

## **Hi Sky Emmaus Community Newsletter**

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#### Message from the 2009 Community Lay Director

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow. I can certainly tell you that it has been a long year this month. I would like to thank all of those who covered my family in prayers. I have not felt that much love since the last walk. This community is larger than life and truly amazing.

As you may or may not know, my Mom passed away on May 4<sup>th</sup>, six days away from Mothers Day. It is at this time I would like to pay tribute to all you Moms in the community. First of all, you are special because you all have given your lives to the Lord. Secondly you have devoted your lives to your family. Dads most of the time can fix things, but Moms always make you feel better. When a football player wins a Super Bowl, who do they thank first? When a youngster scrapes his knee, who do they ask for? Moms are special, there should be a Mothers Day for the whole month (I guess that would be called Mothers Month, that doesn't sound as good as Mothers Day though!) [humor].

Carol's Closet is getting closer to completion. The selection team is working hard to get teams for the few remaining walks and flights. This coming May Community Meeting should be a Grand One. Please try and be there to honor all the previous Lay Directors. Remember, fellowship is before the meeting. I imagine there will be some serious visiting afterwards as well. We have nominations coming up. The summer is usually when attendance wanes a little bit. Please spread the word to attend all events and stay in touch. Everyone ask someone to go with you, someone you have sponsored and haven't seen in awhile. Remember; please call a board member if you have any questions and/or concerns. God bless you all, and thank you for all you do to make this community stronger.

*De Colores, Dusty Roach*

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#### Message from the Community Spiritual Director

It is probably my favorite hobby. If no one else bothered me and I had a slot of time to spend any way I wished - I would quilt. For my birthday in April, Jerry gave me a trip to a week-long quilting retreat. It was set in the Texas Hill Country and the surroundings were breathtaking. I sat at my sewing machine for hours on end with a group of 31 ladies. Prior to my leaving for the trip I was instructed to purchase a certain amount of three different colors of material. The pattern I was to be using was a mystery; I'd find out once I got there. I was intimidated by the skills of the ladies sitting around me. I knew that I was way out of my league. Step by step the instructor gave one instruction about every 45 minutes. We were to complete that step prior to moving to the next step. To my surprise at the end of the retreat I have completed a beautiful work of art. The fabrics and the instructions came together to make something that I would have never attempted on my own.

That's what I've experienced serving on walks. It's a mystery who God will send to the walk and how He will touch their lives. I never know until each day unfolds, one by one, what the end spiritual product will be. I only know that God's knows. When I follow His direction, when I listen before I act, when I trust Him with the pattern, when I serve without question, then I see His handiwork and it is an awesome piece of art. Trust and obey, that's the pattern for spiritual growth and a successful walk. I want to be surrounded by the breathtaking glory of God.

*De colores, Sandra Fussell*

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#### **Board Business...**

In an effort to strengthen communication throughout the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community, Carol Hopkins is providing a monthly summary of the Board of Directors Meeting. The minutes summary from the meeting of March 19, 2009 is available [dgrny](#) .

#### **Team lists and Pilgrim lists available online**

Team lists and pilgrim lists are available on the website by clicking on the [Calendar](#) link at the top of each page, then by clicking on the walk or flight number. The logistics coordinator, food and gift agape leaders for each walk/flight will be listed above the team list.

#### **Prayer Vigil**

Be certain to join in the Prayer Vigil for each of the upcoming Walks and Flights. The vigil is available for signup at each Community Meeting and then at Sponsors Hour the first night of each walk or flight. You can check the prayer time slots that you have signed up for, or see what times are still available for each walk, on the [Hiskyemmaus.com](http://Hiskyemmaus.com) website at the top of each Walk or Flight team and caterpillar listing (click on the Calendar tab at the top). Contact Carol Hopkins to sign up for your prayer times by phone at 694-2854 or 528-0642, or by email at [carhobby@aol.com](mailto:carhobby@aol.com). Please be aware of the calendar dates for each walk or flight so you can get signed up to pray for the caterpillars, pilgrims, and teams. Anyone desiring to sign up for a permanent time slot may do so; we simply ask that you please include either your email address or a contact phone number so that we can remind you of your commitment and also verify that you are still praying at that time.

