



# The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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## 2007 Austin Sponsored Walk

Women's Walk #1409  
Highland Lakes

Nov. 15 – 18

Nancy Minchew, Lay Director  
Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director  
Sherry Wilkison, Board Rep.

### Emmaus Walk 1409

Women's Walk #1409 will take place November 15-18th, at Highland Lakes. Please support this Walk with your prayers, your agape, and your presence at Candlelight and Closing. Please keep these team members in your prayers, and remember, there are many unseen and unsung community members working on the Servant Team!

#### Team Members

Helen Almanza  
Sandy Farnham  
Ronee Gilbert  
Regina Hughes  
Diane Merwarth  
Marta Pena  
Merlene West

James Amerson  
Gina Franklin  
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Rita Wilson

Stephanie Bridwell  
Kathy George  
Jan Horton  
Jennifer Kendrick  
Sangrid Pancoast  
Anne Rioux  
Sue White

Nancy Minchew – *Lay Director*  
Cindy Layton – *Spiritual Director*  
Sherry Wilkison – *Board Rep.*

### SWTX Emmaus Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please go to [www.swtxumc.org/emmaus](http://www.swtxumc.org/emmaus) or contact Emmaus Register at [Emmaus@umcswtx.org](mailto:Emmaus@umcswtx.org)

**Date:** November 10, 2007

**Location:** Harlingen: Wesley UMC 1406 E. Austin Ave

**Area:** Valley

**Date:** February 9, 2008

**Location:** New Braunfels



God Blesses  
us everyday,  
go out and  
share it.

# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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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 December is November 25th!**

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, and reflections to  
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### Were You There?

There were **101** attendees at the October Gathering!

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 6!

**We'll be looking for you!**

## 2008 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1425 Highland Lakes	March 6 – 9	Gene McConnell, Lay Director Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director Jim Anthony, Board Rep.
Women's Walk #1435 Highland Lakes	May 1 – 4	Anne Rioux, Lay Director Sue Wells, Spiritual Director Tonna Marcyes, Board Rep.
Women's Walk #1451 Highland Lakes	Sept. 11 – 14	Belinda Smith, Lay Director TBA, Spiritual Director Leslie Smith, Board Rep.
Men's Walk #1456 Highland Lakes	Sept. 25 – 28	Randy Nettles, Lay Director TBA, Spiritual Director Wayne Roche, Board Rep.



**Christ is  
counting on  
you**

### The Church is not a building, We are the Church.

Our churches are made up of everyday people... not drywall or wood or brick. A church is a "community of faith," meaning that the church can be out in the streets, or wherever "two or more are gathered," as Jesus told us. While the unique function of the church is worship, it is also wherever its **members** gather to celebrate God in their lives. When we pray together, make plans together, do volunteer work together, have worship services together, *that's church*.

One of the main purposes of the Emmaus movement is to strengthen disciples within the membership of the church. The Walk to Emmaus is a powerful instrument to inspire and renew us by proving reunion groups, fourth day gatherings and spiritual weekends. We are called into Christian action by becoming more involved in our local church. We are the church.

### God's Comfort

God is a comforter, the source of our comfort in any kind of affliction. Like a parent comforts a child, God's nature is to comfort us when we are sorrowful, and the marvel of it all is that God does not comfort us with the reserve of some bystander, but enters into our pain.

God is portrayed in the scriptures as a shepherd. The people of Biblical times understood a shepherd's love. A shepherd knew every animal in his flock. He would call them by name. The shepherd would put his life on the line for the sake of his flock. God cares for us, keeps us, takes us by the hand as well as comforts us. So determined to care for us that he sent both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to console us.

God sends the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to speak in our behalf "with sighs too deep for words," writes Paul in Romans 8. The Holy Spirit is an intangible presence that can bring peace to a troubled heart. No matter the cause of our sorrow, the Holy Spirit comforts us with a peace that "surpasses all understanding."

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

**Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 4, 2007**

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at Tarrytown UMC. In attendance were:

Bud Broeker, Lay Director  
Georgia Stone, Spiritual Director  
Leslie Smith, Assistant Lay Director  
Jack Foreman, Board Member for Gathering Support  
Tonna Marcyes, Board Member for Walk Support  
Wayne Roche, Board Member for Member Support

Bud Broeker called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer by Wayne Roche.

**Minutes** – A motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2007 meeting was approved. (Tonna Marcyes motion, Georgia Stone second)

**Treasurer** – Mike Rhodes was unable to attend but sent the following report:

	General
Balance as of end of August	\$6902.72
Aug. Gathering	+226.00
Sept. Gathering	+246.00
Walk Lay Directors	- 400.00
Nursery (Tarrytown)	- 60.00
Balance as of end of August	\$6914.72
Scholarship Balance as of end of August	\$1004.63, one scholarship \$60.00
New Balance	\$944.63

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was approved.

Bud Broeker had received two requests for an Emmaus scholarship. After discussion, a motion to allow the scholarships was approved.

There was also discussion on the timeliness of scholarship applications. In general it was decided that applications need to be received at least three weeks before the walk in order to get the application approved and a check sent to the conference office.

Bud also gave a report on Walk 1387. The Walk went very well although there was not much agape at the beginning. Members of the community did bring agape to Highland Lakes after they were notified. We need to remind everyone to bring the agape they sign up for. There was also discussion about the book table. We will discuss again in November.

**Board Member/Gathering Support** – Jack Foreman announced that he is still working on the 2008 schedule. He also needs speakers for 2008.

**Board Member/Walk Support** – Tonna Marcyes announced that Dana Rainer will be the new walk agape coordinator. She would also like to speak on sponsorship during the Gathering.

