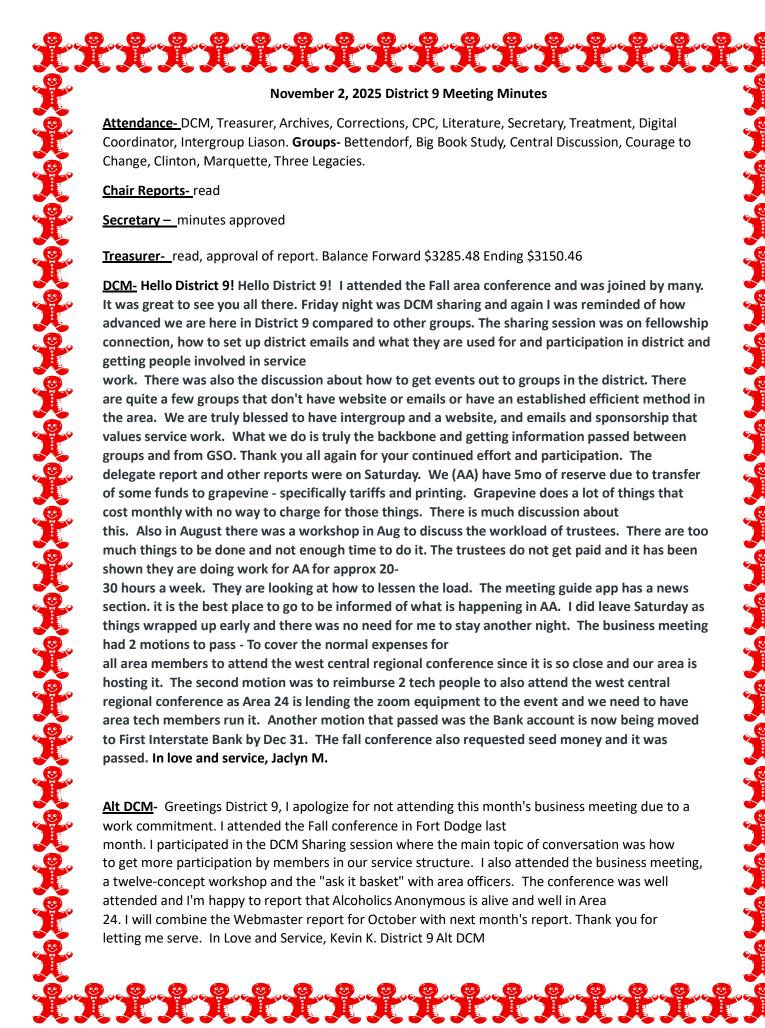
New business: No New Business

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 emailed to the acting secretary no later than Nov 13th, 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 **December 1**st at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.



<u>Literature</u>- Good morning, District 9! This month, I just spent time on aa.org. There is SO MUCH I am thankful for! At the top of my gratitude list are my own sobriety and the Fellowship that gives me and all who care to have it —a never-ending supply of resources and tools, and just plain sharing of experience, strength, and, most of all, HOPE! Near and dear to my heart is carrying our message to the women in custody at the Scott County Jail. I have been blessed to do this for over 10 years. For me, one of the most challenging aspects of this service is CHOOSING A TOPIC for the meetings. In my travels on aa.org this month, I came across a resource I would encourage ANYONE working with newcomers (incarcerated or not) to read. It's called CF-36 - The Correctional Facilities A.A. Group Handbook. This 36-page service piece offers practical guidance for A.A. groups meeting inside jails and prisons. It includes the A.A. Preamble, Twelve Steps and Traditions, "How It Works," meeting outlines, and suggestions for helping members transition from "inside" to "outside" A.A. The handbook blends spiritual principles with experience-based direction on starting, leading, and sustaining meetings behind the walls. It has a list of 40+ themes for group sharing—ranging from Acceptance, Fear, Service, and Sponsorship to Serenity and Willingness. Who it's for: A.A. members involved in correctional outreach or anyone interested in carrying the message to alcoholics in custody. This item is not even for sale; it can be downloaded free of charge at AA.org. I also found: Markings on the Journey (Video Announcement – October 2025) "Markings on the Journey" has been around for a while and was recently updated, with rare fullcolor 1940s home-movie footage of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and their wives at Stepping Stones. 31 minutes long, it offers both an educational and a spiritual glimpse into our Fellowship's roots. It's an inspiring look at AA history, presented through words and images taken directly from the GSO archives. This one is not available for free download, but can be purchased in three formats from the AAWS Online Literature Store. (DVD \$12, thumb drive \$21, and digital streaming \$12). I encourage everyone to explore aa.org. "We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick. The answers will come if your own house is in order. But obviously, you cannot transmit something you haven't got. See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us." ~p. 164, The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous In love & service, Toni F. District 9 Literature Chair

