



## CROSS COUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

*An Emmaus Fourth Days Community*  
April—May—June 2008



### Volunteers Needed

The Team Selection Committee is in need of volunteers to serve for 2008-2009. Please contact Lynna Cox at [lynna-beth@hotmail.com](mailto:lynna-beth@hotmail.com) if you are interested in serving. If you live in one of the following areas, please consider volunteering to serve on the committee: Archer, Baylor, Fisher, Jones, Haskell, Knox, Shack/Erath/Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Young. Members of the Team Selection Committee should be active in their local church, active in the Emmaus Community and involved in a reunion group.

The Team Selection Committee reviews the prospective team lists for walks in the upcoming year. Lay directors are asked to select their team according to certain guidelines and it is the responsibility of the Team Selection Committee to review prospective team lists and make suggestions to the upcoming lay directors about persons who are or who are not qualified to work walks. Clergy teams are reviewed by the community Spiritual Director and the Board.

The Committee usually reviews prospective team lists about six months before each walk. The Committee meets immediately following the Community meeting and alternates between the towns.

### Upcoming 2008 Gatherings

April 14	FBC, Seymour
May 12	St. John's UMC, Stamford
June 9	FBC, Haskell

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### Agape Trailer Request

Jana & Jimmy Grisham have requested that no leftover food Agape be put on the Agape trailer. It is the responsibility of the Lay Director of the upcoming Walk to arrange to pick up and take home all leftover food Agape. They can use it for team meetings or if it is non-perishable, save it for the next Walk. The team that is helping to clean up and pack after the Walk needs to be sure and check the refrigerator as well. Nothing should be left in the refrigerator or in the Agape rooms. The Agape team should save boxes to pack up the leftover food and drinks.

### NOTICE TO ALL CCEC CLERGY

The CCEC web site ([www.ccemmaus.net](http://www.ccemmaus.net)) has a form which must be completed by all those who are going to serve as Clergy on CCEC Walk or Chrysalis Flight Teams. Please complete the form and mail it to Dusty Garison at the address specified on the form. Thank You!

### Prayers for Walks and Leaders

The logistics of a Walk to Emmaus seem straightforward enough, and there are any number of examples of the lists and files that can be used to prepare for a Walk. BUT what has to occur to the leaders of the Walk is how awesome the responsibility is to choose the team members, AND the Speakers. And at that point it is realized that there is no way it can be done on your own—it is a GOD thing—and only prayers to God, by the leaders, by the Community, can offer assurance that the proper decisions will be made. So, look at the scheduled Walks, and open up your hearts in prayer for the decisions that are being made, for the Leaders to understand their role and to implement God's will, that their hearts will be open, and honest, and that they will rely on God's will requested in prayer. Be a Prayer Warrior for these people!

### Sponsorship

Good sponsorship is vital to the continuation of the Emmaus Movement. We are faced with the challenge of educating pilgrims on the role and importance of good sponsorship. It is the most important part of Emmaus. It is the first act of agape, before the "Walk" even begins. We repeat this in each of our newsletters because Sponsorship, and the resulting Fourth Days, are the reason for our Community's existence—We are a Fourth Days Community.

### Ten Top Ways

Ten top ways to spot a pilgrim who's just came home from a Walk to Emmaus....

10. Becomes an expert at multicolored yarn, buys stock in the "Rainbow Suspenders Company" and never wears anything less than twenty colors at a time.
9. Develops a compulsive disorder to smash clocks and steal others' watches. OR he begins to horde timepieces of any kind.
8. Before bedtime, he asks his family to turn out the lights, stand in the living room, wave candles, and sing the "Jesus, Jesus" song to him.
7. Fills out a job application with: Name: John Doe Address: Table of St. Stephen Age: Walk #13.
6. When anyone new walks into the room or office, he feels compelled to cheer, hoot, and whistle for twenty minutes.
5. Has grown accustomed to the snoring of others and cannot sleep without a chainsaw running beside the bed.
4. Smiles sweetly in his sleep as he dreams of the melodious bell.
3. Displays an extraordinary amount of grace, especially when he calls the accident the cat had on the bed - "Pillow Agape" .
2. Treats every sales receipt, coupon, or small trinket as something Holy and divine - begins to wear them pinned to his tie.
1. Be the end of every Sunday morning service, he has prepared a poster to present to the minister, outlining the points of the morning's sermon.

*Philip Martin*

### Attention

The DVD "In Remembrance" which is shown on Thursday evenings was not retrieved after the January Walk. We all know this is vital for the Walk to Emmaus experience, so if you know of the whereabouts of this DVD please contact Jana Grisham as soon as possible. We have ordered a new one, the price is \$56.00. Let's be good stewards of what the Lord has blessed us with! Thanks.

*Marla Hawkins*

### So You Want To Work A Walk

***"I can't wait to work a walk" "When can I work a walk?" "How do I get to work a walk?" "Why haven't I ever been asked to work a walk?"***

Our community guidelines for working a walk are that you must have been on a walk at least six months ago, you must be active in your church, active in a reunion group, and active in the Emmaus community. It is important that you wait at least six months because that gives you time to get involved, attend community meetings, attend walk activities, and learn more about the walk to Emmaus. A volunteer sheet is posted on the community website, [www.ccemmaus.net](http://www.ccemmaus.net) .

