

The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Gordon, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the RIMA Pescadores scattered among the states: Greetings. (Paraphrasing loosely from James 1:1-3.)

Here we are already in March, and the Spring weekends are rapidly approaching. Roland Boucher has resumed team meetings in preparation for Men's #67, May 12 – 15th. And Joyce St Jean will start her team meetings on March 18th for WTD #67, June 2 – 5th. Please keep these teams in your prayers and help by providing candidates and palanca. Promotional brochures are attached with this Butterfly to help introduce Tres Dias to prospective candidates.

As you now, we will be returning to Cathedral Camp, Freetown, MA this spring. The cost of the Weekend is \$225.00. Checks for team and candidates should be made out to RIMA Tres Dias. Team members, and candidates of team members can make payments at your team meetings. Payments for candidates from the community should be submitted with the Application to Pre-Weekend Committee – Lynne Cignarella, 278 Beulah St., Whitman, MA, 02382.

Which brings up the subject of finances. On two of our last three weekends, we have had a shortfall of payments (donations) for the weekend of \$2189.00. This is the equivalent of approximately 12 people, not paying for their weekend.

Additionally, we had an expense of \$1400 to cover the deposit to Cathedral Camp for this year's four Weekends, and we had to pay a \$300 deposit to Immaculate Conception for Men's #66 which was cancelled. Further, our rolling (year to year) deposit of \$1200 that Immaculate Conception was holding for our 2016 weekends, will not be returned until, and if, they are able to fill the open weekend slots by other groups (per our contract with them).

These events, taken together, have severely depleted our treasury, to the extent that we will not be able to meet our expenses this year, unless revenue increases, and expenses are pared. An appeal was made to Tres Dias International earlier this month, outlining our financial situation, to see if there were funds available to assist communities in financial need. We have been blessed that TDI will be able to provide \$1000.00 to help us get through this period of trial. Even so, we project that there will still be insufficient funds to cover the expenses of the 2016 weekends, and put down a deposit for four Weekends in 2017 (\$1400). It appears we would just about make it if we put down a deposit for only two Weekends in 2017 – one Men's and one Women's.

To the best of my knowledge, RIMA has never had an appeal to the community for financial support. I know that there are many Pescadores who have been tremendously blessed by their weekend, and some who have even said it was a life changing experience. I feel that many would be willing to make a one-time donation, or a continuing contribution, to keep Tres Dias alive and vibrant. Perhaps this is the time.

Another area of great concern is that we still do not have a Rector for the Men's weekend in the Fall of 2016. If you have been contacted by the Weekend Committee with a letter stating that you have met the requirements for Rector, or if you have been a Rector on a weekend in another community, please pray about accepting His call to serve on Men's #68. The Weekend is Sept. 29 – Oct. 02. Without you, we may have to cancel another weekend and lose our \$350 deposit. Call Sue Arent, 860-376-5767, or Andrea Higgins, 508-823-0137, if you are willing. The Lord will make you able.

Finally, Bruce Cato, President of Tres Dias International has a wonderful message in the March Newsletter directed to struggling TD communities. It addresses how to restore, and maintain passion in the local ministries. His message has been included in this issue of the Butterfly. Read it, if you haven't already seen it.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance. *1 Peter 1:3*

Gordon



**RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

PRESENT: Brenda Hammond, Frank Hammond, Warren Blais, Rev. Ruth Blais, Joyce St.Jean, Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Eric Anderson, Lynne Cignarella, Dawn Rota, Gordon Arent, Debbie Boufard, Sue Arent, Pastor Jewel Hardman, Eric Borman, Judy Borman, Carolyn Newcombe, Joseth Minor Hill, Rev. Thomasina Minor Hill, Lorraine Queen.

Before we officially opened, Gordon Arent gave a brief, enjoyable glimpse of their wonderful cruise. Praise God.

Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

Opening Devotion by Frank, Isaiah 9:6-7 plus Luke 2:1 the story of our Lord's birth.

Gordon prayed.

