



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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A word from the Lay Director - Priorities

As I approached my Walk in 2000, I was expecting to hear something about God and Jesus, so what on earth? The first talk does not mention God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit??? What kind of a Christian retreat is this???

Of course, as the talk progressed, I “got it.” I am absolutely sure you did, too. So where are we this June, 2013? Do we still “get it”? Is Jesus Christ still the priority in our life?

If you work in or out of your home, if you are caring for children or parents, if you are battling a serious illness...in other words, if you are living your life.....maybe these activities and challenges have absorbed your time, your heart, your mind and even your soul. Hear the Good News—God meets us where we are, in all of our joys, our pains and the daily demands of our lives.

Through our Emmaus experience, God has offered us some wonderful ways to renew and refresh and stay accountable to keeping Christ our number one priority by participating in a weekly reunion group; attending church; taking Holy Communion; volunteering at church and in the community; and attending monthly Emmaus Gatherings, to name a few.

Look for some changes in our Gatherings—less business, more involvement from you in the pews, deeper worship experiences. To this end, I invite each and every one of you to do something for me and the board who serve you: send your suggestions on what you’d like to hear, to sing, to do at Gatherings; bring at least one Emmaus friend (and of course, a guest who might decide to attend a Walk) to the next Gathering; invite your reunion group to the next Gathering; and finally, pray about what you may do personally in the next 2-3 months to sponsor a pilgrim for the Men’s Walk #1720 September 26-29 and/or the Women’s Walk # 1730 November 7-10.

Your comments will be gratefully received by me at Anne@austinemmaus.org. I pray all of you have a blessed June and I ask for your prayers as well.

See you and your friends July 11 at University UMC, 2409 Guadalupe Street at 7 PM!

De Colores,
Anne Rioux, Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus



WalkTalk Editor Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like to be creative? Would you like to contribute to the Emmaus Community? Here is the opportunity for you...

Overview of Position: Responsible for the creation of the Austin Emmaus WalkTalk Newsletter that informs the Emmaus 4th day community with the latest news including Emmaus/Chrysalis Walk Schedules, Emmaus Monthly Gatherings, Board Members and contacts, Monthly Board Minutes, Welcoming New Pilgrims, Volunteering and Articles. Must be self-motivated, creative, willing to write articles for the community, and able to download latest Emmaus/Chrysalis information from Conference website.

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for:

- Updating latest information on Walks, Gatherings and Community news.
- Setting deadlines for articles and information.
- Editing and proof reading community and board articles.
- Sending a draft PDF of the newsletter for review prior to distribution.
- Emailing the newsletter in PDF format to the Webmaster once review is complete.
- Maintain a list of current email addresses for board members.
- Layout of design and articles, adding graphics as needed.
- Current WalkTalk layout is in Microsoft Publisher. Editor will be responsible for redesign into different software if needed or maintaining the current layout.

For more information or if you are interested in the position email Jim Burgess, Jim@austinemmaus.org

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



The Walk Talk Deadline is on the 20th of each month!

Please send your articles, Community Opportunities,
4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to
Gina Franklin 12905 Irongate Ave., Austin, TX 78727;
or email to Gina@austinemmaus.org

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
gathering schedule on the last page!

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

Chrysalis News

Dear brothers and sisters of the GAEC,

If you've never served on a Chrysalis, you don't know what you've been missing! Chrysalis is the Walk to Emmaus for high school youth. It takes its name from the growth process (or chrysalis) that a caterpillar goes through as it becomes a butterfly. This growth symbolizes each youth's transformation through Christ into the person God has called them to be. Chrysalis builds up young leaders in the church.

Historically, we have offered two Chrysalis flights every summer – one for boys and one for girls. During the summer of 2014, we want to start offering four flights every summer. To do this we need more men and women from the Austin area who are willing to serve on teams – including those with a desire to eventually serve as lay directors. This summer of 2013, we will have two flights for which we are selecting teams:

August 1-3 Boys Flight 375 in Victoria



If you are interested in serving with Chrysalis, please contact Tim Deschner at (512) 934-8077 or email me at Tim@austinemmaus.org. Do not think that you must be in your twenties to work with youth! We are looking for men and women of *all ages*. All that's required is a heart for Christ and for young people – God will take care of the rest.

