

ILLINOIA MESSENGER

January 2026

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



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.



EVENTS

1st Intergroup|Office Closed

1st Bettendorf Open 8am to 9pm

3rd Camden Speaker-Potluck

3rd Marquette Sat Night meetings
moving to 5:30pm- last Sat Speaker

5th Intergroup Business Meeting

9th The Alley Group Speaker-Potluck

10th Marquette Holiday Celebration
Meeting-Potluck

17th Westend Speaker-Potluck

18th Camden Breakfast

23rd Geneseo Speaker-Potluck

24th Speaker Jam

25th Big Book Anniversary

**Tickets for our 52nd Anniversary Event
will be available from your Intergroup
Reps or at the office soon. Stay tuned.**



Group Contributions	November	2025 Total Contributions
8n8 AA		889.59
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf	1144.39	3069.95
Big Book Study		1536.39
Blandine	25.00	50.00
Cabin Fever Banquet		775.00
Camden Serenity	99.90	1149.90
Central Discussion	1250.00	2050.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton		450.00
Coal Valley		350.00
Colona Group		3.00
Courage to Change		690.10
DeWitt		200.00
District 90		573.49
Freedom Group		100.00
Geneseo		258.66
Henry County Group	800.00	2400.00
House Group	25.00	75.00
La Nueva Vida		70.00
Ladies Night		239.70
Last Chance		334.00
Marquette	500.00	1225.00
Milan Hillcrest		125.00
Morrison		100.00
New Boston New Hope		0.00
North Scott	300.00	600.00
Rainbow Group		100.00
Sisters in Sobriety		75.00
Surrender Group		0.00
Three Legacies		250.00
West End	15.00	165.00
Winola Group		0.00
TOTAL	4159.29	17904.78

Call Count	
12 Step	3
Information	27
Visitors	23
Al-Anon	0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – Dec 1st, 2025

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., Event Chair., Jennifer R., District 9 Jeff T.,

Groups present:

Bettendorf, Big Book, Blandine, Central, Courage to Change, Geneseo, House Group, Last Chance, Marquette, New Beginnings, West End.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$3,769.18

Total Income: \$5,439.11

Total expenses: \$2,629.86

Income minus expenses: \$2,809.25

Checking ending balance: \$6,578.43

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

Telephone Chair: Present no report

Newsletter: Present no report

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well here at the office, not a lot going on. Very quiet this time of year. Call counts for August were –3 - 12-step, 27- information, 23 - visitors and 0-Al—Anon The next business meeting will be held on **January 5th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom. In love and service, Katie R

Events: - Present no report

District 9: Present no report

District 90: Not Present

Webmaster: Hello everyone, we had 8,413 visitors, 1,660 were on the site for more than 30 seconds and that's the number we have been going with. This is about 200 above our average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page. The Flyer page is the 2nd most visited page. The Virtual Page switched back to the 3rd most visited page pushing the Calendar back to 4th. The Calendar and Virtual Pages have been switching back and forth between. The unexplainable spike was on the 6th. The rest of the month had its normal ups and downs. I'm still having issues with the pictures not displaying. It appears to be issues with GoDaddy. I was unable to log in last week to try and fix this problem and place a "ticket" with GoDaddy. They replied that they have been experiencing connectivity issues resulting in slow load times. The problem occurred again Sunday so I placed another ticket and received the exact same response, word for word. They must have a lot of reports since they set up an automatic response and have not fixed the issue yet. I will still keep an eye on them. For the District Members using the aaquadcities.org email, I have added filters to help remove most of the Spam emails since there has been an increase in these recently. 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: Not Present

Bettendorf: -Discussion on 8pm Wednesday meeting will continue during December business meeting. Venmo as a payment option will be discussed during December business meeting. No updates on Sponsorship Workshop to be held in January. Bett Picnic on 9/13/26 from 10-3pm. Holiday hours: Xmas Day- 7:30a-9pm room open all day meetings at 6am, 5:30pm, 8pm. NYE- 8am-1am room open all day, Meetings at 5:30p and 8pm, Snacks start at 5pm, candlelight meeting at 12am, NYD- 8am-9pm room open all day. Meetings at 6am, 10am, 5:30pm, 8pm. Elections were held. All positions are filled for 2026. I will be the intergroup rep this coming year. 😊. In love and service, Bethany K

Big Book Study: Elections were held and Alissa P will be your new Intergroup Rep as of January. In love and service, Kelly H.

Blandine: Present no report

Central: Present no report

Camden: Not present

Courage to Change: Present no report

DeWitt: Not present

Geneseo Group: Not present

Henry County Group: Not Present

House Group: Present no report

Last Chance: Present no report

Milan: Not present

Marquette: Prudent reserve and checking balances remain stable. Moved Saturday night meeting start time from 7 pm to 5:30 pm. Post-Holiday Party scheduled for January 10th, 2026 at Adventure Church. Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by a meeting. Meat, coffee, water provided, bring a dish to share. Made a donation to Intergroup. Everything else running smooth at Marquette. No other news.

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.

