



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

*I will ask and become willing to have Higher Power heal my character defects – A State of Grace p.19*

# Headline News

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Please print and share in meetings Jan. 2018/Feb. 2018

For information  
go to [SLAADVI.ORG](http://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](http://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 [WWW.SLAADVI.ORG/INSPIRATIONAL-TEXT-SIGN-UP.HTML](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. These weekly phone recordings offer experience, strength and hope to all who need it throughout the country and the world 24 hours a day, 365 days a 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.

## GDVI Has Initiated the New "Inspirational Story Line"

First, there was the GDVI Inspiration Line, the long-standing call-up telephone service offering brief recorded messages shared by members of the SLAA program worldwide since 1989.

Then in 2017, those involved with the Inspiration Line established Intergroup's second ongoing inspirational activity—the Inspirational Texting Service, an uplifting daily text message sent automatically to member's mobile phones.

Now comes the third inspirational service provided by Intergroup — the Inspirational Story Line.

The Inspirational Story Line is based on the concept of the Inspiration Line, except it offers a longer message, 15-20 minutes in length, designed for the speaker to share his or her story or delve more deeply into a particular topic. The process also allows the caller to leave 5 minutes of feedback.

Each Inspirational Story Line message will be introduced on Sunday night and run for the entire week. One reason for this expanded message service is to provide basic program style material for those meetings located in more remote areas to have a story or discussion topic available to facilitate a meeting. Another is to provide those in times of struggle to hear a personal story and have the platform to give back a substantial response.

Mark A., who along with Michael S. and others on what is now being termed the Inspirational Team initiated the Story Line, pointed out that the above has already happened several times at this early date.

This program has been operating for several months, and GDVI votes on permanently funding the Inspirational Story Line in March 2018.

## The Inspirational Team Reports

### Inspiration Line Report

In December 2017, the I-Line received 4,648 calls for a daily average of 149 calls. The total call count on Dec. 31 was 254, 837.

Since 2008 The I-Line has logged nearly 1.2 million inbound minutes or over 19,600 hours.

This month 2 new calls came in from Spain and 2 from Russia.

We are global!

### Inspirational Texting Service Report

The I-Text Service has 531 subscribers to their daily inspirational message

Ari B. has joined the team and is now sending out the daily texts and helping handle tech problems.

Another volunteer is needed. Contact [slaadvi.org](http://slaadvi.org).

### Inspirational Story Line Report

In the first three months of operation the I-Story Line has received nearly 3,000 calls, averaging over 30 calls per day.

Call the Inspirational Story Line at 215-574-2121.

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



## Year of Service 2018 Project

GDVI has dedicated the year 2018 to a Year of Service for our organization. The SLAA Preamble encourages service as a way to acknowledge what we have received from the program and "what we continue to receive."

Service does not have to be onerous, but it does take a commitment to increase our engagement with and actively participate in fellowship activities that are directed at helping other members. Such engagement and participation can be as small or great as these activities:

- **Chair a meeting** – sharing your time and talents with your fellowship is both a giving and receiving experience.
- **Make copies of meeting lists**, Headline News and fliers to bring to home group.
- **Actively participate at meetings** – share your recovery journey and assist in setting up the meeting space and putting away the chairs and literature after the meeting.
- **Be a home group representative** at Intergroup to represent and keep informed your home group. Come in person or dial in.
- **Serve your home meeting** as treasure, secretary or literature chairperson.
- **Sponsor a fellowship member** – providing the gift of sponsorship not only provides support, encouragement and guidance to a peer, but also helps further one's own recovery.
- **Greet newcomers at meetings** – giving a newcomer a warm welcome and answering any questions they have could make a difference in their coming back.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SLAA Women's 12 Step Retreat

Feb. 16 - 18, 2018, Flemington, NJ

For information email: [nj12stepretreat@gmail.com](mailto:nj12stepretreat@gmail.com)

**GDVI Spring Retreat**  
**"From Shame to Grace"**  
 March 9 - 11, 2018

See contact info next column 

## New SLAA Daily Meditation Book Now Available for Preview

*FWS seeks feedback from members for possible adoption of "A State of Grace" at 2018 ABM.*

There is a new daily meditation book written by and for SLAA members that is being considered for approval by Fellowship Wide Services (FWS).

*A State of Grace: SLAA Daily Meditations* has been released by FWS for review by the membership. The Board of Trustees are seeking subsequent feedback in preparing the publication for conference approval later in 2018 at the Annual Business Meeting.

This text is organized along the lines of other recovery program daily meditations with a theme for the day, followed by a quotation from the SLAA Basic Text, followed by a personal reflection on the theme, and completed at the bottom of the page with a spiritual affirmation designed to focus the meditation on action.

In the Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup, several meetings will be using *A State of Grace* in their meetings formats, including those in Paoli, Lafayette Hill, & Newtown PA, Cherry Hill & Stratford NJ, and Wilmington DE.

For a printable copy email Michael S. at [dvitreasurer@SLAADVI.org](mailto:dvitreasurer@SLAADVI.org).

## GDVI's 14th Annual Spirituality Retreat Set for March 9 – 11th at the Daylesford Abbey.

Our theme this year is "From Shame to Grace." On Friday night we are expecting to continue our **Couples in Recovery** meeting which will be open to the spouses and partners of our SLAA membership followed by sharing and comments from our audience.

We will hold a series of workshops on Saturday morning and afternoon, and various formats of our 12 Step meetings, and a few new activities. Come see familiar presenters, old friends and new members and take part in new workshops. Do you have a desire to present a work shop or be a part of the solution? See contact info below.

After dinner on Saturday we will once again bring our Fellowship to its feet with our Talent Show which runs from 9 to 11. Some snacks will be available and a 7th Tradition basket will be passed.

Information is on the website site and you can contact the committee by sending an email to [dvi retreatcoordinator@SLAADVI.org](mailto:dvi retreatcoordinator@SLAADVI.org).