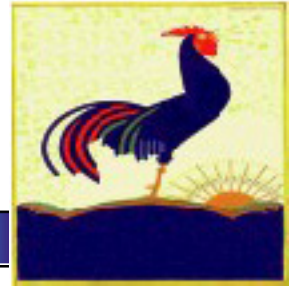


# Rooster Tales



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## Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

### Flagstaff Area:

**Dec 14 - Kaibeto gathering 5:00 PM.** Faith Bible Church

*Sharon Richardson's email is sksparky1@wildblue.net*

### TBA - Prescott Valley UMC

*Jeannie Ward's email is cjward@g.com/Phone 928-772-6760*

### Nov. 9 - Trinity Heights UMC.

Training at 2:00 PM. Potluck at 5:00 PM with worship at 6:00. Childcare provided, if needed. Contact John ahead to schedule.

*Sarah McGuire's email is samgmmcx5@aol.com and*

*John Weber's email is jweber@juno.com.*

### Phoenix Area:

**Nov 1 - West Side Gathering** at Spirit of Hope UMC, 14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria.

**Dessert 6:30 PM, Gathering/worship 7:00 PM**

*Spirit of Hope's Valerie Fairchild's number is 623-824-1357*

### Nov. 16 - 4th Day Dinner Paradise Valley UMC

**Training 2:00 PM, dinner 5:00 PM, gathering 6:15 PM**

*Jim & Cindy McFadden's email is Cindymcfadden53@yahoo.com or call Jim 602-881-0328.*

### Tucson Area: Potluck 5:00 PM/6:15 PM Gathering

**Nov 16 - Green Valley UMC, 300 W Esperanza Blvd, Green Valley, AZ**

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

### Yuma Area: (Potluck at 6:00 PM/Gathering 7:00 )

**Nov 8 - First UMC, 298 W 3rd St, Yuma**

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

 **Plan to "bee" at a gathering in your area.** 

## Walk Schedule

**Walk #227, Feb. 20-23, 2014** St. Paul's UMC, Tucson, **Don Booth**, Lay Director

**Walk #228, Feb. 27-Mar. 2, 2014** St. Paul's UMC, Tucson, **Gretchen Lofgren**, Lay Director

## Regional Leadership Conference November 16, 2013

This is the last chance to invite the community to join us for the Leadership Conference to be held at Paradise Valley UMC located at 4455 E. Lincoln Drive in PV. It will be Friday, Nov 15 for **clergy only**. The hours are 1:00-5:00 PM.

Then **Saturday is for the whole community**. It will **start at 8:30 AM** with several sessions throughout the day, a lunch at noon (please make a \$5 donation), concluding with the **4<sup>th</sup> Day Dinner at 5:00 PM and gathering at 6:15 PM**. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims to the potluck and gathering, but only the community need bring food to share. Others from your table/walk will be there to give hugs and testimonies.

This event is for all who currently serve in leadership roles with the AZ Walk to Emmaus and those who are interested in moving into leadership roles.

We are working on adding a music workshop for current and potential music leaders.

**Training is scheduled from 2:00-4:30 PM.** Guys & gals both, come and be trained so you can sponsor and/or be discerned to be a cook or table leader in the future.

Our Nashville representatives will be available if you have questions about the Walk to Emmaus, please join us for this important even on **Sat, Nov 16.**

Looking forward to meeting you there,

**Frank Northrup,**  
Community Lay Director



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**The celebration of life**  
service for **Moe Stevens** is scheduled for Saturday, **Nov 23, at 2:00 PM** at Apache Wells Community Church located at 2115 N Gayridge Road in Mesa. Plan to join us.

## A CLOSED COMMUNITY

**CAUTION**

It has come to your Board's attention that the AZ Emmaus Community has forgotten or never learned what a closed community means. Simply, it means that **no one who is not a member of the team is to have contact or be present when the pilgrims are present.** This has not been adhered to lately and it is time to correct it!

Please understand that **this does not mean** that men from the community cannot arrive early on Thursday of the Walk to help set up cots or that men from the community cannot come early on Sunday to help take down cots and load them on the trailer. This does not mean that the community cannot come on Saturday to help line the walkway with lights for the agape feast and candlelight. Nor does it mean that angels from the community cannot come on Saturday night to feed the cooks, give back rubs and do the dishes. This is all out of the sight of pilgrims.