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#### **Girls Chrysalis Flight #42 – June 11-14, 2009**

Flight Crew 42 is off and running! We held our first team meetings and had fun getting to know strange things about each other and playing games to strengthen that bond. As we learned about the different team and prayer aspects of being a Chrysalis Team, we also learned about each other through our discussions. The fruits of the spirit have become our building blocks as we grow to be God pleasing servants. Four talks have been previewed and you will not want to miss this Flight just because of the quality of those. God was patient with us and has finally completed our team. We have young Men of God leading our ministry and music and plenty of excited, servant-hearted, enthusiastic girls from earlier flights who are pumped to share God's love with a whole new Flight. Please PRAY, send us girls, come to candlelight, bring agape, and come pray over us at Community this month.

*Fly with Christ, Barbara Willis, Flight Lay Director*

#### **Women's Walk #186 – July 9-12, 2009**

God is just so amazing!! God has blessed us with 19 Pilgrims so far, and people are still saying they have Pilgrims they want to go on this Walk. I thank everyone for their prayers and support, and please continue to pray for the Pilgrims, the team and the Emmaus Community. We are all looking forward to the first team meeting, which will be May 29<sup>th</sup> and second team meeting, May 30<sup>th</sup>. I cannot thank God enough for what he has done, is doing and going to do regarding WW#186. If you have Pilgrims that would like to attend WW#186, please get them signed up. Thanks so much to all the team for their willing and serving spirits.

Prayer works!! Thank you.

*De Colores, Iris Hall-Sanders, Walk Lay Director*

#### **Boys Chrysalis Flight #43 – July 23-26, 2009**

*Fly With Christ, Greg Birdsall, Flight Lay Director*

### **Committee Reports**

- **Agape Committee** – Faithful Community: You have been so generous in your food and gift agape for the first three walks this year. We greatly appreciate all the efforts of those of you who have continued to contribute your gift agape to the walks and would ask that new members and reunion groups, and those that might have drifted away in their participation, consider new and different contributions to future walks. If you need agape ideas, there are many resources I can give you. Thanks in advance for your loving generosity, and may God continue to bless you.

### **Prayer for other Emmaus communities.**

Each year, various other Emmaus communities provide us with their wall agape letters, as well as their walk dates and request our prayers for those walks, just as we request their prayer for our walks. We are listing here the walks and flights that are going on in other communities. Here is

a list of walks of which we have been made aware are going on in May and June 2009, for which we should be in prayer:

**Community & Walk Dates**

• Coastal Bend Emmaus Community, Corpus Christi, TX	June 18	Men's Walk #1505
• Rainbow's End Community, Odessa, TX	June 25-29	Women's Walk #65
• Western Montana Community	May 14-17	Women's Walk #8
• Far North Coast Community, New South Wales, Australia	May 21-24	Women's Walk #84
• LOVEmmaus Community, Maysville, KY	June 4-7	Women's Walk
• Nebraska Walk to Emmaus	May 22-25	Boys & Girls Flight #47
• Southeastern Florida Community	May 14-17	Women's Walk #64
• Koinonia Emmaus Community, Northeast Mississippi	June 18-21	Men's Walk #54
• Koinonia Emmaus Community, Northeast Mississippi	June 25-28	Women's Walk #55
• Noah's of Ark, Central Arkansas	Mid June	Boys & Girls Flight
• Llano Estacado Community, Lubbock, TX	June 18-21	High School Flight
• Llano Estacado Community, Lubbock, TX	June 25-28	Women's Walk #109
• Rockford, Illinois	June 4-7	Credo Recovery Men's #6

*De Colores, Carol Hopkins, Agape Chairperson*

• **Administration Committee –**

◦ Book Table – Thank you for all the books and materials you give for the sake of others and their Walk experience. Keep up the good work!