Archives- Hello District Chairs, GSRs .I attended the Fall Conference in Fort Dodge. 245 people registered. Items given to Area 24 Archives Chair 1) Mini Event Longtimers photo. Tony J. Oral History transcription. Buffalo Group Info form update and misc pictures, Should to Shoulder Info and Pictures, Living Well Update form, Dewitt Founders picture, 1 month of Illowa newsletter, Attended Ask it presentation How to get involved in Area 1. Ask someone to be your service sponsor. Attend Spring and Fall Conferences repeatedly. Invite Delegate to District. Discussion how Safety Card is used at other meetings. 1. Enlarge and hung up in room, 1 meeting has table tents. 1 group has a security position. Watch out for the newcomer. Newcomers have to feel safe and experience hope. Listen to opinions and realize that some opinions are spiritled some are fear-led. Panel 75 report available online. Sobering to hear from New York representative that AA's 5th Edition will show a population of 2.1 or 2.2. This is 5% growth in 25 years for AA. Attended Concept presentation. The Archives History Workshop went over a document found in District 3 files. "Bill Wilson's "Illusory Pedestal" reply he sent to a group in reply to his less than "spiritual behavior" they criticized him about. For District 9, I attended and filled out Group information form for

the Maquoketa Group. This group still has ties to Alanon. The Alanon members meet at

the same time in a different room and 1 time a month they have an open potluck speaker meeting

together. I recommend people check out the November 2025 Grapevine. There is a reprint Sam Shoemaker letter on his take on the birth of Alcoholics

Anonymous. "..there was something way beyond Bill working in the amazing shrewdness with which he gained his insight into alcoholics, into eternal spiritual laws, and into the ways in which one can bring men and women into touch with God withough raising needless religious prejudices and creating unnecessary spiritual divisions. (page

17). There is also a reprint from a letter from Reinhold Niebuhr. The author of the Serenity Prayer, which is still said today 90 years later in some AA rooms. Our history is still reflected in meetings today. In service, Christy

<u>CPC-</u> No report received.

<u>Treatment-</u> No report received

Grapevine- I attended to Area 24 Fall Conference last month and was able to meet with the Area 24 Grapevine chair and other Grapevine chairs across the state. We learned more about Grapevine and different subscription information that I have flyers for if anyone is interested. Amber J.

She/Her/Hers

<u>Intergroup Liaison-</u> No report received.

PI- I attended the PI workshop at the fall conference and am excited to implement some new ideas.SOP PI Add:Form a committee of groups' PI liaisons. Its also a good idea to work closely with CPC.(Note: This position may require some anonymity breaks while working with the public)Love and Service, MJ

<u>Corrections</u>- No report received.

