



For information go to SLAADVI.ORG

Your local Intergroup serves the SLAA fellowship in these important ways:

MEETING LISTS — Intergroup updates and distributes a comprehensive list of all affiliated meetings.

LITERATURE — Intergroup supplies the affiliated meetings with SLAA pamphlets and Basic Texts.

WEBSITE — Intergroup builds a bridge of support to the SLAA Fellowship by maintaining an up-to-date online source of information and guidance at SLAADVI.org.

INFORMATION LINE — Intergroup operates a telephone information service for newcomers seeking basic information on sex and love addiction and in finding local meetings. Call 609-621-SLAA (7522).

INSPIRATION LINE — Intergroup offers daily phone recordings of strength and hope to all who need it throughout the country and the world 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. Call 215-574-2120.

DAILY INSPIRATIONAL TEXT — GDVI supports a new mobile phone daily inspirational text. To sign up for a daily message sent to your phone go to <http://www.SLAADVI.org/Inspirational-Text-sign-up.html>.

INSPIRATION STORY LINE — Intergroup now offers an Inspirational Story Line where those in recovery offer their stories to a worldwide audience.. daily phone recordings of strength and hope to all who need it throughout the country and the world 24 hours a day 365 days of the year. Call 215-574-2121.

Recovery Retreats — Intergroup sponsors annual retreats during each year that provide enrichment and support to the women and men of SLAA.

Community Outreach — Intergroup works with other organizations to promote recovery from addiction.



The Augustine Fellowship of SLAA - Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI)
I will identify with others today, knowing that I don't have to battle this disease alone – A State of Grace p.6

Headline News

December 2017

Please print and share in meetings Dec. 2017/Jan. 2018

Elections Coming GDVI Board Positions Open

What does serving at GDVI look like?

An S.L.A.A. Intergroup serves as a link that connects regional group meetings with Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous as a whole in a variety of ways, including maintaining meeting lists, publishing an inhouse newsletter and other program literature, running conventions and workshops, and holding special meetings and fundraising events.

Fellowship-Wide Services (FWS), relies heavily on Intergroups to keep in touch with and keep informed members of the national program. Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI) is a group of groups whose members each represent an individual meeting. These individuals provide volunteer service at Intergroup, first, by providing the necessary feedback from the various meetings, helping to ensure an expansive range of experience, strength, and hope, and, second, by doing the work necessary to conduct the business and activities that serve the groups. Without these volunteers GDVI could not carry on their programs and services as successfully as they do.

As with all volunteer service organizations, every year brings new needs and a need for new faces, new perspectives, new energy. How could you be of service to Intergroup? By adding a board meeting once a month, by carrying the news to and from the meeting you represent, by pitching in with others to be part of an event, by attending one of GDVI's social events, and by serving Intergroup as an ambassador to the S.L.A.A. community at large. That's all it takes to be of service at Intergroup.

Or, if you want to consider running for an office or other board position, go to SLAADVI.org for a list of positions you may run for. Nominations for each position are accepted through the end of December.

If you want to run, email DVICorrespondingSecretary@SLAADVI.org and indicate the position you wish to run for. Then you must attend the January meeting on Tues. Jan. 9, 2018 either in person or by conference call. Elections are then held during the January meeting,



**GDVI – SLAA Annual
New Year's Day
Inspirational
Recovery Event
Jan. 1, 2018
1 - 5 p.m.**

Start 2018 off right!

Come to the free New Year's Day Inspirational Recovery Event conducted annually by GDVI.

This event combines the many virtues of recovery fellowship — sharing stories and the experience strength and hope implicit in that sharing. There will be speakers with many years of recovery sharing their stories and reflecting on the tools of recovery.

This 4-hour “sober event” is a “pot luck” gathering, so if you want to attend and wish to bring some goodies, please contact Lindsey at DVISocial-CommitteeCoordinator@SLAADVI.org.

