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

“You can get the monkey off your back, but the circus never leaves town” - Anne Lamont

HEADLINE NEWS

NEWSLETTER—APRIL 2015

PLEASE PRINT & SHARE AT MEETINGS APRIL/MAY 2015

YOUR LOCAL INTERGROUP SERVES THE FELLOWSHIP. 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 about the program & meeting lists
- ◆ **Meeting Information- 609-621-SLAA (7522)**
In real time answering your questions about meeting locations and times.
- ◆ **Inspiration Line- 215-574-2120** - Hear our experience, strength & hope, 24/7/365; leave a message to get current after the message
- ◆ **Recovery Retreats**-Bringing together SLAA's in all stages of recovery for mutual aid and support
- ◆ **Sober Social Activities**- Game Night, Nature Walks, Annual Kayak & Canoe Trip; will *your* idea be next?!
- ◆ **Institutions & Professionals Outreach**- Reaching the sex & love addict who still suffers *while* in DOA treatment, during incarceration or through contact with clinical professionals.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP

The Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI) 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 with regional meetings, recovery resources and information. We support members and meetings throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania, 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, books and literature, as well as published electronic meeting lists.
2. Sponsor recovery orientated retreats, day-long workshops, and sober social events for the fellowship.
3. Maintain a website with recovery resources, links and contact information.
4. Provide a 24-hour “Information Line” for those seeking information on sex and love addiction.
5. Provide a “Meeting Information Line” that is answered by a real SLAA member about meetings and locations.
6. Provide a 24-hour “Inspiration Line” which carries our message of recovery and hope to sex and love addicts.
7. 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) and we have five GDVI members participating in

committees at the international level with FWS.

Financial Report of the Intergroup – 7th Tradition contributions fell this year by 14%

GDVI supports and funds the above activities through your 7th Tradition contributions. In 2014, 7th tradition contributions fell by \$703 or a 14% reduction. In addition, our Pocono Retreat was more expensive than budgeted and overran the budget by \$1,851. Also, the costs to send our two delegates to the ABM this year went over budget by \$263. These items caused GDVI to dip into our cash position for \$1,536 and rethink our budget for 2015. GDVI has a substantial cash balance in prudent reserve to weather this downturn and is financially stable. The prudent reserve fund is currently \$2,500. These funds are in an interest bearing money market account. The board continues to minimize expenses, while providing these recovery and outreach programs. GDVI remains a financially resilient Intergroup.

Recovery Highlights of 2014— Retreats, Workshops and Social Events

The annual Spring Spirituality Retreat at Daylesford Abbey was a big hit again this year. The Retreat's Saturday evening 12 step meeting and talent show are outstanding recovery events and are open to all SLAA members to enjoy. The 2014 Pocono Step Retreat continues to grow in recognition by the community. The Kirkridge Retreat Center is a great facility as far as accommodations, culinary offerings and is a serene mountain top venue. Kirkridge is a more expensive facility, so the retreat requires supplemental funding from the GDVI budget in order to make it affordable to attendees. GDVI believes it is an important commitment to

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](http://slaadvi.org) MP3 download at slaadvi.org

Next GDVI Meetings: Tuesday, May 12 2015; 7pm sharp!
Tuesday, June 19 2015; 7pm sharp!

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FELLOWSHIP, CONTINUED...

fund this retreat. These facts taken under consideration, the event continues to be successful because of the accommodations, the quality of the event and the commitment to sobriety that the Pocono Step Retreat attendees give forth. For the third New Year's Day in a row, GDVI offered a day of celebration and recovery. Participants enjoyed food, fellowship and four long time members of SLAA sharing their stories. The event was held at the Pro Act offices on 3rd St. in Philadelphia and was attended by thirty fellowship members. The event was free for all members to attend.

Web Site Statistics

Our website is fantastic! GDVI has received compliments on the website from members of the FWS board and international fellowship members. The 2014 statistics for the website are staggering. On average, we receive 3000 page views per month, which is an average of about 100 per day or about 36,000 hits a year! When newcomers walk into a meeting, most likely, they will have received meeting information from the web site. A significant new addition to the 2014 web site is the installation of a PayPal transaction button, which allows members to contribute their meeting's 7th tradition donations and for members to register for the retreats by using a credit or debit card. We are working on a page to easily order SLAA literature!

