



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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DO YOU HAVE A SPONSOR'S HEART?

We, as an Emmaus community, understand that when we serve on a conference room team or on the outside team, we do this with a Servant's Heart, giving of ourselves so the pilgrims can fully experience the Walk to Emmaus. We are now looking for pilgrims for our upcoming 2017 Walks – Men's Walk #141, March 30-April 2, and Women's Walk #142, October 12-15. In order for these Walks to fill to capacity we need willing sponsor's to reach out and identify those who are ready for this experience. Having been a sponsor, I know the responsibilities that go along with being a sponsor. It takes a willing heart and a desire to help further a fellow Christian's spiritual journey. Several months back I offered a challenge to all our community groups to jointly sponsor a pilgrim. This is an excellent way to share in the support for the pilgrim and an opportunity to bring a new pilgrim into a Group Reunion. Our team for Men's Walk #141 has begun their meetings, and the team for Women's Walk #142 will soon begin holding their meetings. We need pilgrims and we are counting on the community to support these teams as we near the Walk dates. So, if you are interested in sponsoring a pilgrim, please go to www.austinemmaus.org and follow the directions to find the Sponsor forms.

Our next Gathering will be on Thursday, February 2, at Oak Hill UMC at 7815 Highway 290 West. The potluck dinner begins at 6:00, with the music starting at 7:15.

This month's reunions will be for the following Walks:

Men's Walk #504 (5/16/1996), Omega Center, Boerne, LD Don Roets
Men's Walk #513 (7/18/1996), Omega Center, Boerne, LD Ralph Rash
Women's Walk #1161 (7/29/2004), Omega Center, Boerne, LD Sherry Wilkison

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Gathering. Come and reconnect with old friends, make some new friends, and bring a friend, since visitors are always welcome. Join with us as we continue the journey we all began on our pilgrim Walk. Also, be sure to wear your cross on the first Sunday of each month to bring awareness to Emmaus.

May God continue to bless you, and remember, Christ is Counting on You!

**De Colores,
Harold Sundbeck
Lay Director**



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as of 1/5/17

Bank Balance
\$16,797.73

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
Community Website at

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**The WalkTalk deadline is
the 20th of each month.**

Please send your articles, information, community
opportunities, 4th Day experiences/reflections to:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

**Approximately 48 attended the January 5th
Gathering at First UMC Austin, and Mary
Heckmann gave a great Fourth Day talk.**

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page.
They are normally the first Thursday of each month
unless otherwise noted. Childcare available.

2017 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #141

Rob Turk, Lay Director

Audrey Spencer, Spiritual Director

Melvin Chambers, Board Rep.

Gene McConnell, ST Coordinator

Agape Sign-up <http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=walk141agape>

Prayer Vigil Sign-up <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=12760&commid=714>

March 30 — April 2, 2017

Contact: Rob@austinemmaus.org

CYJ, Wimberley

Contact: Mel@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Gene@austinemmaus.org

Women's Walk #142

Kristin Riggs Hampsten, Lay Director

Dick West, Spiritual Director

LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Rep.

Jeanne Randall, ST Coordinator

October 12 — 15, 2017

Contact: Kristin@austinemmaus.org

CYJ, Wimberley

Contact: LeeLeen@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Jeanne@austinemmaus.org

The registration fee for 2017 Walks is \$198.00.



Men's Walk #141

March 30 – April 2, 2017

Camp Young Judaea

Lay Director, Rob Turk

Spiritual Director, Audrey Spencer

Board Rep., Melvin Chambers

ST Coordinator, Gene McConnell

This Walk needs pilgrims! Currently only 2 are signed up, and there must be a minimum of 20 by March 16th for this Walk to make. This is the only Austin Community Men's Walk in 2017. If this Walk doesn't make, men will not have the opportunity to attend a GAEC sponsored Walk until 2018. To sponsor a pilgrim, please go to www.austinemmaus.org, click on downloads, and follow the directions.

Please be in prayer for whom God is calling you to sponsor! Please also be in prayer for the team, the sponsors, and most especially for the pilgrims. If you have questions about this Walk, please contact Rob Turk at Rob@austinemmaus.org.