January 11, 2016 Devotion by Debbie.

Requests for voting status: Pastors Ruth and Warren, Debbie and Joseth. All have attended the required number of meetings. Requests granted.

Secretary's Report by Brenda:

Brenda read the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting. A few changes in spelling made. Motion made by Judy to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by Frank. Passed.

Treasurer's Report by Frank.

New account has been set up with Bank of America. Certificate of Change of Officers of a Non-profit Corporation had to be done first. Gordon took care of this matter and, as the bank requested, sent the letter stating Frank Hammond was appointed Treasurer.

New account was opened with \$675.00 monies collected by Brenda on RIMA #66 for payments for cost of weekend and also love bucket money.

Frank is to call Vicki and request that she send him the check and final statement from Charter Oak Credit Union. Frank stated that the bank will have a monthly charge of \$16.00 if the account is under \$3,000.00. He also had an expense of \$27.00 for checks. Steve Higgins and Eric Anderson have agreed to have their names on the account with Frank.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Steve, Seconded by Sue, and Passed.

After Treasurer's Report was given, Lorraine presented a slip from Maura Dowling for her expenses for Women's #66. She had a letter and attached receipts for booklet, notebooks and tea lights for a total of \$202.57. Motion made by Debbie to pay Maura, Seconded by Judy. Passed. Discussion had, about who is responsible to handle money on weekends, and Weekend Committee is to handle this matter.

Committee Reports:

Pre-Weekend by Lynne – no report.

Helen will send her everything. Andrea will change Helen's name and address to Lynne's information on application forms.

Post- Weekend – no chairperson.

Secuela was Saturday, November 14th at Putnam Baptiste Church and was wonderful and a good time was had by all. Christmas Fourth Day Event was well attended and everyone had a great time. No further events posted at this time.

Communications Committee by Carolyn and Lynne.

Carolyn has updated Pescadores in database and has the names and email addresses, but no addresses. Lynne will email these to her. Sponsors' names will also go on the database.

RIMA Ring – three prayer requests.

Bylaws and Policy Review Committee

Will meet the first of the new year.

Nominating Committee- Eric Anderson

Two Pescadores have agreed to be on ballot.

Treasurer – Frank Hammond
Recording Secretary – Dawn Rota

The following positions need to be filled:

President:

- 1. Bill Wonski – declined**
- 2. Gordon Arent – praying**
- 3. Eric Anderson – praying**
- 4. Roland Boucher – no answer**

Vice President:

- 1. Eric Anderson – praying**
- 2. Gordon Arent – praying**

TDI International: Sue Arent

March 4th-6th in Tampa. Arent's and Borman's will attend, and the Hammonds also hope to attend.

Completed Weekend: Womens #66 – Lorraine Queen

Gordon was unable to pull Lorraine's report up on his computer with her thumb drive. He read her report.

Thank you Queen for getting it done so quickly.

Weekends in Progress:

Mens' #67 – Roland not present. Gordon gave a report that they have a full team.

Womens' #67 – Joyce reported that she is prayerfully working to get her team together.

Old Business:

Website upgrade – Gordon and Greg will meet December 15th at 7:00 PM. Still need to fill vacancy for Post-Weekend forming an outreach committee to market T.D. Andrew Parish is on this. Lyman Green had to drop off.

New Business:

A Certificate of Change of Officers of a Non-profit Corporation was filed with Secretary of State's office on December 7, 2015 in order to

open bank account. A copy of the letter from IRS granting RIMA tax exempt status (February 17, 2015) was also provided to Bank of America.

On Hold: TDI Chairperson for 2017

Prayer Concerns:

Vinnie, Frank, Russ and Mary, Bob's daughter, Andrea's uncle, Sandra, Garland Family, Our Country, Our Children.

