



# Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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## WNY Mens' Walk #23

# CONGRATULATIONS!!



(left to right)

**Row 1:** Walt Mathias, Kevin Kopp, Paul Cauvel, Art Hall, John Dunn, Brian Mullin, Carol Sierk, Bud Fuller, Don Crawford, Mike Russell

**Row 2:** Bob Longhouse, Ron Isaman, Craig Goodenow, Jim Schulz, Carl Chamberlain, Paul Casey, Mike Gorton, Jim McMoil, Tim Fuest, Ed Nozell

**Row 3:** Stan Mierzwa, Gary Caldwell, Harry Hickey, Jeff Tyburski, Brian Keesler, Richard Sidoti, Ray Hoyler, Rollin Shoemaker, Bruce Eaton, Linda Dolby, Randy Greig, Art Page

**Row 4:** Bob Reed, Rick Peters, Bernard Kirkland, Jack Woika, Bill Herold, Ron Sellers, Mark Kluge, David Young, Dave Rood, Ken Tryon, Paul Brown, Jim Coleman, Ron Alt

## Praise God

What a privilege to serve such an awesome and faithful God. There are no words to describe the joy of serving as Lay Director for an Emmaus Walk. To see God's will fulfilled in such amazing ways throughout the 72 hours is a memory I will cherish forever.

My prayer for Walk #23 was a bit selfish. I asked God for a full Walk, if it be his will. Well, my prayers were answered in ways only God can answer them. Walk #23 was full of love (community prayer), full of laughter, full of love (Community Agape), full of surprises, full of love (candlelight service), full of hugs, tears, compassion, and full of a love for hearing God's message. This weekend was also full of the Holy Spirit, which was so evident in the talks presented and the insights received. I guess it would be fair to say Men's Walk #23 was full of God. To all of you who participated in sponsor's hour, the 72 hour prayer vigil, candlelight, closing, the kitchen, and especially the sponsors, THANK YOU!!!

And finally, I thank God's Team. The spirit of the Emmaus Community was always evident in your support, encouragement, and acts of kindness throughout the teamings and the weekend.

Your brother and servant in Christ, Don Crawford

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

## Reunion for Spring Walk @ Olean Christ UMC

May 4 9:45AM - 4PM

## FALL WALKS to EMMAUS

Mark your calendars.

**Men's Walk:** October 10 – 13  
**Women's Walk:** November 7 – 10  
**Reunion:** November 23

**Location:** Springville UMC

## New Registration Form

Thanks to Carolyn Rickman, there is a newer version of the Emmaus registration form. It's an MS Word document. If you do not have Word 97 or newer, you can download the MS Word 97/2000 viewer. This program can be downloaded from <http://office.microsoft.com/downloads/2000/wd97vwr32.aspx> The document can be downloaded from: [www.homestead.com/mpadmin](http://www.homestead.com/mpadmin)

## The Envelope

Attached to this issue is an envelope that we hope you will use to send a small donation (it cost about \$5 per year to print and mail your monthly newsletter) to our treasurers as your "subscription" payment for the Rainbow Connection. Will you help defray expenses? If you are an online subscriber, your donations will also be greatly appreciated. Emmaus Treasurers: Pat and Steve Morse 239 Pearl St., Medina, NY 14103.

## Online Subscriptions

Become an online subscriber and receive your newsletter 1 to 2 weeks earlier than mail – and in color!! Email [wsmathias@juno.com](mailto:wsmathias@juno.com) with your name and your email address. We will take care of the rest!

## Musican's Workshop

There will be a musician's workshop on Saturday May 11th from 10AM to 12 Noon. The location is the New Life Fellowship church on Rte. 98, two miles south of Attica. New musicians and veteran musicians are invited. New musicians are asked to attend to become eligible to be a musician for a weekend team. We will be going over some less familiar songs, trying to reach a consistent playing style on others, and learning a few tidbits about leading songs. Getting to know fellow musicians is a big benefit. We have music for those who play instruments other than guitar. If there are questions, call Mike or Jan Mortimer 716-373-2237 or [mortimer@localnet.com](mailto:mortimer@localnet.com) So bring your instrument and songbooks and be ready to make some music for the Lord.



## Emmaus is Sharing..... BE a Sponsor!

It is not too early to start thinking about sponsoring someone for the Fall Walks! Please remember if you are sponsoring a "single spouse" (an individual whose spouse is not going on the Walk) there are additional forms to be completed before that person can be registered. Please call us or e-mail us for the forms. Thank you.

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Will and Carolyn Rickman  
Emmaus Registrars  
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## Board Positions Opening in 2003

The Walk to Emmaus is a Lay movement that requires the involvement of the Emmaus community in leadership positions for it to be effective. There are amazing gifts and talents in our community and one way we can share these is through serving on the Board of Emmaus.

Several Board positions will change in January 2003. New positions need to be filled in September so that the new people will have an opportunity to “train” during the fall walks. These new positions reflect the merger of the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards.

To be on the Board a person must be nominated by someone in the Emmaus/Chrysalis community. You can nominate yourself. Each position can be filled singularly or as a couple. Meetings are held the third Friday of every month at Leroy UMC at 7:00 pm. Each of these positions is held for three years.

The positions and job descriptions are listed below. Keep in mind, that as we move toward a more governing board, the responsibilities are to be delegated to and shared by numerous community members. The Board position becomes the leader of its own sub-committee.