Information and Inspiration Lines

Every month calls come into the Information Line and volunteers mail out meeting lists, give beginners program information and actually call people back, if they request it. Our Inspiration Line continues to grow and is now in its 28th year and has been heard by over 125,000 addicts. The Line is listed on the back page of "The Journal" the official publication of FWS extending the knowledge of this valuable recovery resource, internationally. In 2014, downloads of each month's Inspirational Messages became available on the web site, for free. Inspiration Line "Calling Cards" are available for GDVI meetings to distribute, so members may keep the Line's number handy in their wallets.

New Meeting Information Line

In 2014, GDVI added a Meeting Information Line, **609-621-SLAA (7522)**, at no additional cost to GDVI. This telephone line gets answered in real-time by a real SLAA member fielding questions about meetings, times and locations. Calls are slowly increasing to this call line since it started in August.

Literature Commitments to New and Struggling Meetings

GDVI's commitment to new and struggling meetings continued in 2014. Free meeting starter kits are available 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 out-reach is roughly \$300 annually, but is a significantly important way to reach new members in SLAA and support meetings.

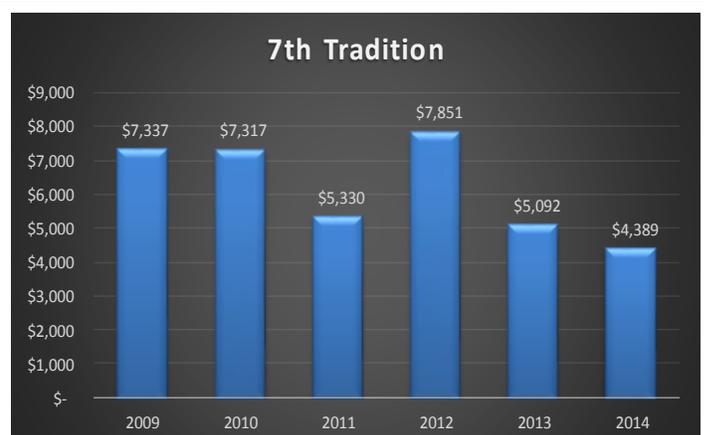
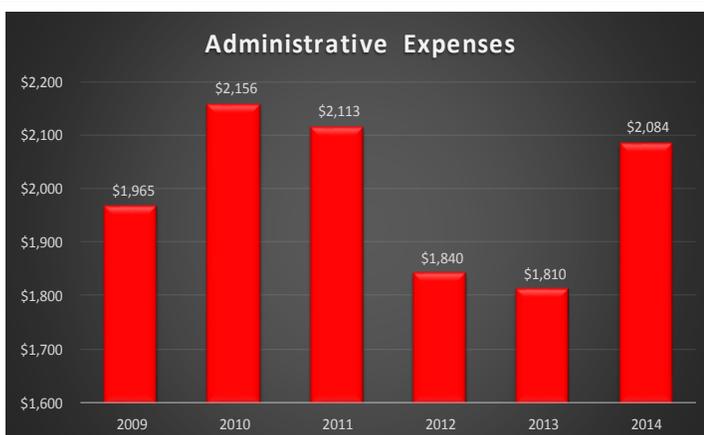
Recovery Walk

GDVI reached out to over 21,000 participants of the Annual Recovery Walk at Penn's Landing in September, 2014. GDVI volunteers distributed packets of information including a flier on pornography addiction, the GDVI meeting list and the 40 questions pamphlet to increase the awareness of this addiction and communicate that there are meetings in the area to help.

In Summary...

The Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup is dedicated, strong and committed to providing recovery resources where ever needed in our region. I want to thank all of the committee chairs and board members who served with the chair Jay G., so well during 2014. I want to thank all of the SLAA members that set up chairs, serve as the leaders of the meetings, act as a literature coordinator or a meeting treasurer. Without you at this grassroots level, would we have such a strong Intergroup. I remember ten years ago when I struggled to put 6 months together so I could lead the New Leaf meeting. It was my first goal in recovery and my first service commitment. Your continued energy and love of recovery inspires and encourages me greatly. In service and respectfully submitted: **Melissa K, GDVI Chair, & Jay G, GDVI Treasurer**

Annual Financial Report of GDVI



CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR 7th TRADITION CONTRIBUTION TO GDVI TO MAKE MORE THINGS HAPPEN!