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SunCoast Emmaus Newsletter

Jan/Feb/Mar 2019



Time is a gift.....

by Dr. Bob O'Keef, Spiritual Director

Another new day. Another New Year. Another opportunity to truly live.

No two people see life in the same way. Some are pessimistic like Shakespeare's Macbeth who said, "Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Somewhat less pessimistic but in much the same vein are the words of Seneca, the Roman philosopher who wrote, "Life is neither a good nor an evil; it is simply a place where good and evil exist."

A slightly more optimistic view of life was presented in Athens about 400 years before Christ was born. Socrates taught, "the end of life is to be like God; the soul following God will be like him." But for Socrates, this life was just meaningless time.

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What Is Chrysalis?

by Charlotte Ward

Liasion to Heart of SunCoast Chrysalis

Like the adult weekends, Chrysalis is a Christian leadership program for youth ranging in age from high school sophomore to college (15-18 years old) and have completed their freshman year in high school. Chrysalis enables our youth to be positive role models in their

about life: "I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (2:20)

As we begin a new year, let's remember that we can live each new day in Christ and with Christ. In the coming year, we will have great opportunities, great tragedies, and great victories. If we live each day in Christ and with Christ we will be blessed!

Dr. Bob



Team Selection

by Pastor Patti

Nemazie, *Team Selection Chair*

Happy New Year! One of the things I love about the New Year is not only taking time to reflect on the past year but also taking the opportunity to prioritize my life, making sure I put first things first! For me the new year is a reset. How about you?

As you ponder your calendar this year, putting first things first, would you consider keeping these 2019 Walk to Emmaus dates blocked and pray about serving?

Men's Walk #89

March 28th - 31st

Women's Walk #90

April 4th - 7th

The Walks will be held at DaySpring Conference Center, 8411 25th St.

Sponsors needed for new caterpillars, parents can sponsor their own children for the weekend flights. Don't forget the caterpillars also need agape.

Upcoming Events:

Boys Flight # 33

February 23 -25, 2019

Girls Flight # 34

September, 2019

Where:

Rotary Camp Florida
1915 Camp Florida Rd
Brandon, FL 33510

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Charlotte Ward

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From Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis

Hello Suncoast Emmaus Community,

On behalf of the Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis Community, I am excited to share with you that we are having the Boys' Chrysalis Flight #32 on February 23-25 at Rotary's Camp Florida in Brandon, Florida. Please be praying and asking the Lord to put a young man on your heart who would be blessed to be able to come and experience the power of Jesus' love! What a great way to move forward into the New Year! Prayers are appreciated for the team God has called as well.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. If

team to pull off a weekend. If you've never served, this is a great time to consider being the hands and feet of Jesus. You will be blessed beyond measure! If it's been a long while since you served, would you consider jumping back in? Christ is counting on us! Applications are available on our website, [click here](#).

Jesus Loves You and So Do !!!

Pastor Patti

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Agape For Spring Walks

by Sue Klinger, Agape Chair

As we look forward to preparing for our Spring Walks please keep the following in mind. Please make a minimum of 50 pieces of Agape. If you are in need of some fresh Agape ideas and enjoy using the computer go to Pinterest and search for Agape Ideas.

There are so very many easy and great ideas on their site.

It would be most helpful if you would email me at swbensen@gmail.com and tell me that you will be providing agape.

That way I can see how much we will have coming in for the walks and what additional we will need to provide. You can bring your Agape to a gathering or up to Day Spring at the time of the walks.

I am also very much in need of community members to work on the Agape Committee for the new year. You can help with support for the prayer clock, organize Agape gifts, or help with the weekend walk booklet. Agape is such

team member, \$130 covers that cost.

Any amount is appreciated, and we are thankful for all of the many ways you support the Chrysalis Community and our young people!

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and that you have a blessed and joy filled New Year! Fly with Christ!

Melinda Devlin

Heart of Suncoast Chrysalis

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A Note From Education

by Pam Hunt, Education Chair

The Education Chair now has a real committee that is making real strides to develop a standardized training program for the Men's and Women's Emmaus Teams. The Committee Members are: Karen Post (Board Member); Christina Erickson; Margarete & Don Roser; Julie Taylor; Mary Lynne Jewell (Board Member); and Steve Namazie. Each member brings a special skill set and perspective to the efforts. Mary Lynne, Margarete and Pastor Don, and Steve have all been involved with Emmaus in other communities and states and have very strong backgrounds in team development and service.

The first order of business was to coordinate the 3-day schedule and the corresponding Outside Team schedule in order to update the tasks and make sure the times match. While doing this it has

consideration on helping with this committee.

Also please keep in mind to give the gift of sponsoring a Pilgrim. It is of the utmost importance that we get applications on file in January so we may be assured of our numbers necessary for a successful walk.

May God grant each and everyone a Blessed New Year.

I will be looking forward to seeing you all at the January Gathering where I WILL HAVE A AGAPE TABLE. I will have a number of Agape ideas and some agape that is needed to be supplemented to have the 50 pieces needed.

Blessings

Susan Bensen Klinger

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The Spring SunCoast Emmaus Walks Prayer Clocks are now online and ready for you to sign up. Please click below to sign-up today!

Men's Spring 2019 Prayer Clock

[Click here](#)

Women's Spring 2019 Prayer Clock

[Click here](#)

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Karen has done a great job of putting the 3-day schedule and the outside team schedule together into one document for the Outside Coordinator and the Assistant Lay Directors.

Now that the Outside schedule is complete, we are working on the detailed schedule for the Conference Room Team, starting with Send Off. We are also taking the training schedules for each Saturday and working on standardizing them so they will work for both the Men's and the Women's teams.

We are working on a Saturday at DaySpring for the Men's & Women's Outside Teams where they will walk through the schedule from beginning to end. In addition, we will be addressing table dynamics and will concentrate on writing and presenting talks.

We all believe that comprehensive training is the key to a successful weekend with low stress levels for all team members.

If you have suggestions please feel free to send them to me at pamnally@netzero.net. The committee appreciates the support of the community and the upcoming Weekend Lay Directors, Rich and Cindy Sidley.

Pam Hunt

Education Chair

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**Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser &
Gathering**
January 19th

Come join us for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Put the date on your



**Bonfire, S'Mores
& Hotdog Roast**
February 16th

The annual Bonfire, S'Mores and Hotdog Roast is being held on of February 16th.

Grace United Methodist Church
400 Field Ave. East
Venice, FL 34285

Bradenton, FL 34208
5 - 7 PM

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Doors will open at 5 pm. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Entertainment will start after dinner. We will be having special entertainment for this event. the Praise Team from Grace UMC! Please join us and bring your friends!

Please purchase tickets through our website at www.suncoastemmaus.com

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A Note From Communication

Trina Robinson, *Chair*

I want to thank everyone for the privilege to serve on the SunCoast Emmaus Board of Directors. I have been blessed to be your Communications Chair.

I will be available to communicate to the SunCoast Community any news or prayer requests until my replacement is announced and trained. To contact me or the new Communications Chair, please continue to use the email address, scecommunications@gmail.com

DeColores,

Trina

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Reunion Groups

Mel Robinson, *Reunion Groups*

Reunion Groups are the backbone of the Walk to Emmaus. [Click here](#) for the the most current information I have been provided.

I want to thank everyone for their assistance with keeping the list of Reunion Groups current during my time serving on SunCoast Emmaus. I want to thank everyone for the privilege to serve on the SunCoast Emmaus Board of Directors.

To update the list in the future, please email scereuniongroups@gmail.com.

DeColores,

Mel

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