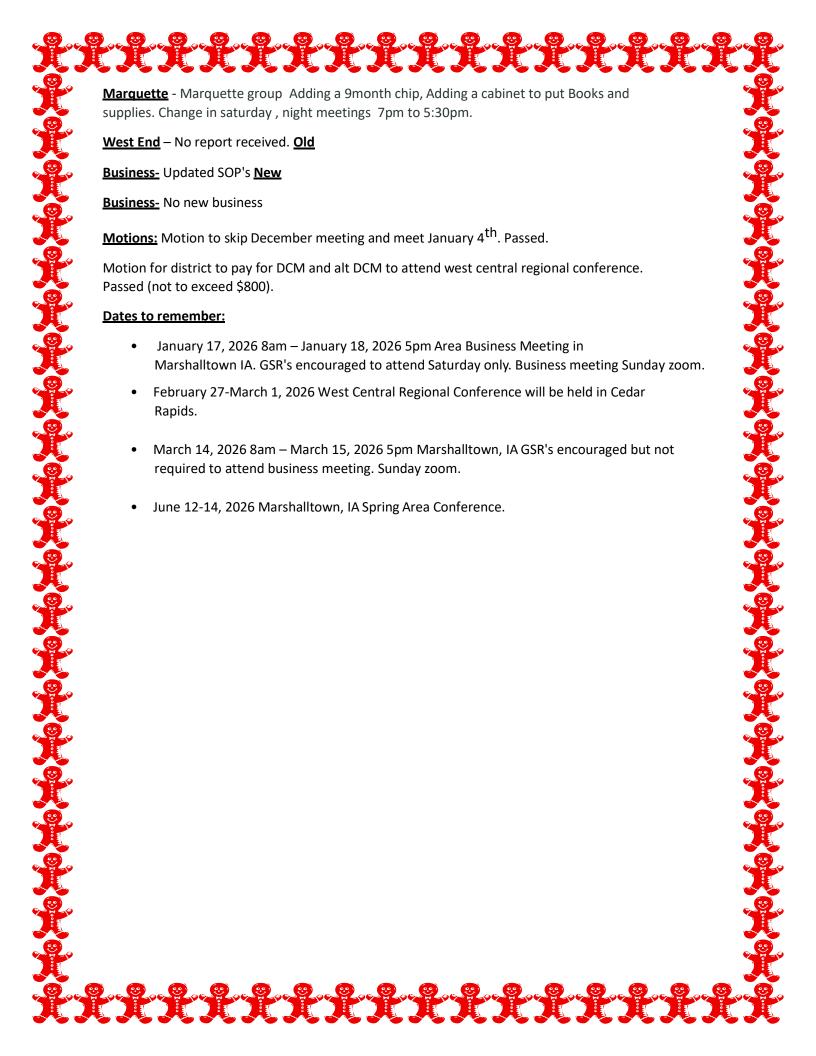
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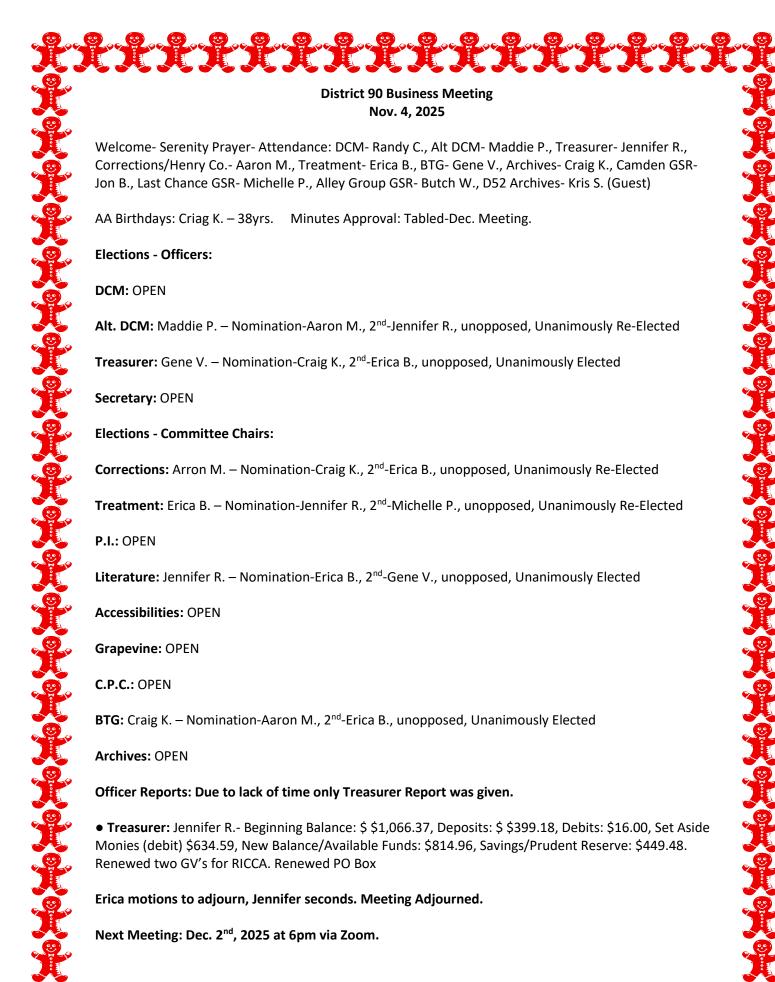
Central Discussion - Hello District, Central Discussion held its group anniversary and it was a success. We held our group elections last week and all positions are filled. Group votes to make distributions to all GSO, Area 24, District and Intergroup. Yours in service, Cissi

Big Book Study- Hello from the Big Book Study Group! Attendance is great every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and we still have consistent Zoom users. We have elections in November for several positions, and we still have a vacant Alternate GSR position. Our business meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. In love and service, Jennifer G.

