



Rainbow Connection



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Western New York Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

November, 2003

Women's Walk #27



From left to right; Row 1 Christine Coffta, Vicki Perry, Melba Meyer, Rose Caldwell, Laura Calos, Dale Fryer, Fred Savage, Marybeth Trenchard
Row 2 Debbie Wolfe, Cheryl Sills, Kathie Woika, Nancy Grierson, Karol Doty, Betty Thomas, Pam Wallum, Jean Heiss, Lora Keiper, Sue Doherty
Row 3 Jean Grinnell, Ruth Joss, Sandy Pilon, Carol Dill, Ann Becker, Grace Coombs, Bonnie Hall, Carrie Brooks, Chris Tryon, Bonnie Newman
Row 4 Sarah Mathias, Joyce McChesney, Patty Tuff, Suz Langford, Bev Wojtkowiak, Dawn Braun, Cheryl Babcock, Becky Mullin, Lisa Rood, Rhonda Snow, Sharon Goodenow, Carole Hayden

Emmaus / Chrysalis Christmas Party

Where: Seneca United Methodist Church, 2846 Seneca St., West Seneca

Date / Time: December 6th, 12:00 to 5:00 pm

Please bring a dish to pass, LOTS of Snacks, Drinks, etc. All are welcome. We may get a visit from Santa!

Come share in fellowship, music, and food during this holiday season.

Directions: NYS Thruway to exit 54, Route 400. Exit at the first exit; Route 16, Seneca Street.

Turn right on Route 16. Seneca UMC is approximately 1/4 mile on the right.

Any person/group wishing to participate as part of the entertainment, please contact Paul Brown (716) 825-6622)

Chrysalis News

Chrysalis Flight Dates Hamburg United Methodist Church

Girls Flight - January 16-19, 2004

Boys Flight - February 13-16, 2004

Reunion - February 28, 2004

| Position | Name | Talk |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Sprt. Dir. | Rich Selden | God's Gift to You |
| Clergy | Sue Russell | |
| Clergy | Carol Sierk | |
| Clergy | Lee Carlson | |
| Lay Dir. | Marlene Worthington | Priesthood of All Believers |
| ALD | | |
| Agape | Emma Ritchie | Prodical |
| Bell | Betsey Thompson | Single Life |
| Chapel | Karen Westerman | |
| Log | Florence Ritchie | |
| Log | Jackie Shaw | |
| Brd Rep | Pat Corsette | |
| Tbl. Ldrs | Pat Morse | Marrige |
| | Chris Collins | |
| | Kelly Beechler | |
| | Nola Goodrich | Faith |
| | Jessica Franks | |
| | Diana Pask | Communication Through Prayer |
| Asst. | | |
| Tbl. Ldrs | Tori Martinez | |
| | Missy Keane | |
| | Jen Henton | Ideals |
| | Lauren Olson | Next Steps |
| | Kristen Merle | Christian Action |
| | Angela Felt | Growth through Study |
| Musician | Sara Merle | |
| Musician | Eve Reimondo | |

Chrysalis Flight Teaming Dates

Girls

November 15

Dec. 12 & 13

Jan 2 & 3

Millville UMC

Alexander UMC

Hamburg UMC

Boys

December 13

Jan 9 & 10

Jan 30 & 31

Greece UMC

Trinity UMC Attica

Hamburg UMC

Chrysalis Registration

Chrysalis Winter 2004 application deadlines are:

Girls Flight - December 20th, 2003

Boys Flight - January 20th, 2004

The deadlines will be strictly adhered to!

No late registrations, please

Plan ahead.

Do you know of a youth to sponsor?

For registration information or
to obtain an application, please contact

Randy & Laura Walker

147 N 9th Street

Olean, NY 14760

irv7@localnet.com

or go to

www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org

Emmaus Walk # 28 - Wesley UMC, Rochester

Men's Walk - March 18 - 21, 2004

Registration Deadline: February 20, 2004

Women's Walk - April 15 - 18, 2004

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2004

Reunion May 1st, 2004

For registration information or
to obtain an application, please contact

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Sponsor a Teen

Chrysalis Flight #12 will be here before you know it. Is Christ calling on YOU to sponsor a teen for these upcoming Flights. Now is the time to start praying about it. Please pray for teens you know and plan to sponsor one. This is such an awesome opportunity for Sophomores through Seniors in high school.

