

ILLOWA MESSENGER

May 2026

MAY BIRTHDAYS



2	Mel M.	'00
3	Michelle C.	'04
4	Vern H.	'12
5	Sergio M.	'96
5	Desiree K	'09
6	Theresa K.	'82
7	Robert S.	'77
11	Bea R.	'79
13	Dan F.	'82
14	Cissi L.	'90
15	Karl W.	'82
17	Jamey C.	'96
20	Jim H.	'87
21	Darcy S.	'06
22	Bob P.	'80
22	Karen K.	'04
24	Bud V.	'80
25	Erv	'78
25	Brett F.	'90
27	Sandi D.	'11
28	John H.	'94

MAY EVENTS



2nd Camden Speaker Potluck

4th – Intergroup Zoom Business Mtg.

9th –Marquette 52nd Anniversary/Potluck

9th District 90 & Area 20 Workshop

16th West End Speaker-Potluck

17th Blandine 72nd Anniversary/Potluck



Sunday May 10th

Monday May 25th



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	March	Total Jan. -Dec. 2026
		0.00
Aledo		0.00
Bettendorf		1500.00
Big Book Study		493.45
Blandine		25.00
Cabin Fever Banquet		32.50
Camden Serenity	100.00	200.00
Central Discussion		500.00
Cleveland		0.00
Clinton		50.00
Coal Valley		0.00
Colona Group		0.00
Courage to Change		885.85
DeWitt		0.00
District 90		200.00
Freedom Group		0.00
Geneseo		0.00
Henry County Group		0.00
House Group		0.00
La Nueva Vida		0.00
Ladies Night		354.98
Last Chance		0.00
Living Well Group		0.00
Marquette		0.00
Milan Hillcrest		0.00
Morrison		0.00
New Boston New Hope		0.00
North Scott		300.00
Rainbow Group		50.00
Shoulder to Shoulder		0.00
Sisters in Sobriety	25.00	25.00
Surrender Group		0.00
TNT Group		653.30
Three Legacies		0.00
West End	15.00	60.00
Winola Group		0.00

TOTAL **140.00** **5330.08**

Call Count

12 Step 0

Information 50

Visitors 42

Al-Anon 0

Illowa Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – April 6th, 2026

Virtual Meeting called to order by Chair, Jennifer R., at 6:00 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: Officers/Chairs/Liaisons present:

Chair/Jennifer R., Co-Chair/Randy C., Phone-Chair/Lee C., Secretary/Melissa M., Treasurer/Melanie M., Newsletter-Chair/Katie K., Webmaster/Randy C., Event-Chair/ Steven M., Office Manager/Katie R.

Groups present:

Bettendorf, Blandine, Camden, Central, Courage to Change, Geneseo, Henry County House Group, Marquette, New Beginnings, The Alley Group, Three Legacies, West End

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance forwarded: \$10,237.13

Total Income: \$6,417.66

Total expenses: \$9,000.94

Income minus expenses: (\$2,583.28)

Checking ending balance: \$7,653.85

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

Telephone Chair: Present no report submitted

Newsletter: Present no report submitted

Office Manager Report: Hello from Intergroup, Things are going well here at the office. Our Wed morning volunteer stepped down. As of 4/22 the office will open on Wed at 11am until we can find another weekly volunteer. Call counts for August were –0 - 12-step, 50- information, 42 -visitors and 0-Al—Anon. The next business meeting will be held on May 4th at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. In love and service, Katie R

Events: Present no Report submitted

District 9: Not Present

District 90: Not Present

Webmaster: Hello Everyone, we had 15,325 visitors, 1,342 were on the site for more than 30 seconds and that's the number we have been going with. This is just 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 Virtual Page moved back as the 3rd most visited page and the Calendar switched back to 4th . The 31st was the unexplainable spike this month. The rest of the month had its normal ups and downs. The website went down for 6 mins on March 6th and 7th and then again for 6 mins on Mar. 22nd . I wasn't able to put together a proposal for switching from GoDaddy to the other company, ICDsoft. I should have more time this month since the overtime should be stopping. Just a reminder about the flyer with QR codes for groups to post; one takes you to the website the other takes you to the Meeting Guide. 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: Present. Our one-year anniversary is coming up on May 1st, we will probably have a celebration in conjunction with our May Speaker meeting. This month's speaker is actually, someone famous, Al B. from the West End Group and former I/G chairperson. The speaker meeting is on Friday, April 10, potluck at 6:00, speaker at 7:00. Love and Service Butch W.