De Colores and Fly with Christ,
Tim Deschner, Lay Director for Austin/Crossroads Next Step Group

2013 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk # 1720 Sept. 26-29, 2013 Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Bob Duplantis, Lay Director contact: Bob@austinemmaus.org
Tina Carter, Spiritual Director
Jack Foreman, Board Rep. contact: Jack@austinemmaus.org
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Women's Walk # 1730 Nov. 7-10, 2013 Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
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Agape Signup Online

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1720 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1720agape

The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1730 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1730agape

The general format at the web site is a list of instructions at the top of the page, followed by a grid of 6 columns with many rows for the items needed. The list of items is in alphabetical order. If you want to search for a particular item, you can enter <Control-F>, enter the name in the Find box, and press the Next button.

Approximately one week prior to the beginning of a Walk, a reminder e-mail will be sent to you for each item that you have promised to bring. The drop-off locations will be listed in the reminder e-mail.

**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
Berkeley United Methodist Church
April 4, 2013**

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 4, at Berkeley United Methodist Church *without a quorum* . In attendance were: Gary Johnson-Lay Director; Cheryl Broome-Spiritual Director;; Sandy Brooks-Immediate Past Lay Director; and Debby Duplantis-Treasurer. Also in attendance were Bob Duplantis, Diane Merwarth, Leeleen Sundbeck, Bob Allen and Susan Curtis.

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 by Gary Johnson who provided the opening prayer. Gary noted that since there was not a quorum, any items needing approval by the Board would need to be done either by email or at the next Board meeting.

The minutes for March Board meeting were not available for discussion.

Debby Duplantis presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account was \$5,317.94 and she noted that there had very little activity in the last month. Debby moved that the report be approved and Gary seconded. The report was to be forwarded to the missing Board members for approval.

Gary noted that Bobby Callison had submitted a receipt for \$246.10 for reimbursement. It reflected the handling costs of the books returned from the last walk. There was a discussion that we are making arrangements to handle the acquisition of the books for future walks locally so that there would not be any shipping fees in the future. Gary moved that we approve the reimbursement and Cheryl seconded. The Board will be asked to vote approval via email

Bob Allen handles the prayer list and stated that over 60 had signed up but not many prayer requests were being received. This was discussed and it was agreed that the prayer list would need to be communicated via a Yahoo Blast and in an article in the *Walk Talk*.

Gary mentioned that we are still in need of a replacement for Gina Franklin as the editor of the *Walk Talk*. Her job and other responsibilities have been preventing her from dedicating the time needed to timely generate the monthly edition of this online newsletter.

Susan Curtis discussed the battery operated lights for Walks, that she had found them in batches of 16, including batteries for \$9.99. This would be 63 cents for each light. There was a further discussion about whether this was the best price available. Gary moved that we approve the purchase of 10 packs of lights before the scheduled May Walk, to be approved by the Board via email. Debby seconded the motion.

Cheryl discussed where she was on finding a replacement for Community Spiritual Director for Greater Austin Emmaus. She said that Sylvester Chase was not interested in that he would not have the time to serve. Gary volunteered to call him once more before we pass him and select someone else. The other options were Wade Lindstrom, and Tina Carter.

Cheryl provided the closing prayer and the Board adjourned at 7:05.

The Gathering included the Team Commissioning for Walk 1707. The Gathering was attended by 205.

Submitted by Gary Johnson

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2013 Gatherings

June 2013

Thursday, June 13, 2013
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr.

November 2013

Thursday, November 14, 2013
Westlake UMC
1460 Red Bud Trail

July 2013

Thursday, July 11, 2013
University UMC
2409 Guadalupe St.

December 2013

Thursday, December 5, 2013
Parker Lane UMC
2105 Parker Lane

August 2013

Thursday, August 1, 2013
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Hwy. 290 West

September 2013

Thursday, September 5, 2013
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RR 620
Team #1720 Commissioning

October 2013

Thursday, October 3, 2013
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road
Team #1730 Commissioning



Reminder:

Childcare Services are available
at all Gatherings.

Contact:

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