

**Tampa Bay Marriage Encounter  
Community News Letter - May 2009**

**Our New Area Leaders**



**Charlie & Gayle  
Gaither**

Charlie & Gayle are members of Nativity Parish in Brandon where they live with their three children, Matthew 16, Audrey 12 and Holly 10. They also have one dog, two cats, many turtles, as well as various other pets. Charlie has a degree in marine biology from the University of Tampa. Since 1988 Charlie has worked full time in their business Executive Aquarium Sales and Services Inc. Gayle worked in retail as an assistant manager, before the children and after staying home to raise the children. Gayle now works part time at Hugo Schmidt elementary as a lunch room aide. They made their original weekend in September of 2000 and presented their first weekend in April of 2001. Before being leadership Charlie and Gayle were prayer couple coordinators as well as community pillar heads for the past three years here they organized the community calendar, as well as plan our annual murder mystery night, and coordinated the Advent Pilgrimage to Orlando.

At the selection meeting Saturday, 4/4/09, they were given a unanimous vote of approval. They will have a term of office of two years, with an option for a one year extension. By virtue of their selection as Area Leaders for **Tampa Bay Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, Charlie & Gayle will also become members of the Board of Directors of Southwest WorldWide Marriage Encounter, Inc., which coordinates the activities of Section 5 WWME and includes all of the southeast United States, from Louisiana to Georgia to Florida and extending to the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

**Thank you!**

**Richard and Kolleen Spinelli**

Richard and Kolleen Spinelli were recognized and thanked at the March Community meeting for their time and talent given to the Tampa Bay area as Registration Couple for the past two years. They have handed over the reigns, paperwork and boxes to our new Registration Couple, Pat and Debbie Powers who are member of St. Vincent de Paul with two grown children and two dogs. Pat and Debbie are excited to get started on their new challenge and are grateful to Richard & Kolleen for their guidance, encouragement and support.

**Who's Who in  
Marriage Encounter of Tampa Bay  
Team and Pillar Leadership**

**Structure Pillar**

Area Leaders: Charlie & Gayle Gaither  
Tampa Bay Finances – Mike and Maryann McCarthy  
Prayer Line – Pete & Joy Rullo  
Webmaster – Rich & Elaine Pettit

**Team Pillar**

Coordinators: Dave & Lucy Snyder  
Team couples  
Pat & Valerie Burns  
Joe & Lara Caruso  
Chad & Anne DeRigo  
Drew & Heather Fink  
Charlie & Gayle Gaither  
Fr. Dennis Hughes  
Rob & Kate Kelly  
Terry & Laura Lewis  
Mike & Maryann McCarthy  
Todd & Erin Patterson  
Larry & Kathy Peel  
Dave & Eliana Pinti  
Dave & Lucy Snyder  
Ed & Cary Fernandez  
John & Jean Wilson

**Weekend Pillar**

Coordinators: Terry & Laura Lewis  
Registration - Pat & Debbie Powers  
Spanish coordinators - Jesse & Laura Martinez

**Community Pillar**

Coordinators: Pat & Valerie Burns  
Circle Contacts:

<b>Circle of Love</b>	Mike & Maryanne McCarthy
<b>God's Graces</b>	Charlie and Gayle Gaither
<b>Great Expectations</b>	Rolle and Debbie Culp or Richard & Sharon Yentzer
<b>Heart to Heart</b>	Bill and JoAnn Bannon
<b>Lots of Love</b>	Jim & Michele Vaughn
<b>M.E. Circle of Friends</b>	Butch and Kitty Miller or Terry & Laura Lewis
<b>Sacramental Lovers</b>	Lori & Randy
<b>Star crossed Lovers</b>	Larry & Kathy Peel or Harry & Joyce Ennise
<b>Sweet Lovers</b>	Joseph & Lara Caruso
<b>The Honeymooners</b>	Krist & Nancy Gates
<b>The Lifers</b>	Phil and Cindy Signore
<b>The Rolling Stones</b>	Jim and Anne Clifford
<b>We've only Just Begun</b>	Pete and Joy Rullo or Richard & Beverly Overbeck

**For more information on the Tampa Bay community  
Leadership and Pillars, and Circle locations and  
contact information see our area website**

<http://www.wwmetampabay.org>

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**Do you remember the joy you felt on your weekend?**

On your weekend you were invited to help "Continue the Journey". During that presentation your team gave you this key concept;

**By sharing our love as a couple with others, we can renew the Church and change the world.** Here is a dialogue question.....

Are we doing all that we can to invite others to the joy of our Weekend/Experience? WAMFAT?

Here is the weekend schedule for the rest of the year.