• **Gatherings Committee** – The Community meetings for the year 2009 are being held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Wilshire Park Baptist Church, 801 S. Bentwood (corner of Bentwood and Pleasant), with our next meeting being on Tuesday, May 26th beginning at 7:00 PM (Babe Chick meetings at 6:15). The beautiful walk crosses displayed at the April 28th meeting were those of Ron Hopkins (MW#185 - April 09), and Damon Shupp (MW#166 – April 06). Fellowship time will CHANGE FOR THE MAY MEETING to **6:15** so REMEMBER TO BRING A COVER DISH and join in good Christian fellowship. . I would like to say thanks to those of you who have been faithful to bring food and help with set up and clean up.

The May Community Gathering will be honoring all the past Lay Directors. Lay Directors: don't forget to bring your cross for display. This will be a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all that God has done for our Community.

*De Colores, Carolyn Arnold, Gatherings Committee Chair*

• **Nominations Committee** - We will be receiving nominations for Walk and Chrysalis lay directors through May 29; or if mailed, post marked by May 27. The qualifications are:

1. Must have served in a variety of positions on a walk, including in a support role, a table role and as Assistant Lay Director;
2. Must have given a talk on a walk;
3. Must be actively involved in a church;
4. Must be actively involved in a reunion group;
5. Must be active in attendance at Community activities;

6. Must be willing to commit to leading the Walk according to The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus and under the authority of the Board.

Be praying about who you might nominate and ask them before you submit their name. Nomination forms will continue to be available at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting.

- **Music Committee** – Is Music one of your talents? Have you ever wanted to be on a Music Team on a walk? Do you play Guitar, Piano, Bass, or any other type of musical instrument? The community needs your talent and encourages you to call or email Bill Thomas (638-8772 or [thomasfh@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:thomasfh@suddenlinkmail.com)).
- **Chrysalis Committee** – Both the Boys and Girls Chrysalis teams have started forming. Please cover them in prayer as both have had a very difficult time getting team members. If you are at all interested in investing in the future generation...contact them! They truly need a full list of caterpillars, so please get someone from 15-19 to spend a weekend of vacation time with God. You are all needed at Candlelight too.

*Barbara Willis, Chairman Chrysalis Committee.*

### 2009 Walks and Chrysalis Flights - Dates & Lay Directors

Men's Walk #183	Done [36 pilgrims]	Feb 5-8	Dusty Roach
Women's Walk #184	Done [36 pilgrims]	Mar 5-8	Heidi Anderson
Men's Walk #185	Done [35 pilgrims]	Apr 2-5	Ron Hopkins
Girls Chrysalis Flight #42		Jun 11-14	Barbara Willis
Women's Walk #186		Jul 9-12	Iris Hall-Sanders
Boys Chrysalis Flight #43		Jul 23-26	Greg Birdsall
Men's Walk #187		Sep 17-20	Jack Harvey
Women's Walk #188		Nov 12-15	Martha Manulik

## HI-SKY EMMAUS COMMUNITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

### Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes Summary

Date: March 19, 2009

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Community Board of Directors met at 5:30 P.M. at Permian Basin Board of Realtors, 1001 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas 79701, on Thursday, **March 19, 2009**.

#### **Walk Reports:**

##### Women's Walk #184 – March 5-8, 2009

Heidi Anderson distributed her post-walk report. She reported that, while the walk went well and was a blessing, she felt all meals were on time (which had been reported as an issue in February), but that the kitchen had run out of food sometimes. She further reported that the clean up team was a little too eager and was disruptive during the cross ceremony. Heidi felt that the presence of some spouses and sponsors at her Fourth Day gathering might have inhibited the pilgrims who attended from expressing their fourth day experiences. Heidi also suggested that the pilgrims' email addresses, where available, be included in the closing packets.

##### Men's Walk #185 – April 2-5, 2009

Ron Hopkins delivered his current team and pilgrim lists and remarked he was impatient for pilgrims to be signed up. He thanked the board for all the help he had been given to date. He reported that his team had bonded really well and that he had talked to one older (79) team member about resting if and when he needed to over the weekend.

##### Girls Chrysalis Flight #42 – June 11-14

Barbara Willis reported that all is starting out well. She said First Baptist is in the process of checking dates and approving her team meetings to be held at their location. She reported she did not yet have a music leader and Bill Thomas, Music Committee Chair, is to assist her in that area. At this point, there are four caterpillars confirmed but not yet posted on the website. She reiterated the probable need for financial support for caterpillars and will address that again to the community the following Tuesday. She advised that she had 9-10 offers of financial support for Chrysalises and 6-7 offers for walks at the last community meeting.

