

# Rooster Tales



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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM™

## Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

### Flagstaff Area:

**May 4 - Trinity Heights UMC.** Childcare provided.

Potluck at 5:00 PM with worship at 6:00. Join us!

*Sarah McGuire's email is samgmmcx5@aol.com and John Weber's email is jweber@juno.com.* Contact John if babysitting needed.

**May 11 - Prescott Valley UMC** located at 8944 E Sommer Dr. Gathering 1-3 PM.

*Contact Jeannie Ward at 928-772-6760*

**Phoenix Area:** Potluck at 5:00 PM, Gathering at 6:15. Paradise Valley UMC 4455 E Lincoln Ave, Paradise Valley on each of the following dates:

**Apr. 13**

**May 11**

*Jim McFadden's cell is 602-881-0328.*

**Training on April 13 AND May 11: above location**

2:30 - 4:45 PM (concludes in time to attend gathering!)

*Beth/Terry Price 602-863-6975, arizonaprice@hotmail.com*

**Tucson Area:** (Potluck at 5:00 PM, Gathering at 6:30)

**May 18 - St. Mark's UMC** located at 1431 W. Magee Rd. in Tucson

*Manny Abeles' email is mannyct1@yahoo.com*

**Yuma Area:** (the following begins at 6:00 PM with a potluck & gathering at 7:00 )

**May 10 - First UMC,** 298 W 3rd Street, Yuma

**July 12 - Gila Mountain UMC,** 12714 E N. Frontage Road in Yuma

*AnnaMarie Sollars' email is amsazmama@aol.com*

**Plan to "bee" at one of the gatherings.**



## Walk Schedule

**Chrysalis flight, July 19-21, 2013** in Tucson

**Terry Hendricks,** Boy's Lay Director. Girl's LD TBD

**Walk 223, July 25-28, 2013** Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, **Alan Adams,** Lay Director

**Walk 224, Aug. 1-4, 2013,** Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, **Joyce Trevolt,** Lay Director

**Walk 225, Oct. 3-6, 2013** Paradise Valley UMC, Paradise Valley, **Dell Dean,** Lay Director

**Walk 226, Oct. 10-13, 2013** Paradise Valley UMC, Paradise Valley, **Judy Kobrzycki,** Lay Director

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS IN MAY



Under the direction of Kathy Tracy, the nominating committee submits the following slate of interested persons for the listed opening on the Emmaus Board of Directors:

<b>Wally Athey</b>	Community Lay Director-E
<b>Becky Case</b>	Agape Chair
<b>Alan Fisher</b>	Treasurer

Please plan to be at your local gathering in May to cast your ballot to fill these important Board positions.



Protect our Earth.  
Celebrate "Earth Day"  
on April 22.

## G.I.G.O.!

By Rev. James Ek,  
Community Spiritual Director

When I worked for computer-based companies as a lay person, we had a favorite acronym for programs that failed to do what was expected of them: GIGO. It stood for Garbage In, Garbage Out. Even the best of programs depend upon what people put into them. The AZ Walk to Emmaus is no different.

I was active in Emmaus early in its Arizona history. Our weekends are different than National's for several reasons: 1) Because we were started by local Methodist visionaries and Cursillistas before the national model was formed, 2) These saints brought the love of Christ that they had found in their weekends to the believers in Arizona who weren't Catholic, Lutheran or Episcopalian, 3) They jammed a lot of stuff in the weekend because Christ was made recognizable to them in these moments, 4) The Arizona model was supported by a community more alive in the Spirit than others had seen in recent times. In short, it worked because people who wanted to share Christ worked it!

National's model for the Emmaus weekend is a lot cleaner than ours - but it's not as much fun. And it's not as much work.. Now before you start to think I'm criticizing National's model, remember this: They have worked as hard, or harder, to make it what it is; new communities are still starting up all over the U.S. and the world; and, most of all, Jesus shows up at every weekend! In short, there's no garbage - just a loving Christian community - just like we try to offer.

The first weekend I served on was Walk #12 in Phoenix, at Central UMC. I wanted to be part of this movement; this ministry. However, I didn't really want to be Christian. My first shock was that for an October weekend, we had to start meeting in August for 8 weeks straight. My second shock was that two of the meetings were overnights where we would sleep on the floor and arise to the melodious bell on Sat morning. My third shock was that I had to pay for the privilege of giving up this time! Of course, none of this was adequately explained in training because it was too new for anyone to think of the little details. And yet, I stayed on - and much to my surprise - did it again and again until we had enough Emmaus grads that the Lutheran and Episcopalian Cursillistas didn't have to supplement our teams.

I kept coming back because early on, a man by the name of John Campbell reminded me that I had been called by Christ to serve.

When we were a tenth of the size we are now, AZ Walk to Emmaus Candlelight and Closing Services were standing room only. Gatherings (we called them Ultreyas) were full of new and veteran Emmaus members. It was not unusual to see people from Flagstaff, Tucson and Sun City at all of these. There was an enthusiasm that just didn't show much in the church on Sundays. These were joyous occasions because of what people were willing to give up in order to answer the call of Christ to love your neighbor.

There were many practical aspects of having so many saints in attendance. The people on the Walks were blessed by a sea of witnesses. The new people at the Gatherings were blessed because they could find an accountability group that would take them in. And like my friends did for me, someone to mentor them in their newly revitalized walk with Christ. So now, I have friends around the U.S. and even in other parts of the world. Indeed, I am blessed - because someone answered Christ's call to serve.

Other not so practical aspects were an increased knowledge of the Bible; knowledge of community needs; and a palpable love of Christ that came out of holding each other accountable for our piety, study and action. We weren't perfect, but we were moving in that direction, and life - life was busy but good. And when you consider that knowledge of God, of the works of God, and the difference between holy and unholy actions - perhaps pursuing piety, study and action is the most practical of all?

So, my friends, old and unmet friends, let me remind you: "Christ has called you by name..." ISA 43:1  
Blessings,

**Jim**

## Scholarships Available



As Lay Directors begin to put new teams together, perhaps you will be called to serve.

Please remember that scholarships are available to those who need them.

**This includes team and pilgrims alike.**

**Any payment you can provide is appreciated when you are called to serve!**

No pilgrim will be turned away due to lack of finances.

We need to be good stewards of the money and assets of AZ Walk to Emmaus. Help your Board of Directors to be diligent in achieving this goal.

~Debbie Rives, treasurer



### Community,

You can go right to our webpage and update your personal information right online! It is true and it is so easy!

Just type in [www.azemmaus.org](http://www.azemmaus.org) to access our Arizona Walk to Emmaus homepage. Then near the top left it says: "Help us update our records." The next line is "Walk to Emmaus Database Update form [click here](#)."

Now instead of hoping that your cell phone number got inserted into the database or not knowing if your correct info is listed, you can go online anytime any of your information changes and correct it right away.

Hopefully this will allow Lay Directors to find you when you are discerned to serve on a Walk weekend.

Please update your information today. Don't wait. The sooner we hear from you, the sooner you may hear from us.

**Thanks so much for your help and cooperation!**

Prayerfully consider who God would have you sponsor on the next Walk and then talk to that person about the Walk to Emmaus.



## AND THEN IT IS WINTER!

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is: The winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is. My friends are retired and getting grey. They move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last. This I know, that when it's over on this earth. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. So, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

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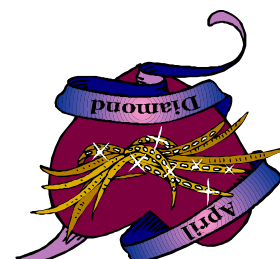


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