A Note from Pastor David and Kathy Durham

Greetings from across the Ocean, Gary and Sue!
Kathy and I are having an incredible time here in northern England. I have 2 clergy colleagues and a dozen local preachers who share responsibility for 11 Methodist Chapels - which ends up meaning that I am preaching this quarter 24 times in those 11 churches! Sometimes we have services in morning, afternoon and evening... Whew!

We have been in touch with the Walk to Emmaus here in England. It is not as much developed as in the States, but they are working at it. We do not have a Gathering nearby, although we are talking with people about starting one at Durham, just 9 miles from our home. However, we are on the Prayer Lists for the coming walks. The Walk is essential as they need all the help they can get over here: whereas 30% of US people are in Church regularly, the figure here is more like 7%. Youngsters are openly kidded about going to church, and young adults are few and far between. A challenge.

Today we took our part in the Prayer List for WNY Walk #27 - and it felt good even at this distance to be a part of the action! Our prayers are also with the Board, Gary, and Kathy and I want to be remembered to the gang the next time you meet.

We are stationed here until mid-August - and look forward to seeing you soon after our return to the Colonies.

Grace and peace be always with you!
David and Kathy

Volunteers Needed for Chrysalis Steering Committee

The Upper Room/Emmaus considers Chrysalis to be it's single most important outreach program. After meeting with the Northeast Regional Director for Chrysalis, it has become increasingly more clear that Chrysalis needs to be a more autonomous group that is represented with a voting position on the Emmaus Board of Directors. To that end, the Board of Directors of Western New York Walk to Emmaus is organizing a steering committee that will become familiar with the revised Chrysalis Model, determine those positions that will become part of a more permanent Committee along with job descriptions for those positions. The Chrysalis Model is composed of the Chrysalis Manual, the Chrysalis Directors Manual and the Weekend Talk Outlines. The Board is now considering a specific "charge" for this steering committee.

Do you hold a special place in your heart for youth and youth ministry? The Emmaus/Chrysalis Community is being asked to provide volunteer membership for this initial Steering Committee. A chairperson will be selected from the existing Emmaus Board.

When you made your Walk, you experienced so much Agape love. Can you give some back? Call Gary and Sue Clarcq at 585-323-1910 or email at suzieandcq@espernet.net

Happy Thanksgiving and Greetings from your 4th Day Coordinators

As we look back on the last year the Western New York Emmaus/Chrysalis Community has so much to be thankful for. After a few initial bumps in the path, we elected new Board Chairpersons. Gary and Sue are helping us develop a re-organization of the Chrysalis movement that will be more in tune with the National model of the Emmaus movement. This was the first year that we supported three complete sets of Emmaus walks plus a complete Chrysalis Flight. We are moving toward the development of an out of conference team which will help in our efforts for increasing the opportunities for increased community involvement.

As 4th Day representatives we have also been blessed in so many ways. Each time a walk is held we find new friends in Christ and feel so blessed to be among them. Each Reunion held this year has been a pleasure due to the cooperation and love that you have all shown us. Personally, I can never thank you enough for the mountain of prayers and cards that I received recently during a particularly difficult time in my life. You know that feeling you get when you go to Candlelight? - multiply that times 3 or 4 weeks of cards, phone calls and words of encouragement and you may have an idea of what kind of love I felt from this Community!

DeColores!
Lynn and Pat Blakeman

Emmaus/Chrysalis Prayer Chain

Any member of the Western NY Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Community has a powerful group of dedicated people willing to pray for your needs and concerns. You also can become a member of this prayer warrior group. Prayer requests or a request to join the prayer chain can be emailed to either Ann Becker at Emmaus@frontiernet.net or to Trish Ruffino at par@parxgroup.com. Phoned in requests should be made to Trish at 225-3226, or for emergency only 328-4790 (weekdays).

Why not cut this out and tape it to your refrigerator so it's handy.

Two Sets of Walks, Unless.....

At the most recent Board of Directors meeting, a motion to return to the practice of hosting only two sets of Emmaus Walks each year UNLESS a waiting list of 10 or more people existed, was unanimously agreed upon. A third Walk for men, women or both (as needed) would then be implemented. This decision came after hosting a third set of walks during the Summer of 2003. The Board decided that after this year's experimentation with a third set of walks WNY Emmaus was not ready to support such an endeavor but left the door open for the future.

Agape Corner

Thanks to everyone who signed-up for the Prayer Vigil and contributed to agape. You have been the invisible hands and feet of God throughout Walk # 27. The testimonies of the pilgrims at closing bear witness to your effective ministry.

