

# The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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## President's Corner

How about doing something special Saturday? Not this Saturday, Saturday, October 14. RIMA will be hosting the Tres Dias International (TDI) Secretariat meeting at Liberty Christian Center (LCC) in Taunton. If you haven't attended a TDI meeting in the past, this is your opportunity, and Saturday is the best day. You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with delegates from other communities, hear the president's address, sit in on the Secretariat meeting itself and one of the five committee meetings, participate in praise, worship and communion with fellow Pescadores from all over the US (and possibly from international communities as well). Registration is at 8AM, and the activities conclude at 8PM. And of course you will be fed!!! I strongly recommend this 'outing' – guarantee you won't be disappointed.

Kindly register at [www.tresdias.org](http://www.tresdias.org) -> About -> Secretariat Meetings, so we can have a name tag for you and plan food.

If you are able to serve a meal, and/or provide transportation or housing for our guests, for any of the 3 days (Fri., Oct 13 to Sun., Oct. 16), opportunities are available. Sign up on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) -> 'Search events or categories' = RIMA, 'City or location' = Taunton, MA. Scroll down until you find 'RIMA /International Tres Dias Secretariat Meeting' click on it. Then follow the prompts.

For those who would like a refresher on the Essentials of Tres Dias, Essentials Training will be available Friday evening, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, LCC.

If you have any questions, contact Judy Borman ([pescadore376@gmail.com](mailto:pescadore376@gmail.com) , 781-821-2129) or Andrea Higgins ([higginsal@yahoo.com](mailto:higginsal@yahoo.com), 508-930-5815).

Come and be energized to serve the Lord!

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Weekend Committee is engaged in sending out a short survey to the men in our community. We are trying to connect with, or re-connect with all the men (we know of) who have made a RIMA weekend. We are specifically targeting the men at this time, because in the recent past, we have had trouble recruiting rectors, team members and candidates, and have had to cancel men's weekends because of the lack of participation.

We are seeking to find out who would like to be considered for team in 2018, or sometime in the future, or would be willing to serve in a different capacity (meals, setting up Agape, Weekend cleanup, etc.). For those who we don't have email addresses for, we will be sending the survey out via US mail.

Men, kindly watch for your survey, and be courteous and respond. If you don't receive a survey, kindly contact [gordonarent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gordonarent@sbcglobal.net).

God's love, joy and peace to all,

Gordon

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## ***From Disillusion to Restoration: A Pastor's Story***

By Mike Tindall

I have noticed while serving on Tres Dias weekends that candidates are always impressed, and sometimes astounded, when they discover that those serving on the weekend come from such a diversity of churches, and yet they serve together and love each other so sincerely.

Then these candidates sit at tables and develop friendships with people that do not attend their particular church. As they listen and participate in the table discussions, and as they eat and laugh with one another, and as they pray for one another, Jesus dismantles the walls that divide, and replaces them with open hearts and arms that invite and embrace in true Christian love.



I am a minister and have pastored several churches over the years. I know what it's like to referee church fights among folks that all agree to the same doctrinal statement. I know what it's like to have folks eventually turn against the referee and either vote him out or starve him out by no longer paying him. I know the toll that takes on a pastor's wife, and especially his children, who watch ... and listen ... and then pack up their belongings.

Eventually, I had had enough and I told God that I would not sacrifice my family on another church altar. For eight years, I found other employment and refused offers to pastor, reminding myself that I will never be that stupid again.

But then a friend invited me to attend a Tres Dias, and during those three days I reconnected with God in areas that had been previously off limits to Him, and God softened my calloused heart toward ministry. He eventually placed me in a congregation with many members who had attended a Tres Dias weekend. And for 15 years now I have been pastoring this same congregation and having the time of my life. The parishioners come from a variety of religious backgrounds including no religious background at all, but each has committed his or her life to the overwhelming priority of following and serving Jesus Christ.

For 15 years I have not refereed one single church fight. I say this to give glory to God for the restoration He performed in my heart and the protection He has been for our congregation. Tres Dias will always hold a special place in our hearts because it faithfully modeled and focused all attention upon Jesus and His saving love for us.

Mike Tindall is pastor of Grace Bible Church in Grapeland, TX. He attended East Texas Tres Dias #2 and sat at the table of Mark. Pastor Mike is also the father of our own Alex Tindall, who recently moved to the RIMA area, and now lives in Quincy MA with his wife, Katie and daughter, Shiloh. Alex has served as Spiritual Director on Men's weekend #69.

## RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

July 10, 2017

Liberty Christian Center, 159 Winthrop St, Taunton MA

PRESENT: Pastors Ruth and Warren Blais, Gordon and Sue Arent, Judy and Eric Borman, Julie and Bill Wronski, Eric Anderson, Andrea Higgins, Lynne Cignarella, Dawn Rota, Nancy Mandeville, Joyce St. Jean, Mike Wise.

Pastor Ruth opened the meeting in prayer at 7:10

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:00 pm in Taunton.

Requests for voting status - Julie White-Wronski; Granted

Secretary's Report: Presented by Dawn; Motion to accept minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting made by Ruth, seconded by Eric A; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Bill; Handed out; Reported balance of \$7,130.97 as of July 5, 2017; Thanked members for their generosity; Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Sue A, seconded by Warren; carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Presented by Judy; Palanca has been sent to S. Central KY, CA Mts, N GA, S E TN, VT and ME

Committee Reports:

Pre-Weekend Committee: Presented by Lynne; too soon for any new info.

Weekend Committee: Presented by Sue; report handed out; highlights include: change of date for men's weekend; training for new rectors to be scheduled for September and possibly November; agreement with camp that we can arrive as early as 1:00; rectors may have help making phone calls; rector script needs updating - Andrew Vacca is working on this and will be reviewed by committee; Next Men's Rectors are Mike Wise and Andrew Vacca (Ed Cassasa in 2019) Next Women's Rectors are Sue Arent and Lynne Cignarella.

Post Weekend Committee: (No Chairperson) Reunion Secuela, hosted by Alice Ennis, At Trinity Episcopal was successful; Praise and Pasta, hosted by Steve Higgins, at Union Church was well attended and enjoyed by all

Barbeque and Secuela at Arent's scheduled for August 26 @ 2:00

Communications Committee: No report, Butterfly and prayer requests are being sent.

Historian Report: nothing new to report

TD International: Sue Arent, Delegate; Assembly in East Texas starts Friday, Arents and Bormans attending

Tres Dias International Secretariat Meeting Committee; - October 13 -15, 2017  
Judy Borman & Andrea Higgins co-chairpersons: Planning going well. Servers needed; suggested (1) put out request on RIMA Ring and (2) find a key person in each church to follow through

Completed Weekends:

Men's # 69, Paul MacKay, Rector; completed; waiting for report

Women's #69 - Nancy Mandeville. Rector; presented report; excellent weekend, however, she stressed the need to really know your candidate before sponsoring (some difficulty with a particular candidate's health issues) assigning teams for breakdown and cleanups worked well; shortage of light bulbs

Weekends in Progress:

Men's # 70, 04/19 - 04/22, 2018; Mike Wise Rector

Women's # 70, 05/03 - 05/06; Sue Arent Rector

Men's # 71, 09/27 - 09/30; Andrew Vacca Rector

Women's # 71, 11/01 - 11/ 04; Lynne Cignarella Rector

Old Business:

Need to fill vacancy: Chair person for Post Weekend Committee: No update.

Website Upgrade: No activity; Meeting with Mike W and inviting Marybeth Hagan

New Business: Christmas/4<sup>th</sup> Day Event; Judy suggests returning to nursing home and using Gil's church; Scheduled for 12/03;

Acknowledgement of gifts/donations; Julie will send Thank You Notes;

Trying to organize a NE Tres Dias Leaders Retreat to share ideas/differences (end of Sept);

William Wronski Sr. (Treasurer) is to be main signatory on account; Eric Anderson has been named as second signatory and will be added to the account; Steve Higgins is to be removed as signatory on account;

Feedback is requested for new International website

Happy Birthday to Mike

Prayer Concerns: Hammonds, Ruth's daughter and Son-in-law, Julie's son, Andrea's Mom and Dad, Jewel, Churches, Julie's granddaughter, Greewalds, Emma Anderson, Nancy's Nephew, Kelly and Spenser, Zach - Praise: Arent's 12<sup>th</sup> grandchild

Closed in prayer at 8:30 PM by Pastor Ruth

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rota

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We all had a great time at Gordon and Sue's on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for hosting this awesome annual event. It is always fun being with our Christian brothers and sisters.







