

# Rooster Tales



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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

## Gathering/Hoot/Training Schedule

**Flagstaff Area:** Trinity Heights UMC

**June 20** - 4th Day Dinner/Potluck at 5:00, gathering at 6:00 PM *John Weber's email is [zzweber@juno.com](mailto:zzweber@juno.com)*

**Phoenix Area:**

**June 12** - 2nd Friday of each month Central UMC, 1875 North Central Ave. Phoenix, corner of Central & Palm Lane, **6:30 PM Dessert/7:15 PM Worship.**

**June 26** - 4th Friday of each month West Side

**Gathering** at Spirit of Hope UMC, 14403 N 75th Ave, Peoria.

**6:30 PM Dessert/fellowship, 7:00 PM Worship.**

*Valerie Fairchild 623-824-1357. Child care provided.*

**Tucson Area:**

**July 18** - **5:00 PM Potluck** followed by worship/communion at St. Marks UMC, Tucson. Commissioning of **Dick Spining** and **Sara Evans**. Join us!

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**Yuma Area:** Potluck at 6 PM/gathering 7 PM

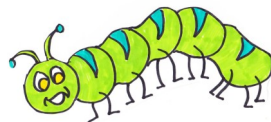
**July 10** - Gila Mtn. UMC, 12716 E N Frontage Rd,

*AnnaMarie Sollars' email is [amsazmama@aol.com](mailto:amsazmama@aol.com)*

## Young adults:

The Chrysalis Flight will be held over **Labor Day weekend** this year at Catalina UMC.

Go online to [www.azemmaus.org](http://www.azemmaus.org) to get your application and mail it in ahead of time. Talk to friends at school/church. Invite them to go with you. This helps in planning meals, etc rather than leaving everything to guesswork! Thank you for your timely response!



**Walk #235, June 4-7, 2015** Trinity Heights UMC  
**3600 N. 4th St, Flagstaff,**

**Paul Robinson, Lay Director**

**Walk #236, June 11-14, 2015** Trinity Heights UMC  
**3600 N. 4th St, Flagstaff,**

**Hazelee Robinson, Lay Director**

**Chrysalis Flight, Sept. 5-7, 2015,** Catalina UMC

**Walk #237, Oct 1-4, 2015** Paradise Valley UMC,  
**Don Davis, Lay Director**

**Walk #238, Oct 8-11, 2015** Paradise Valley UMC,  
**Rosemary James, Lay Director**

**Walk #239, Feb 18-21, 2016** St. Paul's UMC, Tuc-  
son, **Dick Spining, Lay Director**

**Walk #240, Feb 25-28, 2016** St. Paul's UMC,  
Tucson, **Sara Evans, Lay Director**

The Nominating Committee of the AZ Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors announces the results of voting in the election held in May. Our 4th Day chair is **Colleen Centner** and our gathering chairs for mid-AZ are **Bob Cook** and **Robbi Fowler**. Thank you to all who attended gatherings in May to cast your vote!  
**Ted Bachelder, Becky Case, Janet Paterson**

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

## 30th Anniversary of AZ Walk to Emmaus

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Location: Central UMC, 1875 North  
Central Avenue, Phoenix

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

Details to follow as date comes closer.



June 21 is  
**Father's Day.**  
Celebrate with dad  
or the memory of  
dad. Enjoy your day.

**Walk #235 June 4-7, 2015**  
**Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff**

**LEADERS TEAM**

Paul Robinson	Lay Director
Michael Bradford	Assistant Lay Director
Bill Cluck	Assistant Lay Director
Rich Payne	Assistant Lay Director
Roy Trevolt	Assistant Lay Director
Billy Martin	Head Spiritual Director
Mel Brewster	Assistant Spiritual Director
Stan Patterson	Assistant Spiritual Director
Jerry Paris	Head Cook
Ricky Ray	Music Leader

**TALK TEAM**

Steve Andros	Levi Chiles	Steven Hill
Derek Kinsley	Leroy Livingston	Bill McCully
Joe Meehan	Bill Pate	Terry Price
Anthony Tso	Philbert Tso	

**COOK TEAM**

George Ansbach	Ed Bloomfield	David Buehler
Tony Casali	Richard Christie	David Clark
Greg Dressel	Shawn Farrier	Nick Halonen
Jon Hearn	Ken Hext	David Kuhlen
George Mason	Jack Miller	Tom Moody
Dave Pacchetti	Denny Rust	Steve Smith
Jim Stowell	Scott Thompson	Keith Troxler
John Weber	Dave West	

**PILGRIMS**

Dennis Alcantar	Richard Bloodworth	Ernie Boone
Tony Brown	Craig Burroughs	Gary Daniel
Ed Engel	Eric Haynie	Guenther Kruse
Ken Miller	Jerry Oyler	Keith Roberts
John Scillieri	Scott Smith	Randy Spoo
Rick Steel	Avery Ulate	

Please keep the team and pilgrims in prayer. All walks float on a sea of prayers.



Let the pilgrims see Jesus in your eyes by coming to Saturday night's candlelight at 8:00 pm. Join us for closing on Sunday at 5:00 pm.

