



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Looking Forward

This is my last communication as Lay Director of the GAE4DG. I will continue on the Board for another year as the GAE Board Rep to the SWTC. It has been an honor and a blessing beyond measure to serve as your 4DG Lay Director. I ask that you now welcome the leadership for 2007-2008: Rev. Georgia Stone as Spiritual Director, Bud Broeker as Lay Director, Leslie Smith as Assistant Lay Director, Jack Foreman as the Board Member of Gathering Support, and Tonna Marcyes as Board Member for Walk Support. Wayne Roche will continue as Board Member for Member Services and Mike Rhodes will continue as Treasurer.

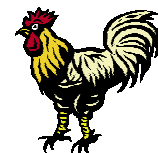
There are a couple of on-going items that I want to address in this, my last "missive." (One of my late dad's favorite words!) First, we are still preparing the new Emmaus trailer for Walk service this fall. Within the next couple of weeks we will post on the website (www.austinemmaus.org) a list of items needed for the trailer. If there is something you would like to provide, you will have the opportunity to do so. One of the key items needed is a set of 15 talk banners. If there are creative seamstresses out there who would like to help by making a banner or two (or three), please get in touch with me at kathyshaw@swbell.net

The second item is a mailing that will go to the entire GAE4DG database - all 5,900+ individuals currently listed! The purpose of this mailing is to rebuild the database with current information only on those individuals still in the area and still wanting to be active in Emmaus. The main use of this database is Walk team selection, and for that purpose, previous team service records need to be kept up-to-date. According to the Upper Room Guidelines, when we select a team for a Walk, we must select 6 individuals who have 0-1 team experience, 6 who have served on 2-3 teams, and 6 who have served on more than 3 teams. We also strive to select team members who are representative of the churches, ages and ethnicity found in our 4DG. Another use of the database is to track the service progress of those individuals who have indicated an interest in serving as a Walk Lay Director. Those individuals must complete seven Walk service areas before they can serve as LD, so it's very important that their service information is kept current.

In the mailing, you will also receive information on how to obtain the new team application form, how to complete it and where to return it. You will find that the new form is very thorough and detailed, but from the information you provide, we will be able to rebuild our database with accurate information. Even if you have submitted a team application in the past, you will need to re-submit a new form to stay in the new database.

Much is happening in our Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group - on-going projects and new leadership coming in. Please be in prayer that GAE4DG continues to serve God by equipping individuals to serve Him in our communities, in our churches and in Emmaus.

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Kathy Shaw, 2006-2007 Lay Director
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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Website:
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The Walk Talk Deadline has been moved to the 25th of every month!!

The Walk Talk Deadline for July is June 25th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, and reflections to
Gina Franklin 12905 Irongate Ave., Austin, TX 78727;
or email to rts@austin.rr.com

Were You There?

Have you been going to the monthly Gathering? **Why not?!?!?!?**
They are normally on the first Thursday of each month. Childcare is available at all Gatherings! Check out the schedule on page 7!

We'll be looking for you!

Share Your Faith Boldly!

The Lord Jesus calls every believer to live as a witness for Him. We are to boldly proclaim that *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

However, many believers fall short. Often we're fearful of what others may think and are eager not to offend them. So how do we overcome the fear of witnessing?

By standing on our faith. And as we do, the Holy Spirit can replace our fear with confidence that will reflect the light of Christ and draw others to Him.

A fearful man who dreaded his ability to ever escape God's wrath, Martin Luther was transformed by reading God's Word and being quickened by the Holy Spirit to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ *alone* for salvation.

Formerly trapped in a fear-based religion, Martin now no longer trusted in the fasts he once thought were necessary. He put away the whips he formerly used to "attain" God's forgiveness through self-humiliation. He rejoiced in God's absolution.

That Scripture-based faith gave him courage to be the Lord's champion -- even when his very life was threatened. Sure that the Savior was by his side, Martin did not waver. He used every means available to share the Gospel of salvation.

Ask God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to fill you with a new boldness and zeal for witnessing!

De Colores!

Gerard Kern



Chrysalis Flight 276

Flight 276 was cancelled due to insufficient registrations. The Chrysalis community would like to express our gratitude to Lay Director Briana Roehling and the flight team for their dedication and service!

There are two flights still on the schedule for the Austin community. Please remember that just like with Emmaus, the Conference office requires a minimum of 12 participants registered by two weeks prior to the Flight. Below are the weekend dates and registration timelines for the remaining flights -- open to those who have just completed 9th grade through those seniors who have just graduated high school.

Boys' Flight #290 will be July 12-15 – registration by June 28

Girls' Flight #295 will be August 2-4 – registration by July 19

Both flights will be held at Twin Oaks Ranch in Buda. The cost for the flights is \$140, but the Chrysalis Board has scholarships available – we don't want the cost to keep someone from attending!

