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2009**

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

--Luke 24:32, NIV

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Pilgrim's Journey



The Official Newsletter of the Houston North Emmaus Community

FROM THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

Your Houston North Emmaus Community Board is made up of 25 volunteers--men and women from diverse backgrounds who have answered God's call to serve in facilitating and strengthening the Emmaus ministry.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month. I would like to give you a brief rundown of some items that we as a Board are focusing on for 2009.

1. Identifying Emmaus church contact persons (see also Page 3). They will help us in keeping each church's Fourth Day information up to date, as well as serving as a link between the Board and their Fourth Day members.
2. Information Technology Strategy Team. This committee is currently working on the following initiatives:
 - a. Community database – web based
 - b. New interactive website
 - c. Online pilgrim registration
 - d. Increasing utilization of Walk laptops
3. Improvements to Kaiserhof Walk facility.
 - a. Cooling issues in various buildings
 - b. Enclosed garage for golf carts (in process)
4. Improved relations with clergy in our Community, expanding the focus to be lay-driven. It would be the specific task of the Assistant Community Chair to personally contact clergy in our Community, open the dialogue with them, and encourage them in their ministry.

The Board members covet your prayers and invite your participation as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in these and all activities of our Community.

De Colores!

Tom Wanamaker, HNEC Community Chair

HNEC 2010 Walk Dates Announced

Women's 55

April 15-19

Men's 56

April 22-25

Women's 57

August 5-8

Men's 58

Sept 30-Oct 3

Women's 59

Oct 7-10

Check the web for latest info.

www.hnec.org

HOUSTON CHRYSALIS 2009 FLIGHTS

Kaiserhof Retreat Center, Tomball:

Boys #90 – July 16-20

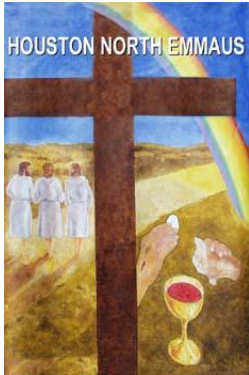
Girls #91 – July 23-26

The Lodge at Danbury:

Girls #89 – July 9-12

Boys #92 – July 30-Aug 2

Flights are for college and high school students. Caterpillars (participants) must have completed their 9th grade year. Weekend costs for 2009 are \$150.00 per caterpillar and team member. Full info at: www.houstonchrysaliscommunity.com



2009 Walks – Houston North Emmaus Community

All HNEC Walks are held at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center, 22610 Tuwa Road, Tomball, Texas. www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com

All OFFICIAL 2009 Walk forms are available for download at:
www.hnec.org/Current_applications.htm

Sponsors should send the completed pilgrim application, the completed sponsor form, and \$155 payment for Walk fees to:
Houston North Emmaus Community, Inc.
ATTN: Jim Garland, Registrar
2257 North Loop 336 West, #140-331
Conroe, TX 77304.

WOMEN'S WALK 52. July 30-August 2.

Stephanie Brassovan, Lay Director. Sarah Moore, STC. Rhonda Fronk, Board Rep.

MEN'S WALK 53. October 8-11.

Chuck Abernathy, Lay Director. Morris Davidson, STC. Rev. John Woody, Spiritual Director.

WOMEN'S WALK 54. October 15-18.

Susan Kent, Lay Director. Rev. Patty Wehn-Glowski, Spiritual Director. Laurie Starkey, Board Rep.



Other Houston-Area Emmaus Communities



For information about Walks in other Houston-area Emmaus communities, please consult the following websites:

www.hwec.org - Houston West Emmaus Community

Walks held at Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center, Tomball

www.geocities.com/cotemmaus - Cradle of Texas Emmaus Community

Walks held at Texas Baptist Encampment; or, The Lodge at Danbury

www.hbaec.org – Houston Bay Area Emmaus Community

Walks held at The Lodge at Danbury

HNEC Church Contacts

The following persons are currently serving as the Emmaus Fourth Day Community contacts for their churches. The Board has contacted these persons and confirmed their leadership roles. (Phone and email are not listed for privacy reasons. Contact your church office to get in touch with your Emmaus leadership.)

