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Denton Area Emmaus Community

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Greetings,

I am honored and humbled to serve you as your 2010 Community Lay Director. I took my Walk on Dallas #86 in April of 1997 and sat at the table of Ruth. This past year I served the Denton Area Emmaus Community as Servant Team Leader, Weekend Lay Director and as the Board's Secretary. It has been a wonderful privilege to witness God's work in so many miraculous ways.

Over the past year our Community experienced many joys as well as some tough challenges, much due to families struggling to make ends meet. Yet through the generous donations of our Emmaus brothers, sisters and their home church's we've been able to sponsor numerous pilgrims on Walk's, via scholarships, who normally would not have had the financial means to attend. Unfortunately we also had to cancel walks due to the lack of participants. Therefore the Denton Emmaus Board has decided to scale back the number of walks this year from six to four.

In 2009 we added 58 pilgrims for a total of 910 Community members. It takes much prayer, financial resources and many a servant's heart to facilitate a Walk to Emmaus weekend event. I want to challenge each one of you to become more actively involved in the growth of the Denton Emmaus Community. You can serve on a conference room team, work with the outside or inside servant team, sponsor a pilgrim, host a gathering, assist with music, set up, make agape or just show up at candlelight and closing. Remember how you felt when all those "strangers" showed up for you? I encourage you to consider how you can be Christ's hands and feet, perhaps by sponsoring someone on a Walk. What an awesome gift you can give to others by bathing them in unconditional agape love and participating in a phenomenal journey walking hand in hand with the Lord. If you are unable to sponsor someone, please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund as a gift of agape love. I urge you to spread the news about Emmaus to your family, friends and church members. Consider placing an announcement in your church bulletin and share your experience with your Sunday School class or other groups. If you would like to have someone from the Denton Board speak to your group about the Walk to Emmaus, please feel free to contact any one of the Board Members.

Last year Dallas, Denton and Texoma Emmaus Communities sponsored a team of men and women from Seoul Korea who came here to participate on a Walk and train as Lay Directors, Assistant Lay Directors, Servant Team Leaders and Clerical duties. Both team and pilgrims alike were blessed beyond measure with their loving presence and true gift of a servant's heart. In gratitude for our hospitality, the Board Members have been invited to participate in Korea's very first Walk to Emmaus this spring. God is so Awesome! Come to the seminar (below) on Feb 6th to learn more.

Remember to check out the DAEC web site at www.dentonemmaus.org for information, Board Member contacts, forms, prayer vigil sign up, and Community news and happenings.

Blessings and Happy New Year to All.

Theresa Rogers

Community Lay Director

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Korean Women Emmaus Team





COMMUNITY GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Mark your calendars now for February 6th, from 9am-3pm and make plans to join us at FUMC Lewisville and greet **Greg Engroff** who is the **Emmaus International Director** for the Upper Room. Greg will update us on Emmaus happenings locally and world wide. This is an excellent time to meet up with old friends and new members and learn more about Emmaus from Greg's perspective.

Please welcome the newest members of Denton Area Emmaus Community

Mens Walk #39

Jim Allen - Northwood	Jason Brisby - First Presby. Lewisville
Jeff Calvert - Grace Ave. Methodist	Jack Cloyd - FUMC The Colony
Ken Cooley - Vista Ridge UMC	Rody Durham - FPC Lewisville
Steven Fleming - New Life Church	Charles Geisel - FUMC Lewisville
William Griffin - Denton Bible Church	Timothy Hobbs - New Life Church
Dale Jorgensen - Trinity UMC	Dale Kelly - Trinity Presbyterian
Ron McCray - Aldersgate UMC	Kevin Roberson - Agape Temple AME
Sean Saxer - New Life Church	Billy Sharp - FUMC The Colony
Dan Tabraham - FUMC Lewisville	Davis Watkins - FPC Lewisville
David Weikel - Vista Ridge UMC	