Three Legacies: Not present

West End: Present no report

Old business: None

New business: None

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 Dec 12th, 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 **January 5th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

December 7th, 2025, District 9 (No Meeting)

Attendance- No meeting due to holidays.

Chair Reports- none received due to holidays.

Treasurer- Balance Forward \$3,150.43 Ending \$5,014.40

Dates to remember:

- January 17, 2026, 8am – January 18, 2026, 5pm Area Business Meeting in Marshalltown IA. GSR's encouraged to attend Saturday only. Business meeting Sunday zoom.
- February 27-March 1, 2026, West Central Regional Conference will be held in Cedar Rapids.
- March 14, 2026, 8am – March 15, 2026, 5pm Marshalltown, IA GSR's encouraged but not required to attend business meeting. Sunday zoom.
- June 12-14, 2026, Marshalltown, IA Spring Area Conference.

District 90 Business Meeting - Dec. 2nd, 2025

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: Interim DCM- Randy C., Alt DCM- Maddie P., Treasurer- Gene V., Literature- Jennifer R., BTG- Craig K., Intergroup Liaison/ Alley Group GSR- Butch W., Last Chance- Sarah A., Camden GSR- Jon B.

Oct. Minutes Approval: Maddie Motions, Jon 2nd, Minutes Approved

Nov. Minutes Approval: Butch Motions, Gene 2nd, Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** OPEN - Randy C.- Until we get a DCM I will be stay as the Interim DCM. I did not stand for the position again since I have been working Saturdays and am not able to attend the Area Meeting, which are always Saturdays. Rumor has it that the Overtime is going away so I may be able to fill the position, we'll have to play it by ear. Other than that, I do not have a Report.

- **Alt. DCM:** Maddie P.- Area sent out a Preliminary Budget for this past year. Area has fallen short, they projected \$85,000 but as of Oct. there has only been \$49,000 in contributions. I can email the report if anyone wants it. The NIA 2025 Winter Assembly is Dec. 13th in Elburn at the Lord of Life Church.

- **Treasurer:** Gene V.- Beginning Balance: \$1,449.55, Deposits: \$350.00, Debits: \$8.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$0.00, New Balance/Available Funds: \$1,791.55 431.78, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48. The Set Aside Monies is empty since we usually refill it during this, our last meeting of the year.

- **Secretary:** OPEN

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- Absent.
- **Treatment:** Erica B.- Absent.

- **Literature:** Jennifer R.- I'm not exactly sure what to do so I went to the AA.org Websites Literature Tab. There are a lot of Pamphlets that have been revamped or are being revamped. Such as; The 12 Steps Illustrated, young people in AA, speaking at meetings outside of AA, AA in our community, bridging the gap, Is AA for you? Is there an alcoholic in your life? New pamphlets include Black in AA and Indigenous People in AA. In October, a newly revised and expanded "Markings on the Journey. Our much-beloved video showcasing the history of Alcoholics Anonymous through words and images culled from the GSO Archives. It comes in DVD, thumb drive, as well as, a digital file from the AA web store. I hope that's on par for what the literature chair is supposed to do, that's my report. Thank you.

- **PI:** Open
- **Accessibilities:** OPEN
- **CPC:** OPEN
- **Grapevine:** OPEN

- **BTG:** Craig K.- Had to Leave Meeting Early. - No Report.

- **Archives:** Craig K.- OPEN.

- **Intergroup Liaison:** Butch W.- Missed the Intergroup Meeting. Randy Reported- Speaker Jam, January 24th, there will be a bake sale & book sale. Flyers should be on the website in a day or so. The Anniversary Event tickets are going to hopefully be available earlier than last year, late Dec. early Jan.

GSR Reports:

- **Geneseo:** Chirs W- Absent.

- **Last Chance:** Alt. Sarah A.- Speaker Meeting, Melissa from Last Chance on the 19th, and we're going to have lasagna. For Christmas, we will be open from 7am we'll have Christmas food from after the 11am Meeting until the 5.30 Meeting. On New Year's we will be open for our regular meetings, and then at 8pm we'll be open until Whenever. To be determined. That's all I have.

- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Absent. Gene gave a report- We had our elections at our last business meeting, and we have mostly new officers, a couple positions we're not sure what we're going do with yet. Speaker Meeting on the 20th I don't know if who yet. Other than that, we're doing just fine.

● **Camden:** Jon B.- This Saturday, the 6th, is a Speaker Meeting, Alyssa P. from the Big Book Study Group. Fellowship 530, potluck starts at 6. please bring a dish to share. Now at Camden, they're starting to send around a sign-up sheet because last time they had, meat and dessert. Desserts, lots of desserts, and meat. So, got some people, making sure that we're not quadrupling up on certain things. Raffles at 6.45, and Alyssa P starts speaking at 7. Sunday. the 3rd Sunday of every month for the next four months, Dec. 21st, Jan 18th, Feb. 15th, and March. 15th, for breakfast, 8am prior to the 9am. Come for breakfast, stay for a meeting. Bring a dish this year, if you like, or a monetary contribution of some kind. We are open on Christmas Day 8am-9pm and New Year's Eve staying open after 7pm Meeting to ring in NYE.