**What it does mean is this:** We spend a lot of time in team-building before the walk and a real effort is made during the walk to have the table groups bond. The best way to do this is to eliminate interference, period. Even though the cooks are part of the team, once the pilgrims are introduced to their table mates, the cooks need to back off with individual contact with the pilgrims, especially a pilgrim that they have sponsored. Let them bond with their table and see the cooks as servants to the Walk community.

This is why we announce at candlelight, "Do not reach out to your pilgrim." If your pilgrim reaches for you, it is okay to return their affection, but the community should not instigate it.

Also, there have been incidents of unauthorized photography in recent years. We do not photograph or record in any way any part of the weekend from Thursday night until after Closura is concluded on Sunday night.

We have official photographs taken on Fridays mornings of each walk. These are shared with everyone on the walk. These pictures are not for distribution in any way. **Please do not share them in the public domain.**

This means no posting on Facebook, Twitter, etc. Please assure pilgrims they are welcome to take pictures of new friends at their first gathering, the 4th Day Dinner.

It is easy to remember closed community means no contact with outside influences, regardless of the intent. If you are there to help, stay hidden from view. Help and then go. Do not linger longer than necessary. I am making a real effort to avoid unplanned contact with pilgrims throughout the weekend. I ask each of you to do the same!

Thank you for your cooperation,

**Frank Northrup**, Community Lay Director



## 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! Just like making that \$20 application fee when applying as a pilgrim shows commitment and responsibility, the same is required of team members.**

Try paying a portion of the team fee at each meeting. Before you know it, the team fee is paid in full and you hardly felt the pinch. Spread it out over several weeks. Just let the ALD collecting money know what you plan to do.

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.

~Alan Fisher, treasurer

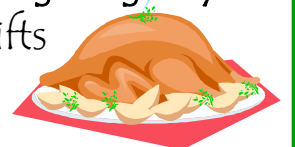


Remember those who sacrificed for us,

**Veteran's Day, November 11.**

Thank a member of the armed forces or one who is retired.

Gather with friends and family on **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28** to share gifts and blessings!



## Sponsorship to Emmaus Walk

Good sponsorship is vital to the Emmaus movement in every community. Good sponsorship is the first act of agape before a Walk ever begins. Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement fulfilling its purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

The aim of a sponsor should not be “to get all my friends to go,” to fill up the three-day event, to fix people’s problems, or to reproduce one’s own religious experience in others. The aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace and community.

Wise sponsorship is purposeful and prayerful; unwise sponsorship is haphazard and undiscerning.

This entire article comes from *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*.

Watch for more helpful hints on how to best sponsor next month.

## Gatherings in new locations:

**Help**

All Gathering Hosts are encouraged to send the following info to Jim or Cindy McFadden: the number of people attending the gathering, the name of the person or persons giving a Witness Talk, the name of the clergy and also the person who was music director, if there was one, at the gathering. Send to: [jimmcfadden45@gmail.com](mailto:jimmcfadden45@gmail.com) or [cindymcfadden53@yahoo.com](mailto:cindymcfadden53@yahoo.com)

This is something the AZ Board of Directors is requesting to see how many folks are participating in each area. We’d love to know how Page and Alpine are doing. How successful are the west side gatherings, etc. We’d love to hear from you with suggestions and concerns. Thanks so much for your help and cooperation!  
*Jim and Cindy McFadden*

## **HELP** COMMUNITY: HELP NEEDED!

Walks #227 and 228 will be here in February. Please go to the website and click on the weekend number and then click on Prayer Vigil. It will give you the openings that we need covered for the 72-hour prayer vigil. This is presented to the pilgrims, as you may remember. Please do it today, so there are no gaps in the vigil during these quickly-approaching walks! Thanks so much for your help!

Teams #227 and #228

**THANK YOU**

Our newsletter is the “**Rooster Tales**,” as in telling a story, but many continue to misspell it “Rooster Tails” as if it were a squirrel with its tail hanging down. Have you ever made that mistake yourself?



## Church Reps: I Need Your Help!

Please go to the website and print out the WTE application. It has additional information (pilgrim and sponsor email address) to help me respond more quickly to pilgrims and sponsors when they apply to attend a particular walk. Throw away old applications you may have at your church. The new information requested is important, so please **DO NOT USE** the old applications. Thanks so much for your help in this matter!

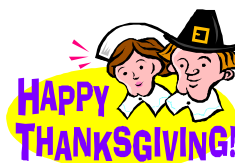
~Janet Paterson,  
Registrar

Kinda sounds like an Emmaus walk weekend, eh?!





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