Womens Walk #40

Doris Baldwin - FBC Corinth	Lisa Bolden - FUMC The Colony
Victoria Butler - FPC Grapevine	Becky Butler - Vista Ridge UMC
Deana Ferguson - FUMC Denton	Jari Fleming - New Life Church
Sharon Harrison - FPC Grapevine	Stephanie Hawkes - Trietsch UMC
Becky Hightower - Serenity Church	Renee Hobbs - New Life Church
Zoila Iglesias - FPC Lewisville	Tammy Linares - Compass Christian Church
Linda Martindale - Trietsch UMC	Jo Ann Nunnely - FUMC Denton
Elaine Shady - Argyle UMC	Peggy Sham - FUMC Coppell
Alison Watkins - FPC Lewisville	Cathy Weiskopf - Trietsch UMC

Womens Walk #44

Kyle Carone - Trietsch Methodist	Rebecca Carrell - Trietsch Methodist
Sandra Cooley - HPUMC	Avery Davis - Lake Pointe
Marnie Drumheller - FUMC Lewisville	Alicia Idell - FUMC Lewisville
Kris Korber - Trietsch Methodist	Pamela Lack - Grace Community ALG
Desiree McClung - Button Memorial UMC	Nancy Monroe - FUMC Coppell
Cheryl Newton - Tinney Chapel UMC	Christi Niziol - Abundant Grace
Tiffany Rabaduex - FUMC Lewisville	Penny Phillips - Calvary Christian Center
Eve Rosser - Serenity Church	Nancy Scheer - Trietsch Methodist
Mary Schott - FUMC Lewisville	Anne Shannon - Trietsch Methodist
Leisa Simons - FUMC Coppell	Lee Ann Starr - Midway Church
Anna Mae Walter - FUMC Denton	

Upcoming Walk Schedule

2010 Walks

DNM #45	May 13-16
DNW #46	May 20-23
DNM #47	Sep 16-19
DNW #48	Oct 7-10

2011 Walks

DNM #49	Feb 24-27
DNW #50	Mar 3-5
DNM #51	Oct 6-9
DNW #52	Oct 13-16



Please be sure to extend your deepest appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing Board Members John Alcoze, Sherry Goin, Sandra Schertz and past Community Lay Director Jerry Harvey, whose terms expired Dec 2009. They all have served with passion, dedication and servitude. Also give a warm welcome to our newly elected Board Members; Rosie Alexander, Ed Barnes, Vera Gibbs and Donna Pockrus. Thank you for saying YES to the calling.

.....And don't forget the DAEC Community Gatherings. We are trying to plan one for mid February. If your church would like to host a gathering please contact Board Rep. Vera Gibbs. Keep yours eyes out for an email with the date of the Gathering.

5:00 for Sponsorship Training,

6:00 for Potluck Dinner,

7:00 Worship and special Fourth Day Message

Don't miss out on the blessings; join us for great fellowship, training and worship in February!



January 2009 Beginning Balance	\$2,443.84
Income-Registration Fees, Book Sales, Donations	\$21,439.87
Expenses - Lake Sharon, Supplies, Fees	\$20,639.95
Operating Balance (less scholarship fund)	\$3,243.76
Pilgrim Scholarship Fund	\$2,732.26
December 2009 Ending Bank Balance	\$5,976.02

- Theresa Rogers - Community Lay Director
- Lynda Schupp - Community Spiritual Director
- Bill Beattie - Vice-Chair / Training
- Diane Clements - Secretary
- Melva Jones - Treasurer
- Ed Barnes - Registration
- Rosie Alexander - Team Selection
- John Bucklew - Servant Team
- Dan Corbitt - Music
- Sandra Giesler - Agape / Literature
- David Hixson - Trailer Supplies
- Vera Gibbs - Weekend Events
- Donna Pockrus - Newsletter
- Jerry Harvey - Past Community Lay Director
- Carleen Alderman - Upper Room Representative



Alleluia!



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