

# Northeast Kansas SPIRIT

A Newsletter for the Northeast Kansas  
Marriage Encounter Community  
[www.neksme.org](http://www.neksme.org)

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## OUR MISSION:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's Mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic experience and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

## Northeast Kansas Executive Team



Hello Northeast Kansas Lovers!

July 2007

We are hoping you all are having a great summer, we can't believe it's half over already. Our oldest daughter's wedding on 07/07/07 was beautiful and we so enjoyed celebrating this special day with our family and friends.

We are going to be grandparents! Our middle daughter and husband are expecting in January 2008.

It is unfortunate and very disappointing that we had to cancel the June weekend due to low

registration. We only had 7 couples signed up so we made the difficult decision to cancel. Many of these couples have asked to be moved to the September weekend. We are in the process of getting Mass talks set up over the next several weeks to recruit and invite to the next two weekends in September and November.

We are attaching a Registration Brochure to each newsletter. Please take it and give it to that couple or priest you've been wanting to attend a weekend. Even if you've invited them in the past – try again, it might make a difference this time.

We are excited about returning to Savior of the World Pastoral Center in Kansas City for two 2008 weekends.

The Topeka share groups hosted a very successful WWME Family Picnic on June 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a good turnout, the weather was beautiful and we hope you can join us next year as we already are getting ideas underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual summer community event.

**THANK YOU again - for all that you do you to keep the WWME dream alive.**

*Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

*God saw how good the light was. Gen 1:3-4*

The light of your love shines for all to see - and..."IT IS GOOD"!

Love,

Jackie & Tom Rork



### **For Weekend Dates & Weekend Reunion**

#### **Dates Go to**

<http://www.neksme.org/weekends.aspx>.

The next weekend date is September 7-9.

#### **Weekend REUNION Dates:**

**September 14th**

**November 16th**

**All reunions will be held at**

**Prince of Peace Parish Hall in Olathe.**

**Pot Luck Dinner starts at 6:00**

***Everyone is WELCOME!***

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### **WEEKENDS at Savior of the World Pastoral Center**

Contract negotiations are in the process for two weekend dates in 2008. July 25-27 and September 26-28.

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### **NEW SECTION 9 LEADERS IN DISCERNMENT PROCESS**

Tom & Katie Watson are ending their term as our Section 9 Leaders in August.

Please pray for the couples in the discernment process. And if you get the opportunity please send a thank you to Tom & Katie for their great leadership these past couple of years.

## **NEW INVITING DVDs are AVAILABLE**

The inviting video has been improved.

Dr. Gary Chapman, well known best selling author of The Five Love Languages series, introduces the video about Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends. If you would like one please contact Tom & Jackie Rork.

### ***Worldwide Marriage Encounter***

### ***2008 International Convention***

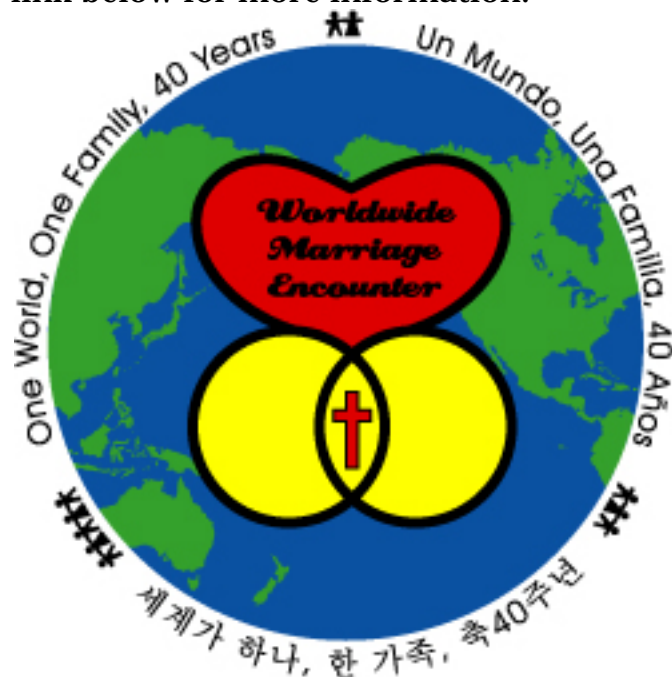
### ***Celebration, Proclamation, Rejuvenation***

***Come join us for the 2008 International Convention of  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter!***

The convention runs from June 27 - June 29, 2008 in Ontario, California—freeway close to the many world-famous Southern California tourist attractions.

- Celebrate your love and the 40th anniversary of Worldwide Marriage Encounter.
- Proclaim your Sacrament and the Worldwide Marriage Encounter mission.
- Rejuvenate your relationship at the convention and then discover the wonders of the area.

Meet other couples and priests from all over the world who will be coming to the convention. Go to the link below for more information.



2008 International Convention  
Ontario, California

<http://convention.wwme.org/>

# WWME FAMILY PICNIC - 2007

Over 100 people attended the picnic held at Lake Shawnee on June 24th in Topeka. We all enjoyed great food, games and plenty of love and laughter.

Everyone got wet during the water brigade



The effect from the gumball search in whipped cream.