At 8:35 Rev. Jewel closed us in prayer. Sang Joy To The World.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Higgins Hammond

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**RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016**

PRESENT: Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Brenda Hammond, Frank Hammond , Lynne Cignarella, Dawn Rota, Debbie Boufard, Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Eric Anderson, Roland Boucher, Jeanne Boucher, Carolyn Newcombe, Joseth Minor-Hill, Rev. Thomasina Minor-Hill, Lorraine Queen.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Gordon.

Devotion was given by Debbie, Prayer by Gordon. Devotion and Prayer for next meeting by Dawn.

Secretary's Report : Read by Brenda.

Some spelling errors corrected. Motion to accept report by Debbie, Seconded by Ruth, and Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hammond.

The beginning balance was \$675.00. Ending balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$509.53. On January 11, 2016 he received all the papers from Vicki Shears. The account at Charter Oak Credit Union was closed on January 8, 2016. Vicki had paid the deposit for all our upcoming weekends at Cathedral Camp - \$1,400.00. Eric Anderson said he talked to Bernadette and the Convent is holding \$1,200.00 in deposits that we had paid them. As our contract states, they will return the monies after another group books those weekends. Frank's written report will be sent to Lynne, Dawn and Gordon.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Sue, Seconded by Warren and Passed.

Committee Reports:

Pre-Weekend Report by Lynne. She talked to Helen and she will be sending her a packet.

Weekend Report by Andrea and Sue – co-chairs. Rector training January 16, 2016 at Bethany Fellowship.

Weekend dates at Cathedral Camp: Men's Spring 2016 is May 12 through 15 - Rector Roland Bouchard. Women's Spring 2016 is June 2 through 5 - Rector Joyce St. Jean. Men's Fall 2016 is September 29 through October 2 – No Rector at this time. Women's Fall 2016 is October 20 through October 23 – Rector Rose Breau.

Post-Weekend – still no chairperson.

Proposed schedule for 2016 gone over. Our Bylaws state we have to have eight Secretariat Meetings a year. A copy of the schedule will be in the butterfly. The next Secuela will be April 4th at Fruit of the Harvest Church in Roxbury, MA at 7:30 PM.

Communication Committee: Carolyn and Lynne

Please submit articles to Lynne for the butterfly.

**By-laws and Policy: no report
Date of meeting to be determined.**

Historian – Dawn. Anyone with old booklets is asked to please contact Dawn.

**TD International: March 4 through 16, 2016 in Tampa, FL.
Arents, Bormans and Hammonds will attend.
Assessment form completed and submitted by Gordon on
December 11, 2015. Frank to pay the fee of \$50.00.**

**Weekends in Progress:
Men's 67 – Roland Boucher. Has almost a full team. Needs
musicians.
Women's 67 – Joyce St. Jean – not present.**

**OLD BUSINESS:
Website upgrade – Gordon met with Greg Crème on Tuesday,
December 15th at 7:00 PM. It was a very productive meeting.**

**Outreach – we need to have a sub-committee or this. Need to
reach out to churches to grow.
Need to appoint Chair for TDI Secretariat in Fall of 2017 (October
13-15).**

**NEW BUSINESS:
Election of Officers. Eric Anderson presented the slate of
officers. Gordon Arent has agreed to President, Eric Anderson
has agreed to Vice-President, Frank Hammond has agreed to
Treasurer, and Dawn Rota has agreed to Recording Secretary.**

**Motion made by Steve Higgins for the President to cast one vote
for the slate of officers, as there is no opposition. Seconded by
Sue Arent . Passed.**

**Gordon cast the vote, congratulations to all the officers and
thank you for your service to God and Tres Dias.**

Prayer Concerns were numerous, health, relatives passing, children in foster care, all our Pastors, and churches. Tres Dias focus on the important issues.

Pastor Warren closed in prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Next meeting March 14, 2016 at Liberty Christian Center

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Higgins Hammond

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Remembering our Brothers in Christ

We are once again reminded that we have no enduring kingdom in this world, by the passing of three dear Pescadores.