Bettendorf: At the last business meeting we took a group consensus on some questions from the gso conference. The Bettendorf AA group anniversary is April 18th Mark S. and Toni F. are the speakers. We are still doing fellowship Friday nights after the 8pm beginners meeting. In love and service Katie C.

Big Book Study: Not Present

Blandine: Present no report submitted

Central: Present no report submitted

Camden: Camden is having a Spring Cleaning on April 18th at 12pm, please bring cleaning supplies and snacks. The next Speaker meeting is May 2nd. Fellowship is at 5:30, Potluck at 6pm, and Speaker at 7pm. The speaker is Kristin C. from Big Book Study. Camden donated \$100 to intergroup for coffee as well as a basket for the Intergroup Anniversary event. In Love & Service Melissa M.

Courage to Change: Present no report submitted

DeWitt: Not Present

Geneseo Group: At our March business meeting it was decided to donate a basket to the I/G Anniversary Event, I need to follow up and see where we are with that. Our speaker meeting is the 4th Friday, 4/24, potluck at 6:00 and speaker at 7:00. The speaker is either someone so famous we cannot put their name in print or we don't know yet. You will have to come to find out. Love and Service Butch W.

Henry County Group: Present no report submitted

House Group: All is well at the group; meetings are picking up in attendance. Meetings are as follows: Tuesday and Friday 12:30pm, Thursday evening 7pm, Saturday morning 9am and Sunday 10am. On the third Saturday of the month, we have a Speaker Potluck Meeting. Doors open at 5:30 for fellowship, potluck is served at 6pm and speaker is at 7pm. Our business meeting will be held on Sunday 04-12. Love and Service Melanie

Last Chance: Not Present

Milan: Not Present

Marquette: Present no report submitted

New Beginnings: Present no report submitted

Three Legacies: Good Evening All, The Three Legacies Group's last business meeting was held March 7th, where we went over the Agenda items for the 76th Annual General Service Conference. Much discussion was had and we were able to send our GSR off with productive feedback from the group. The Three Legacies group meets once a week on Thursday Evening @ 6:00 pm – Asbury Methodist Church (Hybrid – Open Speaker) In Love & Service, Rachel B

West End: Present no report submitted

Old business: Elections were held with our new Board elected- Chair-Jennifer R, Co-Chair Randy C, Treasurer Melanie M, Secretary Melissa M, Phone Chair Lee C, Newsletter Katie K, Events Steven M, District 90 Allissa P.

New business: There have been no calls for the office manager position. Just a reminder to get the word out to the groups that the position is open. Also, a reminder that District 9 liaison position is open. 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 April 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 **May 4th at 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

April 12, 2026 District 9 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Intergroup Liaison,, Public Info, Secretary. **Groups** in attendance: Bettendorf, Central, Marquette, Three Legacies, West End.

Chair reports: Read

Secretary: Minutes approved

Treasurer: Report read, approved. Balance forward: \$6,241.07 Ending: \$6,390.90

DCM: Hello district 9! It seems like forever since our last meeting and so much has been going on! I was able to mail out the gift card for our delegate and he has received it for his trip to NYC coming up soon. I also worked with the Alt Delegate to make sure the directory for our district is accurate. If you find something inaccurate, please let me know and I will have it changed. Since our last business meeting, I attended the Area 24 business meeting. From that meeting, Dist 8 put in a bid for the Spring conference in Grinnell IA. The Spring 2026 in Marshalltown committee requested and encouraged everyone to sign up for their meals by May 29th. The current operating balance at area is \$16,363.88 (after the prudent reserve and all expenses up to the meeting date). The new motions that were brought up were: Motion to increase the amount of money that our area contributes to NY for the delegate to go was amended to 7,000 this year.