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444 North 3rd Street (between Callowhill & Spring Garden Sts. in the Olde City section of Philadelphia, just off US I-95.





The Inspirational Story Line

A New Tool for your Recovery

By Melissa K.

Recently, I left my story on the Inspirational Story Line. The Inspirational Story Line is something new. Perhaps this is the first time you have heard about The Inspirational Story Line. About three months ago, Mark A, the current chair of the Inspiration Line wanted to create a new, powerful tool that would have an impact for the SLAA members. A 30-year veteran of the program, Mark initiated The Inspirational Story Line. It is a call-in telephone number that people may use to share their experience, strength and hope for 20 minutes. Then the people that listen can share their feedback or get current for five minutes. It is just like a Story meeting!

Many of the people who called in live outside the Greater Delaware Valley, places that include Minnesota, Mississippi, California, New Mexico and Vancouver, British Columbia, to mention a few locations. Many who shared in their responses do not have the availability of many face-to-face meetings in their area.

In sharing on the Story Line, I felt the impact of sharing one's story. About 200 people called in to listen, and I received over 50 responses. I heard every recorded response as I felt it was my duty to listen to the testimonies left by the listeners. Not only did they thank me for my story, but each one of them opened up and shared personal feelings. I received so much from those shares, and at times wished the Story Line allowed for volunteers to respond to the listeners or call them back.

In sharing my story, I was reminded of how important tools like the Inspirational Story Line are. This Inspirational Story Line touched over 200 people this week. Since the Story Line's inception 10 weeks ago, the line has received over 2,600 calls.

Please call into the Inspirational Story Line at 215-574-2121, and listen to the current story and when your done listening, please share a response, no matter how brief. See how it works for you.

In March, GDVI will be voting on funding the Inspirational Story Line as a permanent line item in the GDVI annual budget, reinforcing GDVI's commitment to bringing program tools to people of the Greater Delaware Valley and, like the Inspiration Line, to the entire world. Contact your local meeting Intergroup representative, telling them to vote for GDVI's support of the Story Line. Share with other members about the Story Line. And, if you have some years in sobriety, contact Mark at DVIIInspirationLineCoordinator@slaadvi.org, to lend your voice to the Story Line.

Call the **Inspiration Line**

215-574-2120

SERVICE: A MAJOR RESOURCE

By Rick S., GDVI Co-Chair

I was in another program when I came into SLAA and I was so glad to see that our Fellowship considers service so important that it puts it right there with the Steps, sobriety, sponsorship and spirituality. I am very grateful for my recovery and glad to give back to the Fellowship what was freely given to me.

I am so grateful that my sponsor listened to all my stuff without judgement and gave me suggestions and not orders. He still helps me when I have problems or fears or when I just need a bit of guidance. So today I am active with my own sponsees and very grateful for them.

I am grateful that I learned a sense of responsibility by being a group treasurer or the literature chair. I was excited to be elected to be a group rep for one of our local meetings. That has led to some real growth for me in my recovery and personal development.

I encourage everyone to be of service in their recovery in any way they can, whether on group level, Intergroup level or the Fellowship level.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GDVI New Year's Day Event

Free and open to all SLAA members, their partners and spouses.

**Held at PRO-ACT offices, 3rd fl. Ste. 307
444 N. 3rd St., Phila., PA 19123; 1 - 5 p.m.**

This is a Pot Luck event, if you wish to bring a dish or some goodies, please email Lindsey at

DVISocialCommitteeCoordinator@SLAAADVI.org

See New Year's Event story on page 1.

GDVI Board Elections

**Have you ever considered giving service
at the Intergroup level?**

>> All Positions Open <<

Volunteer at:

DVICorrespondingSecretary@SLAADVI.org

Elections occur at GDVI meeting on

January 9, 2018.

See Elections story on page 1.

Important Notice

The Reading/Wyomissing Monday night SLAA Meeting will not meet Christmas Day or New Year's Day. The meeting venue will be closed those days.