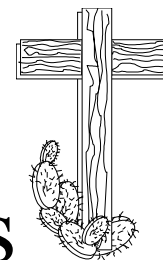


# Cross Country News



January—February—March  
2006

## Sponsorship

**Sponsor:** One who has been on a Walk to Emmaus or comparable 3 day weekend experience and wishes to send somebody else on a Walk.

One of the most rewarding experiences after you have gone on your own Walk to Emmaus is to sponsor somebody else on their Walk. It is a time of joy and also a time of responsibility.

First, let's discuss WHO should be sponsored on a Walk. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to deepen an existing relationship with Christ and to cause church members to become more active in their home churches. Your prospective Pilgrim should already be a church member. One who is seeking to deepen and intensify their relationship with Christ. The structure of the Walk assumes that the Pilgrim is already a Christian. That's why the talks don't contain evangelical components. There are no formal times of invitation to come to Christ. We all know that there are times when a Pilgrim realizes that his relationship with Christ is not what is described in the Talks and makes a commitment on the Walk. But this should be the exception, not the rule.

Also, it is assumed by the designers of the Walk that the Pilgrims are Christians. This is not the place to send an Islamic friend, hoping that he will "see the light." On at least one occasion, it has happened that a Jewish person was sent on the Walk, described to him as "a spiritual retreat." He was rather confused to learn that it was a distinctly CHRISTIAN atmosphere. He was well grounded in his faith and had no wish to change. A well-meaning sponsor thought this would be a good opportunity to acquaint his friend with Christian beliefs. The Walk is not designed for this purpose. A Pilgrim like this man would feel very out of place on the Walk. This Pilgrim asked to be taken back home.

When a person is going through a major life crisis, like a divorce, is also not a good time to send him. He will, understandably, be consumed by the things

going on in his life. He may need counseling, but the Walk is not designed to give the intense one-on-one counseling that is indicated under these circumstances.

Be sure that your Pilgrim understands what will happen on the Walk. Give him as much knowledge as he requires to feel safe and comfortable. Words you should NEVER use are "It's a secret," or "I can't tell you about that." NOTHING on the Walk is a secret. To tell somebody that opens us to accusations of cultism or elitism. Like the Fourth Day Talk says, "You are no better than somebody who has not been on a Walk." It's fun to see the look of concern on somebody's face when you tell them they will be fasting the whole weekend. We've pretty much all done that. But, in the end, it's a lie. If you want them to believe the important things, you must be truthful in all things.

While your Pilgrim is on the Walk, remember that you have responsibilities there at home. You should make sure that their family has all its needs met in the absence of the Pilgrim. You should also be aware that your responsibility to your Pilgrim does not end on Sunday evening after Closing. You should be prepared to see that they know when the next Community Meeting is taking place, where it will be and, hopefully, go with them the first time so that they don't feel abandoned.

To take on the role of Sponsor is to commit to the Pilgrim's physical and spiritual needs before, during and after the Walk experience. Plan to attend all the Community-inclusive activities of the Walk. Be there for Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing. Also pray for your Pilgrim during the Walk. A good idea is to keep a Walk schedule and pray for each upcoming experience during each day. The choice to be a Sponsor should never be entered into lightly but with prayer and consideration for the needs of the individual Pilgrim and all the other Pilgrims on the Walk.

## Happy New Year! Happy New Folks!

The new year brings new servants to new positions. Please welcome them, thank them for their service and, above all, keep them in your prayers.

### Board Class of 2008:

Ed Ekdahl, Stamford  
 Bob McWhorter, Seymour  
 Lynna Cox, Anson  
 Marla Hawkins, Knox City  
 Hoby Strand, clergy, Stamford

**Registrar: Lisa Snead, Rotan (325) 735-2027**

**Treasurer: Marla Hawkins, Knox City (940) 658-3041**

Remember that these jobs are done without pay, so make sure they are not done without appreciation and thanks and prayerful support.

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## Requirements for Team Members

Under the guidelines for conducting a Walk to Emmaus the following conditions must be met in order to be considered to work a team position on a Walk to Emmaus. To the best of their ability, the Team Selection Committee strives to make sure that all proposed workers meet these requirements.

**Activity in Local Church:** The prospective team member must be in a local church and be active in that church. Since the reason for the existence of Emmaus is to foster leadership in the church, this is a cardinal requirement.

**Activity in The Emmaus Community:** Includes attendance at Community Gatherings and/or Mini-Community Gatherings. Also includes sponsoring Pilgrims, attending Sponsor's Hours, Candlelights and Closings.

**Activity in a Reunion Group:** Belonging to and attending a Reunion Group or other, similar, accountability group.

If YOU don't meet these three criteria, you likely will not be asked to work a Walk. So....if you don't..... JUST DO IT!

## New Pilgrims!

Pilgrims from Walk 138. Lynna Cox, Lay Director

Keep these new Pilgrims in your prayers and in your heart. Encourage and assist them to be active in the Community.

