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MESSAGE FROM FORMER COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Final thoughts for 2013 from Departing Community Lay Director.....

Greetings All! I hope your Advent Fourth Days find you richly blessed in all the things that matter to you and to God. As this year comes to a close, I find myself in a most thankful place: thankful for the many gifts of agape you've given both to support this Community and the 75 new Fourth Day members that took Walks in 2013; thankful for the fantastic Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors, and Servant Team Leaders and their Teams who tirelessly gave of themselves under the Holy Spirit's direction to come together to serve our Pilgrims and each other; and thankful for a Board of Directors who worked many long hours to provide the tools and guidance for both our Walks and all the Fourth Day activities of this Community. There is indeed so much for which to be thankful!

When this Community asked me to serve you as Community Lay Director a year ago and for that matter on the Board three years ago, I was certain you had the wrong man. I hadn't been a Weekend Lay Director and there were certainly more qualified people to serve, but I remembered this one thing from my own Walk to Emmaus – "God doesn't call the qualified, God qualifies the called." Add to that I know this Community, as it always does, surrounds us with such great co-

servants in the work we are called to do. And so it was an easy "yes" especially considering God would lead and I would just get to serve you. Sounds like fun right?!

What has ensued has been one of the richest blessings of my life. We've made great strides this year in providing tools for this Community going forward. One of those tools, a Best Practices for Briarwood, will eliminate much of the "event planning" Lay Directors have to do and instead will allow those LD's to focus on building the Team and serving the Pilgrims, and as Lay Director for Walk #61, I'm looking very much forward to that. Due to the faithful stewardship of the resources you so generously provide, we leave this year in solid, but not extravagant financial health. There will be challenges in the coming year as we move to replace some of our equipment and various other things, but I know you will answer the call as you always do. Most importantly, it has been such a rich blessing to serve you.

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DAEC WALK #61

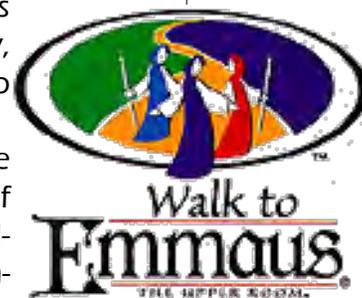
Briarwood Retreat Center
670 Copper Canyon Road
Argyle, Tx 76226

Sendoff: Thur, May 1, 7:00pm

Candlelight: Sat, May 3, 8:00pm

Closing: Sun, May 4, 4:30pm

See our Website for Applications!



As any of you know who've talked to me for any length of time, I AM A BIG BELIEVER IN EMMAUS. In a world that seems continually to be either turning away from God or simply not making God a priority, we are a part of the counter-culture. We are people for whom God is very much alive and in charge, and our world needs more of us. We are the people who make a difference in our families, our churches, our communities, and among those who live at the margins of life. So, if you BELIEVE like I know you do, keep inviting, keep sponsoring, keep serving, and keep leading as God directs you. You ARE making a difference in your Fourth Days and for that I am most thankful and most humbled for the opportunity to serve you.

And so I leave you with this one final thought. Despite all the long hours of planning and work, our service to this Community always seems to go by so fast, and at the end we often find ourselves wishing it didn't have to end. So it has been for me in this work. My only prayer is that every person who is called to an Emmaus Walk or to serve on an Emmaus Team or a DAEC Board of Directors finds a way to an easy "yes" because to do otherwise might cause you to miss out on so many blessings! Again, thanks for your support, thanks for your service and as always, be richly blessed in all of your Fourth Days.....

De Colores,
Dave Farish, 2013 DAEC Lay Director

LETTER FROM THE FORMER COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

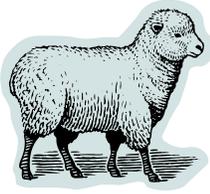
As 2013 closed, I considered the many blessings God has bestowed upon the Denton Area Emmaus Community. It has been a great privilege to serve as the Community Spiritual Director. I must say that I am going to miss the Tuesday evening board meetings and serving with everyone this past year.

