

# Community News by Hilda Baker

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*2 Timothy 3:17 "...so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work"*

Well, it's October again.... Which means the beginning of a New Year is just around the corner and the time has come to elect some fresh new faces to the BVEC board. First of all, on behalf of the entire BVEC, I would like to thank the following outgoing board members for their exemplary service to our community.

Thank You!

Bill Elliott - Fourth Day and Group Reunion – Bill instituted the "mini-reunion group" at every Gathering, and made the commitment to personally lead each and every one, so that community members, both old and new, can get to know each other and come together as one. Also, his leadership of the Fourth Day meetings not only increased the participation in the community by new Pilgrims, but provided tangible help in forming new Reunion Groups so they could support each other in their Fourth Day.

Andrew Perry - Facilities and Set Up – Andrew has done an outstanding job of making sure that all of the tables, chairs, video equipment, podiums, lamps, banners and many, many other things, are in place and ready to go for each and every Walk and then taking it all down and storing it. so it's ready for next time. His commitment and hard work has blessed many Outside teams, Conference Room teams, countless pilgrims and has been an inspiration to us all!

Sally Miller - Training - Sally stepped in to fulfill an unfinished term and in the short amount of time she has had, she has brought our Community Training to a whole new level of excellence. Through her commitment to providing Community training at every Gathering, implementing and leading an Orientation Meeting for each Walk, systematic training for Walk Lay Directors, the Teams and her ethic of accountability the BVEC is ever closer to providing the same Walk experience that Pilgrims are experiencing world wide, so that no matter where a Pilgrims finds him or herself, they will feel at home in their

local Emmaus Community.

Jim Smith - Registration – Jim also accepted an unexpired term and has done a wonderful job shepherding Sponsors and their Pilgrims through the registration process. He has diligently refined the process and has worked hard to make all of the necessary forms, literature, and materials available and usable. His efforts, along with Training's, to ensure responsible and appropriate sponsorship has made a tremendous difference in the Walk experience as well as the Fourth Day and the entire BVEC.

These are the folks that you will be replacing when you vote. They are some big shoes to fill! So, as you look over the enclosed ballot, please prayerfully consider who God has equipped to continue (and grow) these good works!!!!

- DeColores!
- Hilda Baker
- BV Emmaus
- Community Lay Director
- Walk #14
- Table of Mary

## Did You Know...

Did you know it takes approximately 74 people to serve just **one** weekend Walk? Thirty-three people are needed to serve on the Inside and Outside Teams which requires a minimum of 3 days service. The BVEC Team Selection Committee is now accepting applications for the April 2009 Walks. Lay Directors for these Walks are Margie Jimmerson and Doug Summerour. To serve on one of these teams, please complete and submit the attached application to the address listed on the form NLT November 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies of the form may also be obtained on the web, at Gatherings and at Candlelight. For additional information, email Patrice Summerour at Psummerour@bvemmas.org.

If you're unable to get away for that amount of time but would like to serve, many opportunities still exist where you can volunteer for several hours and still receive credit for serving on an Outside Team. These include: working in the Kitchen (2 shifts daily for a total of 18 people); Facilities Set-up on Thursday (6 people) or Facilities Tear-down on Sunday (6 people); Welcoming Committee on Thursday evening (5 people); and Parking Attendants (2 each) for Arrival, Candlelight, and Closing. Each of these opportunities require a very minimal amount of your time and are vital to the Community's ability to proceed with a Walk. If interested in serving in one of these areas, please contact the following Board members:

- Kitchen: Carol Moreland at (979) 567-0180 or email M.O.M.@crossroadsretreat.org
- Facilities Set-up/Tear-Down: Andrew Perry at (979) 272-7406 or email Perrys887@aol.com
- Welcoming Committee/Parking: Dana Wacasey at (979)693-5678 or email dwacasey@bvemmas.org

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# Great Gatherings

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## GATHERINGS UPDATE:

WOW - We had a wonderful crowd of 62 for our July 12 Gathering at Crossbridge Christian Church in Houston. The food, music and fellowship were awesome. Then our August 2 HULLABALOO at St. John's United Church of Christ in Burton was wonderful with our annual Silent Auction and Live Auction being a great success to support our Walk Scholarships!

On that same day there was a Music Workshop for those interested in working on the music teams at our Walks or Gatherings. We thank the Reunion Members at St. John's for all of the work they put in to make this such a wonderful time to glorify God.

In September we met at the Elizabeth Lutheran Church in Caldwell. It was also well attended and we all enjoyed the wonderful food, fellowship, and the beautiful sanctuary. Thanks to everyone who made the gatherings so awesome!



