

The Butterfly

THE RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The ladies of Women's #65 completed their weekend on Sunday, April 27th, and it was obvious that the Lord was present for their three days. The testimonies from the new Pescadores revealed that they were excited and encouraged, and ready to move into their 4th Day to serve and witness for Him.

Sara Sabo, was the 4th Day speaker and shared this wisdom from George Burns. "The secret to a good sermon (in this case her 4th Day talk) is to have a good beginning, and a good ending, and keep the two close together." ☺ More importantly she urged the Pescadores to take what they have learned here, and use it! And to stay connected! This is the family we have in the Lord.

Please welcome the new Pescadores into the RIMA Community.

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Secretariat is in the process of reviewing and updating the RIMA Constitution and Bylaws. We had a working session on Saturday, April 18th, where changes were proposed that will allow us to work within the bounds of the new bylaws, and to conform to the requirements of Tres Dias International for chartering.

By-laws are: The written rules for conduct of an organization. They generally provide for meetings, elections of a board of directors and officers, filling vacancies, notices, types and duties of officers, committees, assessments and other routine conduct. Bylaws are, in effect a contract among members, and must be formally adopted and/or amended.

The Amended & Restated Constitution and By-Laws of Tres Dias of Rhode Island-

Massachusetts (RIMA) Inc. will be sent out to the Community in June, with the Butterfly. The community is encouraged to review it, and offer suggestions for consideration by Secretariat. Please send your comments to gordonarent@sbcglobal.net. A summary of the major changes is included elsewhere in this Butterfly. We plan to vote for 'acceptance' at the July 20th Secretariat meeting at Liberty Christian Center, Taunton, MA. As always, the Community is invited to attend.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Philemon 1:25*
DeColores,
Gordon

SERVERS NEEDED!

Community involvement is an important part of Tres Dias! When candidates see Pescadores serving meals, sending palanca and attending Openings and Closings, it encourages them to become active members of the community. To this end, we are asking Pescadores to come out and serve the team and candidates at mealtimes.

Our desire is to have at least four persons at each meal to serve the team and candidates. Two-hour commitment. We ask that you arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled mealtime. This will enable servers to be instructed in their responsibilities and have time to pray for the weekend together. Mealtimes are breakfast: 8 a.m., lunch: 12:00 Noon and dinner: 5:30 p.m. Get together with Pescadores from your church or your Reunion Group or the last weekend you were on. Show God's love in a fun and exciting way! Please contact the team Community Coordinator, Leigh Gardner; 774-256-4727.

Don't procrastinate – call today!

Dear RIMA Community,

The time for RIMA Men's Weekend #65 is fast approaching. We have had time to meet and bond as a team. God has blessed us with a strong, spirit-led team of men. We are all eagerly looking forward to this weekend as we have only two meetings left to go!

Our verse for this weekend is Matt. 5:13-15

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house."

Please support us with your presence at the Opening and the Closing.

Opening: Please plan to gather in the Red Barn at 7 pm on Thursday, June 4th.

If possible, please plan on staying for the "Sponsor's" Chapel immediately following the Opening. Your prayers for the Candidates and Team are vital to the Weekend!

All women are especially welcome and appreciated at the Mananita. The Men always regard this as a special blessing and grace from God.

Mananita: Assemble in the Auditorium, Sunday, June 7th at 7:15AM.

Closing: Please plan to gather in the Rollo Room at 3:30pm on June 7th.

Suggestion for Palanca: Please put the person's first and last name on the palanca and specify if it is to be delivered at a certain time such as: Before a Rollo, Friday PM, or Saturday AM, etc. Palanca may be delivered to the Immaculate

Conception Renewal Center, or Eric Anderson, 33 Arbor Dr., North Attleboro, MA 02760.

Serving Meals: We have been asked by the Retreat Center to provide our own meals on Sat., June 6th as their cook is unavailable. Sign up to serve by calling Eric Borman at 781-821-2129.

Candidates (to date): Thomas Sainvil and Pastor Bobby Valintine (To be completed).

The Team: Eric Anderson (Rector), Gordon Arent (Leaders), Tim Blakeney (Church), Eric Borman (CC / Ideals), Roland Boucher (Aux), Gil Bourquin (SD), Ulysse Breau (Aux), Joe DiLeo (SD), Earle Ferguson (Piety), James Goulden (Aux), Lyman Green (MD), Steve LeBlanc (Chief / Study), Paul Mandeville (Action), Robert Michon (Aux), Bob Sheldon (CCIA), Bill Williams (Reunion), Karl Tirrell (Environments).