This has been a very busy year for me and at times, I must admit I wondered how I would find the time to keep up with my work and serve the community. Yet when I attend a closing service and listen to the pilgrims share what the Walk meant to them and what they are going to do with this new experience, it makes the time spent well worth the effort.

You see, we don't "work a walk," we serve on a walk. *I ask that in 2014 that you keep your hearts open to serving when called.* I promise you that the blessings will flow beyond what you can imagine.

De Colores!
Janet Ihne, 2013 Spiritual Director





Witness from the Outgoing 2013 Board Members

Greetings to all my friends in the Emmaus Community.

I wish to say how much of a Blessing it has been for me to serve on your Board of Directors these last three years. It has been a wonderful and challenging time. I got to experience the transition from one facility to another along with meeting and working with wonderful Spirit filled people. One of the challenges the Walk to Emmaus tells us is to do is go out and serve and to also grow the Church. I certainly hope I have done that. It is time for me to pass the torch as I have my horse saddled and Sharon and I are ready to ride off into the sunset. Happy Trails to you until we meet again.

~ De Colores

Les Watland

Dear Emmaus Community,

It has been a pure joy to serve you as a member of the Denton Emmaus Community Board. I have loved being involved in the plans and decisions for our community for the past 3 years. After serving on almost 30 walks, I truly know the effect that Emmaus can have on a person and it has been a delight to see God work through this program. I plan to continue to be active in the DAEC through my prayers, gifts, and services. My best to the future board and to all of you.

~ De Colores,

Rosie Alexander

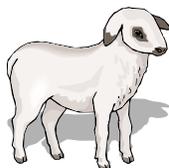


Hi To the Emmaus Community,

I have seen so many members of the Denton Area Emmaus Community be the hands and feet of Christ while serving on the Board of Directors for the past two years working with the servant teams. I have been so impressed how people have stepped up to make our Walks a success. It has been a blessing to serve on the Board.

~ De Colores

Sarah Gerber



BELATED WELCOME TO THE DENTON AREA EMMAUS COM-

Belated welcome to all the Pilgrims who attended Womens Walk #60 in 2013 and congratulations to all who participated in the event in any way:

Merri Blow	Jean Ann Chambers	Kate Couch	Susan Cummings
Ginger Dolberg	Barbara Easley	Jackie Hurlbut	Charlye Jaeger
Diana Kelley	Joyce McCabe	Roxanna McGinn	Karla Ortiz
Kelly Reed	Meridith Scruggs	April Seals	Yolie Shelton
Karen Starks	Trina Westfal	Amber Williams	



WALK SCHEDULE FOR 2014

MEN'S WALK #61: May 1-4, 2014
Lay Director: Dave Farish

WOMEN'S WALK #62: May 15-18, 2014
Lay Director: Robin Hixon

MEN'S WALK #63: September 18-21, 2014
Lay Director: Pete Peterson

WOMEN'S WALK #64: October 2-5, 2014
Lay Director: Carol Anglin

NEXT DENTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

PLACE: Lake Cities UMC
300 E Hundley Drive

DATE: Saturday, March 1, 2014

TIME: 6:00 pm TRAINING (Sponsor & Emmaus Overview)
6:30 pm POTLUCK DINNER



IMMEDIATE REMINDER: MENS WALK #61 !!!!!!!

LOCATION: Briarwood Retreat Center, 670 Copper Canyon Rd, Argyle, TX 76226

SENDOFF: Thursday 5/1/2014 @ 7:00pm

CANDLELIGHT: Saturday 5/03/2014 @ 8:00pm

CLOSING: Sunday 5/4/2014 @ 4:30pm

* Agape and letters can be dropped off at the picnic pavilion on Thursday afternoon or brought to Candlelight Saturday evening. Please travel safe to all Emmaus Events.



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 at all Gatherings



BOARD AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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