Three Legacies-Hello District 9! October was a busy and rewarding month. I was grateful to attend the Area 24 Fall Conference in Fort Dodge, where the GSR sharing session offered valuable topics and thoughtful discussion. The event was well organized and a great reminder of the fellowship we share. Three Legacies held group elections at our last business meeting. We're fortunate to have strong participation, and all positions were filled. The group also approved a motion to cover expenses for the GSR and Alternate GSR to attend the West Central Regional Conference in Cedar Rapids this February. Everyone is welcome to join us at

6 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church. On Thanksgiving Day, Three Legacies will host a discussion meeting in place of the regular speaker meeting. Our meeting attendance remains strong, and we appreciate all the speakers who continue to share their experience, strength, and hope. In love and service, Erin B









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.

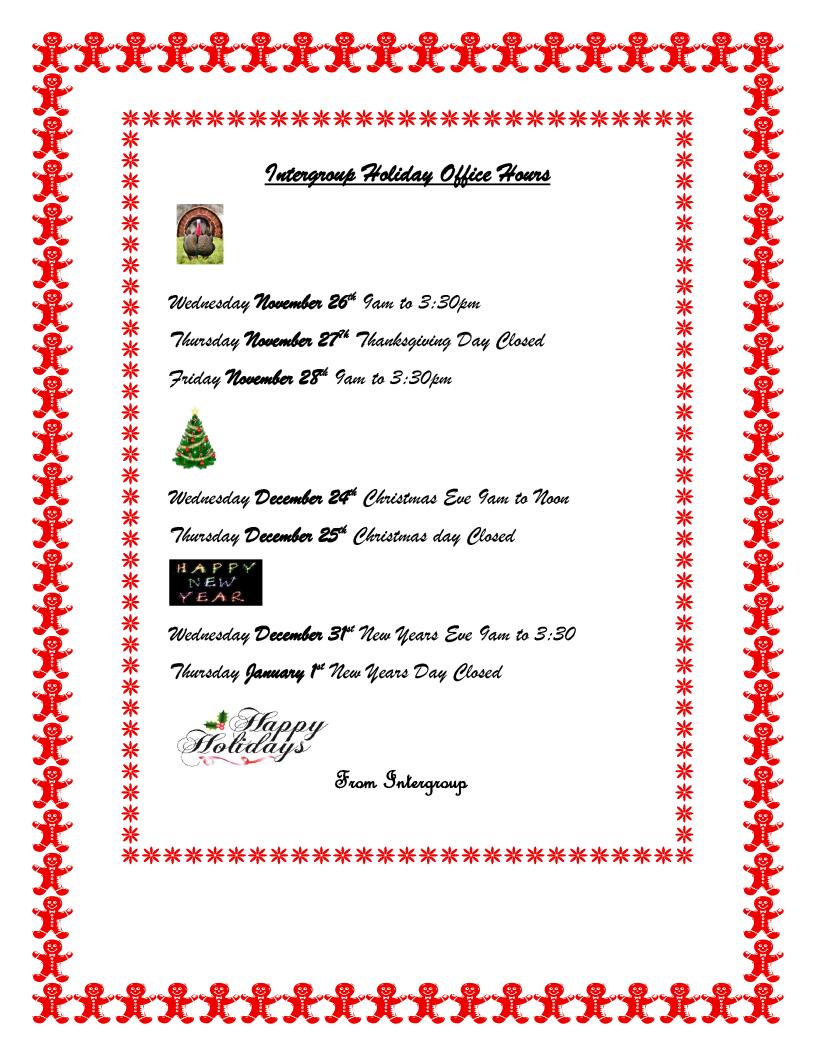
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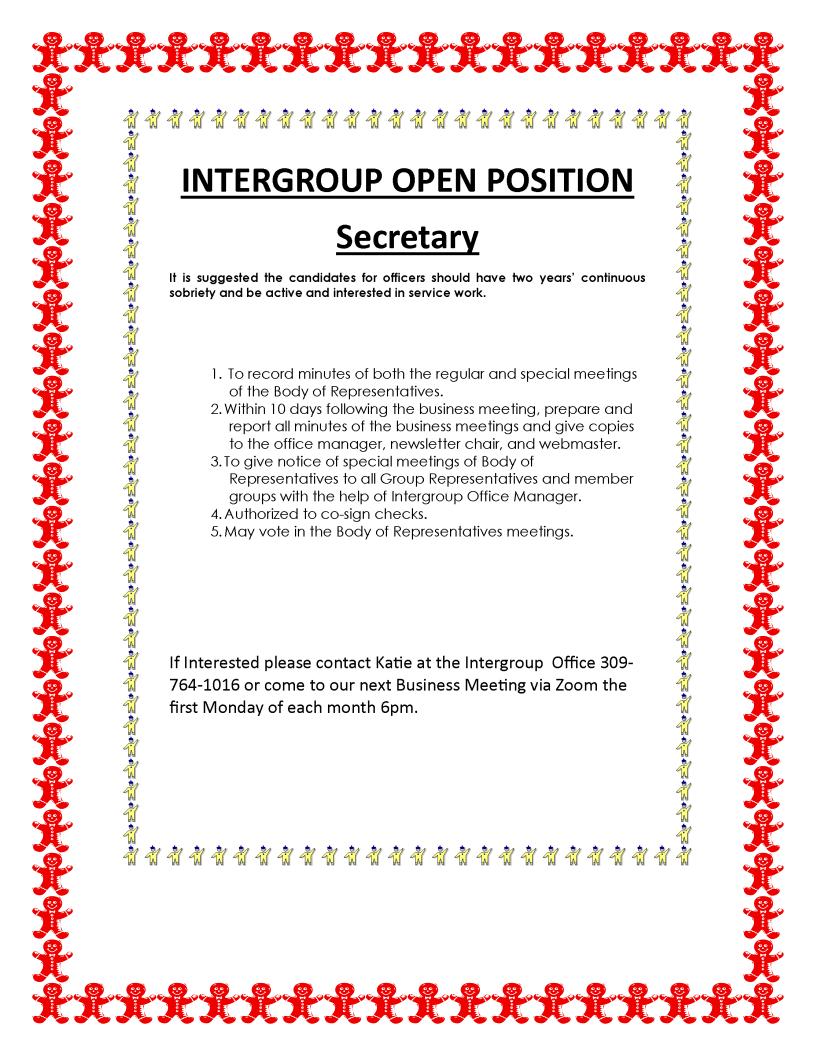
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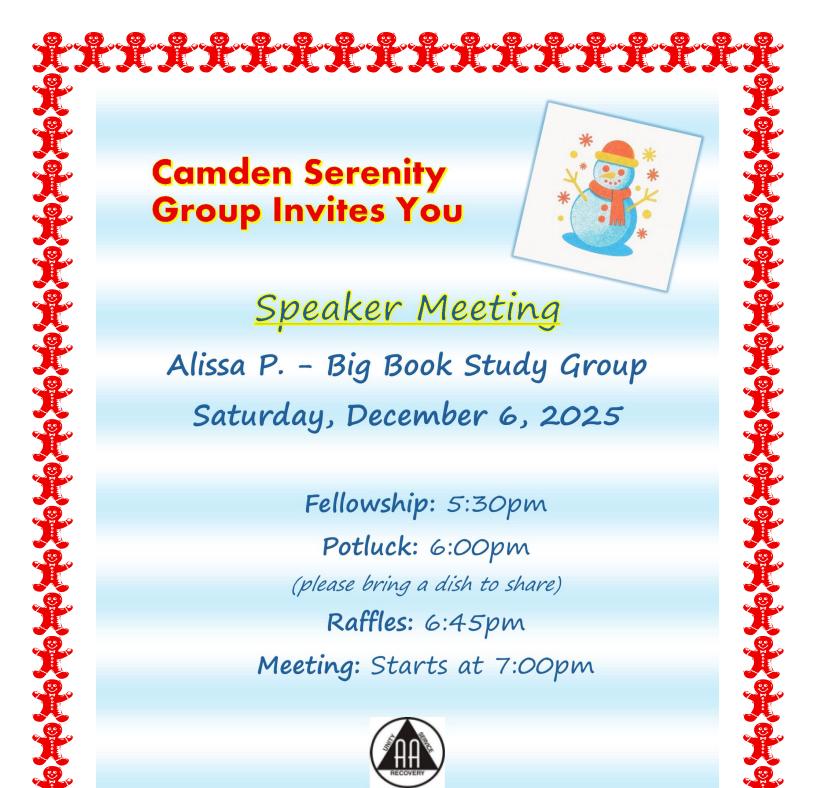
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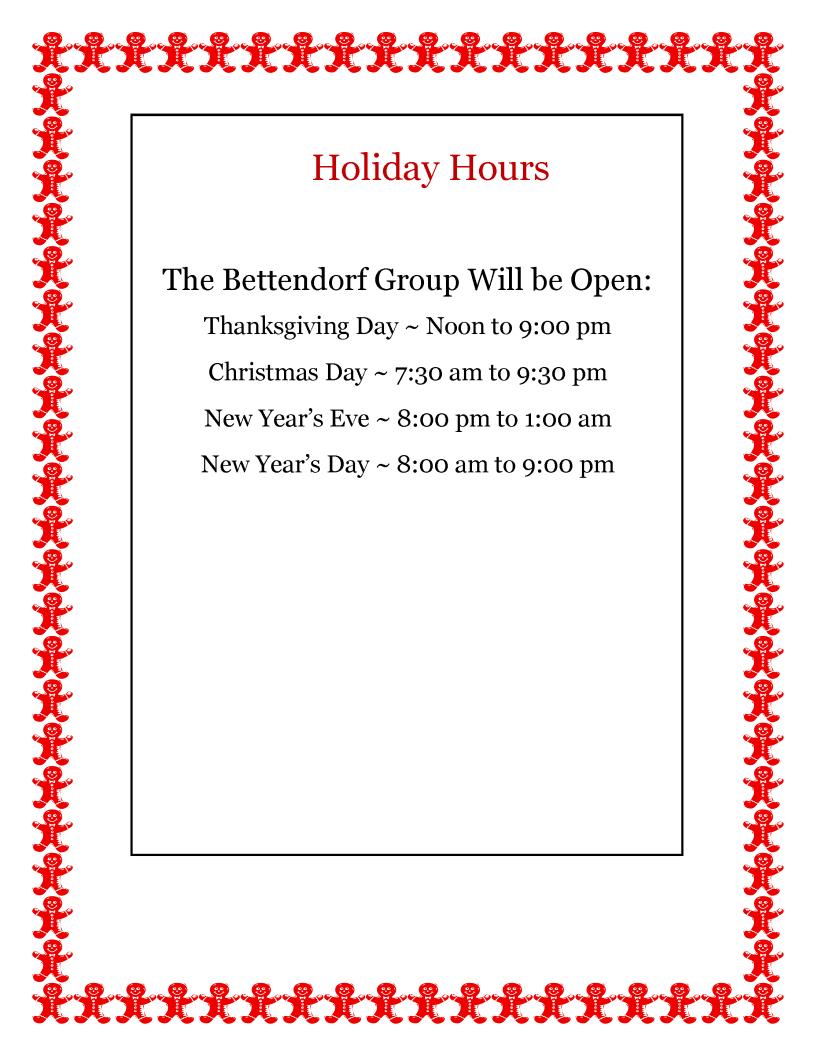
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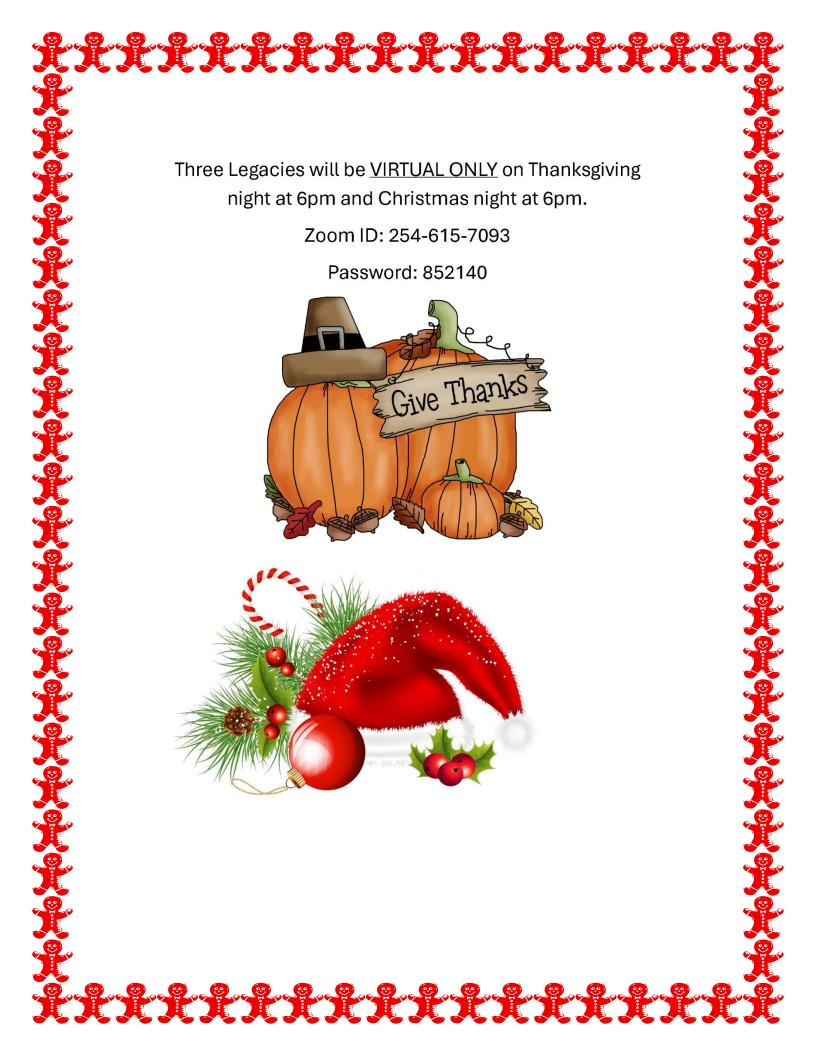






