

Welcome to the first newsletter for the year 2005. Our goal is to have two posted newsletters throughout the year along with the Monthly E-mail newsletter to keep everyone up to date with what is happening in our Emmaus Community.

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➤ Upcoming Events

February 12th Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church
6:00pm Tea, 7:00pm Worship Service

March 12th Gathering and Chrysalis Commissioning
at South Turrumurra Uniting Church
6:00pm Tea, 7:00pm Worship Service

March 19th Gathering at Stanwell Tops Conf. Centre
(part of Emmaus Australia Conference)

April 9th Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church
6:00pm Tea, 7:00pm Worship Service

April 28th – May 1st Men's Walk #102
Candlelighting: April 30th 8:00pm at Pittwater Uniting
Closing: May 1st 3:45pm at Elanora Conference Centre

May 12th – 15th Women's Walk #103
Candlelighting: May 14th 8:00pm at Pittwater Uniting
Closing: May 15th 3:45pm at Elanora Conference Centre

June 4th Gathering at Turrumurra Uniting Church
5:00pm Pre-Gathering for pilgrims of Walks 102 & 103,
6:00pm Tea, 7:00pm Worship Service

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➤ From the Community Lay Director

Greetings to you all, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that you had a happy and Holy Christmas and that you were able to celebrate with family and friends, and if you were able to have time out over the summer period I do hope that you are feeling refreshed and ready to enter into your 2005 commitments full of enthusiasm.

The teams for walks #102 28th April – 1st May being lead by Dennis Lyons and #103 12th – 15th May being led by June Leadbetter have already started their preparation for the walks. I ask that you uphold both these teams in prayer.

I also want to encourage you to start thinking and praying about whom you might invite onto the next Emmaus weekends. The time will soon pass and it's good to give yourself time to sponsor at a leisurely pace and it makes it easier for our registrar. It also allows for more prayer coverage of each prospective pilgrim.

Points to remember about sponsoring:

1. Are they a Christian?
2. Are they leaders in their church or have they leadership qualities?
3. If they are married, encourage both of them to attend an Emmaus walk.
We do not want to be responsible for causing barriers in a marriage.
4. Have them fill out their form promptly and send to the registrar.
5. Continue to pray for your pilgrim daily.

I hope to see you at the next gathering.

De Colores

Betty Snelling+

Web-site Update

If you haven't seen the new Sydney Emmaus Community web-site yet, please have a look at www.sydneyemmaus.org.au

Here you will find the latest news and information about our community, including walks and gatherings. You can also read previous newsletters.

Soon you will be able to add your name to a 72-hour Prayer Vigil via a form on the web-site.

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions for additional content, please contact Phillip Cant, Webmaster on 9683 4784 or e-mail: webmaster@sydneyemmaus.org.au

➤ *From the Spiritual Director*

In my last letter I spoke of the possibility of leaders from the Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma attending an Emmaus Walk in Australia this year. Since then much has happened. I received a letter advising that the Methodist Church has agreed to Rev Dr Jione Langi, now President of the Methodist Church, Rev Immanuel Reuben, Head of the Indian Division in Fiji, and a Rev Apeli, Evangelism Secretary, will be attending the 28th April Men's Walk #102 at Elanora. Then at the Board meeting on 2nd December it was agreed that their wives should also come. At a meeting with Rev Reuben in Suva Fiji on 9th December I was able to announce this offer.

By the time I had left Fiji Mrs Riga Langi and Mrs Grace Reuben were very excited about coming to the Women's Walk from 12th May. We will find out shortly about Rev Apeli's wife.

At the April Gathering we will be having a Pacific Island night and Commissioning of teams. Get your Bula shirts and saris ready - we are going to party. More details to come.



Thank you for your prayers over this period of perseverance. My thanks also go to the Board for initiating the gracious offer to the wives of those leaders who will be coming from the Methodist Church. Let us continue to prayer that as God has led us this far that His will for Emmaus in Fiji may be strengthened through this year and bring about a movement of grace and peace in Fiji.

God bless.

Brian Jago

How to Sponsor

If you know of anyone who would like to experience the Emmaus Walk, you will find an Application Form enclosed. Please complete pilgrim and sponsor sections and send to Kim McCarthy our Board Representative:

Kim McCarthy
5 Darcey Road
Castle Hill NSW 2154

If you would like more copies of the Application Form or have any further enquiries please contact Kim on (02) 9899 7383 or via e-mail: registrar@sydneyemmaus.org.au

➤ *Walks*

MEN'S WALK #102

As we enter 2005, planning for the next set of walks continues.

At the time of writing this article (early January), the Men's team requires 2 x Assistant TLs and 2 x Assistant SDs.

I am conscious of the prayers already offered (and continuing) for the team, the pilgrims that God has plans for attending, and the walk preparations. The Men's walk will be held from 28th April – 1st May 2005.

