

The Butterfly

The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS CORNER



Blessings, peace and joy to all the saints of RIMA!

This month's message is one of those 'good news,' 'bad news scenarios.

First the 'good news.'

RIMA has a new home! Well, maybe it's not new for all of you, but beginning in 2016, we will again be having our Weekends at Cathedral Camp in E. Freetown, MA.

A number of Pescadores from the Weekend committee, and the community, visited the Camp on Monday, (Sep 13th) and were duly impressed with the improvements that have been made at the facility. The hotel and the Villa have been cleaned up and painted and there is no longer any musty/moldy odor in the buildings. The Chapel is good too, though it still has a slight 'woodsie', or 'camp like' scent - this was not considered objectionable.

While Immaculate Conception has served RIMA well over the past few years, Cathedral Camp is much more centrally located for us. In most cases, Pescadores, even those from the fringes of the community, can reach Freetown in an hour or less. It is our prayer that the community will be better able to support the Weekends at Openings, Closings, Mananitas, setting up for Agapes and serving meals.

Now the 'bad news.'

Secretariat was obliged to cancel another Men's Weekend. As of Sunday (9/13) there was only one candidate signed up for the weekend and unfortunately we found out that he fell on Saturday (9/12) and

was hospitalized. It was the candidate's preference to defer to a future date. Roland Boucher graciously offered to move his weekend to Spring 2016. He will try to maintain as many team members as possible. The sad part about this is, not only that our candidate suffered an injury, but also that we only had one candidate to begin with. I don't know how to say this lovingly, but it is the community's responsibility to sponsor candidates, and we haven't been doing a very good job of it. On recent weekends almost all of the candidates have come from the team. What can we do to remedy this? We are open to suggestions.

It has been the experience in Tres Dias communities, that on the average, a candidate has to be asked 2 ½ times before he says yes to a weekend. Be empowered by the knowledge that 'we are the head and not the tail' (Deut. 28:13). Be bold, and invite someone!

At Monday's Secretariat meeting a Nominating Committee was appointed to put together a slate of officers (I prefer to call them servants for the Lord) for next year. These servant leaders will be voted on at our Annual meeting in January. If you would like to run for an office, please make your desire known to Eric Anderson (774-766-7038), who can provide you with the duties and responsibilities of the various positions, and he will present your name to the committee. Also, remember, that if you desire to vote at the January meeting, you must attend 3 of 4 consecutive Secretariat meetings, to acquire voting status. If you cannot travel to Taunton, please call Gordon Arent (860-376-5767) and we will Skype you in.

Finally, we have Rectors and dates for the 2016 weekends. Please lift up these Rectors in your prayers.

Spring: Men's #67	May 5 – 8	Roland Boucher
Women's #67	June 2 – 5	Joyce St Jean
Fall: Men's #68	Sep. 19 – Oct. 2	Earle Ferguson Sr.
Women's #68	Oct. 20 - 23	Rose Breau

These weekends will be at Cathedral Camp.

God bless you. God loves you.

Gordon



**RIMA Tres Dias Secretariat Meeting
August 10, 2015**

Present: Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Eric Borman, Judy Borman, Jeanne Boucher, Roland Boucher, Lynne Cignarella, Pastor Joe, Pastor Thomasina, Dawn Rota, Lorraine Queen, Pastor Jewel, Frank Hammond, Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Becky Shears, Vicki Shears, Theresa Bass Thompson, Thomas Thompson, Brenda Hammond, and Eric Anderson.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Devotion was given by Lynne C.; Prayer by Gordon.
Next month devotion and prayer: Roland B.

President's Report: Gordon looked into having the September meeting at the South Foxboro Community Center. This facility is not handicap accessible, so September meeting to remain at Liberty Christian Center.

Gordon presented and passed out a Tres Dias Christian Renewal Experience paper. An excellent handout for potential candidates.

Gordon stated that we are now operating under the new Bylaws. Voting status – one has to attend three consecutive meetings. Meeting #1 being August 10.

No Vice President report.

Secretary Report: April's report was tabled until September. August report was read by Brenda. Motion to accept by Frank H. and seconded by Vicki S.

Treasurer Report: Vicki S. Deposited \$405.00. Ending balance \$3,512.40. Motion to accept by Brenda H. and seconded by Frank H.

Committee Reports: Pre-weekend report – not able to reach Helen Harvey.

Weekend Report: Andrea – no report

Spring 2015 Women's #65 – no report written – tabled.

Spring 2015 Men's #65 - no report written – tabled.

Fall 2015 Men's #66: Roland B. Arrangements to have the Supply Trailer inventoried. Discussion on how to handle the books for the book table. Team is at 19 and fluctuates.

Fall 2015 Women's #66: Lorraine Q. has had one team meeting and all is going well.

Insurance for facility: Roland will check with our insurance carrier about Immaculate Conception being added as an additional entity. Therefore our insurance would be the primary insurance and Immaculate Conception would be second. Roland was unable to yet obtain this information, but has to check to see if there was an additional cost for this.

Post Weekend Report: There will be a Secuela on August 22nd at the Arent's home. Essentials training prior to this – bag lunch, bring meat and a dish to share for Secuela.

Communications: Carolyn and Lynne – RIMA ring is doing well. Carolyn sent a report to Gordon. Lynne is doing a fantastic job.