**Board Member/Member Services** – Wayne Roche gave a demonstration of the new data base system. Each board member needs to review it and make suggestions as soon as possible. There was also discussion on whether to send the post card or a letter.

**Other business:**

Team selection for the women's Walk in May will be Oct. 9 at Westlake UMC.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25, followed by a closing prayer by Georgia Stone

Respectfully submitted. Leslie Smith

# Austin Chrysalis Board Minutes

September 25, 2007

**In Attendance:** Debbie Sandifer, Kathe Boothby, Liz Gray, William Gray, Paul LeBlanc, Cortney Smith, Penny Mills, Joel Roehling, Briana Roehling, Rev. James Amerson, Rev. Tanya Eustace, Darren Mock

## **Election of Officers**

Rev. James Amerson offered a motion to elect Debbie Sandifer as Lay Director, second by Paul LeBlanc. Motion passed unanimously.

Rev. James Amerson offered a motion to elect Darren Mock as Secretary, second by Paul LeBlanc. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Roehling offered a motion to elect Paul LeBlanc as Treasurer, second by Briana Roehling. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Lay Director in Training and Agape Coordinator were tabled

Joel Roehling offered a motion to elect Penny Mills as Prayer Vigil/Agape Letter Coordinator, second by Rev. Tanya Eustace. Motion passed unanimously.

Darren Mock offered a motion to elect Liz Gray as Emmaus Board Liaison, second by Cortney Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Sandifer offered a motion to elect William Gray as Conference Board Representative, second by Rev. Tanya Eustace. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel & Briana Roehling will continue to co-chair the Publicity Chair

## **Discussion of Additional Board Members**

We can have a max of 16 board members. Chris Kingsbury was suggested as a possible candidate and Chris has shown interest.

## **Gatherings**

11/1 Chrysalis will host the Monthly Gathering at Bethany UMC. James and Debbie will lead. Joel Roehling will line up the boys speaker, James Amerson will line up the girl speaker. Penny Mills will ask Marble Falls for music and ask them to have powerpoint to project lyrics. James Amerson and Debbie Sandifer will serve communion with LD. Kathe Boothby and Darren Mock can help as needed.

We also need to look into potentially hosting a Gathering May 2008.

Collect applications and push for 2008 Flights at November Gathering

Joel Roehling will get with Amy to send an email to clergy about Chrysalis. Need to talk with other church youth leaders and youth about Chrysalis for those that don't know about it.

## **2007 Flights**

Flight 290 closed

Flight 295 in process for closure, one open item

## **2008 Flights**

Discussed benefits of 4 day vs. 3 day model.

4 Day team only need to take Friday off. Caterpillars click and bond quickly this past year.

3 Day get Sunday off but sometimes feel rushed.

Board decided to stick with the 4 Day model for now. We need to make sure we are clear and reserve Thursday with the facility if doing the 4 day model. Believe we are committed to Twin Oaks for 2008. Debbie will check with David Weaver.

Girl's Flight (LD = Briana Roehling), 7/10-7/13, Twin Oaks

Boy's Flight (LD= Kevin Fowler), 7/24-7/27, Twin Oaks **UNAVAILABLE CURRENTLY from follow up with David Weaver.**

Kevin Fowler is checking with Highland Lakes on their availability June or July.

## **2009 Planning**

2009 Concordia is a possibility and their campus should be complete and prepared to host Walks/Flights.

**Journey** – Need to start work now to have a Journey for 2009. We are looking at Christmas 2009 – January before students go back to school. 1/8-1/10 2009 looks to be the best weekend.

Motion by Joel Roehling to consider Journey for 2009, second by Darren Mock. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Team Selection**

Debbie Sandifer will find out the correct team form from Chris (Emmaus Registrar).

November meeting we will begin reviewing applications and team selection process.

## **Next Board Meetings & Hoot**

11/13 meeting of the Chrysalis board – Debbie will contact Helen if we can get NWUMC room.

We will continue meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. December we will meet 12/11 because of Christmas.

**Hoot** - Target January 4 or January 11 at River Bend. Liz Gray will check with Sandy

## **Board & Community Training**

Debbie Sandifer will contact Pat on dates, targeting February

## **New Business**

\* Need to design new T-shirt; \* Could set up T-shirt sales at Emmaus Gathering for fundraiser; \* Need to make the Hoot T-shirt order, \* Debbie will check with Mackey for his shirt contact; \* Pflugerville – 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jesus Jam on 10/7; \* Buda – 10/2 Mackey and team ordination; \* Set up Yahoo mail group for the board; \* David Weaver will get with Paul for hand-off of Treasurer duties; \* Need additional signers on account

## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### November 2007

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

### December 2007

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

### January 2008

Thursday, January 3, 2008  
Hyde Park UMC  
4001 Speedway  
Speaker: Sally Rodgers

### February 2008

Thursday, February 7, 2008  
Westlake UMC  
1460 Red Bud Trail  
Speaker: TBA

### March 2008

Thursday, March 6, 2008  
Oak Hill UMC  
7815 Hwy. 290 W.  
Speaker: TBA

### April 2008

Thursday, April 3, 2008  
Crestview UMC  
1300 Morrow Ave.  
Speaker: TBA

### May 2008

Thursday, May 1, 2008  
Pflugerville First UMC  
Speaker: TBA

### June 2008

Thursday, June 7, 2008  
Northwest Hills UMC  
Speaker: TBA

**GAE4DG is accepting volunteer host churches for the July, August, September and December 2008 Gatherings.**

**Reminder:** Childcare Services are available at all Gatherings.

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