We have “unofficial” contacts for other churches, but those are not listed, as we have not received verification from the individuals. If your church is not listed and you are the contact person for your church’s Fourth Day community, or if you know who your contact is, please let us know, and we’ll update the list. Also, if there are any updates to the information below, please let us know. communications@h nec.org

Church

Atascocita UMC
Calvary Christian Fellowship
Community Christian Church
Christ Church UMC
Christ the Good Shepherd
Coldspring UMC
Cypress Bible
Cypress UMC
Cypress Trails UMC
Faith UMC
Fellowship of The Woodlands
First UMC Conroe
First UMC Humble
Foundry UMC
Friendship UMC
Good Shepherd UMC
John Wesley UMC
Kingwood UMC
Klein UMC
Lake Houston UMC
Lakewood UMC
St. Stephen’s UMC
Strawbridge UMC
The Woodlands Christian
The Woodlands UMC

Emmaus Contact

Susan Sanders
Paul Silva
Tim Ben-Schoter or Dan Spencer
Scotty and Diane Scott
Stacy Spaeth
Larry Smith
Emil Haddad
Daryn Seidl
Ellen Alfar
Laurie Starkey
Tami Denton
Susan Slavens
Lorrie Beasley
Jeff Mueller or Sam Sharif
Sandra Harper
Cynthia Blackshear
Pam and DJ White
Mike and Jane O’Shea
Bud Elkins
Kelly Freeman
Colin McLeod or David Lange
Doug and Mary Cherry
Laurie Zalewski
Maxine Cornwell
Jonathan Breazeale



WELCOME OUR NEWEST FOURTH DAY MEMBERS!

RELATED WEBSITES

THE UPPER ROOM

www.upperroom.org

INTERNAT'L EMMAUS

www.upperroom.org/emmaus

STUFF!

www.decolores.com

www.doveinc.com

www.singstherooster.com

WOMEN'S WALK 50. APRIL 16-19, 2009.

Donna Adams, Susan Bacon, Elena Baer, Cammie DeShazer, Suzanne Donaldson, Jody Dickinson, Tracy Dygert, Catherine Fife, Tammy Flack, Angie Gill, Debi Hite, Karen Holzem, Sally Hurlbutt, J.J. Kuykendall, Sherrie McCormick, Jennifer McCullough, Nancy Mensinger, Elin Moss, Amy Mitcham, Sharon Nichols, Donetta Ooley-Ingling, Dixie Patrick, Molly Prim, Cindy Reed, Katie Sample, Joan Serrette, Carol Sims, Karen Soliz, Deborah Strong, Johna Van Roekel, and Cathy Wright.

MEN'S WALK 51. APRIL 23-26, 2009.

Wayne Baer, Leonard Bench, Hugh Brown, Bill Byrd, Tom Charter, Esau Chavez, Scott Haensgen, Bobby Hantelman, Scott Jacobs, Garrett Jones, Ted Joslyn, Jim Kuykendall, Tom Lammers, Derek Laws, James Livesay, Walter Magee, David Marty, Paul Morgan, Jon Navarez, John Osborne, Wes Robertson, Richard Rowe, Jim Rutherford, Steve Saunders, bobby Seal, Jason Smith, Rich Stanton, Gene Sugg, Paul Vagis, and Tim Van Roekel.

Hey, Erica, check this out! My best friend just went on his Emmaus Walk. He told me it was life-changing. Maybe we should try out this "Emmaus" thing!



