



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Two Items of Note

First, at the May 3 Gathering, we will be electing new officers to the GAE4DG Board of Directors. The following slate was presented at the April Gathering: Rev. Georgia Stone, Leslie Kay Smith, Jack Foreman, Tonna Marcyes, and Kathy Shaw. I urge you to attend the May Gathering, which will be held at Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway, to participate in this vital event in the life of the GAE4DG.

Second, at the April Gathering I was delighted to be able to announce that GAE4DG is the owner of a 7x16 foot utility trailer that even now is being outfitted to serve us as a supply trailer for future Walks. Highland Lakes Camp and Convention Center has generously agreed to allow us to store the trailer on campus, near where they have other storage buildings. No more renting supply trailers from other sites and then trying to find someone with the time, the right trailer hitch, and ample "horsepower" to go get the trailer before the Walk and return it after the Walk!

There is a great deal of work to be done to outfit the trailer for storing all the many supplies needed for a Walk: welding in the supports for the shelves, purchasing the many storage bins needed, and then filling them with everything from craft supplies to chapel supplies; from spare bedding and extra sweaters to banners and chair cushions; from bowls and platters to umbrellas. However, we expect to have it outfitted and ready to be used for our fall 2007 Walks!! Yea!!!

We are in the process of creating a list of all the things we want on the trailer. When that list has been pared down to what we really need on the trailer we will come to you, the GAE4DG, to ask for your help in filling the trailer. By the June Gathering, we will have that list ready and will ask you to sign up to provide those items, even as you do for Walk agape. We have contacted some women who sew and asked if they would help with making banners. If any of you have experience with making banners or quilts and would like make a banner or two, let me know.

So much is happening now - it is an exciting time to be a part of the GAE4DG. What a blessing the Walk to Emmaus is in our churches, our community, and in our individual lives.

God is so very good.

DeColores
Kathy Shaw, Lay Director
Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group



**You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to
all who call to you. - Psalm 86:5 (NIV)**



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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The WalkTalk Deadline has been moved to the 25th of every month!!

The WalkTalk Deadline for June is May 25th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, and reflections to
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From The Database Coordinator

Help us keep our database current! Notify us of address, phone number, etc. changes. And don't forget to let us know of new pilgrims or butterflies that you sponsor, so they can be included in the database!

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2007 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1387
Highland Lakes

Sept. 6 – 9

Dale Williams, Lay Director
David Payne, Spiritual Director
Bud Broecker, Board Rep.

Women's Walk #1409
Highland Lakes

Nov. 15 – 18

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

Board Nominees

The Nominations Committee present the nominees for the five board positions to be voted on at the May Gathering. The nominees are:

- Leslie Kay Smith** – Assistant Lay Director;
- Jack Foreman** - Board Member for Gathering Support;
- Tonna Marcyes** – Board Member for Walk Support;
- Kathy Shaw** - Conference Board Representative;
- Georgia Stone** – Spiritual Director.

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



**God doesn't call the qualified,
He qualifies the called.**

EAT OUT AND HELP OUT

Applebee's has agreed to donate 15% from meal purchases (with coupon) toward the **St Mark UMC** reconstruction project

Dates are **May 6** and **20** at the Applebee's on IH-35 south of 183, and **June 4** and **18** at the Applebee's at La Frontera in Round Rock. (Contact St. Mark for the coupons)

Chrysalis News 2007

All youth who are currently in 9th - 12th grades are invited to attend a Chrysalis retreat - fun, food, fellowship, friends and fantastic worship!.

The Austin Community is sponsoring three Flights this summer:

- June 14-16: Girls' Flight # 276 at Concordia in Austin, Lay Director: Briana Roehling; Cost: \$160**
- July 12-15: Boys' Flight # 290 at Twin Oaks in Buda, Lay Director: Joel Roehling; Cost: \$140**
- Aug. 2-4: Girls' Flight # 295 at Twin Oaks in Buda, Lay Director: Debbie Sandifer; Cost: \$140**



Registration forms are posted on the SWTX Conference and Greater Austin Emmaus Community websites, or you may contact one of the Lay Directors or any member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group. Scholarships are available!

If you have any questions about the Flights, please contact Jennifer Kendrick, 241-1455 or jhkendrick@austin.rr.com

Fly with Christ!