**Board Minutes:** The minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were submitted by Carol Hopkins for approval. Motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financials:** Larry Carroll presented the financial reports for March 2009 and remarked that we rely on love offerings at community and at candlelight services and that the community has been very generous.

Motion was made and seconded that the financial reports be approved as submitted; and the financial reports were approved unanimously.

**Community Spiritual Director Report:** Sandra Fussell asked the board members to remember the difference between knowledge and wisdom. James recites: “Lack wisdom? Ask God.” Proverbs 3:5 says God is in control; 2:6 says “out of God’s mouth”. She encouraged the board members to ask in individual prayer for wisdom, not just at board meetings. She reported that she did not have a spiritual director lined up yet for Martha’s walk in November, but that Terry Hancock might be a possibility. She also advised that Fr. Jon Stasney is excited to work walks. She further reported that Carla Smith had given four names as interested potential assistant spiritual directors, but it was unclear whether they had already been on their pilgrim walks yet. Pete Campbell had suggested Dean Cook as an ASD, possibly a fourth spiritual team member.

**Community Lay Director:** In Dusty Roach’s absence, Martha Manulik, Assistant Community Lay Director, served as chairperson of this meeting, but had no report.

No walk scholarship requests were presented at this meeting.

Some of the remaining walks do not currently have board representatives assigned, and those positions were filled at this board meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Gatherings – Carolyn Arnold reported the food contributions for February’s community meeting were plentiful and good and that she had help setting up and cleaning up for fellowship gathering. She is working on the community to bring food. She said we need to announce in March for the April meeting and the next 2-3 months that fellowship will be at 6:15, rather than after the community meeting.
- Fourth Day – Martha Manulik once again stressed sponsorship and asked that the walk Lay Directors have sponsors and/or table leaders present at their fourth day meetings.
- Team Selection – Iris Hall-Sanders reported that Team Selection had met on March 12<sup>th</sup> for a planning session and had discussed much. They had reviewed the team selection guidelines, stressed the team servanthood emphasis, etc. They had conducted a team building exercise, which went well, and Iris expressed the need to do it in unity and harmony with prayed wisdom. She reiterated the need for a good data base. Barbara Willis suggested that for Chrysalis team selection, it be standard procedure to have extra people present as that had gone well for her team selection.
- Nominating – Larry Carroll reported he will review the nomination dates.



- Administrative – Tim Harris reported there were no scholarships to be presented for approval. Carol Hopkins advised that the March newsletter was currently on the website.
- Agape – Carol Hopkins advised she is now listing the agape drop-off locations (with contact information) on the website for each walk.
- Training – Heidi Anderson had no report, other than that lay director training had gone well. She plans to work on the timeline, schedule and lay director packet to make them all more current.

**New Business:**

- 2010 Walk Dates and contracts – Dates for 2010 dates were discussed again. A list of the dates previously provided by Circle 6 as available was distributed. After discussion, motion was made and seconded that the following dates be confirmed for 2010:

February 11-14	Men's Walk
March 4-7	Women's Walk
April 8-11	Men's Walk
June 10-13	Chrysalis
July 8-11	Chrysalis
September 16-19	Women's Walk
September 30-October 2	Men's Walk
November 4-7	Women's Walk.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Reunion Group updates – Martha Manulik will meet with Sonny Self in this regard.
- By-laws Revision Discussion – A work day was once again suggested for discussing this issue.
- May Community Meeting – Honor previous Lay Directors, Feast, etc. – It was decided to simply set out the walk crosses of past lay directors along the stage with name cards in front of them, as well as possibly group photos, and have someone introduce each. A letter of invitation will be sent out to all past lay directors to participate. Various board members volunteered to prepare the invitations and name cards.

**Old Business:**

- Date Base – Beki Moorhead will have the data base information to Jimmy Smith for his next Community meeting reminder notice and it will be ready for Iris' team selection.

There being no further business on the agenda and no further business raised, motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and Martha Manulik adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, *Carol Hopkins* Carol Hopkins, Secretary