

The Butterfly

The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At our Secretariat meeting on July 20th, we voted to approve the ‘Amended and Restated Constitution and By-Laws of Tres Dias of Rhode Island-Massachusetts (RIMA) Inc. – Dated June 2015’. The vote was 19 in favor, 9 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

This governing document will allow us to work within the bounds of the new by-laws, and to conform to the requirements of Tres Dias International for chartering. It better defines, who we are and what we stand for.

There was some discussion regarding the procedure for voting at Secretariat meetings. Could it be managed differently, and could there be a provision for absentee ballots on critical issues in the future? A motion was made and carried to reconvene the By-laws committee to address this concern.

The Arent’s and the Borman’s recently returned from the annual Tres Dias International Assembly, this year held in Rockford, Illinois. Sue and I haven’t been to an International event in many years, and I had forgotten how uplifting and joyous these events can be. The pescadores there were like friends in our own community; warm, friendly, loving, and willing to share their experiences and the way they do things in their communities. I kept thinking how wonderful it would be if folks in our community could share this kind of experience.

At about the same time, I received a request from the VP of Administration at TD International (Valerie Mehl), asking if RIMA would be willing to host an International Secretariat meeting in the Fall of either 2017 or 2018. An International Secretariat meeting is not as large as an Assembly, and consists of about 50 people from communities around the country. Valerie says, "It's pretty much like running a TD weekend. It's a lot less work than the Assembly."

Perhaps this is God's answer to having RIMA Pescadores experience the joy and encouragement embodied in a TD International event. So... At Monday's Secretariat the invitation to host this was discussed, and a motion was passed to have RIMA host the International Secretariat Meeting here, in 2017!

Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love. Ephesians 6:24

DeColores,
Gordon

Information letter from RIMA Tres Dias #66 – Fall weekend October 22-25, 2015
From: Queen/Rector
To: Team Members

Welcome to RIMA Team #66

Here is the scripture for the weekend, the dates of Team meetings, location and cost of the weekend:

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10 – As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Team Meeting Dates:

- August 1
- August 15
- August 29
- September 12
- September 26
- October 10

All meetings will be held at Fruitful Harvest Church, which is in the building with the Resurrection Lutheran Church at 94 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA. It is located at the corners of Warren Street and Kearsarge Ave.

All meeting times are from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Cost of the weekend is \$185.00

The Team:

1. Pastor Thomasina Minor.....Spiritual Director
2. Pastor Jewel Hardmon.....Spiritual Director
3. Reverend Sharon Powers.....Spiritual Director
4. Brenda Hammond.....Chief
5. Teresa Bass Thompson.....Assistant Chief / The Church
6. Maura Dowling.....Community Coordinator
7. Dawn Rota.....Chapel Angel
8. Lynne Cignarella.....Break Angel
9. Debbie Bouffard.....Palanca Angel
10. Christiana Bourquin.....Angel / Ideals
11. Barbara Greenwald.....Angel / Study
12. Jennifer Bouchard.....Rollo Angel
13. Gwen Mcfadden.....Floating Angel
14. Deana Getton.....Angel / Environments
15. Doreen G. Hardmon.....Angel?????
16. Kathy Bressan.....Table Leader / Leaders
17. Victoria Hardmon.....Table Leader / CCIA
18. Kathy Blakeney.....Table Leader / Piety
19. Becky Shears.....Table Leader / Reunion Groups
20. Vicki Shears.....Table Leader / Action
21. Reverend Clarretta Hardmon.....Prayer Team
22. Sharyn Weir.....Table Leader?????
23. Kristine Durocher.....Table Leader?????
24. Nancy Manderville.....Prayer Team
25. Sara Sabo.....Music Director
26. Lorraine Queen.....Rector

Community Volunteers-----Area Coordinators

Julie White Wronski----Blackstone-----Living The Fourth Day

Frank Hammond-----Falmouth

Ann Marie DeMerchant-----CT

God Bless our Team - Go 66.