ALL WALK PHOTOS ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. GO TO THE SITE BELOW AND FIND THE WALK OF YOUR CHOICE. YEAH...LIKE THEY'RE DOING!

www.hnec.org/Walk%20Pages/walk_archives.htm

EMMAUS TEAM SERVICE



FAQs:

1. How are Walk weekend team members selected?

The most important step of all—the process begins with prayer. Teams are selected by a committee consisting of two HNEC Board members and six Fourth Day members, with equal male and female representation. This committee meets several months before the Walks and compiles a list of potential team members utilizing names from the HNEC database. The Lay Director and Servant Team Coordinator make phone calls and form their Walk team from the list of potential candidates compiled by the Team Selection Committee.

2. How do I get my name on the list of potential weekend team members?

- a. Email Purvis Harper (pharper5@embarqmail.com) or Beth Roberts (beth_roberts@huntsman.com). They are the HNEC Board members responsible for team formation. Let them know of your availability for specific Walk weekends.
- b. Or, let your church Emmaus Fourth Day representative know (see [Page 3 for names](#)), and they will communicate to the Board.
- c. OR, fill out a Team Service Interest Form (available on the Web at www.hnec.org/team_service.htm), scan it, and send to communications@hnec.org.

3. What are my chances of being selected for a weekend Walk team?

HNEC conducts five Walks a year with 30-35 weekend team members. That's a maximum of 175 persons. Of those, approximately 1/3 will be first-timers. Our community has over 3,500 members. So, on the one hand, only a small percentage of our Community members serve in a given year. On the other hand, it is sometimes difficult for the Board to find potential team members because we can't find you (contact information has changed) or we don't know you want to work. **SO, to make sure we have your current contact information, and/or you want to work, please communicate that information to us!** communications@hnec.org

4. If I don't get called for weekend Team service, what are my other options for Emmaus service?

There are MANY ways to be involved with Emmaus. Work as a Day Servant on a Walk. Sponsor a pilgrim. Make pillow and table agape. Serve on your church's Emmaus team. Help on a Walk in one of the Community Servanthood areas—Snack Supper, furniture moving, Saturday parking, Saturday candlelight, Sunday roses, or Agape Dinner. Sign up on the 72-hour prayer clock. Send snack agape. Come to Candlelight.

WALK 50 Team Members

Janie Gulley, Lay Director; Mary Nell Benson, Servant Team Coordinator; Rev. Debbie Drost, Spiritual Director; Rhonda Fronk, Assistant Spiritual Director; Judy Chandler, Deanna Gau, and Joleen Wright, Assistant Lay Directors; Lindsey Robertson, Board Representative; Heather Ramirez (Head), and Lee Randolph, Musicians; Cynthia Blackshear, Susan Carson, Mary Feece, Jackie Forbes, Karen Greco, Danelle Knox, Kelly Krenzke, Michelle Kyle, Tami Laugharn, Jamie Primrose, Diane Scott, and Carolyn Yockey, Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders; Corey Worthen (Head), Sonya Bleau, Stephanie Dement, Susan Fronk, and Dobbi Lunday, Agape Servants; Lisa Garner (Head), Ellen Alfar, Tiffni Blake, Orpha Haag, and Laura McMeans, Kitchen Servants; Mary Szilagyi-Ovatt (Head) and Jean Abernathy, Chapel Servants; Rev. Mark Donaldson, Rev. Pam Jackson, and Rev. Patty Wehn-Glowski, Visiting Clergy; and Day Servants.

WALK 51 Team Members

Robert Kent, Lay Director; Bill Maloney, Servant Team Coordinator; Rev. Larry Smith, Spiritual Director; Gary Laugharn, Barney Gulley, and Bill Laurents, Assistant Lay Directors; Kevin Kyle, Board Representative; Roger Harris (Head), Dan Spencer, and Jim Watson, Musicians; Pete Collier (Head), Chris Charbonneau, Todd Sullivan, Todd Hall, Tom Huber, and Carl Spaeth, Table Leaders; Denny Clark, Tim Bigler, Phil Henderson, Joel Knox, Tom Miessler, and David Horne, Assistant Table Leaders; LeRoy Fronk (Head), Michael Brown, Randy Best, Scotty Scott, and Bo Franklin, Agape Servants; Gerald Pommier (Head), Jeff Mueller, Joel Zalewski, Richard Burroughs, and Tom Larock, Kitchen Servants; Sam Sharif (Head) and Bob Southard, Chapel Servants; Rev. Godfrey Hubert, Rev. Mariann Wallace, and Rev. Jim Welch, Visiting Clergy; and Jacob Starkey, Matt Swanson, Craig Moore, Mark Edwards, and Bill Carroll, Day Servants.

