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Upcoming Gatherings

We will have the Westside Gathering on Friday night, February 24th.

Fellowship at 6:30pm and Service at 7:00pm. Pastor Dave Summers from Lakeview UMC will deliver the Message and serve Communion. Ed and Judy Taylor will provide the Music.

Please come out and welcome our newest Emmaus Members from Walk #258.

Dove of the Desert UMC 7201 W. Beardsley Rd, Glendale AZ 85308

> De Colores! Nancy Oyler



With our new database currently unable to pull good, usable discernment lists, we will be trying a new way of forming teams for walks. We will be sending out a survey via our Constant Contact mass emailing system, as well as posting a link on the Emmaus Facebook page, for you to fill in if and where you would like to serve on upcoming Walks. You will then be discerned to be on a team as usual. We would greatly appreciate your participation in completing the survey and your willingness to serve on upcoming walks. Be on the lookout soon for that link to the Survey.

De Colores!

HEBRUARY.

A Note from our Community Lay Director

I will never forget what I was doing in the summer of 1997. Getting ready, and then attending a Walk to Emmaus as a Pilgrim. To say it was one of the most powerful weekends of my life would be putting it lightly. After that weekend, I not only committed to renewing my walk of faith, but to serve in whatever capacity needed to give others the opportunity to go on an Emmaus weekend. Whether it be part of a Team, or part of the Emmaus Leadership, I was all in.

So, here I am, more than 25 years and 15 Walks served later, and I am still committed to helping men and women experience God through an Emmaus Weekend. It is something I feel led to do and am very passionate about.

The Arizona Walk to Emmaus has a Board of committed people who share the same passion. Through the shut down of 2020, and the struggle to hold Walks throughout Arizona once again, the Board has been working hard to plan and organize Walks.

In our commitment to continue holding Walks in Arizona, we are looking for people who are willing to serve on the Board. We have several members who have completed their terms and will be retiring from the Board, as well as several positions that are currently open. To keep Emmaus alive and moving forward, we need people who can bring vision and energy to our leadership.

If interested, please email or call one of the Board members listed on the back of the Rooster Tales. All you need to be a part of the Board is a Christian Commitment, and a willingness to serve. We look forward to hearing from you!

De Colores! Anne Marie Davee

Storage Clean-up!

Your Emmaus Board has been working hard to try and cut expenses since our accounts are running low without having regular Walk weekends for the last 3 years. We have cut expenses where we can, but we still have to pay for things like storage units, truck insurance and registration, insurance for Emmaus, CCLI licenses, mass email communication, website fees and more.

The last weekend of January many of us met at the storage facility where we have been paying for 2 storage units and 2 truck spaces to hold our truck and trailer, as well as all the extra items we have held onto for many years. We are grateful for a past Board member who has offered up the space to store the truck and trailer, no longer costing us those fees. We worked diligently to purge and move everything we needed to keep into one storage unit, thus saving several hundred dollars a month.

If you would like to help Emmaus financially in some way, please reach out to our Board Treasurer, Mary Ann Crist, her contact information is on the last page of the Rooster Tales. It will be quite some time before we are back to our regular cycle of Walk weekends and your donations will continue to help get us through this time.

We have a few Board members missing from this picture as we couldn't all fit in the frame, but look at all those smiling faces after doing such hard work! And look how clean that storage unit is, it almost sparkles! Good work everyone!



An Urgent Note from your Board!

Hello Emmaus Community!

As we have stated in previous issues of the Rooster Tales, we have several vacant Board positions currently and several more positions will be vacant at the end of June when some of our members have terms that are ending. Some of these board members have already served multiple terms and we need your help to fill these vacant or vacating positions in order to keep the Walk to Emmaus alive in Arizona. Without a full board, it will be very difficult to move forward and we don't want to lose the momentum we have started to rebuild. Below are several descriptions of some of the positions we need or will need to fill.

The Arizona Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors Secretary - This position is much the same as any secretary position. You are responsible for taking the minutes of each meeting and provide them to the members within a week and at the next meeting for approval. You also keep track of attendance, and archive meeting information (minutes, treasurer's reports, etc.) both as hard copies in binders and digitally using Google Drive. It's a great job for someone who wants to be involved but prefers to serve by observing!

<u>Gathering chairperson</u> - This position oversees Gatherings around the state. You need to manage the Facebook Gathering page, and coordinate with leaders of Gatherings throughout Arizona. You attend Board meetings and as many Gatherings as possible. You maintain bins with supplies for Gatherings as needed. Currently, the biggest need is for someone to organize getting gatherings going again.

<u>The Community Lay Director Elect</u> - This position assists and supports the Community Lay director, by being "second in command" at board meetings and by attending Sponsor's Hour, Candle lighting, Closing, and Gatherings, occasionally speaking on behalf of the board.

<u>Communications Chair</u> - This position could be held by multiple people sharing the load. It involves managing the website and updating information as needed, managing the database and updating as needed, creating and sending out the monthly newsletter, creating and sending out mass email communication when needed, maintaining lists of active community members and preparing them for discernment when walks are coming up, attending the monthly board meetings, and more.

Other positions include Three-Day Chair and reps for northern and southern Arizona, more info to come. If you have questions about any of these positions, please reach out to a Board member, contact info is on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you for considering and please keep the Board in prayer as we make this transition and fill these positions with who God wants to help move us into the future of the AZ Walk to Emmaus. De Colores!

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