Joe Truppa (67)
January 24, 2016



Richard Bourassa (72)
February 21, 2016



Rev. Norm Swenson (87)
February 22, 2016

But we are assured that Christ has prepared for them - 'in my Father's house are many mansions'- and that promises to be even more magnificent than anything we can imagine. We both grieve the loss of our friends, as we will miss them dearly; and rejoice that they have moved on to be with our Lord forever.

We pray God's peace for their families in this time of loss.



¹We all have moments throughout our lives where we either see God working or feel His touch. We call them "God moments". Many times we tell a few of our friends but that's where it ends. I have a challenge for you to write a "God Moment" to share in *The Butterfly*, Below is the first one. You can email your "God Moment" to Lynne Cignarella Lynnepj36@aol.com

You Are Significant

By Carolyn Newcombe

Recently Sue gave me a big hug and said, among other things, "you are a significant part of our lives." We hadn't seen each other in 7 or 8 years. At onetime her daughter and I were close. In fact, on two separate occasions we lived together, the second time we parted company under negative circumstances. This is why I was deeply moved by Sue's comment.

Each of us has a need to be significant to someone, to be valued by another person. The wonderful news is that every one of us is valued by God. The Word of God says

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.^[a]
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
Psalm 139:13-15

God says you and I are: "fearfully and wonderfully made." I don't know about you, but many times I don't **feel** "I'm fearfully and wonderfully made" but it takes **faith** to know God sees me that way. He viewed each one of us as significant and valued.

In the mid '70's Jesus, the Son of God, forgave me of my sins when I realized he was crucified (died) on the cross for my personal sins. In the eyes of God I have never sinned (in the past, present or future) and Jesus has given me eternal life. The eyes of faith began when I first believed Jesus is the Son of God.

The eyes of faith develop over time by reading the Bible, prayer, and fellowship with other believers. Sometimes my eyes of faith are blurry and sometimes they are clearer. The eyes of faith eventually lead to attempting to glorify God in all I do.



Dear family in Christ! Greetings to you from Russia!

We hope you are well. Sorry it's taken us so long to write. The last three months were full of events. The Russian speaking small home churches from Finland invited us to come and share with them Christmas time. It was wonderful unforgettable time spiritually and physically. Spiritually because we worship God together, divided the needs, inspired our self by Scripture and pray for each other. Physically because our soul enjoyed the beauty of Finland nature and houses decorated the lights the star of David's shape. Everywhere was peaceful, festively and cozily. And we again could eat the delicious cheese which is very expensive in Russia now! :)

We also thank everyone who gave us generous offering in December and January. It was Christmas a gift from God through you. And we again could say that God provides all our needs and He never leaves those who have been called Him to serve. God is Faithful! Thank you very much!

Fortunately we have managed to visit to Pastor of Pentecostal church in Russia who survived the persecutions during Soviet time. His name is Alexander. Several times the Government gave the order to throw him in prison because he spread the Gospel but each time the officer who signed this order suddenly died from the heart attack. As several officers died such unexpected way the new one was scared to give such order and came to the pastor's family to talk and to have dinner together. Perhaps Alexander was only one who didn't sit in prison for faith. He shared with us the memory of these difficult and very interesting days, the miracles of Holy Spirit in his ministry. After such stories it's ashamed to complain of difficulties of your Christian life :))). We didn't know then we saw Alexander the last time. The day we return back to Russia he went Home. He left behind the wonderful generation from 10 children and 35 grandchildren who walk by God's way. Wow...

January 3rd our lovely dog Pepper died. He was 10 years old. The heart problems began three month ago. The tests showed his biological age is 3 or 5, but the muscle which open and close the heart valve didn't work; because of that his heart was big as large dog has one. Praise the Lord Pepper died quickly without pain. It had happen suddenly. We miss him very much! 10 years that is something...