2009 COMMUNITY SERVANTHOOD OPPORTUNITIES



For each Walk, there are up to 8 tasks that are provided by the HNEC Fourth Day Community. Below are the items that are open and available as of June for each Walk. To serve in any area, contact Sara Farris or John Follis with the number of people serving and their affiliation (individual, reunion group, or church community). **A complete description of the various servanthood opportunities can be accessed on the web at www.hnec.org/Community_Servanthood/comm_servanthood.htm.**

<u>Walk #</u>	<u>Walk Dates</u>	<u>Open Opportunities</u>
52 (Women)	Jul 30-Aug 2	Thursday Moving; Thursday Snack Supper; Sunday Moving
53 (Men)	Oct 8-11	Thursday Snack Supper; Saturday Parking Attendants
54 (Women)	Oct 15-18	Saturday Agape Dinner; Saturday Parking Attendants; Saturday Candlelight Service; Sunday Moving

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JOHN FOLLIS: johnfollis@att.net



Final 2009 HNEC COMMUNITY GATHERING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

Kingwood UMC. www.kingwoodumc.org

SCHEDULE:

- 4:00-5:00 Follow-Up Meetings – Walks 53 and 54
- 5:00-5:30 Sponsorship Orientation
- 5:30-8:00 Meal and Gathering (Worship, speaker, communion)

At this Gathering we will also have the Annual Meeting of HNEC, vote on any matters that are subject to a vote as required by the By-Laws, and cast ballots for the new 2010 Board members.

HNEC 2009 Board of Directors

Please send all Walk applications and written correspondence to:

HOUSTON NORTH EMMAUS COMMUNITY, INC.
2257 North Loop 336 West,
#140-331
Conroe, TX 77304

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communications@h nec.org

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See us at:

www.hnec.org

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Past Community Chair	Susan Kent	281.360.2886
Secretary	Carlene Jackson	281.350.3078
Treasurer	Lyndal Davis	936.441.9795
Spiritual Director	Rev. Patty Wehn-Glowski	281.356.3665
Past Spiritual Director	Rev. Larry Smith	936.653.2288
Agape (Internal/External)	Lindsey Robertson	713.447.9962
Books, Manuals & Documents Manager	Morris Davidson	936.449.4326
Community Development	Kevin Kyle Laurie Starkey	281.970.0814 281.288.4028
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Kitchen Coordinators	Lynda Jackson Debbie Zemanek	713.686.5949 936.672.0214
Property	Chuck Abernathy Kirk Smith	936.449.6450 281.379.5993
Team Selection & Nominations	Purvis Harper Beth Roberts	281.359.5535 936.588.2401
Training	Jeff Reinhart	281.537.0439
Database Administrator	Anita Worthington	936.377.2435
Music	Debbie Parcel	281.894.6344
Communications (Web and Newsletter)	Rhonda Fronk	281.345.0761 communications@h nec.org
Registrar	Jim Garland	713.240.4458 registrar@h nec.org

2009 Board Meetings

HNEC Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Check the website prior to each meeting for that month's location.

Remaining 2009 meeting dates: June 9; July 14; Aug 1; Sept 8; Oct 13; Nov 10; Dec 8

All meetings start at 7:00 pm and are open to any Fourth Day who might wish to attend. Anyone wishing to have a specific item placed on the agenda or with a desire to address the Board during a meeting, should contact Tom Wanamaker, Community Chair (see contact information above) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.