**Agape** – takes care of filling the bags and envelopes on the weekends. They correspond long distance agape with other Emmaus/ Chrysalis communities and they coordinate the completion of the 72-hour prayer vigil. They also set up agape parties and distribute packets of placemats and napkins for decorating.

**Facilities** – is responsible for locating and reserving facilities for the walks and flights, last teaming, and reunion. They choose the facility a year in advance and coordinate the set up and clean up of the weekends.

**Registration** – makes sure all registrations are accurate and that sponsors have done their job correctly. They send letters of acceptance to both pilgrims and sponsors. They collect the registration money and keep the community advised of procedures and deadlines through the Rainbow Connection. They are present at Sponsors’ Hour and supply nametag buttons.

**Evangelism** – provide information to Western New York churches about the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. They are available to come to local churches to spread the news and educate people.

**Clergy** – Greg VanDussen currently holds this position. He manages and orders books for sale on the book table and also helps maintain the spiritual priority and purpose of the weekends and Fourth Day/ Next Steps.

If you feel God nudging you to serve, please contact us or any other current Board member. Complete job descriptions are available from Karen Westerman or us. Speaking with current people who hold the position would be very helpful. Christ is counting on YOU!

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” 1 Peter 4:10

Decolores!      Nancy and Bob Reed

### Upcoming Walks to Keep in Your Prayers

Illinois Praireland	Northwest New Mexico
Men #9 April 25-28	Men #12 May 2-5
Women #9 May 2-5	Women June 6-9

Campbellsville Emmaus (Kentucky)  
 Women #21 April 25-28  
 Young Adult Chrysalis #4 May 2002

### Agape IS Important!!

A big thank you to the WNY community for all the support and prayers for Men’s & Women’s Walk #23. Thanks to all who brought agape, mailed letter agape, decorated placements & napkins, and took a spot in the prayer vigil. We are planning to have the annual Agape Party again this summer. Stay tuned for details!

God Bless,    Jim & Lora Keiper

### Emmaus Board of Directors

Term	Position	Name	Phone
2002	Co-Chairs	Bob & Nancy Reed	(585)388-9418
2002	Agape	Jim & Lora Keiper	(585)591-3121
2002	Facilities	Gary & Rose Caldwell	(716)649-3889
2002	Clergy	Greg VanDussen	(585) 344-2759
2002	Registration	Will & Carolyn Rickman	(585) 392-9784
2002	Evangelism	Hal & Carol Goodwin	(716) 798-4593
2003	4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Lynn & Pat Blakeman	(716)373-6470
2003	Supplies	Eric & Vickie Jones	(585)964-8104
2003	Library	Karen Westerman	(716)547-9325
2003	Wknd Coord.	Jim & Ann DeRooy	(585)924-7645
2003	Clergy	Dave Durham	(585) 624-5575
2004	Music	Jan & Mike Mortimer	(716)373-2237
2004	Kitchen	Cherie Trabert	(585)388-1919
2004	Secretary	Chris Collins	(585)227-1519
2004	Treasurer	Pat & Steve Morse	(716)798-1605
2004	Newsletter	Walt & Sarah Mathias	(585)334-8374
2004	Sprt. Director	Jo Vineyard	(585)237-5582

# Gathering Schedules

## Rochester Area:

### Gathering at Fairport UMC:

2nd Sunday of the month  
6:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care upon request)  
John and Mary Trowbridge 377-9330

### “West Bank” Area Gathering:

Hilton UMC - 2nd Saturday of month  
8:30 A. M. - Continental Breakfast  
9:00 A. M. - Meeting (Child care)  
Chris Collins 227-1519

### “Closer Walk” Area Gathering:

Farmington UMC - 1st Saturday of month  
(Rte. 332 @ 5925 County Road)  
Covered dish @ 5:30 P. M.  
Heidi and Marty Cressman 289-6780

## Alexander:

Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month  
For April, joint with Medina@Medina on April 26  
7:00 P. M.- Meeting (child care)  
Jim and Lora Keiper 591-3121

## Northern Mountain View Area Gathering:

Holland UMC - 3rd Saturday of month  
9:30AM coffee - Meeting: 10AM  
Please call ahead for childcare  
Ruth Zimmerman 537-9524

## Enchanted Mountain Gathering (Olean):

Christ UMC - 4th Saturday of month  
9:00 A. M. - Meeting followed by  
Pot Luck breakfast  
Tony and Kris Byrne 373-3216

## Chautauqua Area Gathering:

Falconer UMC - 2nd Saturday of month  
7:00 P. M. (child care)  
Tim and Liz Phelps 665-2930  
Randy and Renee Kent 763-2255

## Ionia Gathering:

Ionia UMC Last Saturday of the month  
7:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care)  
Burgy and Grace Anne Scott 229-2249

## Buffalo Area Gathering:

Seneca UMC Church, 2846 Seneca St.  
West Seneca, NY  
3rd Saturday of month - 9:30 A. M.  
Pat Corsette - 826-6840

## Medina Gathering:

Medina United Methodist Church  
Last Friday of the Month - 7:00 P. M.  
Hal and Carol Goodwin 798-4593

## Newsletter Articles

Articles concerning WNY Emmaus activities are always welcomed by the editorial staff of YOUR Rainbow Connection!!

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## E-Mail Postman

If you wish to receive your “Rainbow Connection” online please contact Matt Page at [Emmaus@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Emmaus@rochester.rr.com).

Matt will be going off to college in 2002. If anyone is interested in taking over his ministry of Email postman and Email Prayer chain, contact him at his address above. He will give you the particulars on the “job description”.

*Newsletter Deadline May 10, 2002*

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