The Easter Aftermath

On Easter Sunday people flock to church in droves. Easter lilies grace the sanctuaries. Special music fills the air. Voices join in praise to the risen Christ. When worshippers have filed out of church with a "Happy Easter" greeting to all, life returns to normal.

The words of Isaiah aimed at a self-satisfied, hypocritical Israel seem appropriate: *"These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me" (Isaiah 29)*. How easy for us to worship halfheartedly. In the post-Easter season we do well to reflect on our relationship to God. Admitting our shortcomings, we turn to Him for mercy. He offers us His nail-pierced hands of love and forgiveness.

Isaiah offers great hope for our ongoing worship from the heart: *"Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord;... Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding" (Isaiah 29)*. Praise-filled worship awaits us as we gather with God's people every Sunday. Moved by the crucified and risen Savior, our mouths and lips reflect the joy of our hearts.

Alleluia! Now we cry To our King immortal, Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal. Come, you faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness! God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness!

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

Emmaus Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please contact the person listed below or go to www.swtxumc.org/emmaus

Date	Location	Area	Contact
May 19	First UMC 219 S. Magnolia	Luling	Joe Svobova jsvobova@bcsnet.net
July 7	First UMC 902 Main	Junction	Wanda Teel dwteel@verizon.net
August 4	First UMC 37 East Beauregard Ave	San Angelo	Keith Mortimore keith.mortimore@cox.net
September 22	Real Life Fellowship 5633 South Staples	Corpus Christi	Lynn Cates lynnccates@aol.com
October 6	John Wesley UMC 8300 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy	Victoria	Gerald Ripple ripple3@sbcglobal.net
November 10	Harlingen: Wesley UMC 1406 E. Austin Ave	Valley	Diane Bleibdrey dibleibs@sbcglobal.net

Planned 2008 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's:

January 10-13, 2008

September 11-14, 2008

Men's:

March 6-9, 2008

September 25-28, 2008

The excitement of planning the 2008 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks is underway!! Here are the proposed dates for the Austin Sponsored Walks in 2008. Sponsors can begin to pray for the pilgrims who will be called on these Walks. Also if you would like to volunteer for one of the teams, please visit the GAE4DG website (<http://www.austinemmaus.org>) for the team application form.

More information on the Walk Numbers and Lay Directors will be available soon.

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Monday, April 16th at Crestview UMC. In attendance were Kathy Shaw, Beth Bible, Bud Broeker, Jim Anthony and Wayne Roche.

Kathy Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and offered an opening prayer.

Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes from the March 2007 meeting was approved (Jim Anthony motion, Beth Bible second).

Treasurer – Mike Rhodes was unable to attend and there was no treasurer's report.

Board Representative – Beth Bible indicated that we did not get all of our desired 2008 Walk dates. The problem is in the proposed late March women's walk. We have tentatively scheduled the women's walk for January 10-13, but it might be moved to January 17-20. The other approved dates are:

Men's Walk	March 6-9, 2008
Women's Walk	September 11-14, 2008
Men's Walk	September 25-28, 2008

Lay Director – Kathy Shaw reported that Randy Nettles has agreed to be the Lay Director of the September 2008 Walk. Assignment of the other walks will be addressed when the dates are finalized.

The next board meeting, May 21st at Crestview UMC, will be a joint meeting with the newly elected board members invited to attend, prior to their official start date of June.

Assistant Lay Director – Bud Broeker indicated that the Nominations Committee has a slate of nominees for the five board positions to be voted on at the May Gathering. The nominees are: Leslie Kay Smith – Assistant Lay Director; Jack Foreman- Board Member for Gathering Support; Tonna Marcyes – Board Member for Walk Support; Kathy Shaw - Conference Board Rep, and Georgia Stone – Spiritual Director.

The GAE4DG trailer will need to be ready for the September 2007 Walk. Kathy Shaw will compile a list of items required and the community will be asked for donations, and then we can decide how much we need to purchase.

Board Member/Member Services – The new *Walk Talk* is great – thanks to editor Gina Franklin.

Wayne Roche is progressing in getting us non-profit status at the post office and indicated we are about three weeks away from receiving that status. This will greatly reduce the cost of our proposed mailing to the 5,000 some names in our central data base. The purpose of the mailing is threefold: cleanse the database of erroneous data, communicate event dates and invite service/volunteer interest from active and inactive members. The board confirmed their earlier decision to use a two-part postcard with a postage paid return card, and decided not to expand the mailing into a multi-page mailing.