*Lay Directors: Remember to send your Pilgrim lists to the Newsletter for publication here.*

Town	Pilgrim
Abilene	Mattie Ellis
	Traci England
	Sandy Hall
	Patty Holland
	Norene Mansell
	Pinkie Mitchell
Anson	Delilah (Dee) Shiflett
	Wendy Stovall
	Marcia Wise
	Claudine Farnsworth
	Mary Hopkins
	Pam Johnson
Arlington	Linda White
	Keri Davidson
	Virginia (Ginger) Crone
	Norma Andrews
	Gaye Lynn Strickler
	Amanda Townsend
Baller	Angela Croucher
	Christina Morales
	Maria Sanchez
	Kim Southall
	Beth Marsh
	Stephanie Sizemore
Breckenridge	Jeanette Feagan
	Bettye Lawliss
	Tammy Reed
	Twilya Pace
	Linda Briscoe
	Betty Kirby
Burkburnett	Teresa (Teri) Wilton
	Ethel Cianciabella
	Karla Hicks
	Dorothy Staley
	Louise Krueger
	Vicky Stallard
Desdemona	Mary Ann Hamilton
	Laci Whiles
	Renee Navarro
	Jennean Smith
	Kimberly Ballew
	Sharon Bean
Fort Worth	Dorothy Roberts
Graford	
Graham	
Hamlin	
Haskell	
Henrietta	
Lueders	
Newton KS	
Olney	
Seymour	
Stephenville	
Weatherford	
Wichita Falls	

## CCEC Website

The Cross Country Emmaus Community Website is back up and running! The address is:

[www.ccemmaus.net](http://www.ccemmaus.net)

The site is chock-full of great information such as upcoming Walks, future Community Gatherings and many Community Contacts.

Also available on the site are applications to volunteer for Walks and applications to attend Walks and Chrysalis Flights, revised as of 01-01-2006.

The latest version of this and the last 2005 Newsletter are also included on the site.

Take a look at the new version of the website. It is helpful and can answer many questions you have about the Community.

An interesting item on the site is a listing of all the Walks held by Cross Country from Walk #1 on. Amazing to think that we (you and I) have helped so many people gain new insight into their Christian walk and have sent those people back into their home churches ready to be leaders and movers and shakers for Christ.

## Lay Director Training

Lay Director Training Sessions are scheduled to be held on June 23 and October 20 this year. Lay Directors should plan to attend at least one training session before their Walk. Earlier is better!

At the training session, the Lay Director is given much information concerning the guidelines for conducting the Walk, special conditions at the various camps, procedures and guidelines for building their Team. It is also a great opportunity to talk about problems and blessings associated with leading a Walk to Emmaus.

The sessions are presented by Board Members who have been Lay Directors in the past. There is a great store of knowledge and experience made available to the new Lay Director. Prospective Spiritual Directors should plan to attend with their Lay Director. We strive to lead our Walks as closely as possible to the model given us by The Upper Room.

## Board News

At recent board meetings, the following decisions were made:

1. To limit members of the community who have worked more than 5 Walks, to work only 1 Walk per year. Those who have worked less than 5 Walks to be allowed to work two Walks per year. An effort to make positions open to more people.
2. Since web space is no longer donated to us, it was decided to pay for web space rather than lose the site.
3. By-laws were amended and approved by the Community.
4. Greg Goza was approved to work Walks in a clergy position.
5. The January 2006 Walk was changed to April 2006.

## Scholarships

Scholarships are granted for prospective Pilgrims by the Board of Cross Country Emmaus Community. The scholarship consists of \$50.00 to be applied toward the fee. Requirements for securing a scholarship are that it be applied for and that the remaining portion of the fee accompany the application.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Registrar. Application may also be made by writing a letter, stating the name, Walk and the reason for the need. As a reminder, the Scholarship is a partial one and payment for the remainder of the fee must accompany the application.

Scholarships are available only to prospective Pilgrims, not to team members. Team scholarships are sometimes available from local Mini-Communities, depending on the individual Community and its available resources.

Clergy members are given an automatic \$50.00 scholarship as a way of saying "Thank you" for their effort and commitment and as an acknowledgement of their donation of valuable time to working Walks.

Several scholarships are approved each Board Meeting. The Board desires that anybody who needs financial assistance to attend a Walk to Emmaus be given that assistance. Donations may be made to the Community and designated for use in the Scholarship Fund by informing the Treasurer of the desire to make those funds available to the Scholarship Fund.

**Community Sponsors  
2006**

Date	Location	Sponsor
1-9	Seymour	Seymour
2/13	Stamford	Stamford
3/13	Haskell	Albany
4/10	Seymour	Archer City
5/8	Stamford	Aspermont
6/5	Haskell	Hamlin
7/10	Seymour	Throckmorton
8/14	Stamford	Rotan/Roby
9/11	Haskell	Munday
10/16	Seymour	Olney
11/13	Stamford	Knox City
12/4	Ericksdahl	Ericksdahl



**COMMUNITY  
CONTACTS**

**CLASS OF 2006:** Philip Martin, Syl Godfrey, John Bethel, Nadia Hassen, Dayle Kuehler.

**CLASS OF 2007:** Rick Madeiros, James Wittenborn, Mike Cade, Rhonda Ward, Ben Daws.

**CLASS OF 2008:** Ed Ekdahl, Bob McWorter, Lynna Cox, Marla Hawkins, Hoby Strand.

**TREASURER:** Marla Hawkins, Knox City 940 658 3041

**REGISTRAR:** Lisa Snead

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**TRAILER:** Jimmy and Jana Grisham

**WEB ADDRESS:**

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DATE	M / W	WALK #	PLACE	LAY DIRECTOR
03/01/06 – 03/04/06	M	140	LUEDERS	TEDDY CLEMMENS
04/27/06 – 04/30/06	W	141	LUEDERS	ROBIN GOZA
08/10/06 – 08/13/06	W	142	BUTMAN	VANESSA WILLIAMS
08/17/20 – 08/20/06	M	143	BUTMAN	JAMES WITTENBORN
09/07/06 – 09/10/06	W	144	LUEDERS	CHERYL PITTMAN
10/05/06 – 10/08/06	M	145	BUTMAN	BRET HIGHT
11/09/06 – 11/12/06	W	146	BUTMAN	JANA GRISHAM
11/30/06 – 12/02/06	M	147	LUEDERS	RANDAL KINNIBRUGH