Volunteer Needed!

Web Developer/Designer

We are looking for a volunteer web developer/designer to do a total revamp of our website, and maintain the information so that we can provide expanded web services.

If you are feeling called to serve in this role, please contact Wayne Roche: 266-1813 or wroche@austin.rr.com

Greater Austin Emmaus/Chrysalis Email Update List:

Subscribers will be sent information about upcoming Gatherings, as well as other Greater Austin Emmaus information and needs. This is NOT a discussion email list, but an information email you will receive. Your email address will not be made public, and will not appear to others who receive the information. We are dedicated to continuing to build our internet communications into a valuable resource for our Fourth Day Group.

To subscribe: Send a blank email message to:
AustinEmmaus-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To subscribe: Send a blank email message to:
AustinChrysalis-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

2007 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1387 Highland Lakes	Sept. 6 – 9	Dale Williams, Lay Director David Payne, Spiritual Director Bud Broeker, Board Rep.
Women's Walk #1409 Highland Lakes	Nov. 15 – 18	Nancy Minchew, Lay Director Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director Sherry Wilkison, Board Rep.

Emmaus Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please contact the person listed below or go to www.swtxumc.org/emmaus

Date	Location	Area	Contact
July 7	First UMC 902 Main	Junction	Wanda Teel dwteel@verizon.net
August 4	First UMC 37 East Beauregard Ave	San Angelo	Keith Mortimore keith.mortimore@cox.net
September 22	Real Life Fellowship 5633 South Staples	Corpus Christi	Lynn Cates lynnccates@aol.com
October 6	John Wesley UMC 8300 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy	Victoria	Gerald Ripple ripple3@sbcglobal.net
November 10	Harlingen: Wesly UMC 1406 E. Austin Ave	Valley	Diane Bleibdrey dibleibs@sbcglobal.net

Chrysalis News 2007

All youth who are currently in 9th - 12th grades are invited to attend a Chrysalis retreat - fun, food, fellowship, friends and fantastic worship!.

The Austin Community is sponsoring three Flights this summer:

- July 12-15: Boys' Flight # 290 at Twin Oaks in Buda, Lay Director: Joel Roehling; Cost: \$140**
- Aug. 2-4: Girls' Flight # 295 at Twin Oaks in Buda, Lay Director: Debbie Sandifer; Cost: \$140**

Registration forms are posted on the SWTX Conference and Greater Austin Emmaus Community websites, or you may contact one of the Lay Directors or any member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group. Scholarships are available!

If you have any questions about the Flights, please contact Jennifer Kendrick, 241-1455 or jhkendrick@austin.rr.com

Fly with Christ!



Thanks be to God



4th Day Chat

article by Gina Franklin

Many of us remember our Walk, Flight, or Journey with wonderful, funny, sometimes sad, and always loving memories. Our faith was deepened and our commitment to Christ was strengthened over the three day experience. The Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis Flight / Journey is a unique opportunity for growth in a relationship with Christ.

But then we come back into the "real" world of rushing around, taking care of family or friends and the general everyday activities we have. We are excited to share our three day experience, hope to someday sponsor someone and/or work on a team. Our sponsor takes us to our first Gathering or Hoot and introduces us to a Reunion (Emmaus) or Next Step (Chrysalis) Group. Some join a group right away, some check out other groups, and others decide they just cannot make the time for another meeting.

This article will be the first of many that looks into 4th Day activities of the reunion groups within the GAE4DG. It is to give insight on vital connections in the Emmaus community for support, guidance, and challenges after your Walk, Flight, or Journey, no matter how long ago your three day experience took place. I hope to encourage everyone to join a reunion group, start a group, or celebrate your existing group. I know I could not do without my incredible reunion group.

If any member would like to contribute some of the great happenings in your group, important group anniversaries, or fantastic community outreach, please email me at rts@austin.rr.com. Contributions can be anonymous or you can promote the group's name and meeting time.

Reunion Group List:

In order for your Reunion Group to be included on the GAE4DG List; Please send all updates for new groups, existing group changes, or groups no longer meeting to Wayne Roche (wroche@austin.rr.com). Also indicate if the group is open or closed to new members. The Reunion Group List is available at all Gatherings.

Listings must include the following:

Day and Time

Location

Point of contact phone or email

Optional - Group Name

Please help us maintain current information.

Lay Directors!

Emmaus and Chrysalis Lay Directors, before your walk/flight weekend, it is **YOUR** responsibility to send your **team list** to the *WalkTalk* Editor to be printed so that we can all be in prayer for them. And when your walk/flight weekend is over, it is **YOUR** responsibility to send your **pilgrim/ butterfly list** to the Database Coordinator, and again to the *WalkTalk*, so we can welcome them as new pilgrims!.

