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A CHANGING OF THE ~~GUARD~~ GUIDE

As I end my two years of serving on the Denton Emmaus Board as the Community Spiritual Director, I think back over the twelve walks for which I've invited clergy to serve as Spiritual Directors – some completed, some still to come. It has been a blessing to be able to arrange for clergy to serve the community and to be available to support, instruct and encourage the clergy in that task.

One of my joys is to invite clergy to serve as Assistant Spiritual Directors for the first time. One of my regrets is that I wasn't able to finish the job of contacting all the clergy who have attended a walk and update their information and confirm their desire to serve on a team.

I leave the rest of that task in the capable hands of my successor on the board, Reverend Janet Ihne. I encourage all clergy, when asked, to serve on a team, and officiate at community services of Holy Communion. It is a delight and privilege to service.

I plan to continue to be active in serving on walks and look forward to working with many of you through the years.

Reverend Joe Shafer
Past Community Spiritual Director

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NEXT GATHERING

Saturday after Easter

APRIL 6TH

VISTA RIDGE UMC

2901 Denton Tap Road

Lewisville

6:00 Sponsorship Training

6:30 Potluck Supper

7:30 Worship

Sponsors be sure to bring your potential pilgrim or newest DAEC community member. It's a great way to introduce them to others in the Community.

WALK SCHEDULE FOR 2013

MEN'S WALK #57 February 21 - 24
Lay Director Jason Anglin

MEN'S WALK #59 September 19 - 22
Lay Director Troy Workman

WOMEN'S WALK #58 April 25 - 28
Lay Director Tonja Brown

WOMEN'S WALK #60 October 10 - 13
Lay Director Lisa Monnig



INTERESTED IN HELPING REVITALIZE CHRYSALIS?

Tom Mladjen is working with the steering committee for the Dallas Chrysalis community. Any Denton Emmaus folks interested in helping please contact Tom. His contact information is

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THE WALKS — SAME DIFFERENCE

The Walks of 2013 are before us. There will be some changes but most will stay the same.

The Walks in 2013 are not going to be as closely scheduled as they were in the past few years. By allowing more time between them we allow new pilgrims to be trained in proper sponsorship as many are excited to encourage friends and/or spouses to attend.

As with everything, the price of future walks will need to be increased. Currently the price of the walk is still \$165 so if you get a pilgrim signed up with the current application form you will be able to hedge against the inevitable.

But most of the Walks will be very similar to the one you attended.

*The 2013 Walks will be held at Briarwood
Retreat Center in Copper Canyon.*

Every year the Board of Directors for the Denton Area Emmaus Community sign an agreement to follow the model as proscribed by the International Emmaus office in Nashville, Tennessee. Each part of the Walk is very intentionally planned, scripted and scheduled with purpose so that everyone that goes on a Walk will have a similar experience; an experience that is focused on God's Grace and Christian responsibility helping the pilgrim to reaffirm and strengthen their connection with God.

Many people, as they get involved in participating on inside teams, want to make changes here or there and often the ideas have good intentions but frequently are not able to be implemented. Any change that might cause a pilgrim to feel distanced from the community or that might bring focus onto a specific individual is not a change for the better. While there is still much creativity available in the weekend anything that might distract from the intended experience would not be in the best interest of the pilgrims and is actively discouraged.

Remember your Walk? Please consider helping others to share that experience by being a sponsor. Since there will be a firmer restriction against inside team members also being a sponsor for a pilgrim on the same walk, more community members are needed to actively participate in being a sponsor. If you haven't sponsored before or if it has been a while, try co-sponsoring with other members of the community. It is a great way to share the best practices of sponsorship. You can also review the sponsorship articles from the last three newsletters available online or get a copy of the booklet Sponsorship available from the DAEC Board.

If you want to financially assist in sponsorship you can send a tax deductible donation to: DAEC, P.O. 295068, Lewisville 75029. If you do not designate it for scholarship it will be deposited to the general fund for expenses such as insurance, CCLI licensing and other external expenses incurred by the DAEC community.

Christ is counting on you! De Colores

Have a Fourth Day story to share?

Contact edbarnes@gte.net and it may show up in the next newsletter.



T-SHIRTS - NOW AVAILABLE!

Denton Area Emmaus Community
T-shirts and Sweatshirts



Have people ask you about the Walk to Emmaus!

T-shirt cost is \$15 (4X is \$19).
 Sweatshirts are \$25(4X is \$29)

Available in seven colors (blue, gold, red, green, pink, purple and gray).

