



The Rooster's Crow

February 2010

The Georgetown Texas Emmaus Newsletter

February 21st Gathering

On Sunday February 21st we will meet at Wellspring UMC on Williams Drive past Sun City. At 5:30 pm we will have our Celebration. Arlene Smith, one of our musicians, will be the Fourth Day speaker. Then, please join us for our potluck supper and fellowship.

"O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things" That's what it says in Psalms 98 :1. If you read through the Psalms, you see the words "sing to the Lord" over and over. Psalms 104:33 says "I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." The music team comes together each month to help us sing praises to our God. We carefully and prayerfully choose the songs, hoping that they will draw us all closer to God in our gathering. Last month we were so blessed!! We had 3 guitars, a keyboard, drums and 3 vocalists to lead our music. We all had so much fun just praising our God. Thanks to Janet Pyle, Clint Fraser, Bob McFarland, Bill Bratton, Arlene Smith, Amy Keck, Jane King and Lolly Wildharber for sharing their gifts, their enthusiasm and their love with us.

This month we'll be at Wellspring UMC. Come ready to sing songs that may or may not be in our green Tune Book---maybe even a new song. Remember the scripture at the beginning...."Sing to the Lord a new song." Sometimes we need to be reminded that every one of our favorite praise songs or hymns was once new. The words will be on the screen and our music team will be there. We hope you'll be there too. Come praise the Lord with us!!

Lolly Wildharber, Music Leader

Volunteers Responded!

Three people have volunteered to be Hospitality Coordinators for the 2010 Monthly Gatherings.

St. John's Methodist Church coordinator is Nelda McCain
Wellspring Methodist Church coordinator is Herman Knodel
First Methodist Church coordinator is Linda Jamison

All Emmaus 4th Day Groups should expect a call for them to assist in the Kitchen during "one" of our Monthly Gatherings and following Agape Feast.

Thanks Nelda, Herman, and Linda for stepping forward.

Emmaus Walk Status

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| 351 | Feb 18-21 | Men | Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla |
| 352 | Feb 25-28 | Women | Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose |

Central Texas Conference (CTC) Emmaus By Law Changes

Below is a By-law Amendment adopted by the Board. The Board considered this amendment at two separate meetings as established in the amendment process and adopted it unanimously. The process calls for ratification by a majority of the Fourth Day Groups before the amendment is effective. Please consider this amendment at your next Group Gathering and conduct a vote on it. Submit the results of that vote, either YES or NO, to Rich Thompson either by e-mail or in writing. Questions can be directed to Rich or to any Board member.

The two substantive items change the gender of some Board members so that there are more males on the Board and change the number of required meetings of the Board as a cost and time saving effort.

When the By-laws were adopted CTC was having 25 Walks each year and there were considerably more women's Walks than men's. This resulted in the unbalanced six men and 12 women gender make-up established in the By-laws. With only six men, there have been times when one Board member has had to serve as a Board Representative on more than one Walk a year. This results in fourteen weekends each year, in addition to the six Board meeting weekends, being tied up in Emmaus. That is an unfair workload to require of a Board member. With the reduction in numbers of Walks, we are approaching more balance in the number of men's and women's Walks and the need for so many women has been eliminated. Having a balance of nine women and nine men will provide more men to cover the Walks without requiring anyone to work more than one Walk a year.

With the advent of electronic mail, much of the Board's work can be done without requiring face-to-face meetings. The May meeting was primarily to review the status of Walk Lay Director recruiting for the following year and to review plans for the Conference Gathering (which at that time was held in June). Due to improved communication we now have Walk leadership in place by or at the March meeting, and we have a separate Conference Gathering Committee which does all the work related to the Gathering and only needs to inform the Board which can be done electronically. Also the date of the Conference Gathering has been shifted to October so there is no need for the May meeting discussion. The July meeting was primarily review of leader recruiting status and review of the Conference Gathering. Very little substantive business was conducted at either the May or July meetings. With the increases in gasoline costs, having Board members travel from all over the Conference to a central location for a meeting to review information which can be shared electronically is not fiscally responsible. It is also not a good use of their time when the information can be communicated without the face-to-face meeting. The amendment reduces the required number of meetings to four: January, March, September, and November. If additional meetings are needed, there are existing provisions for either the Lay Director or two-thirds of the members to call a special meeting.

Below is a line-by-line explanation of the amendment.

The only substantive changes are Article V, Section 2 and Article VII, Section 1. Everything else is language or grammar change or implementation of one of the proposed amendments (Article V, Section 3 implements Article V, Section 2). The two substantive amendments are listed below in **bold** type.