There was a subcommittee formed to review the the conference guidelines and there will be a report in June. The secretary computer is not been working correctly, motion to purchase a new one or have it repaired not to exceed 1,000 passed. A motion to give \$1,000 seed money to the 2027 spring conference committee passed. Agenda items were also discussed on Saturday. As always, if there is anything that is needed, please don't hesitate to reach out! In love and service Jaclyn M

Alt DCM: Greetings District 9,

There were 18,315 visitors in January. Of those, 2,806 were on the site for more than 30 seconds. This is almost twice our average of 1,400. The Meetings page is still the most visited page, with the Flyer page coming in 2nd. The Calendar page was the 3rd most visited page and the Virtual Page remained as 4th. There was an unexplainable spike on the 26th. The rest of the month had standard ups and downs. The website went down for 7 minutes on Jan 9th. It also went down twice on the 16th for 7 minutes and 25 minutes. I went down again on the 19th for 8 minutes. Randy submitted tickets for each of these, and the response from Go Daddy each time was "the issue was resolved". Randy then submitted a 5th ticket asking why the whole website went down 4 times in January when the ticket response it that the issue was resolved. He is still waiting on Go Daddy to respond/resolve the issues with the pictures not displaying. There are two open tickets with Go Daddy that they have not responded to yet. Just a reminder about the flyer with QR codes for groups to post; one takes you to the website the other takes you to the Meeting Guide. As always, keep checking the flyers page for any type of group announcement.

In Love and Service, Kevin K. District 9 Alt DCM

Literature: No report received.

Archives: Hello fellow members and trusted servants: I am continuing to gather flyers from Intergroup for the District 9 filing cabinet and sending on Anniversary flyers, etc to Area 24. I also went to the Clinton Group Cabin Fever. It was a very enjoyable social event. The picture I am sending around was sent from Area 24 Archives Jeff. You will be able to see this photo if you go to the Area 24 Archives Open house June 12. GSR's please see the Archives Update for more information. This photo was taken July 1944

at Pioneer Park. These truly were the pioneers in AA in Iowa. The first sustained AA meeting in Des Moines was held October 29, 1943. Ray Harrison. wrote the book, "Clancy Got Well" under the pseudonym Jay R. Clancy. His sponsor Don Farrell from Omaha came back (150 miles away in Omaha) to carry the message of AA to Ray after being in AA for 1 week. What was his motivation? Judge Ray had sentenced Don for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated but instructed him to go to the hospital instead of jail as he was sick and maybe they could help him. The kindness made an impact on Don. Judge Ray says he was really being more kind to the taxpayer as Don had previously been arrested 78 times in 1 year. Ray read the book in one night. His sobriety date is August 14, 1943. A quote from, "Clancy Got Well", "I believe that AA doesn't so much teach us HOW to quit drinking, as it does HOW to live." Also, I like the photo and the quote underneath from "As Bill Sees It". AA's can be resilient when others expect them not to be. Jeff G. AA member and author was interviewed on "Blue-Collar Leadership 38. Rock Bottom, Rehab and Rebuilding" I encourage everyone to give it a listen. The show is a current living example of Chapter 10 in the AA Big Book "To Employers" "As a class, alcoholics are energetic people. They work hard and they play hard." Also GSR, please give this update to your group and hopefully your groups archives file. I found the pictures in District 9 archives. The obituary is Bill Dotson the famous man on the bed. I also encourage everyone to listen to the Grapevine Weekly Open AA Meeting you can be on the Zoom call or later listen to it later on You Tube. They have speaker meetings from authors that have been in the Grapevine. Grapevine charter forbids collecting money. You can always contribute on AAWS by going to AA.org using the "contributions" button. Also, GSO podcast "Our Primary Purpose" has finally started season 2. They have been talking about the service structure and I was surprised to learn several new items. In service, Christy P.

CPC: hi all - Things are going well in CPC world. will be setting up another meeting with my Bettendorf CPC chair to brainstorm on how we can connect to various professional groups in the QC. looking forward to attending the spring conference. more to come, in love and service, Ronna

Treatment: No report received.

Grapevine: The April edition of the Grapevine features stories about the importance of getting involved in the general service structure. You can purchase subscriptions to the app, print magazines, or both. There are monthly, yearly, two year, and three year subscriptions for all three types of subscriptions. You can gift a Grapevine subscription through the "Carry the Message" program. They also have a podcast every Monday and are on instagram. Anyone can submit stories and learn more at aagrapevine.org. Amber J.

Intergroup Liaison: No report received

Public Info: No report received

Corrections: No report received

Group Reports:

Central Discussion:

BBS: Hello from the Big Book Study Group! We have great attendance every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there soon. We are looking into scheduling a group inventory for the summer. More information will be discussed at our business meeting this Tuesday. I am registered for the spring and fall conferences and have my hotels booked. Grateful for these opportunities to serve. In love and service, Jennifer G

3 Legacies: Hello District 9! The Three Legacies celebrated their 13th anniversary last month with a fantastic turnout. Attendance remains steady, both in person and on Zoom. We continue to offer daycare during our meetings. If you know of any parents in our fellowship who need childcare in order to attend a meeting, please feel free to send them our way. Daycare is available by free-will donation. Our last business meeting was productive, focusing on the conference agenda items. I sent our group conscious directly to our Area 24 delegate. Our next business meeting is scheduled for June 18th. Love and Service, Erin B.

Marquette: No report received.

North Scott: No report received.

West End: No report received.

-Old Business: None

-New Business: Mini event chair - No discussion. Proposed agenda for Area Tech Chair Dave - creating a specific area for virtual only groups, allowing them to participate in the service structure.

-Motions: None

Dates to remember :

- Spring area conference June 12th-14th 2026 Marshalltown IA
- August 16th Marshalltown business meeting
- September Mini event date TBD.
- October Area 24 Fall Conference in Cedar Falls, IA
- November is elections.

**District 90 Business Meeting
April 7, 2026**

Welcome- Serenity Prayer- Attendance: Interim DCM- Randy C., Alt. DCM- Maddie P., Treasurer- Gene V., Corrections/Henry Go. GSR- Aaron M., Treatment- Erica B., Literature- Jennifer R., BTG- Craig K., Alley Group GSR- Butch W., Last Chance GSR- Michelle P., Camden GSR- Jon B., House Group- GSR Dee R.

Minutes Approval: Aaron Motions, Butch 2nd, Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- **DCM:** OPEN - Randy C.- No Report.
- **Alt. DCM:** Maddie P.- Updated NIA20 Roster.
- **Treasurer:** Gene V.- Beginning Balance: \$1,227.20, Deposits: \$50.00, Debits: \$32.00, Set Aside Monies (debit) \$1,150.00, New Balance/Available Funds: \$95.20, Savings/Prudent Reserve: \$449.48.
- **Secretary:** OPEN

Committee Reports:

- **Corrections:** Aaron M.- Emailed NIA20 Corrections about getting more BB's and QR codes. 2 more approvals for RICO Jail Women's Meetings. Erica is looking for the Jail Form.
- **Treatment:** Erica B.- Top of the World cancelled a meeting but didn't let s us know, after talking with them hopefully this won't be an issue any more.
- **Literature:** Jennifer R.- Page #'s for BB on "Kindle" have been added to match printed version. Digital Downloads has updated price list.
- **PI:** Open ● **Accessibilities:** OPEN ● **CPC:** OPEN ● **Grapevine:** OPEN
- **BTG:** Craig K.- 2 discussions with Know Co. Henry Hill Prison has BTG Prison form. Aaron added April is National 2nd Chance Month. Still looking for Southern IL contacts.
- **Archives:** OPEN.
- **Intergroup Liaison:** Allisa P. Absent.

GSR Reports:

- **Last Chance:** Michelle P.- Melissa is our speaker on April 17th.
- **Henry Co.:** Aaron M.- Speaker on the 18th. Business Meeting on the 24th. Doing Good.
- **House Group:** Dee R.- House Group is doing well. Our speaker is still once a month on the third Saturday. Would love to see more people there, so if anybody's in town and has a chance, stop by. Not really anything else to report, everything's, the same.
- **Camden:** Jon B.- No Report.