May 15-17, 2009                      Franciscan Center

July 24-26, 2009                      Best Western,  
Brooksville

September 11-13, 2009              Franciscan Center

November 13-15, 2009              Bethany Center, Lutz

Note:    Locations are subject to change

In order for a weekend to proceed as planned, we must have 20 registered couples. Your help is needed for our community to hold successful weekends. How can you help? By inviting couples to experience the joy you did on your weekend. Attending the start of the weekend to help drag bags and welcome the couples to their weekend. Volunteer to be a prayer couple for a couple attending a weekend. Be a part of the community on Sunday at the end of the weekend to singing and welcome the couples into our community and family.

To register for a weekend you can go online at

[www.wmetampabay.org](http://www.wmetampabay.org)

**or call**

**813-270-7832**

**Circle News**

**Our community calendar for the rest of the year.**

**May 15-17**                      ME weekend at Franciscan Center. Hosted by Sacramental Lover's Circle.

**June 26-28**                      [WWME Convention in Orlando](#). Tampa Bay hosting the entertainment.

**July-Community night**....hosted by Heart to Heart Circle

More information coming soon

**July 24-26**                      ME weekend at Franciscan Center, hosted by: The Honeymooners

**August-**                      Pasta Dinner & Service Auction — More info to follow

**September 11-13**              ME weekend at Franciscan Center. Hosted by: God's Graces

**Oct.-Dinner Auction** hosted by: We've Only Just Begun World Priest Day

**October-**

**November 13-15-**              ME weekend at Bethany Center, Lutz. Hosted by: The Great Expectations

**November-Annual Advent Pilgrimage to the Shine-**

**Nov. 28' 2009** Mass at 11am. Meet in the Rosary Garden before Mass to pray the rosary then go to Mass, then lunch and some fun time at Disney village. (Come for part or all of this day)

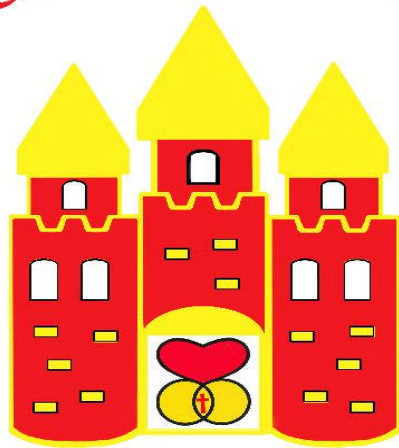
**December -Family Advent Party** - Mark your calendars for a fun and joyful family Advent party. Hosted by, The Lifer's.

**Service Auction and Dinner will be scheduled soon hosted by the Star Crossed Lovers stay tuned for more information!**

Do you or your circle have an idea for a fun community event? Would your circle like to host an event? Contact Valerie & Pat at [pvburns@aol.com](mailto:pvburns@aol.com) to suggest your idea



*Celebrating Love*



*In God's Kingdom*

*WWME SECTION 5*

**Convention dates  
June 26-28 2009**

**Holy Redeemer  
Catholic Church**

To register of for more  
information see the  
convention Web site

[http://www.wwmesection  
52009.com/home.html](http://www.wwmesection52009.com/home.html)

**Are you going to the  
convention and have nothing  
to wear to the royal banquet  
on Saturday night? If you  
would like to buy your own  
patterns and fabric and get  
together for a sewing  
marathon contact Kathy &  
Larry Peel!**

introducing ourselves. We are your new Community Pillar Coordinators, Pat & Valerie Burns. We are members of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Holiday. We have two grown children, Patrick 24 and Victoria 20 who both live in Orlando.

As part of our vision for the Tampa Bay community, we hope to send an area newsletter to you bi-monthly or at the very least quarterly. Circle contacts will also be emailed and asked to complete a roster of those who are a part of your circle. This will give us the opportunity to know who is active and who we can reach out to who have attended weekends but may not be currently active in the community.

As in the past, all contact information will only be used for Marriage Encounter and all emails will be kept private.

We are also asking for your help to make this newsletter successful. How you are wondering? You can help by submitting information and ideas on your circles. For example, the God's Graces circle in March viewed the movie Fireproof. Has your circle done something interesting together or do you have a good idea for circle presentation to pass on? Do you have questions for our Area Leadership that they may be able to answer in the newsletter? Do you have some news that you would like to share with the community? Have you dialogued on a really good question lately that you would like to share?

If you also have an idea for a community event we would love to hear about it! Please send any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter to us at [pvburns@aol.com](mailto:pvburns@aol.com).

**With much love and God's blessing,**

*Pat & Valerie*