



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Letter to the Community:

Hi,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer vacations. As school gears up again, this is also a time to think about sponsorship for the Flights and Walks. If you were at the July gathering you had the opportunity to hear Renee Kasting give a well explained idea of what sponsorship is. Think back for a moment to your own Walk or Flight and reflect on what it meant to you and how it changed or impacted your life. For my family and me it has been such an influence. I think of the friendships that have grown as a result of the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities. But most important, a deeper relationship and a closer walk with our Lord has been the result of our experiences. I thank Him for loving me so much and creating this opportunity for me. I ask you to give prayerful thought about those around you. Is there someone that you feel God is saying, "Ask them, give them the same opportunity that was once offered to you?" That person may be looking for a change in their life. You may just hold the key for their change. Remember, a gift is only valuable if you use it. Sponsorship is certainly the most valuable gift in the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities. So, please don't waste it, use it. We need each of you to sponsor others. Wouldn't it be pleasing to our Lord to have our Flights and Walks full? Christ is counting on you!

De Colores and Fly With Christ!

Debbie Frey

Chrysalis Community Lay Director

PLEASE CHECK THE EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS WEB SITE

Get in the habit of checking the Emmaus/Chrysalis web site frequently. You will find the names of caterpillars who will be attending the Chrysalis Flights this month. On the right side of the home page is the link to Flights #19 and #20. You will be asked for a user name and password to see the names of the caterpillars. These words are in the web site information on p. 3 of this newsletter.

You will also find the brand NEW revised Member Information Sheet. You need to fill one of these out at least once a year. There are many jobs to be done and this gives you the opportunity to indicate the ways you would like to serve. Simply print out the sheet; fill it out; and return to Columbus IN Area Emmaus, PO Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47203 or e-mail the completed form to mriley@columbusinemmaus.org.



DATES FOR UPCOMING FLIGHTS AND WALKS

Flights #19 & #20	Sept. 3-5
Men's Walk # 57	Oct. 20-23
Women's Walk #58	Oct. 27-30
Flights #21 & #22	Mar. 18-20, 06
Men's Walk #59	Apr. 20-23, 06
Women's Walk #60	Apr. 27-30, 06
Men's Walk # 61	Oct. 19-22, 06
Women's Walk #62	Oct. 26-29, 06

Walk Scriptures

Both Mike Hien and Jewell Arthur have selected Luke 24:32 as the walk scripture for Walks # 57 and # 58. Mike will use the NIV version: Were not our hearts burning within us. . . ? Jewel will use the KJV: And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"



The Top Six Reasons . . .

There is a growing trend for society in general and our Emmaus community in particular to commit to attending events at the last minute. In the past the Board has wondered and talked about whether or not to cancel several walks because just days before a walk we did not have enough applications in hand. No walks have ever been canceled because of low attendance. Yes, indeed they were all good weekends. Yes, God was present on the walks, lives were changed, and God was blessed. So what is the big deal? For the sake of the pilgrim, the sponsor, the registrar, the kitchen, the lay director, and the board - ideally, the applications should be in at least a month ahead of time. Here is a brief explanation why:

PILGRIMS Prayer for a specific pilgrim by name cannot begin until the application is in. An acceptance letter that contains important information is sent to each pilgrim. This letter puts their minds at ease and helps them prepare for the weekend. After receiving this letter, the pilgrim can now arrange time off from work or arrange child care etc. The pilgrim enters the weekend in greater peace when the sponsor acts in a timely manner.

SPONSORS Sponsors, also, have greater peace. There are no frantic phone calls to the registrar; no scrambling to acquire agape letters. Sponsors can spend the month getting letters, setting the pilgrim at ease, and praying for their pilgrim.

REGISTRAR Do you know what the registrar's home life is like when 20 people don't get the applications in until the last week? Phone calls promising applications, phone calls inquiring if the application arrived, applications arriving, letters needing to be sent to pilgrims and sponsors, phone calls needing to be made because there is not enough time to send a letter, making arrangements for special needs. . . Need I mention a lack of peace?

