Arizona Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

Rooster Tales

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Gathering/Training Schedule

Phoenix Area: (all Gatherings at 7:15 p.m.)

Sept? - All Music Gathering @ St. Matthews UMC

Steve & Toni Berg's email for more information is

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<u>Flagstaff Area</u> (all @ Trinity Heights UMC, in Fellowship Hall, childcare provided):

July 12 - Fourth Day Dinner @ Prescott UMC

Sept. 20 - Potluck 5 p.m., Gathering 6 p.m.

Nov. 1 - Training 2 p.m. Youth Rm, Potluck 5 p.m., Gathering 6 p.m.

Cindi Martinez's email for more information is cjemartinez@juno.com

East Valley Area:

1st Sunday of each Month- Gathering at 11:45 a.m. (Potluck) at Desert Chapel UMC (in Apache Junction @462 N. Palo Verde Dr.

Rich & Nancy Foster's email for more information is ndwfoster@aol.com or (480) 982-9141

Tucson Area: (all of the following begin at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck & 6:30 p.m. for Gathering)

July 19 - Desert Skies UMC, 3255 N. Houghton Rd., Tucson

Dave Camp's email for more information is J.D.Camp@msn.

Yuma Area:

June 20 - Faith Lutheran Church

Paula Volenstine's email for more information is jpvolenstine@msn.com





Walk Schedule

Walk 183, June 19-22, 2008, Prescott UMC, Prescott, Mark French, Lay Director

Walk 184, June 26-29, 2008, Prescott UMC, Prescott, Donna Wright, Lay Director

Flight 33, July 25-27 (24-27 for team), 2008, Catalina UMC, Tucson, Aaron Wilson & Michaelle Ford, Lay Directors

Walk 185, October 2-5, 2008, Grace Fellowship, Buckeye, Larry Pierce, Lay Director

Walk 186, October 16-19, 2008, Grace Fellowship, Buckeye, Ellaine Doak, Lay Director

Walk 187, February 5-8, 2009, 1st UMC, Mesa, Jack Armstrong, Lay Director

Walk 188, February 19-22, 2009, 1st UMC, Mesa, Dinah Brooks, Lay Director

New Editor - Janet Paterson

Just in case you haven't heard, Lynn Garner has decided to take a break from compiling the Rooster Tales. I am honored to be the new Editor. My name is Janet Paterson. I attended Walk to Emmaus in Madisonville, KY in Feb. of 1991. My husband, John, and I served on Walk weekends in KY and then Tres Dias weekends in FL. We both have now served as cookies here in AZ.

We were out of touch with Emmaus while living in WI for 10 years, and were excited when we joined the Gilbert Presbyterian Church that they had an Emmaus Community. It was like coming home!

I look forward to getting to know you better in the months ahead. I will be asking for updated information regarding walks, gatherings and as space is available, give reminders of how to be a sponsor, group reunions, what the board duties are, etc.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Walk 183 - June 19-22, Prescott UMC, Prescott

LEADERS TEAM

Mark French Lay Director John Fairchild **Head Spiritual Director** Gary Edwards **Assistant Lay Director** Jack Miller Assistant Lay Director Ron Pitt Assistant Lay Director **Duane Combes** Assistant Spiritual Director **Assistant Spiritual Director** Valerie Fairchild George Cushman Assistant Spiritual Director Andrew Latulippe Music Leader Jerry Paris Head Cook

TALK TEAM

Steve Chadwick Vern Crissman
Paul Fisch Joe Haughey
Red Hinckley Carl Lutch
Robert Matsuo Bill Pate
Paul Robinson Geoff Stickler
Rick Wallace John Weber
Dan Wittig

COOK TEAM

Jim Atkins Robert Boykin Sheldon Ceislak **Bob Connolly** Mike Fredrick Joe Gray Randy Hemala Russ Johnson Ed Mahnert Tim Marguart George Mason George McGuire Pete Mensing Alan Newberry Donn Pease **Bob Schneider** Bill Shawley Dave West Ralph Wise

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Buc Bridwell Joel Briggs Harry Coleman
Wayne Cramer Brad Duncan Michael Flower
Donnie Hansen Doug McDaniel Francisco Mendoza
Jim Messerschmitt Brent Robinson Scott Rhyner
Jim Stowell Matt Williams Mark Woolsey



Reminder:

Rooster Tales will be on Summer Vacation for the months of July & August. Janet Paterson will be publishing her first Rooster Tales issue in September! See you then. Have a God filled Summer!

Walk 184 - June 26-29, Prescott UMC, Prescott

LEADERS TEAM

Donna Wright Lay Director Raven Gaston **Head Spiritual Director** Donna Etter **Assistant Lay Director** Maxine Patterson Assistant Lay Director Linda Charles Assistant Lay Director Dawn Wottle Assistant Lay Director Nancy Cushman **Assistant Spiritual Director** Carol Mumford **Assistant Spiritual Director** Bob Remp **Assistant Spiritual Director** Diana Williams **Assistant Spiritual Director** Donna Norris Music Leader **Head Cook** Kay Pitt Trish Juna Assistant Head Cook Donna Womble Assistant Head Cook

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FLIGHT 33

There will be a Chrysalis Flight this July 25-27. The team dates are July 24-27, getting there the evening before the Caterpillars. It is being held at Catalina UMC in Tucson at 2700 E. Speedway Blvd. Registration time is 8:00 a.m. on Friday July 25th. The ages for this Flight are 15-23. Tell your kids, and your kid's friends in that age group to send in their applications and get on this Flight. There will be some youth from the Southern Nevada area joining our youth. It will be a wonderful Christian activity for your youth this Summer! Let's pray for this Flight, the team, and the leaders putting it together.

New Documentation!

EVERYTHING needed for the Leaders' team, Talk team, Cook team, including 3 Day is on 2 CDs. The Lay Directors can review all of this documentation for their own purposes of leading a walk, and then can decide how to give needed material to leaders, talk team, cook team servants by email, hard copy, or even by copying material on to another CD. This will make it so much easier for everyone on each team! The material will all be the same version, duplications & confusing materials have been removed, and everything is in one place now. This means that whenever you serve on a team, you do not need to bring any of your previously used documentation. We ask you come to your first team meeting on each walk you serve with nothing but a pen and a servanthood heart. The Lay Director will give you everything that is necessary for that walk.

If you are on the talk team, you will only receive the talk outline for the talk you are discerned. This is really all you need, and this will focus the whole talk team's attention on the servant giving the talks at each meeting. It will also save a ton of paper, notebooks, etc.

We do get new versions of the talk outlines for the lay and the clergy from the Upper Room periodically, and we will have the latest version on the CDs for each walk. This keeps everyone on the same page.

This truly is a good thing, and will make each walk streamlined, consistent, easier to lead, and we **WILL** all be on the same page, literally and spiritually!

Lynn Garner, Community Lay Director

How to Pray

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed.

The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. I guess you were expecting me, he said. 'No, who are you?" said the father. The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I saw the empty chair and I figured you knew I was going to show up." "Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head." I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, " until one day four years ago, my best friend said to me, "Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest. "Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised; 'I will be with you always'. "Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now." "So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day.

I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon. Did he die in peace?" he asked. Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him, but there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?" The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."



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