Two losses in a short time tell us about the transience of time and the importance of eternal. It helps to survive during sanctions against our country. To survive the economic must work but there is no new factories and enterprises. It looks like we are coming back to the USSA: the unchanging everlasting Government, absent the good food and supplies, the lack of money, the lack of wealth tax and high tax for ordinary people; the prices for food and transportation are high, the apartment rent is high and so on. The result is 39% of nation is poor, however people are ready to suffer hunger and poverty if only there no war. That is very sad. We think the common things go on in your country, doesn't it? Madness is spread like cancer. We wonder how we could stand

that without God and understanding that God is in control. Oh, we can breathe again :)

Jesus is faithful and continues to act in Russia. We have already started the preparation for the annual Tres Dias weekend in Moscow. Each week we have a team meeting. Brothers and sisters who come to the meeting inspire us and cause admire, because they attend the meeting after their job and spending time in a long way by public transportation. Most of them come home after midnight. They are ready to pay for the weekend and for their friends who they invite to the weekend as candidate. It is so blessed to see their faces at the team meeting. We are proud of our ^{SEP}daughter Dasha as she is an ^{SEP}Assistant of Rector. She is nervous a little bit but we are sure that with God she will do her service great.





In spite of the difficulties we are planning to hold Moscow and St. Petersburg Tres Dias weekend this year, to attend the pastor conferences in May and October, the conference to unify pastors of Protestant churches; to serve in our local church and to be active in many other Christian activities. Last year, praises the Lord, we fulfilled all our plans.

We want to thank you for your faithfulness in prayers and support. Many projects never could be realized without your participation. Is a big distance between our countries? Yes! But Hoy Spirit can unify us in one team and one goal: to spread the God's Kingdom. That's why we appeal to set yourself the goal for 2016 – to continue support Tres Dias mission in Russia.

We want to add that people often thought that their small donation means nothing to support the mission however that is wrong. The ocean consists from the water drops! And your gift to one or another Christian mission can save someone's life and change the fate. There are no "small deeds" for Christ. God measures your dedication not by a large size of project or amount of money but by your faithfulness. He looks at our attitude and ability to serve not only close ones but also further.

To hold Tres Dias weekends in such hard time is a challenge. But we trust God. He is our refuge in the difficulties and we really want to encourage Christians not be afraid of “tomorrow day”. We are still not giving up :)

We wish you to rejoice in the Lord and value the every single day! Jesus is coming!^[L]_[SEP] Please feel free to send us your prayer needs or letter with encouragement <aaddubrovsky@yahoo.com> **The mail address is:** World Charitable Fund, P.O. Box 618, Tucker, GA 30085 – 0618. Indicate on memo line for Andrei & Ann



2016 RIMA CALENDAR

- 03/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 04/01 (Fri.) **SECUELA** – Resurrection Lutheran Church 94 Warren St, Roxbury, MA, 7:30PM
- 04/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 04/15 (Fri.) Open meeting with Frank Yarborough – TDI Membership VP, at Arent's, ~7PM (to be confirmed) – Discuss Issues of Importance, Share Ideas & Ask Questions
- 04/26 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 05/09 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 05/12-05/15 **MEN'S WEEKEND #67 – Rector Roland Boucher, Cathedral Camp, Freetown, MA**
- 06/02-06/05 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #67 – Rector Joyce St. Jean**
- 06/17 (Fri.) **REUNION SECUELA** – TBD
- 06/28 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 08/08 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 08/23 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 08/27 (Sat.) **SECUELA** – at Arent's, 2PM – 10PM

- 09/12 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 09/29- 10/02 **MEN'S WEEKEND #68 – Rector ?????? ???????**
- 10/10 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 10/20-10/23 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #68 – Rector Rose Breau**
- 10/25 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 11/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 11/18 (Fri.) **REUNION SECUELA** – TBD
- 12 /04 (Sun.) **4th Day Event - CAROLING at Matulaitis (3PM) - 10 Thurber Rd, Putnam, CT followed by CHRISTMAS PARTY at Thornfield Hall - 330 Thompson Hill Rd., Rt 200, Thompson, CT**

Note: Please confirm dates and times on the RIMA website, Facebook page, or most recent Butterfly.



Respectfully Submitted in His Holy name,
Lynne Cignarella