Planned 2008 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's:

January 10-13, 2008

September 11-14, 2008

Men's:

March 6-9, 2008

September 25-28, 2008

The excitement of planning the 2008 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks is underway!! Here are the proposed dates for the Austin Sponsored Walks in 2008. Sponsors can begin to pray for the pilgrims who will be called on these Walks. Also if you would like to volunteer for one of the teams, please visit the GAE4DG website (<http://www.austinemmaus.org>) for the team application form.

More information on the Walk Numbers and Lay Directors will be available soon.

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Synopsis of the Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Monday, May 21st at Crestview UMC.

In attendance were:

Kathy Shaw, Lay Director
Beth Bible, Conference Board Rep
Bud Broeker, Assistant Lay Director
Nancy White, Board Member for Walk Support
Jim Anthony, Board Member for Gathering Support
Wayne Roche, Board Member for Member Services
Mike Rhodes, Treasurer

Guests:

Georgia Stone, Incoming Spiritual Director
Tonna Marcyes, Incoming Board Member for Walk Support
Jack Foreman, Incoming Board Member for Gathering Support
Leslie Smith, Incoming Assistant Lay Director



Kathy Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and offered an opening prayer.

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes from the April 2007 meeting was approved (Jim Anthony motion, Mike Rhodes second).

Treasurer – Mike Rhodes presented the current treasurers report as follows:

	General	Scholarship	Mailing
Balance as of 19 March 2007	\$6807.75	\$708.63	\$2500
April Gathering	198.95		
May Gathering	133.00		
SWT Conference Refund	232.83		
Balance as of 21 May 2007	\$7372.53	\$708.63	\$2500

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was approved (Bud Broeker motion, Wayne Roche second)

Board Representative – Beth read a letter from Mike Cave, South Central Region Clergy Rep, International Emmaus Advisory Committee with a request from the representative of the Upper Room for Africa South, which includes South Africa, Ghana, and Zimbabwe. They are in deep financial trouble and Rev. Cave is asking all 4th Day Groups in the SWTx Community to hold special offerings at their next Gatherings, hoping for a minimum of \$150 from each 4th Day Group. A motion to send a donation of \$150 from the GEA4DG funds was approved (Beth Bible motion, Wayne Roche second). Another motion to hold a special offering at the June Gathering was also approved (Beth Bible motion, Nancy White second).

Lay Director – Kathy Shaw reported that we now have Lay Directors assigned for three of our 2008 Walks: March Men's Walk – Gene McConnell; September Women's Walk – Belinda Smith; and September Men's Walk – Randy Nettles. Kathy will try to get the SWTx Community to give us a later date than the current January date; if this is unsuccessful, she will be contacting additional potentials for the January Women's Walk.

Board Member/Member Services – Wayne Roche presented a first draft of the two-piece postcard that we intend to use to announce a new online application and "Call to Action" to rebuild our volunteer/team database. The postcard also features a list of upcoming Emmaus events and provides a feedback mechanism for those that would prefer to receive a hard copy of the application. It was also learned during the meeting that an application for non-profit mailing status was awarded to our group. Since this format of mailing does not meet the desires of the donor of the \$2500 designated gift for a mailing, the Board voted to return the donation and pay for the mailing from GAE4DG funds.

New Business – Jim Anthony relayed a request from Rev. Ann Beaty of Tarrytown UMC for the loan of 25 battery powered candles for use at a youth camp she is involved in. The Board agreed to this use of our candles.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM, followed by a closing prayer by Beth Bible.

Respectfully Submitted. Bud Broeker

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Singing at 7:00 p.m., Worship at 7:30 p.m., Agape Feast Following

June **

Thursday, June 14, 2007
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Hwy. 290 W.
Speaker: Dave Wiant

October

Thursday, October 4, 2007
Tarrytown UMC
2601 Exposition
Speaker: Carey Dietert

July ^

Thursday, July 5, 2007
First UMC, Pflugerville
500 East Pecan Street
Speaker: Gene McConnell

November

Thursday, November 1, 2007
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Road
Speaker: Chrystalis

August

Thursday, August 2, 2007
Manchaca UMC
FM 1626 & Manchaca Rd.
Speaker: TBA

December

Thursday, December 6, 2007
Simpson UMC
1701 E. 12th Street
Speaker: TBA

September

Thursday, September 6, 2007
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road
Speaker: Nancy Karr

** Date Change

^ Location Change

Reminder: Childcare Services are available at all Gatherings.

For directions click on Church Links at
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>