Please pray for all of us as we prepare for the Weekend. Praise God and give Him the glory.

In His Service,

Eric Anderson - Rector RIMA Men's #65

Amended & Restated Constitution & By-Laws of Tres Dias of Rhode Island-Massachusetts (RIMA) Inc.

Summary of Major Changes

A Table of Contents has been added.

Article I. Section 1. Name

We added the official address of RIMA Tres Dias

Article I. Section 2. Purpose

We adopted the Purpose of Tres Dias from the Preamble of the Essentials.

Article II. Section 1.

We added the Statement of Belief (this item is required by Tres Dias International to be in all local chapter by-laws)

Article II Section 2.

We added Qualification for Community Leadership (this item is required by Tres Dias International to be in all local chapter by-laws)

Article IV. Section 2 Secretariat of Tres Dias

The role of the Secretariat was not previously defined. (This section was taken from the 'Sample By-laws for a Local Tres Dias Community', on the Tres Dias International website).

Article IV. Section 3 Operating Year

Operating Year is defined. Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st.

Article V. Section 2 Vice President

The Vice President shall - Hold a term of office for one year, but may be reelected for no more than three consecutive terms.

The Vice President shall - Be responsible for seeing that the Tres Dias School is held every two years.

Article V. Section 3 Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall - Hold a term of office for one year, but may be reelected for no more than three consecutive terms.

Article V. Section 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall - Complete and electronically and submit Form 990-N also known as the e-Postcard, or file a complete Form 990 or Form 990EZ instead.

Article V. Section 7 International Secretariat Representative

International Secretariat Representative -Duties have been moved to the Policy Document, as the International Secretariat Representative position is not an officer.

Article VI. Section 1 Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Secretariat shall be held at the 1st regularly scheduled meeting of the year with a quorum consisting of a majority of the voting members present.

Article VI. Section 2 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Secretariat shall be held at least 8 times a year, and may be attended by any Pescador. A quorum shall

consist of a majority of those voting members present.

Article VI. Section 3 Special/Emergency Meeting

In the event that some immediate business must be handled, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held, with the understanding that the actions taken are reported for ratification at the next regular meeting of the Secretariat.

Article VII. Section 7 B. Elections of Officers

In an effort to eliminate a Conflict of Interest, or perception of the same, at no time may more than two Pescadores from the same church serve simultaneously. In addition, spouses may not be elected to serve as officers simultaneously. (This section was taken from the 'Sample Bylaws for a Local Tres Dias Community', on the Tres Dias International website.)

Article X Section 1 Standing Committees

The Rector Advisory Committee has been removed from the definition of a Standing Committees. The duties of the Rector Advisory Committee will be included in the Weekend Committee. (In recent years, we haven't had enough Pescadores involved in Secretariat to staff this committee.)

We have included in this section only a broad description of the Duties of the Pre-Weekend, Weekend and Post Weekend Committees. The details of the committees' responsibilities have been move to the RIMA Tres Dias Policy Document.

Article X Section 2 Other Committees

The Rector Selection Committee has been removed from this section. The duties of the Rector Selection Committee will be included in the Weekend Committee. (In recent years, we haven't had enough Pescadores involved in Secretariat to staff this committee)

works through those personal notes to accomplish His purpose. And what team member hasn't been touched to receive a note saying they were being prayed for as they gave their rollo, or went about their duties as an angel, or as they prayed on the

Article X. Section 2 A Nominating Committee

We have included in this section only a broad description of the Duties of the Nominating Committee. The details of this committee's responsibilities have been move to the RIMA Tres Dias Policy Document.