KITCHEN Buying food for an Emmaus weekend is an enormous task. If the applications don't come in until the last week, then most of the food can't be purchased until just about the last day. If applications were in a month ahead of time, the kitchen could pace the shopping AND check the ads for sales during that entire month, as well as buy for special diets.

LAY DIRECTOR Lay directors are constantly evaluating and redirecting plans for the weekend. They are the ones in contact with the rest of the team regarding number of pilgrims attending. They are making the decisions about how many table leaders and assistants are needed. Without the applications they have no solid basis from which to give direction. After pouring themselves into this for six months, then the Board talks about the possibility that the walk may be canceled. Late applications just add to their enormous task.

THE BOARD It is a given that the board is responsible to see that walks take place and that the community continue. In our efforts to see that both happen, we are making this appeal to all of you to try to get the applications in one to two months before any given walk. All of our individual duties need time to be done well. Our collective responsibilities to the lay directors and the community need that time also.

This article has tried to illustrate the importance of getting applications in on time. You know right now that there are two walks coming in the Fall. Pray now. Pray about sponsoring. Talk to the prospective pilgrim now. Some will say yes immediately – give the application now. Some will need more time – give them more time, and more prayer. Don't wait until the last minute. Applications may be sent in now.

CHRYSALIS NEWS

The Chrysalis flights #19 and #20 are coming up September 3- 5. Please continue to pray for Curt and Michelle Aton and the team as they continue to prepare for flights. We need caterpillars. We must have 9 girls and 9 boys to have a flight and so far we have 4 boys and 9 girls. If you know of a youth, it is not too late to sponsor. The deadline for applications is the Wednesday before the flight.

We also need names for the 72 hour prayer charts. We have many openings to fill in a short time and need the Emmaus Community to help. Please contact Brenda Stoner, Chrysalis Agape board member to sign up. Go to the Emmaus Web-site for Brenda's phone number and e-mail address.

Please mark your calendar and join us for send off, candlelight, and closing.

Fly with Christ,
Venetia Green

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· Looking for Servants for the Lord ·

· In the ministry many things are done with ·

· out celebration, but those things done in ·

· secret are known by the Father. There is ·

· an opportunity to bless the upcoming ·

· walks. We will be there the Tuesday eve- ·

· ning before the walks, on October 18th, to ·

· set up the camp, Tuesday, October 25th to ·

· clean up and set up camp for the women's ·

· walk, and Tuesday, November 1st to clean ·

· up the camp. We will begin at 6:15 p.m. ·

· each evening. To tell the truth, there will ·

· be no fanfare or high fives, just servant ·

· hearts that are willing to do what is ·

· needed, when it is needed. If this is you, ·

· call Ron Povaleri at 812-866-4032 or 812- ·

· 701-8618. ·

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A Message from the Agape Board Representatives

We are preparing for our fall walks and want to remind the community to please get busy making agape for the pilgrims and team. Remember it takes **100 pieces for each walk** (100 for men's and 100 for women's) if you are supplying for both team and pilgrims. If you are making **for pilgrims only** it will take **50 pieces** for each walk. The Agape Board Reps. appreciate all of those who have supplied agape in the past and know we can count on you for this fall as well. Thanks. Karen Morris (342-6430) and Anita Beeker (587-5172).

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Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

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September 3-5 Chrysalis Flights #19 and #20

Hilltop Christian Camp

Candlelight: 8:00 p.m. Asbury UMC, Columbus

Closing: 5:00 p.m. Asbury UMC, Columbus

September Hoot:

Sunday September 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Baptist Church

2320 7th Street, Columbus

September Gathering:

Friday, September 16, 2005

Cornerstone Community Church

1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour, IN

Fall Walks Team Dedication

A-M bring snacks and drinks

Childcare is provided for children ages 6 and younger.

