

# Rooster Tales



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**Emmaus**  
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## Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

### Flagstaff Area:

**Mar 29 - Trinity Heights UMC.**

**Training** at 2:00 PM. **Potluck** at 5:00 PM with **worship** at 6:00 PM. Childcare provided, if needed. Contact John ahead to schedule. *John Weber's email is [jweber@juno.com](mailto:jweber@juno.com) Sarah McGuire's email is [samgmmcx5@aol.com](mailto:samgmmcx5@aol.com)*

### Phoenix Area:

**Mar 8 - Paradise Valley UMC Training** 2:00 PM, **Potluck** 5:00 PM, **Gathering** 6:15 PM

**No Gathering in April.** Enjoy Holy Week activities at your home church! Call Jim McFadden at 602-881-0328 or email Cindy McFadden at [Cindymcfadden53@yahoo.com](mailto:Cindymcfadden53@yahoo.com)

**Mar 28 - West Side Gathering *Note change of date!*** at Spirit of Hope UMC, 14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria. **Dessert 6:30 PM, worship/communion 7:00 PM**  
*Valerie Fairchild's number is 623-824-1357*

**Tucson Area:** **4th Day Dinner** 5:00 PM/6:15 PM Gathering. If you served or were a pilgrim on the Tucson walks #227 and #228, please join us!

**Mar 15 - St Paul's UMC**, 8051 E Broadway Blvd, *Manny Abeles' email is [mannyct1@yahoo.com](mailto:mannyct1@yahoo.com)*

**Yuma Area:** Potluck at 6:00 PM/Gathering 7:00 PM  
**Mar 14 - Trinity UMC**, 3030 S 8th Avenue  
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*If you find that your schedule will allow you to attend more than one gathering, wonderful! It's always nice to see/meet folks you don't usually see, so if you find yourself with nothing to do on a Friday or Saturday night, check out the gathering schedule and drop in. You'll like it!*

## Walk Schedule

**Walk #229, June 5-8, 2014** Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, **John Weber**, Lay Director  
**Walk #230, June 12-15, 2014** Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff, **Colleen Centner**, Lay Director  
**Walk #231, Oct 2-5, 2014** Paradise Valley UMC, **Jon Achilles**, Lay Director  
**Walk #232, Oct 9-12, 2014** Paradise Valley UMC,



## THANKS A MILLION!

As many of you have noticed, the new webpage went live the end of February. We now realize that the timing was poor as it was literally right before the men's walk in Tucson. There are bugs and glitches as with any new program, but we are working hard to give you the information you are used to finding easily and timely.

**Greg Morse**, our web manager, deserves a huge thank you from all of us in the Arizona Emmaus Community for his years of service and never-failing readiness to help make the information re: walks, rosters, prayer vigils up-to-date and correct. He has served us well and deserves our gratitude. Thanks, Greg, for all you have done to make my job easier and for your willingness to serve the Arizona Walk to Emmaus.

**Janet Paterson**, Communications Chair

## CHRYSALIS THIS SUMMER!

**July 18-20** is the time for all our youth ages 15-23 to gather for the faith-charging, love-surrounding event that is Chrysalis. Plant the seed now! Let them by thinking about attending.

**KNEE MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES MARCH 11:** **grandmamoochie@gmail** will be the new knee mail email address. Mary Wilson is on the road, but will continue providing us with prayer requests. Just change her email in your address book. If you want to join our prayer chain, send her your name/email address. Join us! Sign up any time. Drop any time.

## “You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling...”

Recently, Phil Everly died. One music review wrote, “Bye, bye love.” If you don't know, that's another of the many hit songs from Phil and his brother, Don...You know, the Everly Brothers. These were staple songs for us teens growing up in the late fifty's and early sixty's. Their lyrics chronicled the turbulent lives of teens. We weren't the first teens beset by angst and social turmoil as we moved from children to young adults. But we were the first teens beset by so many forms of media that magnified the actual storm of emotions into a perceived level 5 tornado or hurricane. The brothers Everly used acoustic guitars and close harmony to express the longing felt in the hearts of those who pursued unrequited love.

If you're over sixty, you might also remember the tune that went along with the following lyrics recorded by the Righteous Brothers, Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield in 1965:

You never close your eyes anymore when I kiss your lips.  
And there's no tenderness like before in your fingertips.  
You're trying hard not to show it, (baby).  
But baby, baby I know it...  
You've lost that lovin' feeling,  
Whoa, that lovin' feeling,  
You've lost that lovin' feeling,  
Now it's gone...gone...gone...wooooooh.

Do any of these lyrics ring true for you? Have you lost that lovin' feeling? Or are you pretending that everything is fine? There is one sure way to figure it out. The brothers listed it in the second verse:

Now there's no welcome look in your eyes when I reach for you.  
And now you're starting to criticize little things I do.  
It makes me just feel like crying, (baby).  
'Cause baby, something in you is dying.

I used to counsel grieving spouses that their criticism of life's issues pointed to two things: one, expectations are/were not getting met. Sometimes we don't think we have expectations. But when emotions arise, especially those that evoke criticism, we can be sure that something inside us is feeling a void. Whatever that void is, can only be discovered by admitting that our expectations have not been met. That is done by reflection on the event/person/feeling. And the second, it's all about me. When we criticize, the only expectations that are not getting met are mine.

One thing we've taught/learned in Emmaus is that we can't do this thing called Christianity on our own. That's why we have accountability groups, team meetings, gatherings. Our expectations, our walk, even our salvation have to do with supporting each other. Individuals are amazing, but they are at their best when they operate together, with mutual love, honesty and faith in Christ.