## Meet Those Willing to Serve on the Board

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### Linda Myers

My name is Linda Myers and my husband, Gary and I live in Bellville and attend the Bellville United Methodist Church. I attended Walk to Emmaus #160 in July of 1990 in Corpus Christi, and Gary attended the Walk a few months later. My two stepsons, Stephen and Brent, attended their walks with the BVEC community, and have participated in the Kairos ministry. I thank God every day for The Walk to Emmaus and what it has done in my life and in the lives of so many friends and family members. My eyes truly were opened and my life transformed. There's no way I can ever return what I received on the Walk, but I'll always give as much as I am able. I'm honored to be a candidate for the BVEC Board.

### Steve May

My name is Steve May. I am 54 years old. I am married to Libby, Walk 39. I was a pilgrim on Walk 60 Table of Paul. I have served on the outside team and as Assistant Table Leader on two walks. My life has been truly blessed because of my fourth day walks I have with our Lord. I attend the Roosters reunion group when my job allows me the privilege. I serve as a Co-chair with

Libby on the Mission/Outreach Committee at our church, First United Methodist of Bryan. My fourth day has taken me on mission trips to the Louisiana gulf coast for the last three years to assist with hurricane Rita recovery efforts. I will be doing mission work in Cote d'Ivoire, Africa from Nov. 7 to Nov. 17, 2008 to distribute pesticide treated mosquito nets for "Nothing But Nets". I love serving the needs of others and it would be my pleasure and honor to serve the BV Emmaus community as one of your board members if elected.

### Lucy Coward

This is Lucy Coward from Cameron. I have been married for 35 years and we have two grown children, one is living in Rockdale, and the other is a school teacher in Fort Worth, Texas. My walk was #61 at Tanglewood, and my table was Martha, I have been on the outside team for both men and women, I have also been on the inside as both a table leader and a assistant leader and I have given several talks,

I was asked this question. Why do I want to be on board? I prayed about this and this is what God told me to put down as the answer. Who are we to question what God wants us to be? No one is to question that.

If it is my time to be on board for him I will be there to represent him, We are to walk in his glory, not ours. This is what the lord wanted me to say and this position is to be filled with Godly people that are working for him and not the flesh.

### Robert Read

Walk #60, Table of Mark. I am currently an inside team member for Walk #74. I live in Jewett, TX and I am self-employed as an electrical contractor. We moved to Jewett approximately 25-years ago from Beaumont. I was a certified lay speaker in the United Methodist Church and then completed the Certified Lay Minister program. We recently became members of the Hilltop Lakes Chapel where I serve as substitute adult Sunday school teacher and videographer. We have recently started a new Reunion Group and we call ourselves the Bright Morning Star. I am currently serving as the treasurer for the Texas Conference of United Methodist Men.

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## Meeting Those Willing to Serve (continued from page 3)

### Pat Baker

I reside near Chriesman with my wife, Hilda. We share six children and five grandchildren. I am a member of First United Methodist Church in Caldwell, and currently serve as the Evangelism Chairman of the church, President of Methodist Men, and play bass and sing in the praise band. I am a Certified Lay Speaker in the West Region of the Methodist Church.

I began my Walk to Emmaus on walk 58, held at Camp Tejas, and my life was forever changed by that weekend. I have served on the conference room teams for walks 62, 66, 70, 72, and served as outside coordinator on walk 64. I am currently serving on the team for Walk 74 as the Lay Director.

I believe that the Walk is wonderful training for Christian Service and Discipleship, as well as a potential life-changing experience. The people of this community have become like family to me, and I want to continue to serve God in this community by helping to make the Emmaus experience in special for all who are involved.

### Mike O'Meara

As a pilgrim, I was moved by the Christian Action talk. Before Saturday night candle-light I approached a team member about what was needed to volunteer to work a walk. I also announced I would like to give the CA talk as a team member. I was very uncomfortable with the team being so selfless during my walk; it was really Christian action in motion. Working a team even exceeded bringing my walk "full circle" as I anticipated. I have made many great relationships working the walks since then.

### Sue Housely

I went on Walk #16 and have been blessed to work 11 Walks since then. I have worked on the Outside Teams, been and Assistant Table Leader, Table Leader, an Assistant Lay Director, and have given three talks.

As you can see from my service, I am committed to Emmaus and to it's purpose of transforming lives for Christ, and would very much like to put my experience to work on the Board of the Brazos Valley Emmaus Community.