Bill  
Wronski

Warren  
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Mike  
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Jeanne  
Norwood

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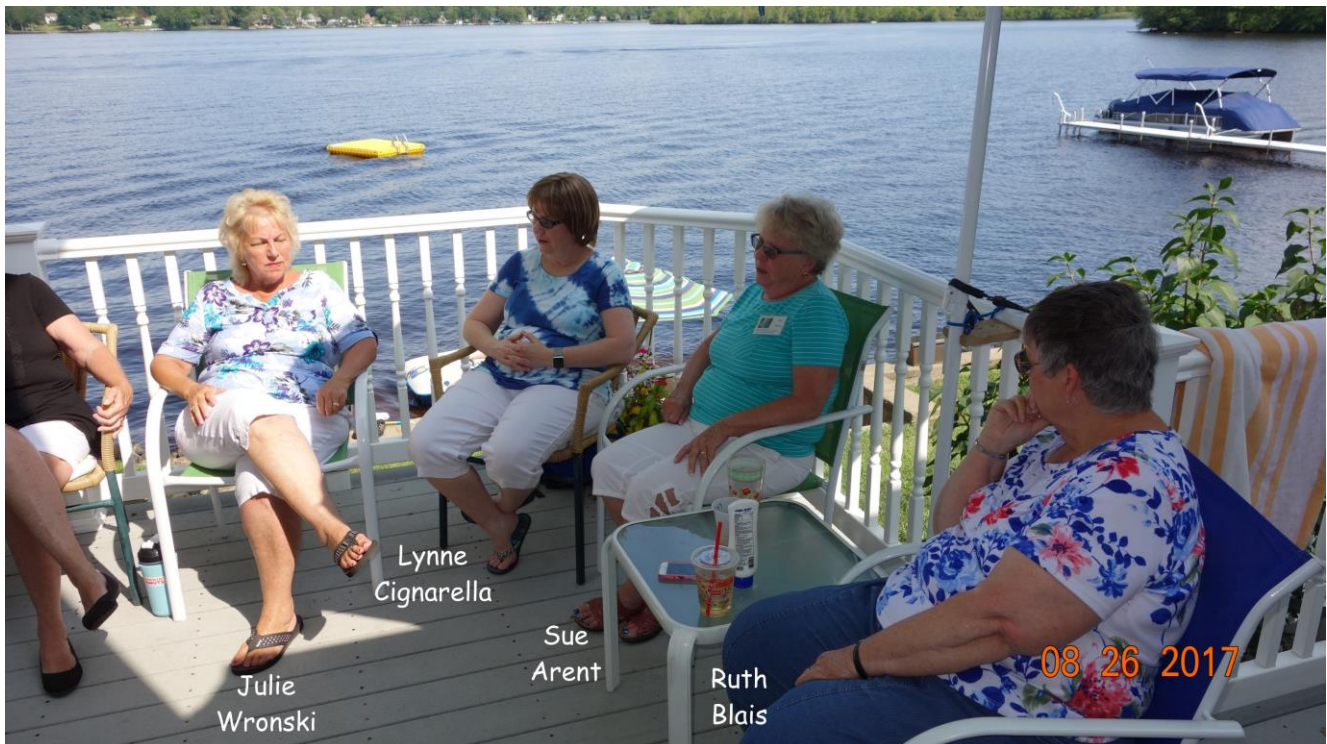




Maribeth  
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Lynne  
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Sue  
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Julie  
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October 13, 14 & 15 Tres Dias International is coming to RIMA. Come join us at Liberty Christian Fellowship in Taunton MA.

Many opportunities await for getting to know Pescadores from afar. We have opportunities for five meal teams of table servers, table decorators, food servers. Folks to set up four meeting rooms. Folks to serve coffee, tea and snacks. Bakers to make cookies.

Eric Borman will need drivers between Green Airport and Taunton Hotels, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until Sunday afternoon.

We have beds for four people, but could use six more beds for folks.

On Saturday, we plan a community Secuela.

5:00 supper, Steve Higgins cooks, community brings salad and veggies. Cake by Julie is ordered! RSVP for this event. Music arranged by Sara Sabo.

Sunday morning TDI meeting with afternoon clean up by RIMA.

So, donate a couple of hours and have the Blessing of community. God Bless!

DeColores,

Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins

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### RIMA 2017 Calendar

10/09 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

**10/13 – 15** **TDI SECRETARIAT MTG.** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St. Taunton

10/14 (Sat.) **SECUELA**

11/10 (Fri.) **SECUELA** – TBD

11/13 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

12 /03 (Sun.) **4th Day Event – TBD**

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I hope to see a lot of you at the International Secretariat meetings...at LEAST one of the days. Come on out and have some fun with fellow Pescadores!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
In His precious name,

Lynne Cignarella