I met a man this week who announced that he was an Atheist. After asking him to tell me about it, he proceeded to list the many expectations he had in life that God and Christians had not met. He accepted his own mortality but not that of everyone else; and he had a job description for God and one for the rest of us. He lost that lovin' feeling...

After listening to his frustrations, disappointments and losses, he began to talk more about God. I encouraged him to express himself. I acknowledged that I wouldn't run the world this way if I were in charge. I listened to his broken heart. By the end of the visit, he admitted that he did believe. “I'm still angry!” were his parting words. But silo effect of pulling away from the world was reversing.

I have had days where I didn't want to go to my group reunion. Indeed, I've looked for excuses to skip the meeting. That goes for gatherings as well. And as for team meetings, well I've suggested that we do all that in one or two long sessions so we could just get on with it. But here's the kicker. Days when it's all about me, never turn out as well as planned. On the other hand, every time I pushed past myself and went to group, a gathering or a team meeting, I've been blessed. So, if you've found that you've lost that lovin' feeling, get over yourself and meet with your group; come to a gathering or serve on a team. God's job description does not include making every event meet your expectations. However, if you come, God will bless you.

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**Jim Ek**, Community Spiritual Director



## Help Wanted: Board of Director Positions

We need you. We need you to pray. We need you to pray about serving the Arizona Walk To Emmaus community by becoming an active member of the Board of Directors. As we all heard on Sunday afternoon at the Cross Service, "Christ is counting on you."

Individuals/couples interested in serving must submit a one-paragraph statement explaining why you want to serve on the Board and what strengths you bring to the position. Please send this information to CLD-E Wally Athey at [wally.athey@hotmail.com](mailto:wally.athey@hotmail.com) no later than **Saturday, March 22, 2014**.

Interested individuals or couples must be active in the Emmaus Community; have served on at least two Emmaus/Chrysalis weekend teams; be physically and emotionally able to carry out the assigned responsibilities of the Board position; and must pledge to support the Arizona Model of Walk To Emmaus. Couples may be nominated for Board positions other than Community Lay Director, Community Lay Director-Elect, Treasurer, or Secretary.

The Board at its April meeting will review the nominees presented by the Nomination Committee and approve the final slate of nominees to be included on the May ballot.

### The four positions to be elected are:

**1 - Community Lay Director-Elect** (Two-year term) The Community Lay Director Elect shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Community Lay Director in the case of the Community Lay Director's temporary absence or inability to act. Prior Board experience is required.

**2 - Pre-Emmaus** (Three-year term) Pre-Emmaus works with all churches and proposes to the Board of Directors a plan for establishing and extending the Arizona Walk to Emmaus movement within the State of Arizona.

**3 - Communications** (Three-year term) Communications is responsible for print and electronic media to support the Arizona Walk to Emmaus.

**4 - Secretary** (Three-year term) The Secretary shall see that the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Corporation, and of any committee of the Board of Directors are kept.

Although **Appointed Standing Positions** are not elected, the nominations committee is also looking for persons who are interested in filling the following positions:

**1 - Three-Day** (Three-year term) The primary function of Three-Day is to make physical arrangements for Three Day Weekends including, making sure sites are ready for weekends, providing storage for materials needed for weekends and supporting teams during their formation and on weekends.

**2 - Southern Arizona Representative** [one of two positions] (Three-year term) Representatives set up positions corresponding to the standing positions of the Board of Directors such as Gathering, 3-Day, 4<sup>th</sup> Day etc. The representatives also recruit church representatives from local churches and maintain communications with members.

**Wally Athey**, Nominations Committee Chair

### Pay for your Snail Mail Rooster Tales

If you prefer to have your monthly copy of the newsletter mailed the old-fashioned way to your mailbox, then it is time to pay the \$7 fee.

Please mail your check directly to **AZ Walk to Emmaus, c/o Janet Paterson, 2246 E Tahitian Way, Gilbert, AZ 85234**.

For those of you who have recently completed walks, you will receive it for one year free. This time next year you can order it, if you choose. It will come free online if you sign up with your email address.

**Janet Paterson**, Communications

### PRAYER WARRIORS

Listed below are the 3-Day events around the nation requesting our prayers for their weekends:

#### **Mar 6-9:**

**Wisconsin** Sunrise Credo Women's Weekend

**San Angelo, TX** Concho Country Emmaus Men's Weekend

**Idaho** Agape Emmaus Women's Weekend

**NE Arkansas** Emmaus Wall Agape Men's Weekend

#### **Mar 13-16:**

Heart of **Ohio** Emmaus Community Men's Weekend

**NE Arkansas** Emmaus Wall Agape Women's Weekend

Kingsport, TN Sunrise Emmaus Women's Weekend

#### **Mar 20-23:**

**Columbus, OH** Greater Columbus Emmaus Women's Weekend

Please join me in praying for each weekend. Thanks for your servanthood!

**Becky Case**, Agape Chair



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2014



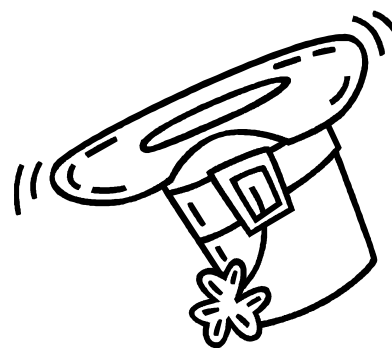
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