Singing our "Fight Song"



Ian Mead  
"no bun please"





### **SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITIES:**

We want to hear from your group! Please send an article or news about your group along with a picture or two to Jim & Barb Goering [bjgoering@everestkc.net](mailto:bjgoering@everestkc.net)

#### **New Share Group formed in Valley Falls**

Fr. John Reynolds, Kitty & Joe Grote,  
Larry & Joyce Heinen, Dan & Marietta Heinen



### **PRAYER INTENTIONS:**

#### Deaths:

Please keep Fr. Mike Stubbs and his family in your prayers.

His mother passed away Sunday, July 22, 2007.

Steve Krivjanski

#### Health:

Jim & Judy Hilliard

Please keep these and any other intentions in your prayers.

### **WEDDING BELLS!**

**Amanda Rork & Brad Homes  
Joined in the Sacrament of Marriage  
On 07-07-07**

### **RECIPES: No submissions this issue.**



### **ANNOUNCING OUR NEW FINANCE COUPLE**

**Paul & Julie Kuesterstaffen**

**Thank you for taking on this important task.**

## The Marriage Creed

Author unknown

**Comfort Each Other.** . . . Provide a refuge and sanctuary for each other from the chill winds of the world. Your marriage is a hearth, from whence comes the peace, harmony, and warmth of soul and spirit.

**Caress As You Would Be Caressed** . . . Warm your loved one's body with your healing touch. Remember that as babies can die with lack of touching, so can marriages wither from lack of closeness.

**Be a Friend and a Partner** . . . Friendship can be a peaceful island, separate and apart, in a world of turmoil and strife. Reflect upon the tranquility of the many future years you can share with true friend, and beware of becoming battling enemies under the same roof.

**Be Open With Each Other** . . . Bind not yourselves in the secretness that causes suspicion and doubt. Trust and reveal yourselves to each other, even as the budding rose opens to reveal its fragrance and beauty.

**Listen To Each Other** . . . And hear not only words, but also the non-language of tone, mood, and expression. Learn to listen to understand rather than listening to argue.

**Respect Each Other's Rights** . . . Remember that each is a person of flesh and blood, entitled to his or her own choices and mistakes. Each owns himself or herself, and has the right to equality.

**Allow the Other to be an Individual.** . . . Seek not to create for each other a new mold that can only fit with much discomfort and pain. Accept the other as they are, as you would have yourself accepted.

**Give Each Other Approval.** . . . Remember criticism divides, while compliments encourage confidence in the other. Hasten not to point out the other's mistakes, for each will soon discover his or her own.

**Cherish Your Union.** . . . Let no one come between your togetherness, not child, not friend, nor worldly goods. Yet maintain enough separateness to allow each other his or her own unique oneness.

**Love One Another.** . . . Love is your river of life – your eternal source of recreating yourselves. **Above all else – love one another.**



***Ron & Sharon Heyes***

***for serving NEKS these past many years as our finance couple.***

***We appreciate your love and dedication to the WWME dream***

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER INTERNET RESOURCES:

### WWME MAKES IT ON YOUTUBE!

CHECK OUT THIS INVITING STORY Just click  
and view using the link below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzTWknUhtfo>



Worldwide ME Website

[WWW.WWME.ORG](http://WWW.WWME.ORG)

Try ME on YOUTUBE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzTWknUhtfo>

## Encounter Resource Library



[Check out the latest edition of eMatrimony](#)

The online magazine for WWME.

You can also get email updates  
on *eMatrimony!* by sending a blank email to:  
[signup@eMatrimony.org](mailto:signup@eMatrimony.org)



**NEKS Website gets new  
look!**

John Lalumondier is working  
on redesigning the look of our

website.

Online registration will be available as well as many  
other great changes.

Check it out sometime! [www.neksme.org](http://www.neksme.org)



The Northeast KS Website

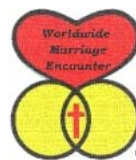
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**Click on the **EVENT CALENDAR** tab  
It brings up events scheduled for the  
next 30 days.**

**You can click on the event to see more  
information.**

**If you want to see more events just click  
the right arrow.**

***If you want your ME event (or share  
group meeting dates) added to the  
calendar please send the information to  
Tom & Jackie Rork at [tomjackie1@cox.net](mailto:tomjackie1@cox.net)***



Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Section 9

<http://www.wwmesection9.org/>

## CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in the process of expanding our list of notifications to NEKS parishes.

If you do not see a regular notice in your parish bulletin advertising the upcoming WWME weekends please contact Karen & Kevin Mead (785)266-7573

[meadkr80@hotmail.com](mailto:meadkr80@hotmail.com)

Please send them your parish name, contact person, phone #, fax # and email address.

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### *Has it been a while since your parish heard about a WWME WEEKEND?*

*Please contact your parish priest and let him know that we have some very great speakers that are ready to come speak at the Masses. Then contact Karen & Kevin Mead (785)266-7573 or*

*[meadkr80@hotmail.com](mailto:meadkr80@hotmail.com) and they will make the arrangements*

### **NEED REGISTRATION BROCHURES?**

*Contact:*

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## WOULD YOU BE A PRAYER COUPLE?

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**Spirit Input** Please send us favorite poems, readings, recipes, dialogue questions, jokes, etc. Also pass along any prayer requests and special occasions .....births, deaths, anniversaries; we all benefit when we share. E-mail Jim & Barb Goering at [bjgoering@everestkc.net](mailto:bjgoering@everestkc.net)



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