

# Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Newsletter

October 2004

## A Word From Our Chair...

I don't like conflict or confrontation; and this week when I had to discuss some touchy issues with some friends, you could tell by my face that I was uncomfortable. My dear mother gave me this trait – the temples pound, I can feel the blood rushing to my cheeks and suddenly it gets very hot in the room (regardless of whether it actually is or not). I definitely don't have a poker face and cannot hide my frustration, fears and reservation behind calm, cool, collected facial expressions. But what needed to be done was necessary! God knew the situation had to be dealt with and hopefully it was done without hurting or offending anyone.

One of my biggest pet peeves is lack of communication. If you have something to say, say it. If it is negative, be sure you have a positive solution. If it involves bringing someone to accountability, great! We are responsible for holding each other accountable for our lives – that's what our share groups are for. We cannot become complacent in our walk with Christ. We cannot assume (love that word, too!) that everything is going smoothly for our church, our families, or our Emmaus Community.

But we also don't know if something is wrong unless we hear about it! A complaint-fest is not the way to go, but constructive criticisms and calls to accountability are highly encouraged.

One of the main aspects of the Walk to Emmaus is to allow Christians an opportunity to develop, improve and rekindle their skills in leadership. Unfortunately, all leaders will be thrown curves from time to time. Here's a scripture that might help you – it has been one of comfort and encourage to me:

*I leave you peace; my peace I give you.*

*I do not give it to you as the world does.*

*So don't let your hearts be troubled or  
afraid.*

*John 14:27*

Oh, and don't forget about that main communication line between you and God – PRAYER!

*Anyone who is having troubles should pray.*

*Anyone who is happy should sing praises.*

*James 5:13*

*DeColores!*

*Diana Hall*

## **Calling All Roosters... Babe Roosters that is...**

Oh, Ladies!!! Babe Roosters have been invited to minister to MW#22! Here's the scoop...put together your most ridiculous macho outfit possible. Spare every expense! Use anything and everything around the house that you have been meaning to throw away, but haven't! Raid your kids' toy chest! The crazier the better! This is a spin-off of Babe Chicks, not the Rockettes! We will meet 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15 in the Youth Room (where Sister Act meets) See you there!!!!

### **Dates To Remember**

Men's Walk #22	October 14-17
Candlelight	October 16
Closing	October 17 @ 4:30
Board Meeting	October 21 @ 5pm
Mini-Gathering	October 21 @ 6pm
Gathering	October 21 @7pm

## **Meet the Board...**

It is time to meet another board member. This month we will be getting to know a little more about **Jim Brammer**.

1. Year and location of your original walk.

I took my Walk #10 in February, 1999 at the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus in Chillicothe, Table of Mark.

2. What is your real job?

I am a retired veterinarian.

3. Family

In December, I will have been married to Garnet for 50 years, We have two children and five grandchildren.

4. What do you do with your leisure time?

In my leisure time, I like to work in my woodshop. Garnet and I, also, like to travel and attend Southern Gospel Music Concerts.

5. What church do you attend?\

I attend the First United Methodist Church in Greenfield. I serve on the Pastor/Parish Committee; the Mission and Outreach Committee; and I teach an Adult Sunday School Class.

6. Special Emmaus memory?

Emmaus has been a special experience with Jesus Christ, while in association with many wonderful people who are traveling the same road..

7. Anything else you would like the community to know?

Thanks to all of you for the encouragement and well wishes.

### **Board meeting Hi-lites:**

Will Try for Regional training sessions in April or May of 2005

Approved Skits: Noah, Babe Chicks &Roosters, Hey Delores, Cross Eyed Bear, Hillbilly Band, and Sister Act

Domestic Coalition would like to borrow mats for weekend of Oct. 26 This was approved.

***VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE ... VOTE***

According to the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, a board of directors governs the local Emmaus movement and oversees the quality of the program. The Board of Directors is the link between the local Emmaus community and the Upper Room Ministries and is responsible for fulfilling the covenant with Upper Room Ministries as stated in the Letter of Agreement signed annually. The Board of Directors consists of three classes, a new class being elected each year, and the oldest class rotating off. The Emmaus community elects the board by voting each year on members of a new class from among nominees selected by a nominating committee and approved by the board.

Listed below are two sections of nominees. The first section is for lay people who have accepted the nomination and have been approved by the board. The second section is for clergy. You may only vote once. If there is more than one Emmaus person at the same mailing address who wishes to vote, you may duplicate this ballot or use distinguishable marks on the same ballot (e.g. blue marks for one person, red for another). Fold the ballot, tape it closed and mail the ballot to Diana Hall, Community Lay Director (address is already on the back of this form). **BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> TO BE CONSIDERED.** RESULTS WILL BE POSTED IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER.

**LAY PERSONS (VOTE FOR 6)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandy Blakeman

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon Mark Hall

\_\_\_\_\_ Arla Bush

\_\_\_\_\_ Becky (Floyd) Herrtstein

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Dishong

\_\_\_\_\_ Lela McWhorter

\_\_\_\_\_ Jeni Goedde

\_\_\_\_\_ Dale Stevens

\_\_\_\_\_ Justin Grigsby

\_\_\_\_\_ Patsy Stevens

\_\_\_\_\_ Cindy Sykes

**CLERGY (VOTE FOR 2)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Neil Foster

\_\_\_\_\_ Tad Grover

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