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

“My fear of abandonment is exceeded only by my terror of intimacy.” - Ethlie Ann Vare

HEADLINE NEWS

NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 2015

PLEASE PRINT & SHARE AT MEETINGS FEB 2015 / MAR 2015

YOUR LOCAL INTERGROUP SERVES THE FELLOWSHIP. SO CAN YOU! HERE'S WHAT WE DO:

- ◆ **Meeting Lists**-maintaining and distributing a lifeline to SLAA recovery
- ◆ **Literature**-SLAA pamphlets and Basic Texts available FAST
- ◆ **Website**-creating a bridge to SLAA for the newcomer in our area
- ◆ **Information Line**-215-731-9760—answering newcomers' questions, sending meeting lists
- ◆ **Inspiration Line**-215-574-2120 - hear experience, strength & hope, 24/7/365; leave a message/get current *whenever* you need it
- ◆ **Recovery Retreats**-bringing together SLAA's in all stages of recovery for mutual aid and support
- ◆ **Sober Social Activities**-Game Night, Annual Kayak & Canoe Trip; will *your* idea be next?!
- ◆ **Institutions Outreach**-reaching the sex & love addict who still suffers *while* in DOA treatment or during incarceration

Annual Message from the Chair of the FWS Board of Trustees

My name is Steve B., and I am a sex and love addict. First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve this fellowship as the Chair of the Board of Trustees (BOT) during this 2014-15 Conference Year. I am privileged to serve with the dedicated trusted servants that make up your Board of Trustees.

It is my pleasure to announce that Jack S. was appointed to the BOT in September, making him our sixth trustee. Jack is no stranger to conference service, including having served most recently as the Conference Charter Committee Chair for the preceding three years and a delegate from the Tampa Bay Intergroup at the last Annual Business Meeting. Jack has been involved in S.L.A.A. service for many years and was appointed to fill an open two-year term on the BOT.

The current membership of the Board includes Susan G. from California, Rick B. from Florida, Bob G. from Massachusetts, Chris D. from California, Jack S. from Florida and myself, also from Florida.

A new Board committee structure has been implemented and the Board members have been settling into their new roles since the ABM. This structure was developed with the assistance of a professional consultant to non-profit boards and is designed to more evenly distribute workloads and more effectively serve the fellowship. The current board committees, along with their newly-elected chairs, are as follows:

1. Board Finance Committee – Bob G., Chair
2. Board Human Resources/Personnel Committee – Chris D., Chair
3. Board Programs and Membership Committee – Susan G., Chair
4. Board Outreach Committee – Rick B., Chair

Board actions since the ABM include:

Creation of a Board of Trustees "suggestion box" contact where any member of the fellowship can make suggestions to the Board on any aspect of Fellowship-Wide Services operations; that contact is located at <http://www.slaafws.org/boardsuggestions>. Your comments and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed.

Approval of a 2014-15 Budget; for the first year in recent memory, 100% of the conference committee budget requests have been funded. That Budget is published at www.slaafws.org under Newsletter., 2014.

Approval to destroy 24 long banker boxes of old income records which were no longer required to be kept and which contained identifying information of the purchasers and donors; this is the Board's first step in working towards finding a balance of record keeping requirements, member anonymity, and archival value in the massive amounts of documents and records located in the F.W.S. Office.

A decision to undergo an accountant's compilation, with accountant's notes, of the 2013-14 F.W.S. financial records.

Reinstatement of a Copyright-Translations Subcommittee under the auspices of the Programs and Memberships Committee.

Discussion of the best vehicle and/or methods to communicate with Intergroups and how to work with the conference efforts on this task; the issue has been delegated to the Outreach Committee to review and make recommendations.

During the week of September 29th I had the opportunity, along with our Treasurer, Bob G., to visit the Fellowship-Wide Services Office in San Antonio. While in the office, we met with the office staff to discuss office operations and streamlining procedures. We conducted a "debriefing" of the 2014 ABM, and discussed suggestions for ABM 2015. Along with General Manager Pam Martin, we visited local banking representatives as well as our accountant, Randy Walker, C.P.A. and his staff. During this visit, Bob and I assisted with the annual F.W.S. Store inventory count.

Operations of the office have been extremely stable under the leadership of our General Manager, Pam Martin. Pam's report is included in this newsletter and the Trustees have been very pleased with the efficient office operations and quality of service given to our members.

As always, please feel free to contact me at <http://www.slaafws.org/contact/SB>. - In service, Steve B

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14— Annual SLAA Day!

Attend a meeting! We have ten meetings in the Delaware Valley area, from Wilmington to Scranton, Morristown NJ to Carlisle, PA. Go to a meeting and express yourself, do service, arrange the chairs, distribute literature and call a friend in the program to go with you!

Put Intergroup Meetings in your calendar: Second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 8:30 pm.

Location: 444 North 3rd Street, Suite 307 (3rd floor in the Pro-Act Offices) Philadelphia, PA 19123

3rd & Callowhill Streets in the Old City Section of Philadelphia. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

Or call in using the Conference Call-in Number 530-881-1200, Pass code 542215#

Listen to the Inspiration Line audio -
Free MP3 download at slaadvi.org

Next GDVI Meetings: **Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015; 7pm sharp!**
Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2015; 7pm sharp!

11TH Annual GDVI-SLAA Spirituality Weekend Retreat at the Daylesford Abbey

Recovery - in all areas of our lives

March 13-15, 2015

Retreat starts Friday, March 13 at 6pm through
Sunday, March 15 at 11am

Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301

Registration opens on January 5, 2015 - Registration closes on Mar 1, 2015

\$275 - Full Registration includes workshops, single room lodging for 2 nights and all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast.

\$175 - Commuter Registration includes all workshops and meals for 3 days.

This retreat is a series of workshops, seminars and activities modeled to enhance your recovery skills in SLAA. There will be several 12-step meetings at which personal recovery stories will be shared, as well as workshops on sponsorship, healthy dating, sexual anorexia, grieving, emotional sobriety, fantasy, sound healing and cross addictions. There will be yoga workshops and evening entertainment. **Registration forms, more workshop information and Pay Pal payment is available on the Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup website at www.slaadvi.org**

There are only single room accommodations, shared bathrooms, bed and bath linens are provided. For information regarding scholarship considerations, special needs, and dietary requirements or to volunteer during the retreat, please contact the Retreat Coordinator at: **dviRetreatCoordinator@slaadvi.org**

This is a sober event, you need not be sober as a requirement to attend, but must remain sober during your attendance