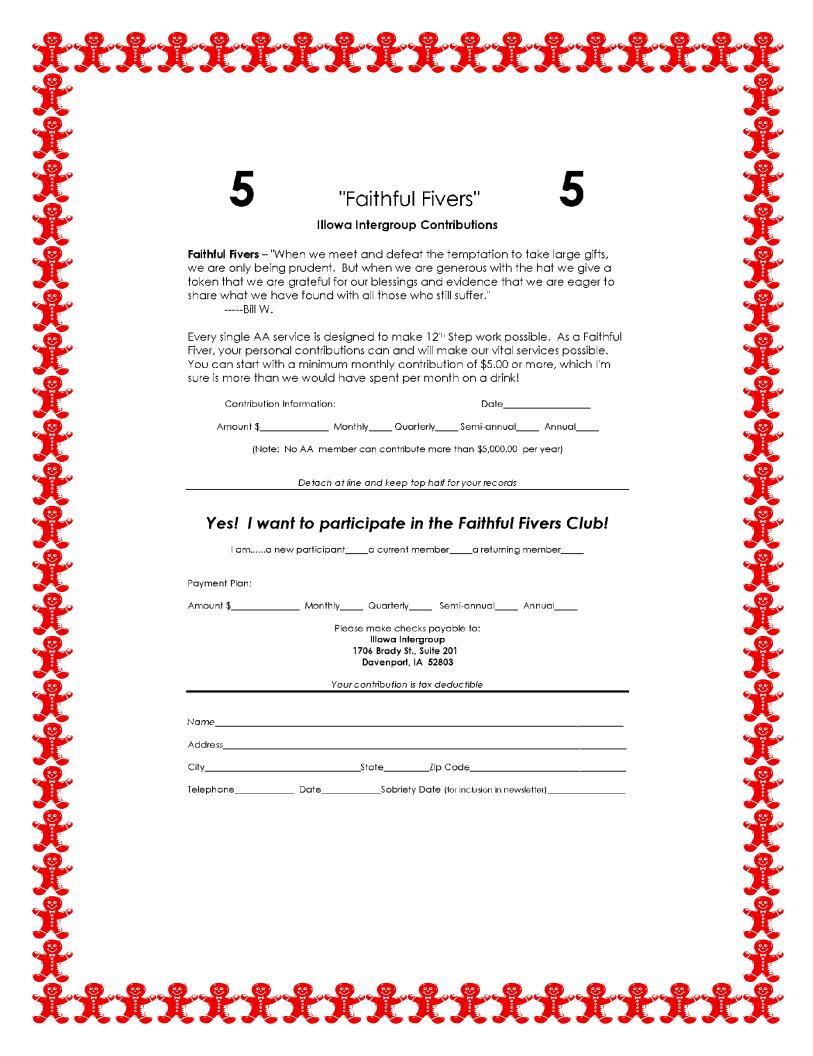
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