Article III and Article IV have only changes from Community(ies) to Group(s).

Article V, Section 2 has the amended change to increase men on the Board by having two men and two women elected from each Region and one man and one woman elected At-large from

the Conference. This keeps the number of Lay members at 18 but changes the genders to nine each.

Article V, Section 3 has some Community(ies) to Group(s) changes. This section also has the election process to implement the change of gender numbers established in the Section 2 amendment starting in October 2010 for the Class of 2013 and continuing through the election of October 2012 for the Class of 2015. In the Class of 2013, one Fort Worth Region Woman position changes to a man position and one Temple Region Woman position changes to a man position. In the Class of 2014, one At-large Man position changes to a woman position and one Brownwood/Weatherford Region Woman position changes to a man position. In the Class of 2015, one Waco/Waxahachie Woman position changes to a man position. These changes occur at the times when the currently serving person in each position would normally rotate off the Board and the position would be up for election.

Article V, Section 5 has the change from "majority" to Affirmative for the required 2/3 vote. A 2/3 vote is not a "majority" - one more than 1/2 is a majority.

Article V, Section 9 has the change to ""allow" the past Lay Director and Spiritual Director to serve one additional year rather than requiring it which the current language does.

Article VII, Section 1 has the change from six to four required Board meetings in January, March, September, and November with the option (stated in Section 2) to call additional meetings as needed.

Article VII, Section 4 is a change from Group to Community since it calls for a Gathering of everyone.

Article VIII, Section 1 has a change from Group to Community since the committee listed would be related to the Conference Gathering of everyone.

Article VIII, Section 5 has changes from Community(ies) to Groups(s).

Article VIII, Section 7 has a change to eliminate "Board of Directors" related to Chrysalis which keeps the Chrysalis Steering Committee in its appropriate place, subservient to and a part of the Emmaus Board rather than operating independently.

Article X, Section 4 has a change from community to group.

Article X, Section 5 has a change from community to group.

Article XI, Section 4 has three changes from communities to groups.

Your Leadership Team

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Reunion Group Information

| Day | Time | Location | Name | Contact | Status |
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| Women | | | | | |
| Monday | 7:00 am | Location Varies | Morning Glories | Tina Lawhon | 863-3759 Full |
| Tuesday | 9:30 am | FUMC Rm 301 | Joyful Noise | Sena Leese | 863-5491 Open |
| | 4:00 pm | Juanita Mason's | SonSet | Juanita Mason | 863-3522 Open |
| | 4:00 pm | Sun City Homes | Joyous Angels | Patti Ard | 863-8128 Open |
| | 4:00 pm | Wellspring UMC | Wellspring Women | Judith Carver | 863-7667 Open |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am | Member's homes | Morning Chicks | Peggy Blair | 863-7778 Open |
| | 4:30 pm | FUMC Room 304 | Grace Galore | Nancy Marsh | 863-9181 Open |
| Thursday | 6:45 am | FUMC | Rainbow Connection | Jeannine Fairburn | 863-5962 Open |
| | 3:00 pm | Wesleyan Estrella | Glory Gals | Virginia Davis | 863-7869 Open |
| | 5:30 pm | Linda Lindell's Home | Pass It On | Linda Lindell | 863-8161 Full |
| | 6:15 pm | Wesleyan Estrella | Legacies Sisters | Amber Nickerson | 636-6386 Full |
| | 7:00 pm | Knorre's Home | Lifeline | Barbara Knorre | 863-9708 Open |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | BB's | Saturday Sisters | Stephanie Cox | 863-7152 Open |

Men

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| Monday | 7:00 am | FUMC Parlor | Hombres de Colores | Wayne Merritt | 512-259-1884 | Open |
| | (2&4) 3:15 pm | FUMC Parlor | Bill's Group | Karl Poorter | 864-0155 | Open |
| Tuesday | 6:00 pm | Horizon House | Journeyman | Clint Fraser | 863-9242 | Open |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am | Daylight Donuts | The Pilgrims | ? | | Open |
| | 6:15 pm | FUMC Library | Fourth Day Guys | Stephen Benold | | Open |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | Wellspring | ? | ? | | Open |
| Friday | 6:30 am | Taco Cabana | Sunrise Guys | Jim Wilson | 863-6244 | Open |
| | 10:00 am | St. John's Library | Fishermen | Don Nedrud | 869-2852 | Open |
| Saturday | 7:00 am | Whataburger | Los Cincos Gallos | Bill Jones | 863-3628 | Full |

Please send additions & corrections to Bill Marsh: bmarshtx@earthlink.net Thanks!