Fill out the sheet and return it to Lisa Snead. Get to know members of the team selection committee and upcoming lay directors. And then.....pray and wait. That's the hard part, sure, but in the meantime you will get to enjoy the other benefits of being active in the Emmaus community. Serving behind the scenes by praying, signing up on the 72-hour prayer schedule, making agape, serving meals during team meetings, sponsoring pilgrims on walks, and other support are ways to be a part of a walk even when you are not on the actual team.

Team member responsibilities before the walk include paying the walk fee (there are no scholarships for team members) by the third team meeting, making agape, coming to at least two of the three team meetings, and praying for your prayer partners. At least one third of each team is made up of people who have not worked a walk. Please don't be discouraged if you don't get asked right away. It usually takes awhile before you are asked but when you finally are....it will be worth the wait.

*Lynna Cox*

*(This has been repeated from the last newsletter because of it's importance for our new Community members—please, Sponsors, make it part of your sponsorship to explain this process and help the new members in their desire to be a team member on a Walk to Emmaus. Also—do not be shy—find out who the Lay Directors are for upcoming Walks, and talk to them at Gatherings—offer to help them, let them know you can be available if there are last minute changes, etc.—ed.)*

### Pranks

Did you know that pranks during a Walk are expressly forbidden in the Upper Room's Lay Director manual? Why? Surely a little good-hearted humor couldn't hurt? A Walk is supposed to be fun, after all, isn't it?

Well, yes. BUT—these pranks shift the emphasis of the Walk from the Pilgrims and God, to a tit-for-tat interchange by the involved team members. And certainly Pilgrims should not be involved or take part in pranks—again, the Walk is about preparing the men and women to serve the church, the body of Christ. The next time you are tempted to play a joke on someone during a Walk, think again—save it for the proper occasion!

### The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small Texas town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger...he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.) Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home... Not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing. I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name?..... We just call him, "TV."

P. S. He has a wife now....We call her "Computer."

Jan Williams

### Beware of Garbage Trucks

How often do you let other people's nonsense change your mood? Do you let a bad driver, rude waiter, curt boss, or an insensitive employee ruin your day? Unless you're the Terminator, for an instant you're probably set back on your heels. However, the mark of a successful person is how quickly he/she can get back her focus on what's important.

Sixteen years ago I learned this lesson. I learned it in the back of a New York City taxi cab. Here's what happened. I hopped in a taxi, and we took off for Grand Central Station. We were driving in the right lane when, all of a sudden, a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car's back end by just inches!

The driver of the other car, the guy who almost caused a big accident, whipped his head around and he started yelling bad words at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was friendly. So, I said, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' And this is when my taxi driver told me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. When someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. You just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. You'll be happy you did. So this was it: The 'Law of the Garbage Truck.' I started thinking, how often do I let Garbage Trucks run right over me? And how often do I take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, on the streets? It was that day I said, 'I'm not going to do it anymore.'

I began to see garbage trucks. Like in the movie 'The Sixth Sense,' the little boy said, 'I see Dead People'. Well, now 'I see Garbage Trucks.' I see the load they're carrying. I see them coming to drop it off. And like my Taxi Driver, I don't make it a personal thing; I just smile, wave, wish them well, and I move on. One of my favorite football players of all time, Walter Payton, did this every day on the football field. He would jump up as quickly as he hit the ground after being tackled. He never dwelled on a hit. Payton was ready to make the next play his best. Good leaders know they have to be ready for their next meeting. Good parents know that they have to welcome their children home from school with hugs and kisses. Leaders and parents know that they have to be fully present, and at their best for the people they care about.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let Garbage Trucks take over their day. What about you? What would happen in your life, starting today, if you let more garbage trucks pass you by? **Here's my bet.**

*You'll be happier. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so.. Love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a **chance, TAKE IT! If it changes your life, LET IT! Nobody said it would be easy...They just promised it would be worth it!***

**Community Sponsors**

Date	City	Sponsor
April 14	Seymour	Archer City
May 12	Stamford	Aspermont, Old Glory, Rule
June 9	Haskell	Hamlin

**Candlelight Schedule  
(January 2008 thru December 2008)**

Walk 156 Priscilla DuValle	January 26 Butman
Walk 157 Mac Reid (Wed-Sat)	March 7 Lueders
Walk 158 Beverly Kinnibrugh	April 26 Lueders
Flights 38 Boys/39 Girls	August 2/August 9
Walk 159 Eddy McIlwain	August 16 Butman
Walk 160 Suzie Miller	September 20 Lueders
Walk 161 David Wright	October 4 Butman
Walk 162 Ruth Medeiros	November 8 Butman
(No December Chrysalis Flights are planned)	



**Walks (April 2008 – August 2008)**

Date	M/W	Walk #	Place	Lay Director / Spiritual Director
April 24—27	W	158	Lueders	Beverly Kinnibrugh / Sammie Elliot
August 14—17	M	159	Butman	Eddy McIlwain / TBA
September 18—21	W	160	Lueders	Suzie Miller / TBA
October 2—5	M	161	Butman	David Wright / TBA
July 31—August 3	B	Flight 38	McMurry	Guy Duke / TBA
August 7—10	G	Flight 39	McMurry	Heather Waters / TBA

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