Please continue to pray for the team for our preparations for training and the walk. The team as at 7 January is:

LD Dennis Lyons
SD Arthur Pearce
ALD Mike Delahunty, Tony Dowse, Keith Harding
ASD Dennis Nutt, Sue Banks
TL Michael Edwards, Simon Hunter, Ken Deck, David Adams
ATL Craig Williams, Michael Zeppel
Music Rick Johnson, Phillip Cant
PD Ian Monk, David Aspinall
Board Rep Graeme Dodds

As we know, it is the faithfulness of prayer that will uphold these walks, as with all other walks, and your continued support in this area would be appreciated.

I also encourage the Community to support the walk with sponsoring of pilgrims, providing agape, serving, signing up for the prayer vigil, and attending candle lighting and closing services. Looking forward to catching up with you at the next Gathering/s.

De Colores,

Dennis Lyons – Lay Director.

WOMEN'S WALK #103

The team has come together very well, and it looks as though we now have a full team, with perhaps one more ASD needed.

LD June Leadbetter
SD Helen Edgerton
ALD Sue Owen, Sue Jago, Susan Campbell
ASD Sue Waugh, Robyn Davies
TL Robyn Harvey, Vicki Harding, Jay Cumming, Laurel Brammer, Aggie Grant
ATL Tris Fahey, Tammy Vorster-Jones, Yen Yeo, Gloria Attwooll, Jenny Kitson
Music Lynne Dearing, Janet Gausson
PD Raine Dowse, Margaret Williams
Board Rep Di Dodds

2. **Chrysalis**

The Prayer Directors for the next Chrysalis Flight (14th – 17th April) have asked for our support. Please pray for the Lay Director and her team for God's protection and strength. Pray for the vacant places on the team to be filled and for the completion of the 72-hour prayer vigil. (You can volunteer for the prayer vigil and ask God to touch the hearts of these young people – the church of tomorrow – and move mightily in their lives).

3. **Emmaus Community**

Please uphold the Sydney Emmaus Community in your prayers. Ask God to strengthen us and lead us to those places where He wants us to fulfil His plan and purposes for us. We are looking at the feasibility of introducing Emmaus into Fiji. Please pray God's direction and action in this. Pray for individuals, especially those you may be aware of with particular needs at this time. Ask God to enfold us all in His love and grow us in His will.

➤ **Reunion Groups**

I am delighted to have been asked to co-ordinate the Reunion Groups for Sydney Community. Reunion Groups, (perhaps Journey Groups would be a better name), are the backbone of the Emmaus movement. Here is why. When Jesus spoke to the two on the road to Emmaus, he started them on a journey of continual renewal. And so it is with us. We need each other in order to feel and grow our enthusiasm to renew the Church.

I am looking forward to meeting with your Group and listening to your individual Journeys and the Journey your Group is taking.

May I encourage you:

- To be Christ to each other on the road
- To bring forward new pilgrims
- To make heaps of Agape
- To fill rosters at Walks and Gatherings
- To nurture us all on our Journeys
- To 'pray without ceasing'

I now have an e-mail address for matters to Reunion Groups:

journey@sydneyemmaus.org.au

My Personal e-mail remains as: helios@netspace.net.au

I would be delighted to receive an invitation to attend one of your meetings and share with you the joys of being on the road. Also by e-mailing me, I get your e-mail address

De Colores

Roger Perry – Reunion Groups Co-ordinator

➤ **Chrysalis**

BEYOND CONFERENCE '2005' (CHRYsalis NATIONAL SECRETARIAT WEEKEND)

This year Sydney Chrysalis has been invited to host the National Chrysalis Conference. This weekend conference will be held at Stanwell Tops on 4th – 6th February.

The conference is for anyone interested in Chrysalis. It will be an awesome time of fellowship and learning. There are some great streams to choose from and more info can be found in the brochure. If you would like to come please make sure you get a brochure by e-mailing: beyond@sydneychrysalis.org.au

BEYOND Rally

As part of this conference, which we are hosting, we will be organising an amazing evening of praise and worship. This is all about thanking God for all that He has done through the Chrysalis Movement over so many years and praying for BEYOND 2005.

PLEASE COME – PLEASE INVITE AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU SEE or KNOW who have been involved with Chrysalis over the years. This is designed also as a big reunion, catching up with each other. PLEASE COME!!!! See the enclosed flier inviting you!!!!!!

FLIGHTS FOR 2005

The dates for 2005 Flights are –

- **Flight 30**
Sydney - Elanora Heights 14th – 17th April
- **Flight 31**
South Sydney/Illawarra - Stanwell Tops 14th – 17th July
- **Flight 32**
Western Sydney - Grose Vale 22nd – 25th September



We look forward to seeing you and meeting/catching up on Saturday, 5th February at the Stanwell Tops Christian Conference Centre auditorium. We hope you have had a relaxed and refreshing Christmas holiday full of grace and peace. Please pray with us for Chrysalis 2005 as we journey in influencing young adults with the love of God for them personally.

Newsletter

If you would like to receive the Sydney Emmaus Community Newsletter by e-mail, contact Belinda Cant on 0414 711027 or e-mail: newsletter@sydneyemmaus.org.au