De Colores

Queen – RIMA #51





The Arent's are graciously hosting this Secuela / 4th Day at their home in CT. You should put it on your calendar now and come. It was a fun event last year...even with the rain! The Holy Spirit is on the guest list and is sure to be there. ☺

RIMA Secretariat June 2015

Frank Hammond, Brenda Hammond, Roland Boucher, Jean Boucher, Debbie Bouffard, Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Sue Arent, Gordon Arent, Eric Anderson, Winnie Loan, Eric Borman Judy Borman, Lorraine Queen, Thomasina Minor Hill. Gil Bourquin, Christina Bourquin, Jeannine Norwood. Jewell Hardmon, Lynne Cignarella, Maura Dowling, Karl Tirrell, Paul Mandeville, Nancy Mandeville. 27 in attendance.

Andrea Higgins Devotional at July 20 Meeting,

Minutes June MSC Brenda Second Frank MSC Carried,

Gordon
\$2184.40 beginning Balance
\$360 deposits
4644 Men's
Total 5003
Sister's check 4080
Ending 3107.40

Motion to accept Frank second Debbie, MSC carried

Committee reports: Person in Florida is seeking to sponsor a candidate for the fall women's weekend,

Weekend Committee, received correspondence from Immaculate Conception asking to change Spring 2016 date. The new date was not amenable and the committee chose not to.

Rector Selection Committee requested short meeting to choose date for next committee meeting.

International committee, Debbie Bouffard is stepping down due to scheduling conflicts at work.

Gordon, Sue, Eric, and Nancy are attending.

Rector advisory committee, rector training, date to be determined. Jewel is looking into a location.

Completed weekends

Awaiting outstanding report from Mary O'Keefe, do have the critique notes awaiting wrap up for July.

Eric Anderson shared the men's critique will be before the post weekend Sequela, has reached out to the candidates. Have heard from two of the new Pescadores from the weekend. A formal report will be presented.

Weekends in progress - Men's Sept. 16-20. Roland is reaching out to team members now that the men's weekend has been completed. Praying about Chief and Community Coordinator.

Women's fall weekend scripture 1 Peter 4:10. Tentative meetings August 1 Saturday, Aug 15, August 29, Sept 12, Sept 26, October 10. Pastor Hardmond's church. 30 Leroy St., Attleboro. 19 confirmed team members, 12 confirmed Rollistas. 2 Candidates. Thomasina Minor Hill, Jewel Hardmond, Sharon Powers.

Others include, Maura Dowling, Brenda Hammond, Dawn Rota, Vicki Shears, Theresa, Christina Bourquin Shears, Kathy Blakeney, Nancy Manderville, Sara Sabo, Barbara Greenwood, Gwen McFadden.

International responded to the community that we must accept the uniform statement of beliefs and qualifications which were accepted in August of 2009 .

Motion to table discussion Eric Borman, Second Karl Tirrell.

Hearing no concerns a motion was made to accept the draft of the Amended and restated bylaws be moved forward as presented.

Maura motion that the amended and restated bylaws be presented to the community as presented. Second Eric Borman. Gordon will put the old and revised bylaws into the butterfly. The amended and restated bylaws were in last month's butterfly. Motion made by Roland to close nominations, second by Eric. MSC

Motion to accept Eric Anderson as Vice President MSC.
Motion that secretary cast one vote for Brenda Hammond as recording secretary.

2 envelopes came back with bad addresses. Janice Hayes. Lorraine Queen has a few people that want to be taken off the mailing list. Pastor Jewel will also follow up on address. Essentials training Brenda and Eric to conduct. Will take place before the fall weekend.

IRS Letter shared –

Joe Truppa, Lisa, Greg Wheaton Surgery, Bill and Penney Darcey old Sys of son Connor, Bill Wronski, Ray Beals, continued healing Ruth, Christina, Thomasina, Martha Booth, Gordon and Sue's Granddaughter's mission trip. Carol Marsten.