Board Member/Gathering Support – Many thanks to Rev. Sylvester Chase and Wesley UMC for hosting the April Gathering. The 85 people attending were treated to an awesome 4th Day talk by Carla Roberson, and the wonderful hospitality of Wesley UMC.

Jim reported that the July 5th Gathering will need to be changed from St. Mark UMC due to the fire they recently experienced. Pflugerville UMC should be able to confirm within the next few days its ability to host the July Gathering. In a side note, Beth reported that the local Applebee's has set two dates where they will donate 15% of your purchase (with coupon) to St. Mark. Dates are May 6 and 20 at the Applebee's on IH-35 south of 183, and June 4 and 18 at the Applebee's at La Frontera in Round Rock. (Contact St. Mark for the coupons)

Chrysalis – No report.

Old Business – No further old business.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM following a prayer by Jim Anthony. (Wayne Roche motion, Jim Anthony second)

Respectfully Submitted. Bud Broeker



Austin Chrysalis Board Minutes

February 27, 2007

In Attendance – Jennifer Kendrick, Darren Mock, Joel Roehling, Briana Roehling, Kevin Fowler, Sandy Brooks, Kyle Toomire, David Weaver, Kathy Boothby, Jon Weems, Paul LeBlanc.

Minutes – Board minutes from the January 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – David Weaver filed the following report:

- As of now, we have \$4,305.72 in the bank account
- David will need certain documentation to change bank accounts, some from Secretary and others from Conference. Kevin will provide him with the necessary Board Minutes.

By-Laws –

- In light of the new policy for Spiritual Directors, the Board reviewed the By-Laws of the NSG and certain changes were proposed. These will be reviewed via email and approved at a later meeting.

Austin Emmaus –

- Nancy White will be stepping down from the position of Liaison between our communities.
- David Weaver volunteered to replace her. This was moved and approved unanimously.
- No decision has yet been made about sharing funds or trailer with Chrysalis Community.
- The Chrysalis NSG is set to host the May 3rd gathering at Hyde Park UMC, where the Flight Teams will all be commissioned.
 - a. Music team will be arranged by Kevin Fowler
 - b. Joel & Briana Roehling will recruit speakers from their flight teams
 - c. Kevin will handle the program for team commissioning.

Lay Director Training –

- The Board discussed compensation for the Conference Representative conducting the Austin LD Training sessions. It was moved that we provide her an honorarium of \$100 in addition to her mileage reimbursement.
- This motion was approved unanimously.
- Next LD Training session will be April 21, 2007 at Bethany UMC.

Board Training –

- Board members are required to receive this Training every 3 years. This was briefly discussed, and it was agreed it should be addressed again in September when the new Board comes in.

Flight Reports – The Flight Lay Directors filed the following reports:

- Girls Flight #276: LD – Briana Roehling
Still need 1 adult table leader and 1 youth ALD. Future meetings will be held in March, April and May.
- Boys Flight # 290: LD – Joel Roehling
Team will have its four team meetings held on 2 weekends, once on April 13-14 and the other on June 1-2. These will each be overnight meetings, where one meeting is Friday night then another on Saturday. Team still needs a Cook Team coordinator. Joel will contact possible candidates.

Next Board Meeting –

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27th at 7pm at Northwest Hills UMC.

Addendum: The March 27th meeting was postponed until April 24th at 7pm at Northwest Hills UMC.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

May

Thursday, May 3, 2007
Hyde Park UMC
4001 Speedway
Speaker: Chrysalis

September

Thursday, September 6, 2007
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road
Speaker: TBA

June **

Thursday, June 14, 2007
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Hwy. 290 W.
Speaker: Dave Wiant

October

Thursday, October 4, 2007
Tarrytown UMC
2601 Exposition
Speaker: Carey Dietert

July ^

Thursday, July 5, 2007
Pflugerville UMC
500 East Pecan Street
Speaker: Gene McConnell

November

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

August

Thursday, August 2, 2007
Manchaca UMC
FM 1626 & Manchaca Rd.
Speaker: TBA

December

Thursday, December 6, 2007
TBA

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