



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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THE BEST WALK EVER!

Yes, that is what many people are saying about Men's Walk #145. It was a success at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, the new facility we are now using. It was a little hectic at first trying to figure out where to put the Conference Room and the Chapel, and where to have Candlelight, but it all worked out and turned out just like God had planned. And, we had a great turnout for Candlelight. The room was filled with the Emmaus community and lit up bright with all the candles glowing.

From the time we found out the Walk could not take place at Camp Young Judaea, God had already put in motion all the details for Walk #145. God knew it would be at Eagle's Wings, He knew the names of every pilgrim, and He knew it would be the **BEST WALK EVER**.

By now I am hoping that all the pilgrims have found a reunion group and have attended their first Gathering. I am sure that we will have some women on this next Walk sponsored by our newest pilgrims from Walk #145.

Our next Walk will be Women's Walk EW 42, September 26 – 29, and will also be held at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center. We are looking forward to joining teams with Diakonia Emmaus Eagle's Wings Community for Women's Walk EW 142, since they already had a Lay Director selected for the Walk. I know the GAEC already had a Women's Walk #142, so we will call this Walk EW 142 to avoid any confusion with our previous Women's Walk #142, which was held in October of 2017.

As with all Walks, we are going to need food agape, pillow agape, prayer, and a big turnout at Candlelight. I know the two communities working together will have another **BEST WALK EVER!**

DeColores!
LeeLeen Sundbeck
Acting Lay Director



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Financial Statement as of 5/23/19

Bank Balance
\$22,719.95

Scholarships are available by request for participation on a Walk. Applications can be found on the GAEC website, below:

GAEC Website

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

GAEC Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterAustinEmmaus/

Emmaus Sunday! Don't forget!

The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyard to worship. This is a great opportunity to help bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus at your church!



The *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20th of each month.
Info received after that will be printed
only if space is available.

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

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

Upcoming Gathering! Don't miss it!

Join us at Round Rock Presbyterian Church on July 13th for the combined GAEC/Diakonia Eagle's Wings Community Gathering. Agape Making Party at 4:00, Potluck Dinner at 5:00, Music and Worship at 6:00.

Childcare available with advance notice to

ssarch@verizon.net

Joint GAEC and Diakonia Emmaus Eagle's Wings Community Walk

Women's Walk EW 42
Sept. 26 – 29, 2019
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet

Nelda Carpenter, Lay Director
neldac78628@yahoo.com
Karen Stocks, Spiritual Director
Paulette Widmer, Board Rep.
Candlelight – Sept. 28, 7:30 PM
Closing – Sept. 29, 3:30 PM
Welcome Back TBD



Want to Serve on a Team?

If you are interested in being selected for a Conference Room Team, go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org> then "Team Application" and complete the online form, then click "Submit Application."

If you are interested in being on a Servant Team, go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org> then "Walks" to contact the Servant Team Coordinator.



GAEC Facebook page!

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Next GAEC Board Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Northwest Hills UMC, Room 109
7050 Village Center Drive
Austin, TX 78731

The community is welcome to attend,
you do not have to be a member of the Board!



Next Gathering!

Joint GAEC & Diakonia Emmaus Eagle's Wings
Community Gathering
Saturday, July 13, 2019
Round Rock Presbyterian Church
4010 Sam Bass Road, Round Rock, 78681

Agape Making Party at 4:00 p.m.
Potluck Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Music and Worship at 6:00 p.m.
4th Day speaker TBA



Upper Room Emmaus Ministries

If you would like to receive email from The Upper
Room Emmaus Ministries, please go to this link.

[https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/
signup/1728792/1367415/](https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/signup/1728792/1367415/)



Welcome New Pilgrims! Men's Walk #145 May 2 – 5, 2019 Eagle's Wings Retreat Center

Byron Attridge
Steve Blom
Tyler Borders
Shelly Lamberth
Q Suen
Hal Caldcleugh
John Durkop
Matt Edison
George Rios
Kevin Waden
Joe Gorman
Billy Graham
Mark Rowe
John Villarreal
Robert Watson
Rich Huyck
Kenneth Leverette
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Bill Brubeck
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Mike McKissick
JB Meier
Jim Thompson



What the World Needs Now is Love (agape) Sweet Agape. Sounds funny, huh? But so true.

Many years ago, my son, Bradley, and I decided we would like to participate on the Servant Team for Emmaus Walks. It was something we could do together to help.

This is what we have experienced over the years:

- We work with amazing volunteers to make sure pilgrims have “the best walk ever.” Each time it is a different set of folks that allows us to meet and work with so many different people who bring their servant hearts (skill set not needed).
- Every Walk gives us the opportunity to do something different: sometimes it’s fixing food; other times it’s filling agape bags to deliver; preparing the chapel for worship; setting up and taking down tables and chairs; emptying the trash; praying with speakers, organizing the letters and closing packets, running to the store, etc. It never matters because we’re doing what needs to be done and having fun doing it.
- Sooooooooooooo many people make Walks happen. Sometimes it’s directly by serving on a team; sometimes it’s indirectly by being a sponsor, fixing food, making agape, writing letters, caring for a pilgrim or team member’s pet, picking up their mail, offering to take folks to Candlelight, etc.
- EVERY SINGLE TIME we feel the “high” that we felt after our own Walks. Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude; our lives are once again centered on our God; and we are rejuvenated to go home and be the best we can be. But best of all, we experience all the agape (love) provided by so many. We always feel like we receive so much more than we give.