Article X. Section 2 C Communication Committee Guidelines

Communication Committee: shall be responsible for

1. Preparation, printing and distribution of the newsletter with any articles dealing with policy to be reviewed by the Secretariat.
2. Preparation and distribution of prayer requests and announcements.
3. Obtaining and distribution of Tres Dias literature, as appropriate.
4. Maintaining and updating the RIMA database

Appendix A - Articles of Incorporation

This section was previously Article X, and is now in Appendix A

Palanca

Last month we introduced the topic, Palanca. We will continue the discussion this month. There are three types of Palanca:

Personal

General (Rollo Room)

Service

This month we will look at Personal Palanca. I am sure all of us can recall at least one personal note that touched us on our original weekend. The Holy Spirit

Prayer Team. God's love is felt through the love of His people. And from International Tres Dias, "Bear in mind that letters in and of themselves are not palanca! Letters are merely one vehicle in which we convey the actual palanca being done at that time. In

other words, the effort, thoughts and prayers that go into the letters are actually the palanca, not the letters themselves.”

Below is from International Tres Dias regarding personal palanca:

PERSONAL PALANCA: This is palanca performed on behalf of individual candidates and team members. It is most frequently demonstrated in personal notes that are not meant for anyone but the recipient.

DO THIS:

A brief note of encouragement

Reassurance that God will meet the candidate right where he is

Adding an encouraging scripture is recommended (reminding of God’s promises, etc).

Let them know you are praying for them (and do it!).

It is important to have personal palanca available for Friday and Saturday. (It’s a lever, so use it).

You can include small items that can fit in an envelope can be included. Such as “pass it on” cards, small bookmarks, small pins, etc.

DON’T DO THIS:

Do not refer to any special events that happen over the weekend. Your palanca may not be delivered when you expect it to be, so you wouldn't want to spoil the surprise.

Do not refer to home or family. It's important to maintain the focus and sequestered nature of the weekend.

Do not talk about how you felt on your weekend. The candidate may be having a very different experience and you wouldn't want to

set him/her up for disappointment.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Do not send gifts as palanca. Anything larger than envelope size will be put aside for the candidate until after the weekend.

Don’t mark palanca for delivery at specific times. You may specify a particular day, as well as “am” or pm”, but not specific times.

We understand that people often write palanca in a progressive manner, trying to keep the notes in line with the theme and focus of each day of the weekend. As such, the auxiliaries will make every effort to honor the delivery request. However, palanca is delivered at different times on each weekend, as determined by the Rector and Chief Aux, so the time you request may not be valid. .

Bear in mind that the first palanca is not distributed until after the Holy Spirit rollo which is given on Friday afternoon following lunch. (In other words, don’t specify "Thursday pm" or "Friday am").

HOW MUCH PALANCA IS ENOUGH? Be sure your candidate receives enough palanca. Palanca is generally distributed six or seven times during the weekend. If the candidate only gets 3 pieces at each delivery (which is a bare minimum), that means that they need AT LEAST 18-21 pieces of palanca throughout the weekend.

You cannot (and should not) write all of the palanca yourself. You are encouraged to contact other Pescadores to write to your candidate (and you can write to theirs). Ask

Pescadores in your church or Reunion Group, or perhaps those you have served on team with, or experienced a weekend with.

Monthly Essentials Quiz

1. The Study Rollo and The Action Rollo, which are normally given on Day 2, could be deferred to Day 3 if needed.

T or F

2. In an emergency, a Spiritual Director could give a Lay Rollo?

T or F

3. All Rollos must be critiqued at Team meetings prior to the weekend.

T or F

Israelites of God's deliverance of His people from Egypt and his faithfulness in providing for them in the wilderness (Deut.15:5, Deut. 8:2). The Bible is filled with summaries that recount God's powerful activity in the past, to spur us on to faith in the future. In fact, the Old Testament has over 15 chapters devoted to simply retelling the story of redemption.

Similarly, in the New Testament, Christ commands us to remember what He has done for us on the cross each time we take communion. "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

Answers:

1. False. Each Rollo must be presented on the weekend in the prescribed order and on the prescribed day, as set forth in the Essentials.

2. False. Section 3.2 – Essentials of the Weekend Phase

11. That lay-talks may not be given by clergy, and Spiritual Director talks may not be given by a lay person.

3. True. Section 3.2 – Essentials of the Weekend Phase

8. That the team meets prior to the weekend to: promote community, receive instruction on the dynamics and critiques ALL Rollos.

So, at the end of the RIMA Tres Dias year (May 2014 to May 2015), it seems fitting that we remember what God has done for us, in this community, as we endeavored to bring Christians to a closer, more personal walk with their Lord Jesus Christ and encourage them to Christian leadership and Apostolic Action in their environments.