● **Alley Group:** Butch W.- Not much going on at the Alley Group. We're having a business meeting this Thursday night we'll be dispersing funds to the service entities for the very first time. Friday, Dec. 12th Speaker Meeting, potluck at 6, speaker at 7, Ben H. from the Geneseo Group. Attendance is kind of up and down. I was wondering if this is similar in the other groups? That's all I got. Thanks. Butch W., GSR

● **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: - OPEN POSITIONS

- Continuing Discussions District Meetings as Hybrid

- No progress made with Colona or the Church down the street.
- Butch may have a 3rd option at a different Church.
- Keeping Discussion Ongoing

New Business: -Year End Money Disbursement: Jon motions to refill the "Set Aside Monies, \$1,150 and send \$200 each to Intergroup, Area 20 & GSO. Jennifer 2nd – Motion Passed

Gene motions to adjourn, Jennifer 2nd Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Jan. 6th 2026 at 6pm via Zoom.

Intergroup Holiday Office Hours



Wednesday November 26th 9am to 3:30pm

Thursday November 27th Thanksgiving Day Closed

Friday November 28th 9am to 3:30pm



Wednesday December 24th Christmas Eve Closed

Thursday December 25th Christmas day Closed



Wednesday December 31st New Years Eve 9am to 3:30

Thursday January 1st New Years Day Closed



From Intergroup



During inclement weather please call ahead before visiting the Intergroup office. We could have a delay in opening or close early in order to keep our Office Volunteers and Manager safe at all times.

**Illowa Intergroup
1706 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803
309-764-1016**



INTERGROUP OPEN POSITION

Secretary

It is suggested the candidates for officers should have two years' continuous sobriety and be active and interested in service work.

1. To record minutes of both the regular and special meetings of the Body of Representatives.
2. Within 10 days following the business meeting, prepare and report all minutes of the business meetings and give copies to the office manager, newsletter chair, and webmaster.
3. To give notice of special meetings of Body of Representatives to all Group Representatives and member groups with the help of Intergroup Office Manager.
4. Authorized to co-sign checks.
5. May vote in the Body of Representatives meetings.

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.

**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 12th
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 can really use your help



Backup volunteers needed to fill in for our regular volunteers just when they are not able to come in. **Shifts are just two hours each and only once in a while.**

Super simple and a great way to meet people from different groups, and be of service.

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
309-764-101

2026 ILLOWA INTERGROUP



SPEAKER

Jam

01.24.26



"A NEW AND WONDERFUL WORLD"

Lineup

2:00 - Alissa P. - Big Book Study Group

3:00 - Daniel B. - Courage to Change

4:00 - Shayne F. - Camden Serenity Group

7:00 - Jaclyn M. - Three Legacies

Doors Open at 1:30

\$5 Door Donation Appreciated

Potluck @ 5:30

(please bring a dish to share)

Raffles @ 6:30

*Bake
SALE
50-50 &
RAFFLES
AA Book
FUNDRAISER*

2603 ROCKINGHAM RD, DAVENPORT, IA

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE



2026 ILLOWA INTERGROUP

SPEAKER *Jam*

Jan 24, 2026

2603 Rockingham Rd, Davenport, IA

RAFFLE BASKETS

DROP OFF BASKET DONATIONS TO
INTERGROUP BY FRIDAY 1/23 AT 4PM



“PAY WHAT YOU CAN”

AA BOOK FUNDRAISER

HAVE EXTRA USED OR NEW AA BOOKS LAYING
AROUND? DONATE THEM FOR OUR BOOK
DRIVE! BRING TO EVENT OR DROP OFF TO
INTERGROUP BY FRIDAY 1/23 AT 4PM

BAKE SALE ITEMS

KNACK FOR BAKING? BRING BAKED
GOODS TO EVENT OR DROP OFF AT
INTERGROUP ON FRIDAY 1/23 BY 4PM



*All event proceeds support the Illowa
Intergroup Office!*

Questions - Call 309-764-1016

Camden Serenity Group Invites You

Speaker Meeting

**Sarah T. - Big Book Study Group
Saturday, January 3, 2026**

Fellowship: 5:30pm

Potluck: 6:00pm

(please bring a dish to share)

Raffles: 6:45pm

Meeting: 7:00pm



306 W 3rd St., Milan, IL 61264

BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEN

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Doors open 5pm**

WHERE

**Asbury United
Methodist Church**

1809 Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf, IA 52722



**5PM:
DOORS OPEN**

**5:30PM:
POTLUCK &
FELLOWSHIP**

Chicken provided,
bringing a dish to
share is welcome but
not required!

**6:30PM:
SPEAKER**

Jason M. from
Burlington, IA

**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 \$7,500.00 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_____

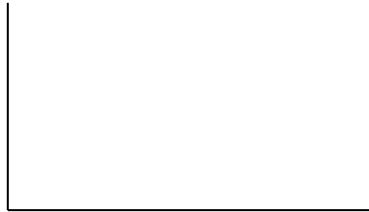
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City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Telephone _____ Date_____ Sobriety Date (for inclusion in newsletter) _____

**1706 Brady St, STE 201
Davenport, IA 52803**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Contribution amount: _____

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