Walk Reunions

The GAEC sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the February 2nd Gathering at Oak Hill UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:

Men's Walk #504, May 16, 1996, Omega Center (*Lay Director, Don Roets*)

Men's Walk #513, 7/18/996, Omega Center (*Lay Director, Ralph Rash*)

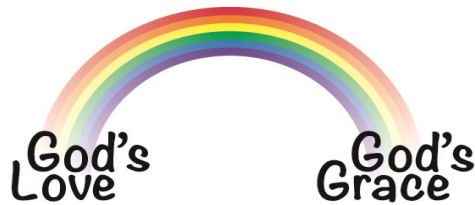
Women's Walk #1161, 7/29/2004, Omega Center (*Lay Director, Sherry Wilkison*)

Below and on the next page are the original pilgrim/team photos of these Walks. See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the February 2nd Gathering at Oak Hill UMC to be reunited!



Men's Walk #504
May 16, 1996
Omega Center

LD, Don Roets
SD, John Flowers
BR, Dan Byron



Men's Walk #513
July 18, 1996
Omega Center

LD, Ralph Rash
SD, David Gillham
BR, Bert Jones





Women's Walk #1161
July 29, 2004
Omega Center



LD, Sherry Wilkison
SD, Dana Hamilton
BR, Roxie Greenway



Music Coordinator Still Needed!



Do you love singing music at Gatherings?

*Do you enjoy coordinating with host churches and Emmaus points-of-contact
to ensure that there is singing at each Gathering?*

If so, we need a new Music Coordinator for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community! Please contact Rob Turk at BM4MemberServices@austinemmaus.org for more information about serving our community in this way.

Go to this link for the 2017 Rio Texas Conference Emmaus Walk Schedule

<http://austinemmaus.org/pdf/2017%20RTECC%20Emmaus%20Walks.pdf>



GAEC Board Meeting Minutes January 5, 2017 First UMC, Austin

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Lay Director Harold Sundbeck, who opened with a prayer and presided over the meeting. The following directors were present, which constituted a quorum: Lay Director, Harold Sundbeck; Assistant Lay Director, LeeLeen Sundbeck; Secretary, Jeanne Randall; Treasurer, Nickie Carstarphen (*by phone*); Upper Room Representative, Mel Chambers; Member Services Coor., Rob Turk; Gathering Support Coor., Sylvia Villarreal-Rocco; Walk Support Coor., Carl Fisher (*by phone*); Spiritual Director, Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr.; Past Lay Director (*non-voting*), Chris McKemie. The minutes from the December Board Meeting were approved as presented. Rob moved that the minutes be accepted, Silvia seconded, and the motion passed. Also presented were the October minutes which had not been emailed. Silvia moved to accept them as read, Rob seconded, and the motion passed. Jeanne apologized for not getting the minutes emailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nickie Carstarphen made the report by phone and followed up with the bank statements sent by email. Nickie reported on the various bookkeeping software she had reviewed. Her recommendation was to go with Aplos. It is designed for small churches and non-profits, allows two users, and is a cloud-based system. The cost will be \$25/month. Rob made the motion to accept the report and move forward with acquiring the program Carl seconded, and the motion passed. Nickie will be absent from the February meeting due to work commitments.

UPPER ROOM LIAISON REP. REPORT: Mel Chambers reported that the Covenant with the Upper Room was signed. No one had replied to the insurance query, so he made the decision on the policy and got it in place.

GATHERING SUPPORT: Silvia Villarreal-Rocco will not be able to attend the meeting next month.

WALK SUPPORT: Carl Fisher/Chris McKemie – Carl stated that the Prayer Vigil signup is falling behind. The Agape signup will be passed around one more month. Only 20% of the Agape has been signed up for at this point. There is also concern that no one has signed up for the Agape Feast.

MEMBER SUPPORT: Rob Turk still has not found a replacement for the Music Coordinator. There have been some funerals recently, but details were not submitted. Rob has renewed the domain name for another five years.

IMMEDIATE PAST LD REPORT: Absent, no report – Chris was at a funeral.

ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR: No Report

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR REPORT: Absent, No Report

OLD BUSINESS: RioTexas has sent forms to be filled out. Final disbursement checks will be sent in a few weeks. Insurance for the trailers need to auto-renew so there is never a lapse in coverage.