The Lord has brought into the community, 16 new Pescadores. Welcome again:

Men's # 64

Tim Blakeney, Celentino Lanza, Dave Newcombe

Women's #64

Celeste Cote-Morin, Debbie Fleming, Angie Jones, Lillian Labonte, Linda Masson, Terry Miller, Sharon Palin, Lisa Phaneuf, Linda Swan, Terri Tupper

Women's #65

Colby Colarossi, Alice Ennis, Elena Krivosheev

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Scripture is replete with the theme that we are to "remember what the Lord has done for us." In the Old Testament Moses reminds the

The Lord has provided willing servants to be on Team:

Men's #64 - Sep. 18 – 21 Rector: Gordon Arent
Eric Anderson, Gordon Arent, Tom Bentley, Eric Borman, Roland Boucher, Richard Bourassa, Bruce Bumpus, John Denio, Rev. Joe DiLeo, Frank Hammond, Steve Higgins, Tom Loan, Donald Loveland, Paul Mandeville, David Marquard, Robert Michon, Thompson Thomas, Bryan White William J. Wronski Sr.

Women's #64 - Nov.13 – 16 Rector: Dawn Rota
Susan Arent, Rev. Ruth Blais, Kathleen Blakeney, Kimberly Bolduk, Christina Bourquin, Rev. Kathy Bracken, Rosemary Breau, Lynne Brune, Nancy Cargene, Lynne Cignarella, AnnMarie DeMerchant, Maura Ann Dowling, Leigh Gardner, Pastor Jewel Hardmon, Helen Harvey, Jan Mackay, Rev. Thomasina Minor-Hill, Dawn Noonan, Mary O'Keefe, Rev. Sharon Powers, Lorraine Queen, Dawn Rota, Sara Sabo, Vicki Shears, Teresa Thompson, Sharyn Weir, Julie White-Wronski

Women's #65 – Apr 23 – 27 Rector: Mary O'Keefe
Judy Borman, Debbie Bouffard, Christina Bourquin, Rev. Kathy Bracken, Rose Breau, Ann Marie Demerchant, Leigh Gardner, Mabel Green, Barbara Greenwald, Rev. Claretta Hardmon, Rev Jewel Hardmon, Helen Harvey, Kathy King, Nadia Krivosheev, Susan Landry, Nancy Mandeville, Gwen McFadden, Terry Miller, Thomasina Minor-Hill, Carolyn Newcombe, Mary O'Keefe, Margaret Payne, Cleo Pearl, Becky Shears, Joyce St Jean, Linda Swan

The Lord has provided servants to keep our Community informed, and to seek Him in our time of need.:

Eight issues of The Butterfly have been published and distributed to the community – Thank you Becky Shears and Lynne Cignarella.

Countless Prayer Requests and Community announcements have been sent out by email

and posted on Facebook by Carolyn Newcombe.

The Lord has provided times for renewal and fellowship:

Three Secuela's (Putnam Baptist, Arent's and All Saints Episcopal) and a 4th Day event (Caroling & Christmas Party at Thornfield Hall) were held during the year.

The Lord has provided for our financial needs:

Ending balance April 30, 2014
\$3,316.47
Ending balance April 30, 2015
\$2,184.40

The Lord has provided willing leaders and made them able:

The RIMA Secretariat has met monthly during the year, except for a January (a scheduled break), and February (when we were snowed out). Thirty-three pescadores have been to a Secretariat meetings at least once in the past year, while the average attendance was 13.4.

- Elections Were Held May 2014
President: Gordon Arent
(2 years, shall not serve consecutive terms)
Vice President: Steve Higgins
(1 year, may be re-elected)
Secretary: Debra-Lynn Bouffard
(1 year, may be re-elected)
Treasurer: Vicky Shears
(2 year, may be re-elected)

The Lord has done great things:

- RIMA's Tres Dias Application & Sponsor form has been updated to include the mailing address for Helen Harvey.