Several people have signed-up for agape on the volunteer sheets handed out during reunions. When one assumes a chair position on the Board of Directors, there is a rather steep learning curve. We can tell you first hand that it takes a year to get a handle on the various duties. Before assuming responsibilities as a volunteer, you should know how things work. That is what this first year has been for us – a time of learning all the ins and outs. There are a variety of duties with respect to agape during a walk or flight. Some of those can be handled by community volunteers. We will be sending out a letter soon detailing duties to those who have signed-up wishing to serve as agape volunteers and requesting that you pray about your ability to serve in a particular assignment. It is important to realize that dependable and timely completion of the assignment is critical to ensure the success of a walk or flight. We can not over stress that fact.

The Western New York Community has really grown over the last few years. To keep up with that growth, we need to develop and employ new and innovative ideas. The creation of the Prayer Vigil email distribution list has been one of those new ideas. Nearly all of the feedback we have received has been very positive. Many people comment that it is exciting to watch as the slots fill up – it instills a sense of joyful expectation. We have been exploring alternatives to the email distribution method. Two options are viable alternatives. First, develop an online Prayer Vigil sign-up that would be available at the WNY Community web site – REMINDER: (<http://www.wnyemmaus-chrysalis.org>). A second option is that another Emmaus-Chrysalis web site exists that will host a Prayer Vigil sign-up; (<http://www.3dayol.org>). With this method, anyone outside of our community could sign-up on the WNY Prayer Vigil, thus having an impact on local community involvement. We feel that the community should choose one of these two options. We ask for your input, so that we can make an educated decision that represents your interests. In the month ahead, please contact us via email, phone call, or postal mail with your preference: 1) Make a Prayer Vigil sign-up available on the WNY web site or 2) Have a Prayer Vigil sign-up at (www.3dayol.org). We will review all feedback and proceed in the direction desired most. Results will be shared in the December or January Rainbow Connection.

By His Grace,
Vicki & Dean Perry

Facilities Coordinators

We wish to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with set up and tear down on the Walks and Flights this year. Since our appointment to the Board of Directors, it has taken us a while to get used to our new position. With the help of so many humble servants in the Rochester, Springville, Lockport, and Olean areas, you have helped us out tremendously!!! May God richly bless each of you for your willingness to serve him this way.

The Chrysalis Flights will be held at the Hamburg UMC in January and February. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out with set up on Thursday late afternoon, or tear down on Sunday. Please contact us at 716-763-2255, or kent@netsync.net. We are also looking for new churches that would be suitable and interested in hosting a Walk or Flight. Please contact us if you are aware of new opportunities!

"I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23

God bless you!
Randy & Renee Kent

LAY DIRECTORS AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED FOR WALK #28

It was our privilege and honor to announce the Lay Directors at the Closing of Women's Walk #27 in Olean. The Lay Director for the Men's Walk (March 18-21, 2004) is Jim DeRooy. The Lay Director for the Women's Walk (April 15-18) is Jan Mortimer.

Pastor Jo Vineyard announced the Spiritual Directors for Walk #28. Spiritual Director for the Men's Walk will be Pastor John McNeil and the Spiritual Director for the Women's Walk will be Pastor Sarah Merle. Walk #28 will be held at the Wesleyan Church in Rochester. Our prayers go with them as they prayerfully put together the teams for Walk #28.

Gary and Sue Clarcq
Chairpersons

How to Contact the Emmaus Board Chairpersons

Questions, concerns and comments are always welcome:

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Rochester, NY 14622
(585) 323-1910
email: <suzeandcq@espernet.net>

A note from Don Schell in Dorechester County, MD:

On behalf of the victims of hurricane Isabel in Dorchester County, I would like to thank the WNY Emmaus Community. The out pouring of love has been humbling. Over \$1000 has been received, directly and indirectly, from the Community. Please keep your prayers coming. Many of the people in the area hardest hit are watermen, crab fishermen. The season ends November 30. With the holidays coming, times will be even tougher. But, we know the Lord will provide. Again, thank you. Don Schell