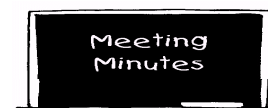
NEW BUSINESS: Silvia needs to step down at the end of this year (May 2017). Nickie also needs to resign as she is now required to travel with her job. She will stay until the end of this year. Chris McKemie was diagnosed 18 months ago with macular degeneration. She is no longer able to assist Carl with computer-related duties. We need to find someone to take over that position and help Carl with Agape signup. LeeLeen has work-related scheduling issues and may have to step down as the Assistant Lay Director. If we can change the day/time of the Board meetings so that she can attend, then it won't be necessary. We will discuss changing the day and time for the full Board meeting, with a "mini" meeting just prior to the Gathering.

MEN'S WALK #141 REPORT, Rob Turk, LD – The Team will meet January 14th at Wesley UMC. One of the team had to step down, so he is looking for a replacement. So far, there are only two pilgrims registered.

WOMEN'S WALK #142 REPORT, Kristin Hampsten, LD – The first team meeting will be March 4th at Covenant UMC. Tina Carter's assistant will need to be with her at all times. Kristen requested a scholarship to cover part of the cost as a team member. Rob made a motion to cover the entire cost, Leeleen seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jeanne Randall



→ REMINDER! ←

There is only ONE Men's Walk and ONE Women's Walk in 2017!

The Greater Austin Emmaus Community will sponsor only two walks in 2017, one for men and one for women. If sponsors do not get their pilgrims signed up for Men's Walk #141, March 30 – April 2, or Women's Walk #142, October 12 – 15, and if those Walks do not make, it will be 2018 before they have the opportunity to do so again. The Upper Room guidelines stipulate that a Walk must have 20 pilgrims signed up in order for the Walk to occur.

In the past, people have been able to casually let a Walk deadline slide past on the calendar because another Walk would occur within months. This is no longer the case. The wait for men who signed up for Walk #1847 (which was replaced by Walk #141) to 2018 would be over 24 months. PLEASE prayerfully consider your Walk To Emmaus experience, and the men and women in your life who might benefit from this experience, and discuss with potential pilgrims what the Walk To Emmaus meant to you in your life, and then work to share that experience with others.

The forms needed to sign up a pilgrim, sponsor a pilgrim, and for clergy to sign on behalf of the pilgrim are located here:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org/reg.php>

The cost of these Walks is \$198.00, but scholarship funds are available. Check with your local church point-of-contact, your pastor, or with the Walk Lay Director for scholarship assistance.

Rob Turk

Lay Director GAEC Men's Walk #141

Clergy Corner

Community clergy, would you like to write a paragraph, or two or three, to share with the Greater Austin Emmaus Community? It can be as long or as short as you would like, and on any topic of your choice. Just send your musings to:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

We will all be blessed by your sharing!



Men's Walk #141 Agape and Prayer Vigil Sign up

Please go to these links and sign up! The Walk cannot begin without the Prayer Vigil complete, and they are still in need of agape.

<http://www2.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=walk141agape>

http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pv_id=12760&combid=714

Emmaus Sunday!



Don't forget! The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyards to worship! This is a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus!

Please remember that the *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20th of each month. This is a FIRM deadline.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:15 p.m.

2017 Gatherings

February 2, 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Highway 290 West, Austin, 78736
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #504, #513, #1161

March 2, 2017

Thursday, March 2, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
First UMC, Pflugerville
500 East Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78660
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #521 #1170, #1803

April 6, 2017

Thursday, April 6, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Bethany UMC
10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #1189, #1821

May 4, 2017

Thursday, May 4, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Wesley UMC
1164 San Bernard St., Austin, 78702
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #1839

June 1, 2017

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
St. Mark UMC
601 West Braker Lane, Austin, 78753
4th Day Speaker TBD



July 6, 2017

Thursday, July 6, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Cedar Creek UMC
5630 FM 536, Cedar Creek, 78612
4th Day Speaker TBD

August 3, 2017

Thursday, August 3, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, 78731
4th Day Speaker TBD

September 7, 2017

Thursday, September 7, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Manor UMC
510 Burnet St. North, Manor, 78653
4th Day Speaker TBD

October 5, 2017

Thursday, October 5, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD

November 2, 2017

Thursday, November 2, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD

December 7, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD