

# Houston North Emmaus Community

## Pilgrim's Journey

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'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

The Gospel of Luke 24:32

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#### From the Community Chairman

De Colores Everyone!

As of this writing, Thanksgiving is upon us! On behalf of the HNEC Board of Directors I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

First I want to report an amazing set of walk weekends to wrap up 2013. Being able to welcome the 27 men and 35 women who are new 4<sup>th</sup> day to the Houston North Emmaus Community is a real blessing!

Although our 2013 walks are completed, nothing should stop you from signing up for our 2014 walks. The current applications can be used to sign up for those walks. The 2014 walk dates are on the website but here they are for your reference:

Men's Walk #74      March 27 - 30

Women's Walk #78    April 3 - 6

Women's Walk #79    July 24 - 27

Men's Walk #80      September 25 - 28

Women's Walk #81    October 2 - 5

Information about signing up for the weekends can be found at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org). You can also find information on how to sign up and pay electronically. Please be in prayer as the leadership for these weekends is currently being selected by God for his glory!

As we head into 2014, I want to have you think about promoting the Emmaus weekend at your local churches or telling someone about the weekend, inviting them to attend. Again, here are some suggestions to do this:

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**HOUSTON NORTH EMMAUS COMMUNITY INC**  
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- We have heard at times that a potential sponsor has not sponsored in a while and has prevented them from sponsoring a pilgrim. If you have been removed from sponsoring for a while and you need a refresher, just drop an email to [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org) and we can arrange that training for you.
- Be purposeful about Emmaus. Wear your Emmaus cross at church one Sunday – it usually sparks conversations!
- Remember the names that God put on your heart that you wrote down and put into the box that is prayed for at each gathering and at HNEC Board meetings. Do you think it might be time to ask them about their interest in a weekend?
- When Emmaus is shared to a couple, make sure both the husband and wife are spoken to at the same time. Sometimes in our enthusiasm to share Emmaus, we sometimes forget about the spouse.
- If you have access to the church bulletin or newsletter, announce the future walks to provide awareness. Or (working with the local clergy), see if you can have an Emmaus Sunday at your church where 4<sup>th</sup> day at your church can share their Emmaus experience. At my church for a month, our pastors also did a sermon series on the various forms of grace
- If God places a name on your heart – ask them! Many people want to be asked. They may not say yes immediately but they do appreciate the invitation and plants the seed for them to pray and think about whether the Emmaus weekend is for them.

Be purposeful in sharing Emmaus with others. Your own personal testimony is a start to providing awareness and God willing – pilgrims!

As always, I want to encourage our new 4<sup>th</sup> day men and ladies from HNEC 76 & HNEC 77 to continue to find opportunities to share God's grace and love to others through existing ministries (or new ministries) through your local church or other things such as Kairos, Chrysalis and Epiphany. I also want to encourage our new 4<sup>th</sup> day to be part of an accountability or reunion group. Being in accountability with other Christians strengthens your foundation in a life in grace. Christians are not mavericks, but are in community living life in Christ together. Trying to find a reunion group? Check out our Reunion Group section on [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org).

2014 is going to introduce a significant change to our walk weekends – we are going to start later! Registration will begin at 6:45pm with the send-off coming at 7:45pm. More information to come. Starting the registration and the walk later on Thursday will allow pilgrims and sponsors get through the craziness called Houston traffic and will allow local church bodies to have sendoffs for their pilgrims prior to coming to Kaiserhof.

One final thing is that I will be turning the community leadership reins over to Jeff Mueller at the end of this year. Please be in prayer for his leadership in 2014.

I would want to say that this has been an awesome experience serving this community as your Community Lay Director and looking forward to what God has for me working with the Emmaus ministry. Don't worry; you will probably still see me at Candlelights!

God bless you and yours through this Thanksgiving season and I will see you in 2014!

In Him,

Phil Henderson  
Community Lay Director



## Board Elections

It is with great excitement that the following members of the Houston North Community have accepted the Call as our newest Board Members serving for the next three years:

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**Dona Angell**

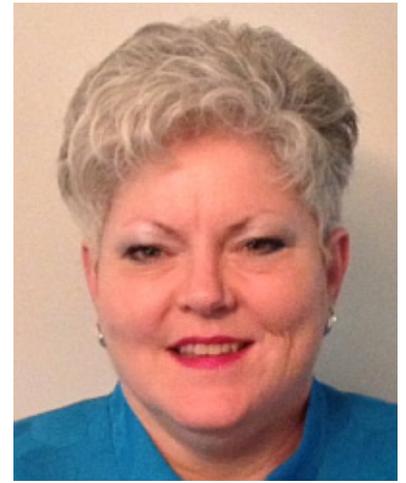
Dona, is married to Russ and they live in Magnolia (on 5 beautiful acres) where we also have the privilege of caring for her eldest sister, Pat. Their son, Jordan Whitehead is 26 and lives and works in The Woodlands. They currently attend Lone Star Cowboy Church while still continuing to be involved in activities at The Woodlands United Methodist Church.

Dona's Emmaus involvement began in 1996 as a pilgrim...a life changing event for her. Her connection to this community is through team service. As you know...team service disguises itself as service when really it's a time of personal closeness to God and His children. She has been serving annually from 1997 – 2005. She attributes her continued "fire" for Emmaus to her committed Reunion Group of 13 years, whose support and love inspires her to be a better person.

Dona is honored to serve God through this community on the Emmaus Board with hopes that we'll continue to afford others the opportunity of meeting with, learning about, and feeling the touch of this amazing God we serve.

Becky Burks, attended Walk #154 at the Houston Cursillo Center in 1994, and sat at the Table of the Peacemakers. In the years since then, She has served on a number of different teams in various locations (Cursillo Center, Kickapoo and Kaiserhof). In 2004, she was blessed to serve as Lay Director for HNEC Women's Walk #20.

She currently worships at St. Mark's UMC in Houston, and is active on the Worship and Mission committees and facilitate adult bible study (Disciple) and she teaches Sunday school. Becky continues to work to maintain the balance of that "three-legged stool" of piety, study and action. She doesn't have words to describe the power of God's love, shown through faithful Fourth Day servants, she has witnessed while working walks over the years!!! She feels serving on the HNEC Board involves a sacred trust to support and further this wonderful ministry and she is honored to serve.



**Becky Burks**



**Kelly Freeman**

Kelly, attended Women's Walk #199 in August of 1999 at Kickapoo when we were just one Houston Emmaus Community. She sat at the Table of Patience. Kelly is married to Ray Freeman, they have one son, Ethan, and are members of Lake Houston UMC in Huffman, TX.

Kelly has come full circle since her Walk to Emmaus weekend. She has worked 10 Walks since 2000 and served as Lay Director in 2006 for Women's Walk #32, which was the first Walk at Kaiserhof. Kelly feels it always a joy and a privilege to serve on an Emmaus team! A recent opportunity to serve the Lord has presented itself to the Freeman's through Kairos. Kelly worked on one Outside team and will be serving again in October at the Hightower Unit in Dayton.

God used the Walk to Emmaus as a tool at a critical time in Kelly's life to draw her closer to Him and helped her realize the importance of being an intentional and authentic Christian. They had just adopted their son in July of 1999; so she looks back over those 14 years, and realizes what a gift it was to attend the Walk and learn that God equips us for whatever role He calls us. She has learned to appreciate God's goodness and mercy in all things.

The people she holds dearest to her heart are from her church and the Emmaus Community. As a representative for her 4th Day, she can have every confidence that she will serve whole-heartedly and will do her best to uphold the gift that the Walk to Emmaus is to our community.



Bobby Hantelman attended Emmaus walk #51 at Kaiserhoff Retreat Center in April of 2009. He is married to his best friend, Kris Duke(Emmaus Walk #55), and they have two boys; John age 21 and James age 15. They attend Splendora Countryside UMC .

Bobby is employed at Ferrari of Houston and his position is “Ferrari Master Certified Technician”. He has been there for 17 years and has traveled in and out of the country with their race team. He is not currently part of the race team because he has decided that his home life is more important to him and his family than anything the “Ferrari” world has to offer. God has opened more doors for him here, than he ever knew existed!

Bobby has worked numerous Emmaus weekends, in several different capacities, and has met many of our Emmaus community members. He is looking forward to serving on the Board.



**Bobby Hantelman**



**Brad Brown**

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Brad attended Walk to Emmaus # 56 in April, 2010 and served on walks #58, #64, and #66 as a Chapel Servant, Assistant Table Leader, and Table Leader and he presented the talk on Christian Action on Walk #66.

Brad and his wife have been members of Foundry United Methodist Church for 32 years. He has served in many capacities including Head of Ushers, Charity Barbeque Director, Adult Choir member, Foundry Chordsmen (barbershop quartet), Board of Trustees, church grounds committee, and Boy Scout Leader (church sponsor for Troop 1177).

His Walk to Emmaus program was an incredible journey that Bobby would like to share with as many men as possible. For him it was a reminder and a realization that Christ is ALWAYS right with us. Brad believes the Lord directs everything that happens to us in our lives and he cannot think of a better way to serve the 4th day Houston North Emmaus Community than to serve on the Board of Directors.



Sheridan and his wife, Susan have been members of the Atascocita United Methodist Church for over sixteen years. They have two wonderful daughters, Hannah and Lily, who are active in the church's Youth Program, which, by the way, is led by Susan, Sheridan's beautiful wife.

He attended Walk #19 in April 2004 at Kickapoo (and sat at the Table of The Alpha and The Omega). Sheridan has been blessed to serve on eight Walks teams in the varied roles of: Kitchen Servant, Head Kitchen Servant, Assistant Table Leader, Table Leader, ALD and LD for Walk #70 this past Spring.

Like many of us, the guiding factors in his life are: God, family, work and community...in that order.

Sheridan believes very strongly in "leading by example," and his willingness to serve others shows in his attitude and everyday life.



**Sheridan  
Sanders**



**Robin Collier**

Robin, attended HNEC Walk #13 at Kickapoo in April, 2003 and sat at the Table – "In the Light of His Will".

She lives in Huffman with her husband Pete (who is also 4th Day) and they are members of Lake Houston United Methodist Church. Their family includes Pete's daughter Paula, dogs JoJo and Max, and a whole plethora of cats. Robin works as the office administrator for an engineering firm located in Greenway Plaza.

Her true passion is being able to serve the Lord in whatever way He calls me to. At our church, she is the Chair of the Hospitality Committee and is also a part of the Bible Study ministry and the Women's Ministry.

Robin has been blessed to work many Emmaus Walks in the past ten years, both as part of the Servant Team and the Conference Room Team. She has seen the Emmaus experience change lives in miraculous ways. She is honored to be a new member of the HNEC Board of Directors and will not take this responsibility lightly.



**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN FIND AND FILL OUT  
All of the forms below on the website?**

- [HNEC Pilgrim Application](#)
- [HNEC Sponsor Form](#)
- [HNEC – Sponsor Checklist](#)
- [HNEC - Sponsor Request for Pilgrim Letters](#)
- [HNEC - Information Sheet for Sponsors](#)
- [HNEC Team Service Interest Form](#)
- [HNEC Day Servant Application](#)

**Remember !**

**We now offer the capability to pay for walk fees for  
teams and Pilgrims online via PayPal!**

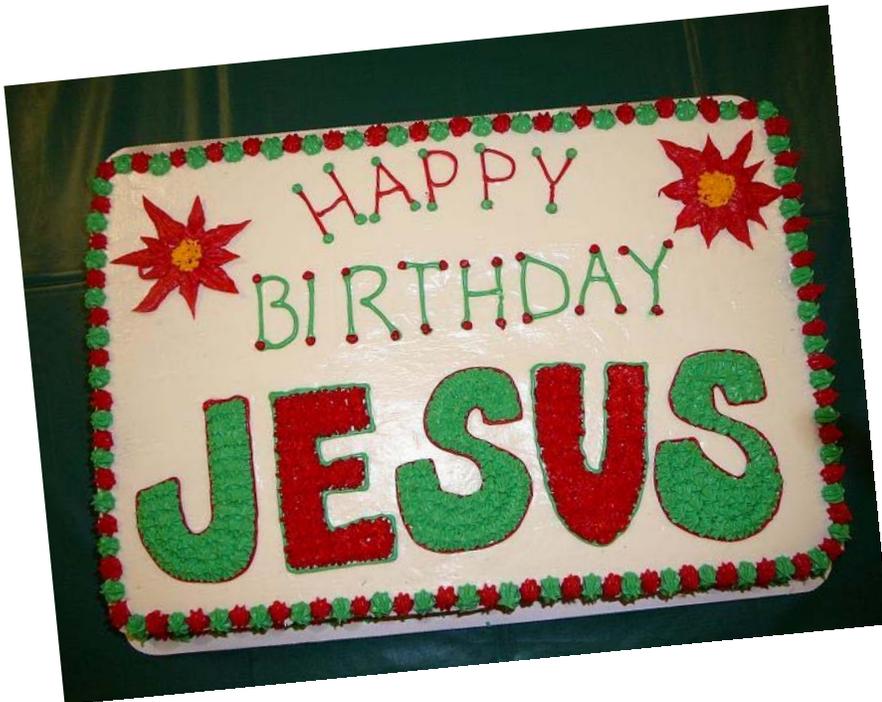
Mark your calendars and make your plans...  
2014 Walk Dates have been announced!



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## **More dates to remember !**

- January 11, 2014  
Walk Leadership Training – at Christ Church the Woodlands  
for Walks and Boards
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Kick off Gathering place and time to be  
announced.



All North Emmaus Walks are held at  
the beautiful Kaiserhof Retreat Center  
<http://www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com>



# Men's Walk #76



**MEN'S WALK #76 ~ SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2013**  
**KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS**

## Pilgrims

Ron Atkinson, Bill Awalt, Cliff Bodin, Kenneth Brown, John Browning, Richard Byrd, David Chavez, Bo Conaway, Wendell Cox, Jackson Dzakuma, David Easley, Mark Garrison, Alfred Hernandez, Wayne Hughes, Robert Leilich, Chris May, Michael Oliver, Jarod Pitts, Mike Schwendeman, Johnny Smith, Jason Tade, Tenel Tayar, Junior Tillet, Dewayne Williams, Charles Windwehen, Glen Wolverton

## Team Members

Lay Director: LeRoy Fronk

Asst. Lay Directors: Wayne Parcel, Douglas Chapman, Joe Hudman

Board Rep: Larry Thieme.

Servant Team Coordinator: Gary Laugharn

Spiritual Director: Cliff Ritter

Visiting Clergy: Godfrey Hubert, Susan Kent, Jerry Neff, Larry Smith

Chapel Servants: John Follis (Head), Timothy Nichols

Musicians: Larry Burgess (Head), Bill Maloney, Paul Kessler

Table Leaders and Assistants: Scotty Scott (Head), Chris Lallier, Dan Pearce, Dave Mefford, Dan Chenoweth, Robert "Bobby" Ambrose, Gary Boyd, Jim Castro, Jerry Brandt

Agape: Tom Hollis (Head), Paul Gotsch, Danny Osborne

Kitchen: Ken Gau, Steven Johnson, William Sikma, Michael Wappelhorst

# Women's Walk #77



## WOMEN'S WALK #77 ~ OCTOBER 3-6, 2013 KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS

### Pilgrims:

Lisa Anderson, Mary Armstrong, Brenda Baker, Nancy Bartell, Lisa Bassett, Nadine Boutros, Mary Brunson, Gilda Bueno, TJ Campbell, Isla Rochelle Cook, Laura Davenport, Linda Duff, Teresa Duff, Lateefa Farrera, Elva Graham, Melanie Hamilton, Connie Hoisington, Dee Jackson, Sheila Jackson, Sue Jackson, Heidi Jarvis, Evelyn Link, Sherri McNeill, Tammy Neighbors, Elaine Olbrych, Marisa Oliver, Merle Payne, Carol St Clair, Laraine Taylor, Doris Thompson, Barbara Tipton, Valerie VanNatta, Connie Ward, Pamela Wickes, Ann Wohl

### Team Members:

Lay Director: Theresa Nichols

Asst. Lay Director: Mary Lallier, Gayle Hanz; Laurie Starkey

Servant Team Coordinator: Beth Roberts

Board Rep: Kathy Reedy

Spiritual Director: David Green

Chapel: Daniece Peck (Head)

Visiting Clergy: Roberta (Bobbie) Maltas, Mary Magnusson, Susan Kent

Musicians: Laura McMeans, Desirie Dougall

Agape: Joleen Wright (Head), Janel O'Shea, Mary Rushing, Tracy Temple

Table Leaders and Assistants: Taani Follis (Head), Nancy Frasier, Judy Swanson, Jean Nation, Leslie Townsend, Becky Streetman, Martha Taylor, Vicki Tichenor, Robbin Zettlemoyer

Kitchen: Vicki Pruitt (Head), Jennifer Ellis, Carmen Lopez, Carmen Jaime, Phyllis Palmer



**Merry Christmas and God's Blessings too all !**

### **PILGRIM'S JOURNEY NEWSLETTER**

The *Pilgrim's Journey* newsletter is published 4 times a year. All issues will be emailed to all Fourth Day members in our Data file. We recommend that you keep your information updated on the web site to ensure receipt of HNEC communications. If you miss a Newsletter they are all posted on the Houston North Emmaus web site at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org).

The recently updated web site has everything you will want to know about the happenings going on in our Community.

If you have questions or suggestions about ways we can enhance and improve the communication and information to our Community please don't hesitate to contact us.

In Him...

***Marty and Ray Cox,  
HNEC Communications***