Old Business: RIMA website and contact pages are all a work in progress. Christmas Fourth Day Event – December 6, 2015. Caroling at Matulaitis at 3:00 PM. Following that will be a Christmas party at Thornfield Hall.

New Business:

Appoint committee chair and members for newly structured Weekend Committee. Proposed Andrea Higgins and Sue Arent (co-chair), Steve, Roland, Eric and Judy B., Debbie, Dawn and Thomasina.

Appoint committee for Bylaws and Policy Review. Proposed: Steve and Andrea Higgins, Frank and Brenda Hammond, Gordon and Sue Arent, Eric and Judy Borman, Maura Dowling. Also Lynne Cignarella and Dawn Rota volunteered.

Appoint committee for TDI Secretariat meeting in Fall of 2017. Date chosen is October 13, 2017 and to be held at Liberty Christian Center.

Officer term ending date. Present terms end in May 2016; new Bylaws make it January 2016. Committee to be appointed at September meeting. Volunteering for this committee are Jewel Hardman, Lorraine Queen, Lynne Cignarella, Theresa Bass Thompson.

Outreach: Notes sent to all spiritual directors inviting them to the August 22nd Secuela. These were hand done by the members at the meeting.

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Prayer Concerns: Kathy, Jake, Christopher, Nathan, Pastor Joe from LCC, LCC Church in the Park, Maura, Thomasina, Barney.

Meeting ended with Gordon praying at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Higgins Hammond

Womens' Weekend Thursday 10/22 - Sunday 10/25
Immaculate Conception Convent

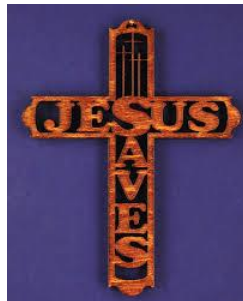
Opening will be in the Barn adjacent to the main building - add your joyful voice!!!

Mananita - men come warm your voice with coffee in the auditorium before processing to chapel.

Closing will be in the Rollo Room in the lower level. A wonder way to spend a fall afternoon!

Please keep us all in prayer!!!!

Maura



Palanca

We missed a couple of months, but here is the final installment regarding Palanca.

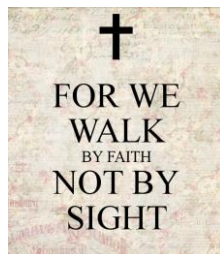
The third type of palanca is **Service Palanca**. This palanca is service performed before or during the weekend, often behind the scenes and without specific recognition. (The exact definition and how it may differ from general palanca is somewhat vague; often determined individually by the user of the term. It is most frequently considered to be a physical effort). For instance:

- Assisting in the preparation and breaking-down of the Agape;
- Running errands to obtain supplies during the weekend;
- Serving meals to the team and candidate (aka: Kitchen Palanca);
- Serving as the cook's helper, when applicable.
- Cleaning up after the Closing

Service Palanca is important to the weekend, but it is probably the least popular. It's work – and often work without recognition.

I hope these articles about Palanca have been helpful and remind us all that it is the prayer behind the Palanca, and the personal letters that touch the Candidate's/Pilgrim's heart by demonstrating God's unconditional love in a tangible way.

**REMEMBER THAT PALANCA IS A LEVER THAT TOUCHES THE HEART
WITH GOD'S LOVE**



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE SCRAMBLE 1

FILL IN BLANKS BY CONNECTING LETTERS TO FORM BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. SQUARES MUST BE TOUCHING DIAGONALLY, HORIZONTALLY OR

**VERTICALLY. EACH LETTER MUST BE USED ONCE AND ONLY ONCE.
DASHES SHOW NUMBER OF LETTERS.**

**RIMA 64
SAMPLE**

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M	E	A
K	R	S

**JAMES
MARK**

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Monthly Essentials Quiz – September 2015

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

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

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

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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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2015 RIMA CALENDAR – 2nd Half

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- 9/17-9/20 **MEN'S WEEKEND #66 – Postponed until the Spring.
It will be called MEN'S WEEKEND #67 - 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** – at Putnam Baptist Church, 170 Church St,
Putnam, CT 0
(860) 928-3678. 2 – 4 PM, followed by Potluck Supper and
Worship.
- 11/16/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
- 12/14/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
- 12 /06/15 **CAROLING at Matulaitis (3PM) - 10 Thurber Rd, Putnam, CT
followed by CHRISTMAS PARTY at Thornfield Hall - 330 Thompson
Hill Rd., Route 200, Thompson, CT**

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

Don't forget that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Pick a day and do something nice for your Pastor.

Please pray for the homeless!!! We should not have homeless people in this country, but as you all know, we do. I never really thought too much about the homeless, but since I got saved a couple of years ago, I think much differently about a lot of things. I travel a different route to work now, since I moved, and in my travels I pass a homeless person who sleeps in a storefront, behind a pillar. I

started thinking about what these people do all day...where do they go, where and how do they eat, how do they get something to drink, how do they clothe themselves, how lonely they must be and how will they stay warm now that the weather is changing and soon winter will be here. I'm reminded of something I have heard my mother say many times; "There but for the Grace of God, go I." Please take time to pray for these people.



Just a reminder – if anyone wants to submit something for the next Butterfly edition, please email it to me.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Cignarella