**Walk #236 June 11-14, 2015**  
**Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff**

**LEADERS TEAM**

Hazelee Robinson	Lay Director
Janine Cluck	Assistant Lay Director
Ellen Glasshagel	Assistant Lay Director
Gerri Kinsley	Assistant Lay Director
Judy Taylor	Assistant Lay Director
Sherry Willerton	Head Spiritual Director
Lynn Bartlow	Assistant Spiritual Director
Fred Heggstad	Assistant Spiritual Director
Linda Worsnop	Assistant Spiritual Director
Alice Tyson-Sordahl	Head Cook
Chrisi Heggstad	Assistant Head Cook
Stephanie Rust	Assistant Head Cook
Laurie Stafford	Assistant Head Cook
Brigitte Bradley	Music Leader
Ruth Matsuo	Prayer Warrior
Karen Mensing	Audio-visual

**TALK TEAM**

Karen Bradford	Mary Brown	Terry Cook
Judy Crabb	Amy Fredrick	Cindy Gleghorn
Meg Goodall	Cindy Ohlin	Kyra Pease
Karen Rauls	Vicki Shepard	AnnaMarie Sollars
Mary Tinholt	Tracy Thompson	

**COOK TEAM**

Debra Anspach	Carla Benepal	Joyce Cardoza
Jo Colclough	Jane Emberty	Keslie Halonen
Cindy Harvey	Carolyn Hill	Carol Hollamon
Paula Kulen	Carol Land	Jean Marsh
Erin McCabe	Sarah McGuire	Rexanne Meredith
Debra Sealover	Anne Smith	Joan Stoner
Lynn Sweitzer	Joni Zarlango	

**3-DAY**

Ruth Ann Clark	Barb Lozano	Barb Meehan
Angie Neasham		

**PILGRIMS**

Alisha Bailey	Joslyn Bloodworth	Carolyn Boggs
Cathy Boone	Cheri Brown	Suzie Bruce
Judy Crandall	Martha Jean Fridse	Tara Grant
Darlene Jumbo	Bennie King	Sabine Kruse
Kay Prater	Marilyn Schmuker	Mary Scillieri
Pam Spoo	Jean Ulate	Allyson Vos
Penny Wallace-Geiger		

AZ Walk to Emmaus thanks **Manny and Holly Abeles** for their dedicated service in our southern-AZ area for the past 12 years. They are taking a break to dedicate more time and attention to their home church. Thanks for all you have done for us and the WTE! God bless!

## Communique from Community Lay Director, Wally Athey

### Our history directs our future

Many of you recall hearing or reading about The Walk to Emmaus history, including our own Arizona Walk. Our expression started in 1985 and that's why we're celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, October 24 at Central UMC in Phoenix.

But the earlier history is important too. Our roots go back to the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement in 1949 in Spain. The first Cursillo in the U.S. was held in Waco, Texas in 1957. Twenty years later in 1977, the Upper Room conducted two model weekends in Peoria, Illinois that April and May. A few years later, this ecumenical model proved to be an effective tool in energizing disciples for ministry in local congregations, as well as creating spiritual renewal among participants. The movement began to grow.

A 1981 mutual agreement led to a separation from the Catholic Cursillo and the creation of the Upper Room's Walk to Emmaus mission of equipping knowledgeable church leaders with vital piety. Just a year before we were birthed here in Arizona, a Walk was held in Australia making the movement international.

This short history lesson helps us today as we look to the future. The Walk to Emmaus International movement has grown, has matured, has changed, and is constantly evolving. A recent message from the Upper Room announced, "As we've continued to offer these programs [Emmaus and Chrysalis], we have seen the need to reach more people with appropriate life stage offerings. As a result, this year we will launch Face to Face for adults who are 60 and older, and, in 2016, we will introduce Journey to the Table for young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. The development of new programs and the rebranding of the existing ones bring us, not only to design logos for the new offerings, but also to update the existing ones."

Who's on board for the future? Great opportunities lie ahead. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." [Matt 4:19 NIV]

### How Did "They" Get on the Walk?! (Part 1)

Your Board of Directors has both the duty and privilege of overseeing the three day weekends in Arizona along with the resulting 4th Day activities. The Emmaus Community in Arizona and the board members (who come from that community) are all tasked with maintaining a spiritual program that has no equal throughout the world. Ask anyone who has been on a recent walk in Arizona and they will say, "It was the BEST WALK EVER!" Perhaps that attitude is why we have a passionate community and passionate board members. We are not knocking any other community, we are saying that whenever the Holy Spirit shows up, it's the 'best ever'.

However, that same attitude has the potential to tear us away from the understanding of what we are about. So I ask the question, "What is the desired outcome at the end of a weekend?"

One board member recently said, "The Emmaus program as I perceived it is about building leadership within the church." Given that a board member stated that, I would assume that it is a common held idea within the Emmaus Community. However, careful examination of material from The Upper Room, Walk to Emmaus headquarters, points to something else.

Go to the website for Walk to Emmaus at [emmaus.upperroom.org/about](http://emmaus.upperroom.org/about) and you will see an article called, "A Journey with Christ." The second paragraph of that article says, "The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor."

Notice that the 'experience' does not begin with the weekend. It does not begin with an Agape Feast, a touching letter, or a candlelight service. The 'experience' begins with "prayerful discernment." That's because it is God who calls the pilgrim, not a well-intentioned sponsor.

Don't do someone a disservice. . . (more to come next time.)

De Colores,

**Pastor Jim Ek**

Community Spiritual Director



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2015

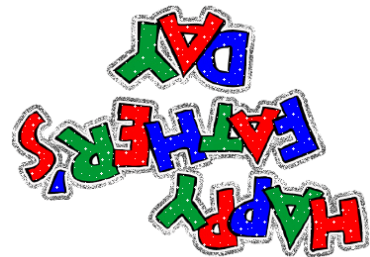


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