Won’t you consider volunteering to help with Emmaus? There are many opportunities: Sponsor, Conference Room Team, Servant Team, Music Team, or Board Member. Sponsors are listed first because if we don’t have sponsors, we don’t have Walks.

Our world really does need more gifts of love (agape). Thank goodness for Emmaus where we have that opportunity. Are you ready? Contact any Board member, listed on page 2, or go to the Greater Austin Emmaus Community website at www.austinemmaus.org for more information.

DeColores!
Patti Bizzell



GAEC Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019
Northwest Hills UMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by LeeLeen Sundbeck, who opened with a prayer and presided over the meeting. The following Directors were present: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Acting Lay Director; Harold Sundbeck, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Representative; Steven Scott, Gathering Support Coordinator; and Jeanne Randall, Walk Support Coordinator (C). C = Present by Call-in.

QUORUM: Five Board members were present. Jeanne Randall was present by phone call. Chris McKemie, co-Servant Team Coordinator for Walk #145, was also present.

MINUTES: The Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on April 4, 2019, and were approved, with corrections, by email.

REPORTS: The following officers, directors, or other persons presented reports to the Board of Directors, with any items discussed or actions taken as noted below:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti Bizzell had sent out the financial report by email. The Frost Bank balance reconciles with the Aplos balance of \$28,703.13. Patti made a motion to approve the report; Jeanne Randall seconded the motion. All approved.

Patti made a motion to approve a scholarship for a servant team member. Mel Chambers seconded the motion. All approved.

Prior to Walk #145, Patti sent out an email request for funds to purchase room divider screens and surge protectors. Approved by email.

Patti suggested looking into purchasing 2-way radios for future use at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center; Steven Scott will research this.

Patti brought up issues with the final billing from Eagle's Wings Retreat Center; however, Steven had a newer billing statement, and will speak with Katie at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center to reconcile the final billing invoice.

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Mel reported we have plenty of purple books and 4th day books. He will order more crosses for the lanyards. He also reported we are on the Upper Room list for integration into the database.

WALK SUPPORT – Jeanne reported she has the office supply box, table boxes, and St. Elsewhere box, but is missing the tissue box covers, table bibles, and crosses.

LeeLeen suggested updating our inventory list and posting it on the trailer when we meet to go through the trailer and re-organize for our next Walk. We will set a time to go through the trailer.

We will need to meet with the team for Women's Walk EW 142 to discuss what they will need from our trailer.

Patti suggested training the Conference Room team on how to pack up the Conference Room. Steven reported that the Houston community did extensive training and that we should investigate better preparing the teams by following the team guidelines that are in the manuals. The Board is planning on attending the training session for the first team meeting for Women's Walk EW 142 on May 18th.

GATHERING SUPPORT – Steven has sent out the announcement for the May 18th Gathering at Pflugerville UMC. The Gathering will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a Welcome Back for the pilgrims from Walk #145 in the Upper Room off the fellowship hall. The next Gathering will be a joint Gathering with the Eagle's Wings community on July 13th at Round Rock Presbyterian Church.

WALK #145 REPORT – Arnie will make his Walk report at the May 18th Gathering.

OLD BUSINESS – The financial review is on hold for now.

NEW BUSINESS – LeeLeen reported that Mike Carmagnola will take over as Music Coordinator. LeeLeen suggested July 21st for Emmaus Sunday. Need to contact all the POC's to set up tables to promote the Walk to Emmaus.

Women's Walk EW 142, will have a Registrar from both communities with access to a single Dropbox to list pilgrims and the status of their payments. Funds will be held separately for each community.

Steven suggested leasing space at an RV storage facility between Bertram and Burnet to keep the trailer near the retreat center. The space is covered, which will help with maintaining the trailer. LeeLeen made a motion to lease space for the trailer. Patti seconded the motion. All approved.

LeeLeen brought up discussion about articles for the *WalkTalk*. She will write the LD article. Patti said she would submit an article.

Steven Scott closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Harold Sundbeck.



2019 Emmaus Community Gatherings

Training Workshops at 4:00 PM

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM

Music and Worship at 6:30 PM

Saturday, July 13, 2019

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Music and Worship at 6:00 p.m.
4th Day Speaker TBD

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Cedar Creek UMC
5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612
The Joy of Sponsoring a Pilgrim Training at 4:00 p.m.
Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Music and Worship at 6:30 p.m. with
Commissioning of Joint Women's Walk EW 142 Team
4th Day Speaker TBD

Don't forget to bring a dish or other goodies
to share for the potluck before each Gathering!

