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The Augustine Fellowship of SLAA—Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (“GDVI”)

“To keep it, you have to give it away.” -Anonymous

HEADLINE NEWS

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The Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI) of The Augustine Fellowship of Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA) is a fellowship of men and women who solve their common problems and help others in recovery. GDVI’s goal is to provide the SLAA fellowship and the region’s meetings with recovery resources and information. We support members and meetings throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Lehigh Valley, New Jersey and Delaware. We never forget our focus is to carry the SLAA message to the sex and love addict who still suffers. To accomplish these goals we:

1. Support and assist local meetings through meeting starter kits and literature, as well as the inclusion in all published and electronic meeting lists.
2. Sponsor and provide recovery retreats, daylong workshops, and sober social events for our fellowship.
3. Maintain a website with recovery resources and contact information.
4. Provide a 24-hour “Information Line” for those seeking information on sex and love addiction.
5. Support and provide a 24 hour “Inspiration Line” which carries our message of recovery and hope to tens of thousands of sex and love addicts.
6. Support and participate in Fellowship Wide Services (FWS) leadership, committees, and policy boards. We do this through sending delegates to the FWS Annual Business Meeting (ABM) which sets policies around recovery resources and assets.

Financial State of the Intergroup - 7th Tradition Contributions Have Fallen by 35%

GDVI supports and funds the above activities through your 7th Tradition contributions. In 2013, 7th tradition contributions fell by \$2,759 or a 35% reduction. In addition, the retreats were more expensive than budgeted and we overran expenses by \$2,120. In addition, the costs to send the delegates to the ABM this year went over budget by \$500. These items caused GDVI to dip into our cash position and re-

think our budget for 2014. GDVI has a sustainable cash balance to weather this downturn and are financially stable. The board started an expense reduction program that will include sending only one delegate to the ABM in San Antonio, Texas in July. The prudent reserve fund is currently \$2,500 and we do not intend to use these funds for operations for the near future. These funds are in an interest bearing money market account. GDVI remains a very strong Intergroup.

Highlights of 2013

Commitments to New and Struggling Meetings

GDVI’s commitment to new and struggling meetings continued in 2013. We provide free meeting starter kits to new and beginner meetings. In addition, GDVI provides literature packets for financially strapped meetings to keep them supplied and functioning properly. The amount of this outreach is roughly \$300 annually in the literature budget, but is a significantly important way to reach new members in SLAA and support meetings who are struggling.

Recovery Walk

GDVI reaches out to over 18,000 participants of the Annual Recovery Walk at Penn’s Landing in September. GDVI volunteers distribute literature on sex and pornography addiction, meeting lists and the 40 questions pamphlets to increase the awareness of sex and love addiction.

Retreats, Workshops and Social Events

The annual Spring Retreat at Daylesford Abbey was a big hit again this year. The Saturday evening 12 step meeting and talent show are outstanding recovery events and are open to all SLAA members to enjoy.

In July we held our Annual Canoe Trip down the Delaware River. Did you know there is a floating lunch truck in the middle of the Delaware River? Come discover this wet and wild paddling and dining experience in July.

The 2013 Pocono Step Retreat moved to a new location this year, The Kirkridge Retreat Center. This location was a vast improvement as far as accommodations, culinary offerings

Put Intergroup Meetings in your calendar:

Second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 pm.

Location: 444 North 3rd Street, Suite 307, Philadelphia, PA 19123

We meet on the 3rd Floor, in the PRO-ACT office’s board room
3rd & Callowhill Streets in the Old City Section of Philadelphia
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING!

Call the Inspiration Line: **215-574-2120**

Next GDVI Meetings: **Tuesday April 9, 2013; 7pm sharp!**
Tuesday May 13, 2013; 7pm sharp!

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and offers a serene mountain top setting. The Kirkridge Retreat Center was more expensive and required supplemental funding from the GDVI budget in order to make this retreat affordable to all attendees. These facts taken under consideration, the event was a huge success with participants raving over the accommodations and the quality of the event.

In November of 2013, the Paoli Wednesday and Saturday meetings hosted a day long workshop on Sponsorship. The Quakertown meeting sponsored a "Making Amends" one day workshop in August. These two events were very successful and were well received by attendees.

For the second New Year's Day in a row, GDVI offered a celebration of recovery, inviting four long time members of SLAA to share their stories. The event was held in the Pro Act offices on 3rd St. in Philadelphia was attended by thirty fellowship members.

Web Site Statistics

Our website is fantastic. The 2013 statistics for the website are staggering. On average, we receive 1,908 page views per month, which is an average of about 62 per day or about 278,000 hits a year! When newcomers walk into a meeting, most likely, they will have received meeting information from the web site.

Information and Inspiration Lines

We continue "to serve the addict who still suffers" with technology. Every month 30 to 40 calls come into the Information Line and seven volunteers mail out meeting lists, give beginners program information and actually call back people if they request it.

Our Inspiration Line continues to impress and grow. "The line" as we regulars call it, is now in its 27th year and has given over 100,000 messages to the still suffering sex and love addict. The line is now listed on the back page of "The Journal" the official publication of FWS. In addition, GDVI made a proposal that the Inspiration Line be a "Conference Approved" resource. This will be voted on at the ABM. This would be a great honor for our intergroup and the line, because the Inspiration Line is an outstanding recovery resource.

In Summary

Our intergroup is dedicated, strong and committed to providing recovery resources where needed in our region. I want to thank all the volunteers that make this Intergroup great, especially the committee chairs and board members who served with me so well during 2013. Your continued energy and love of our fellowship inspires and encourages me greatly.

In service and respectfully submitted:

Jay G, GDVI Chair

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YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Budget
7th Tradition	5,062	7,337	7,317	5,330	7,851	5,092	6,000
Basic Expenditures:							
Corresp Sec'y	302	443	162	186	379	52	200
Room Usage	300	225	375	300	150	544	600
Telephone	1,014	1,004	979	1,117	992	1,073	1,100
Recovery Walk				1,594	249	541	500
Other (Web Hosting, PO Box)	190	293	640	510	264	37	385
Literature - Net					-112	888	500
Reimbursement of ABM Expenses					-190	(600)	-
Social Committee					400	150	150
Women's Retreat					0	1,400	-
Bank Fees					55	104	100
ABM Expenses	873	2,796	1,099	2,475	1154	3,295	1,600
	2,679	4,761	3,255	6,182	3,341	7,484	5,135
Available for FWS donation	2,383	2,576	4,062	-852	4,510	(2,392)	865
FWS Donation	3,683	3,000	3,000	100	500	500	500
	-1,300	-424	1,062	-952	4010	(2,892)	365
Available for Self Funded Retreats	-330	3,709	-3,005	-811	2415	2,120	365
	-1,630	3,285	-1,973	-1,763	6,425	(5,012)	-
Beginning Balance	3,973	2,343	5,628	3,655	1,895	8,320	
Ending Balance	2,343	5,628	3,655	1,895	8,320	3,308	