Emmaus Board of Directors

| Term | Position | Name | Phone |
|------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 2005 | Chair | Gary & Sue Clarcq | (585) 323-1910 |
| 2004 | Sprt. Director | Jo Vineyard | (585) 237-5582 |
| 2005 | Agape | Dean and Vicki Perry | (585) 593-4262 |
| 2005 | Facilities | Randy and Renee Kent | (716) 763-2255 |
| 2005 | Clergy | Carol Sierk | (585) 591-2410 |
| 2005 | Registration | Randy & Laura Walker | (716) 373-5310 |
| 2005 | Evangelism | Pat Corsette | (716) 826-6840 |
| 2003 | 4 th 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 | Open | |
| 2004 | Team Select | Tom Heiss | (585) 586-4116 |
| 2004 | Music | Jan & Mike Mortimer | (716) 373-2237 |
| 2004 | Kitchen | Jeff & Pam Mellon | (716) 372-1836 |
| 2004 | Secretary | Chris Collins | (585) 227-1519 |
| 2004 | Treasurer | Pat & Steve Morse | (716) 798-1605 |
| 2004 | Newsletter | Jim Moody | (585) 637-7947 |

From The Board

Five Emmaus/Chrysalis Board positions will be changing in January 2004. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Marty Doherty, Erich & Vickie Jones, Karen Westerman, Jim & Ann DeRooy and Lynn and Pat Blakeman for their wonderful service to the Emmaus/Chrysalis community. They have faithfully served the board giving of both their time and talent for the past three years. We welcome the following new positions:

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wknd Coord. | Allen and Alethia Keiper |
| 4 th Day | Lynn and Pat Blakeman |
| Supplies | Jim and Donna Coleman |
| Library | Jack and Kathie Woika |
| Clergy | Gary McCaffery Carol Sierk |

For the past two years, the Fourth Day Position has been held by Lynn and Pat Blakeman. (they completed a term of office from people who had to resign.) They have graciously consented to take this second three year term. Pastor Carol Sierk has agreed to fill the term of pastor Marty Doherty who has had to resign his position.

We ask for your prayers for the Board as we continue to serve this Emmaus/Chrysalis community to the best of our ability. Please be willing to serve if asked by one of the board positions to help out in any way you can. It might be a small committee or a one-time task. We have a wonderful community with so much talent. If everyone would help in small ways it would be truly AWE-SOME!

West Bank Gathering Cancelled for December

There will be no West Bank Gathering in December. Instead, we hope to see EVERYONE who normally attends this Gathering, attends the Christmas Party on December 6th. Remember, we must represent our Gathering well during the entertainment portion of the party! We did a quick rehearsal at the November Gathering, but plan to take some time to rehearse that day, so everyone can be a part of it. If you have never been to the Christmas Party, please try to be there. It's always a great time and wonderful Christian fellowship.

Love in Christ,
Chris Collins

Online Subscription Opportunity!

Become an online subscriber and receive your newsletter in color about 10 days earlier than regular mail! Email Jim Moody at jxmoody@yahoo.com with your name and email address. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is significant. Any contribution benefits your Emmaus community. Thank you!

Gathering Schedules

Rochester Area:

Fairport UMC:

2nd Sunday of the month
6:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care upon request)
Bob and Christa Fathergill 585-387-0928

"West Bank" Area: **CANCELLED IN DECEMBER**

Grace UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
8:30 A. M. - Continental Breakfast
9:00 A. M. - Meeting (Child care)
Beth Williams 585-647-1262 (Child Care Contact)
Chris Collins 585-227-1519

"Niagara" Area:

Lockport Emmanuel UMC - 2nd Saturday of month
6:00 P. M. - Meeting
Wilson Jones 716-741-5079

Alexander:

Alexander UMC - 3rd Saturday of month
7:00 P. M. - Meeting (child care)
Jim and Lora Keiper 591-3121

Northern Mountain View Area:

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

Enchanted Mountain (Olean):

Christ UMC - 3rd Wednesday of month
7:00 P. M. - Meeting
Amy Loyd 716-373-6640

Ionia:

Ionia UMC Last Saturday of the month
7:00 P. M. - Meeting
Burgy and Grace Anne Scott 585-229-2249

Buffalo Area:

Seneca UMC Church, 2846 Seneca St.
West Seneca, NY
3rd Saturday of month - 9:30 A. M.
Pat Corsette 716-826-6840

Medina:

Medina United Methodist Church
Last Friday of the Month - 7:00 P. M.
Hal and Carol Goodwin 585-798-4593

Newsletter Articles

Articles concerning WNY Emmaus activities are always welcomed!!
Please email: jxmoody@yahoo.com or send to:

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Brockport, NY 14420

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