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May 2007

News from the Agape Room

Thank you to the entire community for the tremendous outpouring of agape love during the Womens & Mens walks. The pilgrims and team were blessed with an abundance of mealtime and bedtime agape. And I mean

ABUNDANCE!!

I thank God for laying it on the hearts of so many community members to turn out with notes and cards for the pilgrims as well as the table and bed agape!!

Please remember when providing agape you may bring it to the agape room beginning on Wednesday night. If you have table or bed agape, please label it as such, and also indicate how many pieces you have included. And remember, agape is unconditional love, so please don't include individuals names on the agape.

Thank you and may God bless each of you!!

In Christ's Love,

Mark Kaufman

If you have questions on how you can help provide agape you can contact Mark via e-mail at mkaufman@amospress.com



SPREAD THE WORD

If you are interested in submitting an article for the Sidney Emmaus newsletter please e-mail me @ sidneyemmaus656@yahoo.com There will be copies at the monthly gathering of the current issue and also we encourage you to view the

newsletter online. The only mailings will be to new community members for (1) year after their walk. Please help us spread the word about reading this online. THANKS!! www.sidneyemmaus.org



Music notes...



PRAISE (noun) an expression of admiration, enthusiastic worship and thanksgiving.

I want to thank all the new and old Board members that helped to lead Community Singing at the January Gathering. It is such a blessing to lead that portion of Gathering, because the MUSIC this Community makes is so beautiful.

The Special Music opportunities are not about the PERFORMANCE, quality of the selection, the microphone properly working, feedback, or even the right key, but about the song, the words and the DESIRE to give that praise back to God.

So with that said, there are opportunities for this community to stand up and lead and sing their Praises. You don't have to do it alone. Matter of fact, my goal is to INVITE duets, trios, groups of Friends (male, female or co-ed) to take up this cross.

This audience is kind, supportive, and loves to sing along with you. So PLEASE consider this invitation and let me know if and when your "group" is available

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RECYCLABLES

Hello all, we are in need of someone to help with the recyclables accumulated during a walk. Basically it just involves someone coming to the church after 4:00 or so on the Sunday of a walk,

loading up a couple of bags of recyclables, and taking them to a recycle station. If you can help please let one on the board members know.

GOD BLESS!

Bill Rickey



OFFICIAL NEWS

News from the Board of Trustees

At the January, 2007 Greater Sidney Area Board of Trustees meeting, three Resolutions to the Code of Regulations (Bylaws) of the Community were approved by the Board. Those Resolutions established the calendar year as the fiscal year for the Community, updated the membership of the Board to reflect current practice, and corrected several grammatical and errors of omission in the current Bylaws.

A note from your Sponsorship Chairman ~

WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP? WHAT IS THE AIM OF SPONSORSHIP? WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GOOD SPONSOR? HOW DO I BECOME A SPONSOR?

These are the basic questions we intend to answer over the course of 2007, and beyond. A team of community members has comprehensively worked on a Sponsorship Training Program over the past several years. I was just one member of that committee, and I am bringing to you hours and hours of prayerful diligence [call it agape, if you will], to this community.

Good sponsorship is vital to the health and growth of an Emmaus community. Sometimes we are not aware of the huge responsibility in being a Sponsor, and our hope is to get back to basics, to educate and inform, and answer any questions anyone may have with regards to Sponsorship. Many communities have made attending and completing a Sponsorship Training Program a pre-requisite to actually sponsoring another pilgrim. The Upper Room has very firm in the belief that we need to be educated in responsible sponsorship practices to

maintain a strong, thriving Emmaus community.

In light of the fact that our community has grown to its present size, it is even more important that our community members are aware of how vitally important Good Sponsorship is. There are some exciting things on the horizon as far as Sponsorship training goes, and I would like to share those with you.

Very soon we will have an addition to the Homepage of the Emmaus website, directing you to "Sponsorship." This page will include very beneficial, useful information, which will assist you on your journey as a sponsor. Many of you have already sponsored someone ... and many of you are new community members. This information will be helpful to EVERYONE. Keep checking the website for the exciting **new** page about Sponsorship – it'll be available very soon!!!

Beginning Tuesday, May 8th, we will offer Sponsorship Training before gathering, starting at 6:00pm at Sidney First UMC. (Not sure which room the training will be held in – we'll have a sign to direct you). Sponsor-

ship training will continue then throughout the year after each "set" of womens' and mens' walks, again before gatherings.

We will announce this training at gatherings, as well as post it on the website and through the newsletter. The training will involve a powerpoint presentation on Sponsorship, followed by a question and answer session. Our hope is that the training will last 40-45 minutes, so you're upstairs in time for the Gathering! Sponsorship training is **strongly recommended** before you actually sponsor a pilgrim. There is so much more to it than gathering agape for their Sunday envelope.

I look forward to serving you, the Community, in the coming year. And I look forward to continuing the process of educating and informing ~ to grow our Community strong in leadership, fellowship, and servanthood through responsible Sponsorship!

In His Service,
Deb Hereld

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Upcoming Events

Sponsorship Trng. May 8th 6:00 p.m.

Gathering May 8th 7:00 p.m

Womens Walk #42 June 14th—17th

Men's Walk #38 July 10th—22nd

We're on the web!
www.sidneyemmaus.org

**GIVE BACK ! HEY SHARE GROUPS,
INDIVIDUALS, AND COMMUNITY....**
Here is an opportunity to give back!!
Sidney First UMC, our Emmaus home, is purchasing new tables. The Emmaus Community is one of the top users of the tables, at gatherings, as well as on the weekends. The "old tables" are on their "last leg", and the church has decided to replace them. We, the Emmaus Board, would like to help in this endeavor. There are ten tables yet to be purchased at \$114.00 per table.
People are always asking how they can help, how they can give back to others. Here's your chance!! How about buying a table, or part of a table. You could put it in the offering plate at gathering, or contact a board member, and help make these tables happen!