Sizes range from small, medium, large, X-large, XX-large, XXX-large and 4X.
 Available at the gathering!

REMEMBER THE BOOK TABLE?



Did you ever wonder where those books on the book table come from? Of course, it is some dedicated person's job to see that there is an interesting and inviting array of good books to tempt every already-avid reader and also every "I'm-just-getting-into-this"-reader. This is certainly an important part of our growth through study. The books are purchased and then paid for by the sales made during the Walks. Here's an idea. I bet we all have a really good book that is in good condition (not underlined or raggedy) that we would donate to help build up the book table. I know we could collect those at the Gatherings and help make stocking the book table an easier job to do. Bring just one book with you to the next Gathering or Candlelight and give them to a Board Rep who will see they get to the correct person for the upcoming walks. Just thought you might like this recycling and sharing of good books. Thanks in advance.

ELECTION RESULTS

The following persons were elected to serve as DAEC Board Directors for 2013–2015:

Don Place (Asbury UMC—Denton)
 Thomas Clark (First UMC Denton)

Becky Hughes (the Village Church—Denton)
 Genni Burns (Vista Ridge UMC—Lewisville)



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CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

... each of us have gifts that God needs for the Kingdom Come. Some of those gifts you discovered on your Emmaus weekend. How's that been going? Are you sitting on them or are you sharing them?

- 1) Off-site Servant Team Members are needed now for Men's Walk #57 .
- 2) Off-site Servant Team Members are also needed now for Women's Walk #58
- 3) You can also sign up for Servant Team on the website.

Email Sarah Gerber at sarahgerber@verizon.net



My name is Dennis Hale. I attended Dallas Walk 154 at Mt. Lebanon in September, 2001 and I sat at the table of Luke. I grew up in Abilene, Texas and as soon as I could, I joined the Navy. I proudly served on the USS Texas (CGN 39) and the USS Arkansas (CGN 41) as a Gun Fire-Controlman. Today I am a Telecommunications Architect for Alcatel-Lucent. My wife, Yvonne and I live in McKinney where we are raising two teenage boys with

special needs. We worship at Greenville Oaks Church of Christ in Allen, where I am involved as much as possible in Children's Ministries. My passion is teaching children of all age groups that we all have gifts from God that bring Him glory, even if they aren't the typical gifts that come to mind, such as art, poetry and drama. My hobbies include: Woodworking, Bar-b-queing, traveling and watching football (any football).

I am proud to be serving the Denton Emmaus Community as the board member responsible for team selection.

My name is Janice McKee. I took my Walk on Dallas Women's Walk #15 in November of 1991 and sat at the table of Ruth. I taught Special Education for 35 years and retired 3 years ago. Currently I mentor 1st year teachers and supervise Student Teachers for UNT. I had the honor of serving the DAEC by being the Lay Director for Women's Walk #12 in July of 2004.



I attend Trietsch Memorial UMC & Serenity Church. I am an active member of the Epiphany community and serve on that Unit Advisory Council. It's an honor for me to serve on the DAEC Emmaus Board doing Registration.

YOUR BOARD REPS Class of 2014

My name is Brenda Brown. I took Dallas Walk #170 in 2004 and sat at the table of Ruth. My Walk to Emmaus continues to be one of my most impactful times of my life.



I recently was commissioned as a Minister of Pastoral Counseling and received my license to practice Pastoral Counseling. I feel blessed to have followed this call on my heart and am excited to serve God in this capacity. I am a member of Lake Cities UMC where I have been actively involved since 1997. I am also a member of In Faith We Bloom reunion group.

I have been employed with Avaya since 1996 where I am currently a Global Program Manager supporting the New York Stock Exchange account.

I live in Denton with my husband. We are blessed with four grown children and five precious grandchildren with one on way. I love to spend time with family and friends. It is an honor for me to serve on the Emmaus Board as Treasurer.

Hi, My name is Dan Chraska and I took my Men's Walk in Dallas back in the early 1990's.



I currently work in Human Resources at Fidelity Investments. I grew up in the Catholic Church in the Northeast and upon my move to Texas in 1985, I spent a few years in a Bible Church before settling in at Trietsch Memorial UMC in Flower Mound.

I served on the recent Men's Walk in Denton and on a Kairos Team back in 2000. I have served in various capacities to include President of our Men's Group at Trietsch and helped launch Career-Bridge, which is a local networking group to help those out of work or looking to transition into other careers. My "Walk to Emmaus" experience has been and is still one of the most memorable and life changing experiences God has shown me.

I serve on the DAEC Board in the area of Training.

BOARD AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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