- Debbie Bouffard was selected to be our delegate to Tres Dias International this year.
- Secretariat voted to attach the 'Tres Dias Statement of Belief' and 'Qualification for Community Leadership' to the Rector's Welcome Packet to Team members, for all future weekends.
- The Rector Advisory Committee was re-established – Sue Arent (chair), Debbie Bouffard, Andrea & Steve Higgins and Dawn Rota.
- Meals were served by the Community for Men's Weekend #64. Thank you Sue Arent & Sue Loveland (cooks), and all of the folks who assisted by serving.
- The community provided palanca by serving meals on the Weekends!
- Tres Dias of Rhode Island – Massachusetts (RIMA) was incorporated in the state of Massachusetts on Nov. 7, 2014.
- Two alternative weekend locations were visited in an effort to find a location more central to the community. LaSalette, Attleboro, MA was found to be not handicapped accessible, and considerably more expensive than Immaculate Conception. Mt. St. Mary Abbey, was too small, and not handicapped accessible.
- The Rector Advisory committee held a Rector Training session in Blackstone for the spring rectors. Very successful!
- Gary O'Keefe updated the RIMA website. This work to continue.
- RIMA received 501(c)3 status on February 17, 2015. Donors can deduct

contributions they make to RIMA under IRC Section 170.

- RIMA made a donation to of \$100 to startup a Tres Dias community in Spain.
- An ad hoc committee of the Secretariat reviewed and Updated RIMA Constitution and By- laws on Sat. April 18th. The Amended and Restated Constitution and By-Laws will be circulated to the community in May, and voted on at the June Secretariat meeting.
- A donation of \$100 was made to Liberty Christian Center, Taunton, MA as a token of our appreciation for the use of their building for Secretariat. A cordial thank you note was received.

Additional details of Secretariat activity are contained in Appendix A, and in our Minutes of Meetings which are on file with our Recording Secretary.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Lord in RIMA this past year, and I'd like to thank all the Pescadores who participated in this year's activities.

DeColores,

Gordon Arent
President

The following Officers Positions are open.

Please consider filling one of these positions. All Pescadores are eligible for nomination. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself), please contact Vice President, Steve Higgins at Sthiggins@comcast.net.

Vice President –

The Vice President shall:

- a. Preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
- b. Provide assistance to the standing committees in performing their tasks.
- c. Hold a term of office for one (1) year, but may be reelected for no more than three consecutive terms.
- d. Appoint a committee to review the treasurer's records in preparation for the annual meeting.
- e. Be responsible for seeing that the Tres Dias School is held ever two years.

Recording Secretary –

The Recording Secretary shall:

- a. Record minutes of all the meetings of the Secretariat and the Board of Directors.

- b. Maintain the meeting files of the Secretariat, which shall include the minutes and any reports.
- c. Serve a term of office of one (1) year, but may be reelected for no more than three consecutive terms.

Corresponding Secretary –

The Corresponding Secretary shall:

- a. Handle any necessary correspondence to other Tres Dias communities or affiliated organizations.
- b. Prepare palanca sent to other communities and receive palanca to distribute to Rectors for weekends.
- c. Coordinate special mailings to the community.
- d. Serve a two (2) year term of office, but may be reelected.



RIMA Men's Reunion Group at Zip's – First begun about 8 years ago, after Weekend #50, this Reunion group was founded by Roland Boucher, Ted Lowe, Rick Rumsey, Bob Skopek and Gerry Sullivan, and is still meeting today. The group meets at Zip's Diner, every Wednesday morning at 6 AM. Over the years,

other participants have been: Jake Babineau, Tom Brassil, Rob Koenig, Lyman Green, Bill Rickson, Eric Rumsey, 'Salty', Joe Truppa. Join us Wednesday mornings, 6AM, Zip's Diner, Dayville, CT, for Christ centered discussion and fellowship.

If you are not in yet in a Reunion Group – form one. Reunion Groups are a time to share your piety, study and action. They are essential for continuing your 4th day experience, and necessary for Christian growth and maturity. Groups can be comprised of men, women, singles or couples that meet regularly at the convenience of members. And of course snacks are often shared 😊.

If you would like your Reunion Group featured in the Butterfly, kindly submit photo(s) and narrative to Lynne Cignarella - lynnepj36@aol.com

Pastor Ruth had knee surgery on May 12th and is doing well. Praise God!! Please pray for a quick recovery...and return to the pulpit.

Any praise reports you would like to share for the June Butterfly (or any edition) please email me at lynnepj36@aol.com.

Next Secretariat meeting is June 15, 2015 at Liberty Christian Center at 159 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. All Pescadores are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need your input.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Cignarella