● **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 mentioned the Church in Colona is still waiting on a Pastor.
- Craig offered up Good Shepard-right behind Last Chance.
- Keeping Discussion Ongoing

-Corrections/Treatment/BTG Workshop: May 9th, 1pm,

- Camden approved the use of their facility
- Flyer was posted on Website and in the April & May Newsletters.
- Still waiting on confirmation from NIA20 Chairs Attending.

New Business: NONE

Maddie motions to adjourn, Erica 2nd Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2026 at 6pm via Zoom.

Intergroup Office Hours as of May 6th/2026

Monday

Closed

Tuesday 9:00 - 5:30

Wednesday 11:00 –5:30

(Volunteer needed 9am to 11am)

Thursday 9:00 -5:30

Friday 9:00 – 5:30

**The Intergroup Office can really use your help
To ensure the office is open normal business
hours.**



**Wednesday morning Volunteer Needed 9:am to 11am
(starting April 15th and every Wednesday after that)**

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

Duties: Open the office. Sale 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



OFFICE MANGER
As of Dec 1st 2026

Our Intergroup office manager will be retiring so please help us get the word out we will be in need of a new part time office manager later this year.

(Training would begin in November)

If you enjoy light office work, meeting new people and seeing old friends come join us at Intergroup.

All you need is (3) years of continuous current sobriety, have more than average stability, have been active in-service work, and have general office skills

You can contact Katie at the Intergroup office for a complete job description.

Illowa Intergroup

309-764-1016

illowaintergroup@yahoo.com

Milan Hillcrest AA is looking for a new home

Our building has new owners

We have been asked to vacate the premises

By June 1st

New location does not have to necessarily

Be located in Milan

We can be Hillcrest AA anywhere

If you have any ideas or suggestions

Please contact

Randy S. 309-235-6476

Jeff N. 309-373-1847



BETTENDORF GROUP

55th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

5:30PM Fellowship

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Speakers : Marc S. & Toni F.

DUCK CREEK LODGE

3300 EAST LOCUST ST. DAVENPORT, IA

Meat, Cake, and Drinks will be provided

Please bring a dish to share!



Camden Serenity Group Invites You

Speaker Meeting

Kristin C. - Big Book Study Group
Saturday, May 2, 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

District 90 & Area 20 Corrections, Treatment, & Bridging the Gap Workshop

Saturday May 9, 1p-4p
At Camden Serenity Group

Presenters from
Northern Illinois Area 20 and District 90
Corrections, Treatment & Bridging the Gap Chairs

Discussing how we can carry the
message to Alcoholics, not only in those
facilities, but continuing to help when
they exit with the Bridging the Gap
Program.

Refreshments and Pizza Provided

Camden Serenity Group
306 3rd St W, Milan, IL 61264

"I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible."

Marquette 52nd Anniversary Potluck



This Photo by Unknown Author

Adventure Church

6509 Northwest Blvd. Dav., Ia.

Venue 1

May 09th

4:30-5:30 pm Fellowship

5:30-6:30 Speaker Meeting

7-8 pm Dinner.

Speaker: Craig K. from Henry County IL.

Taco Bar and water provided

Bring a covered dish for Taco's

Menu: Potluck sign up sheet on table near exit.

Food-----Fun-----Fellowship



The Blandine Group is hosting a Sock Hop!



Come join us for Fun and Fellowship!

**Saturday June 13th, 2026 from 7:00-11:00 pm at
the West End Alano Club**

***Punch will be provided, the café will be open to sell soda
and candy, and bringing finger foods to share is optional***

\$5 per person

2603 Rockingham Road Davenport, IA 52802

5

"Faithful Fivers"

5

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_____

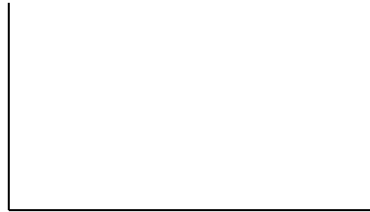
Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

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

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

Address Service Requested



Time to renew your subscription? If the date on the address label is **high-lighted**, then it's time to renew! Please renew by sending your name and address along with your \$16.00 subscription fee to the Intergroup Office.

A subscription to the newsletter makes a great gift idea. Use form below to send in renewal, gift subscription, or Faithful Fiver donation!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Contribution amount: _____

** Be sure to check out our website www.aquadcities.org !! **