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Monthly Essentials Quiz – July 2015

1. Lay Rollos are informal talks, given by members of the team who are not clergy, and should not include witnessing or sharing.

T or F

2. Lay Rollos must include at least one funny or amusing story to keep the candidates interest.

T or F

3. Each local Secretariat must sponsor at least four (4) TRES DIAS Weekends each year.

T or F

Answers to Monthly Essentials Quiz:

1. False. 3.2 Essentials of the Weekend Phase. 22. That the lay Rollos be informal talks of a witnessing or sharing nature.
 2. False. The Essentials don't say anything about incorporating funny or amusing stories.
 3. False. 4.0 The Essentials of the Local Secretariat Organization. Each local Secretariat must sponsor at least two (2) TRES DIAS Weekends each year.
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Delivery Failure

Folks, we no longer have working email addresses for the following Pescadores and therefore cannot send them the Butterfly. If you know any of their addresses kindly send it to Lynne Cignarella (lynnej36@aol.com) and copy Carolyn Newcombe (cnewcombe@charter.net). We would like to update our database and mailing list.

Dave Alger, Richard Audet, Doreen Baisley, Ed Barrette, Patricia Bass, Al Berube, Ray Boisse, Roger Boucher, Thomas Brassil, Frances Bynoe, Vanessa Carroll, Linda Collins, Larry Cowles, Steve Crowell, John Crutchfield, Kevin Curry, David Delmonico, Vealer Devoe, Peter Eastman, Jeff Eddy, Kevin Fisher (Sr.), Crystal Gardner, Alfred Green, James Grosselein, Michael Hatem, Tina Howard, John Howard, Dave Pierce, Wendy Pierce, Christiana Ray, Bill Rickson, Raymond Robbio, Shirley Scott, Ronald C. Seymour, Kathy Singletary, Joyce Skopek, Lynn Stellrecht, Terri Tupper, Evelyn Wade, John Ward, Aretha Weadbrock, Marie Whitcomb, Caroline Zani.

Even if you know they have moved out of the area, many RIMA alumni still like to hear what is going on in the community.

2015 RIMA CALENDAR – 2nd Half

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- 8/10/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
 - 8/22/15 Essentials Training – time & location TBD. Brenda Hammond
 - 08/29/15 **SECUELA/ 4th Day Barbecue – Arent’s, 108 Cedar Lane, Griswold, CT, 2PM**
 - 9/14/15 SECRETARIAT – TBD – All Saints, Attleboro, MA *to be verified*
 - 9/17-9/20 **MEN’S WEEKEND #66 – Rector Roland Boucher**
 - 10/12/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
 - 10/22-10/25 **WOMEN’S WEEKEND #66 – Rector Lorraine Queen**
 - 11/14 **REUNION SECUELA** – possibly at Pastor Jewel’s Church TBD
 - 11/16/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
 - 12/14/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
 - 12 /??/15 **CAROLING & CHRISTMAS PARTY – 4th Day Event** *to be verified*

Just a reminder to anyone that wants to add something to the Butterfly. If you are receiving this, that means YOU can include an article, whether it’s a praise report or a testimony, or whatever it is that you would like to include. Just email it to me.

I went to a Jamie Grace concert in VT on Thursday with Christina Bourquin and Diana Breyette. Those who know me, know that Jamie Grace’s song “God Girl” is my all time favorite song. So, to meet her and see her in concert was a blessing. She is one very special young woman. She truly loves the Lord and her love for Jesus is contagious. She is 23 years old, so she draws a crowd of young teenage girls, who were all singing about Jesus. It was such a blessing to see these young kids so enthralled with such a wonderful role model. She had many great messages, not only for these young girls, but for everyone. One of her messages was that God is good and even through the hard times and the frustrations, He will bring something good out of what we’re going through. Any of these kids that didn’t love Jesus going into this concert, had to have come out loving Him, or at the very least, they were thinking about Him!!

Respectfully submitted – in His love,
Lynne Cignarella