



## What does our Intergroup do?

The S.L.A.A. Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI) covers the geographic areas of Eastern Pennsylvania, Central and Southern New Jersey, and the state of Delaware. Members of the fellowship are welcome to participate in all Intergroup committees & activities.

- Updating and disseminating regional Meeting Lists
- Stocking and distributing S.L.A.A. Literature locally
- Maintaining SLAADVI.ORG
- Offering an Information Line, 609-621-SLAA (7522)
- Providing a 24-hour Inspiration Line, 215-574-2120
- Providing a 24-hour Story Line, 215-574-2121
- Organizing multiple retreats
- Organizing S.L.A.A. social events
- Distributing monthly e-mailings of GDVI meeting minutes and GDVI's monthly newsletter: Headline News, as well as flyers about GDVI-sponsored activities and other S.L.A.A. recovery events
- Sending Delegates (local representatives) from GDVI to the Annual Business Meeting of world-wide Intergroups

## Who is the GDVI Board?

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# HEADLINE NEWS

Greater Delaware Valley Intergroup (GDVI)  
**AUGUST 2024**

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Struggles with Sponsorship Relationships

What are the obstacles and challenges that may be faced in sponsorship?

While sponsorship is very rewarding, many of us will experience obstacles and challenges. The primary role of a sponsor is to guide another member through the Steps. Here are a few things to keep in mind in a sponsor-sponsee relationship:

- A sponsor-sponsee relationship has no set length of time.
- A sponsor or sponsee may decide to discontinue the relationship at any time.
- A sponsor is not responsible for a sponsee's sobriety.
- A sponsee may discontinue their Step work; they are responsible for their own recovery journey.
- A sponsor can become overcommitted. As a sponsor, we share only our experience, strength, and hope as it applies to our own program of recovery. For issues beyond our experience with the Steps, we can use our support system or other external resources to help our sponsee. If we find ourselves becoming possessive or offended by something a sponsee has said, we may need to check our ego. A sponsor's role is to support and to guide, not to control the sponsee.

When is it time to reevaluate the relationship with my sponsor?

From the sponsee's perspective, changing sponsors may be natural as our recovery progresses. The guidance we needed when we were in withdrawal may be significantly different from what we require as our recovery evolves. Not every sponsor is appropriate for all situations and scenarios. As a sponsee, we periodically reassess whether our current sponsor best meets the needs of our recovery today. Here are some situations

S.L.A.A. should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.  
 - TRADITION 8

## What's in this issue

Struggles with Sponsorship Relationships. Meeting and a Meal Series. Inspiration Line 24 hours a day. In person volunteers needed for August 8 to 10. Upcoming Events & Retreats.

that might cause us to reevaluate:

- Has our relationship status changed? (for example, not dating to dating)
- Do we trust our sponsor with the area of recovery we are experiencing?
- Is our sponsor no longer available?
- Is our sponsor not returning our calls?
- Is our sponsor dictating or controlling? Is our sponsor not respecting confidentiality?
- Is our sponsor pushing their religious, political, or other beliefs?
- Do our values align, or are there differences that could be disruptive?

As with many difficult relationship decisions, we should reach out to our recovery partners before we take any action. Regardless of how we move forward, we need to be honest with ourselves and our sponsor. We explain our specific concerns clearly. Again, this is an opportunity to practice healthy communication and to be transparent. Prayer and meditation through conscious contact with our Higher Power will help direct us.

These suggestions were taken from the S.L.A.A. draft literature on sponsorship. To receive a copy, complete the form at: [slaafws.org/conference/cspc](http://slaafws.org/conference/cspc)

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**Monthly Intergroup: 7pm**  
**2nd Tuesdays**  
**AUGUST 13 + SEPT 10**  
**All are welcome**

Zoom Meeting ID: 987 6668 8215

Password: GDVI2021

Zoom dial in audio only: (646)558-8656

Audio access code: 06051431#

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for volunteers available in person during these time frames to join us at the Daylesford Abbey, Paoli PA

Wed Aug 7  
1pm to 3pm

Thursday, August 8  
7am, 12pm to 3pm

Friday, August 9  
7am and 6pm to 9pm

Saturday, August 10  
7am, 11am to 2pm, 6pm to 9pm

PREVIEW ROLES WE NEED  
HELP WITH and  
SIGN UP HERE

Questions:  
[slaadvi.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:slaadvi.outreach@gmail.com)



## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Currently there are over a dozen Conference Committees. A Conference Committee (along with subcommittees) invite any S.L.A.A. member who wants to work in a specific area or on a particular project. This is an excellent way to be of service to the Fellowship as a whole and use your passion, interests and talents to support the Fellowship. Committees meet on a monthly basis via virtual platforms.

Thursday August 8 and Friday August 9 (during the Annual Business Conference), any member can join to learn more about how you can participate in any of the committees. These are the 45 minute session times.

Scan for zoom log in



## MEETING AND A MEAL



EASTON, PA - Sundays  
1st Sundays following  
the meeting. Restaurant choice rotates.  
RSVP requested.

FLEMINGTON, NJ - Tuesdays  
August 6. Chimney Rock Inn.  
RSVP requested.



LAFAYETTE HILL, PA  
Sunday, Wednesday, Friday nights &  
Saturday afternoons following the  
meeting, fellows go out to a local restaurant. No RSVP needed.

## IN PERSON MEETINGS

meeting locations found at  
[slaadvi.org/meetings](http://slaadvi.org/meetings)

24 HOURS - 7 DAYS A WEEK  
INSPIRATION

We hit the 600,000th call to the  
Daily Inspiration Line on  
June 28, 2024 at exactly 9:59 pm  
EDT from Cincinnati, Ohio.

215-574-2120

Daily Inspiration Line  
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

215-574-2121

Weekly Inspiration Story Line



CONFERENCE COMMITTEES  
TIMES ON AUG 8 and 9  
(THURS AND FRI)



### SESSION ONE

Day 1 (Thurs): 4pm to 4:45pm

Day 2 (Fri): 10:15am to 11:00am

### SESSION TWO

Day 1 (Thurs): 5pm to 5:45pm

Day 2 (Fri): 11:15am to 12:00pm

### SESSION THREE

Day 1 (Thurs): 6pm to 6:45pm

Day 2 (Fri): 1pm to 1:45pm

## UPCOMING GDVI EVENTS

[slaadvi.org/activities](http://slaadvi.org/activities)

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### 08.17.24 TRENTON THUNDER BASEBALL



Trenton Thunder  
Ballpark, Trenton, NJ. Game  
will start at 6:00pm. Meet  
Will Call Window at 5:30pm.  
\$12 per ticket. SLAA  
Members and guests are  
welcome. Fireworks at the  
end of the night. Registration  
closes 8/13/24.

### 09.06.24 to 09.08.24 ANNUAL CO-ED STEP RETREAT PAOLI, PA

If you have attended before,  
you know its value. This year  
we are going to be reading  
from the draft Framework for  
Living literature where all  
attendees will read, share and  
write on the 12-Steps  
through-out the weekend.  
Limited to 25 Attendees. Friday  
to Sunday only. Commuter  
and Non-Commuter options  
available. Financial aid avail-  
able upon request. More  
information and registration:

<https://slaadvi.org/retreat>



REGISTER FOR ALL  
EVENTS HERE

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