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# THE CROAKER

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## **President's Letter:**

Dear Fellow Aventurites,

I hope that your summer has been going well. Ours has had its ups (vacation) and downs (our son running away from home, long story). How good it is to remember that in all of the highs and lows of life, God is with us and watching out for us each step of the way.

The Aventura weekend is fast approaching with **team meetings** starting this week. Please join us in praying for the team as they work to put this weekend together. For those who are not on team, please show the guests your support in other ways, serve a meal, make food for the potluck, sing at the Mananita, and of course, write Palanca!! But the biggest thing is to be on the lookout for a future guest, because in order for this weekend to happen, we need to have guests to serve, sing to and write Palanca for! **Be praying about who you may be able to sponsor on a weekend.** This Saturday we are having a tag sale to raise money for the weekend, please consider helping us run it as many hands make light work. We will be having our picnic / reunion in the background, and as it is at **St Pauls**, it will be rain or shine. Finally, as I am starting a new position as Corresponding Secretary this year, I am going to be encouraging us to pray for a different Community weekend each month. Every year we get Palanca from outside Communities saying that they are praying for us, and I would like to respond in kind to a least a few. **So this month I would ask that we be praying for the Women's Walk to Emmaus of Queensland, Australia which will be happening this coming Thursday to Sunday.** I will be emailing them a small letter of Palanca from our community, letting them know that we are praying for them.

God bless,

*Amanda Johnson*

Coordinator's Letter:

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*** Colossians 3: 17

As I'm writing this we are less **than 1 week away** from the start of team meetings. Everything is in place, or will be, for this next phase of the weekend process. It seems like only yesterday that this journey began but it's actually been 5 months. The team is now complete except for **an additional auxie**. The team assembly process has had a few surprises and bumps along the way but as always God has been faithful.

One of the things that God has brought to my mind as this process has unfolded is that in order to serve Him I must really know Him. When this thought first struck me I was a little taken aback. My first reaction was of course I know You God. Then God began to give me little glimpses of the depth of His heart and I was stunned with the reality of how little I really do know Him. There are facets of God that a lifetime of searching will never reveal. I began to realize that when I make Him the grand pursuit of my life He will open up to my spiritual vision some of these facets that will never be revealed in a casual relationship. One of the things that has been instrumental in kindling this desire to know Him better is a book by David Wilkerson called *Hungry for More of Jesus*. Part of the summary on the back of the book says, "This stirring book is for those who know Christ and are hungry to know Him better, and it is for others who want to know Him as they never have." I find that the more I know Him the more I want to serve Him. I pray for each member of the team that they would also find this to be true in their lives as well. My prayer for each of you as the extended team is you too would hunger for more of Jesus and find that all you do for Him comes from the overflow of your love for Him. God has something wonderful in store for this weekend. I know that we will see hearts and lives changed for eternity through the hands, feet and voices of His faithful servants.

Please keep each of us in your prayers as we begin this team building phase of the weekend process. Pray that we would be emptied of all that would hinder what He wants to accomplish in and through us to His glory and honor. Pray for protection from the attacks of the evil one that we may remain strong and healthy and fit for service. Finally please pray for a full weekend. **The cutoff date is Sept 27 which is when we will need 10 guests min. We will also be limiting the weekend to 20 guests max for logistical purposes.** God wants this weekend full and He will use each of us to make that possible certainly through our prayers and possibly as a sponsor as He leads.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Greg Gibbons*

## **Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:**

### **August Reunion:**

Saturday, August 24,  
Aventura Tag / Bake sale & Picnic  
9:00am until 3:00pm  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Please consider bringing a favorite snack or soda to share! 😊**

### **Birthdays:**

Robby Emmons	August 11
Alli Olivieri	August 16
Casey Saade	August 22
Abi Eveland	August 26

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### **Prayer Requests:**

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

- Barb Clavette ([JEClavette@snet.net](mailto:JEClavette@snet.net) or 482-0172)
- Sandy Miller ([SanJeanM@AOL.com](mailto:SanJeanM@AOL.com) or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

### **Web Stuff to Note:**

Art Richards and Rachel LePine are currently redesigning the [Aventura site](#). Let us know what you'd like to see on the new site by messaging us on [FaceBook!](#)

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