

The Butterfly

The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

No message from me this month, but I would like to share the message from Bruce Cato, President of Tres Dias International. This is the text of his talk to the 36th Annual Assembly of Tres Dias that he presented last month.

The President's Message

The past several years have been tough for many of us. Nationwide, churches have seen a 20 percent decrease in attendance, and many of our communities have also experienced declines in the number of candidates.

Until recently, Tres Dias has enjoyed an annual ten percent growth in the number of new communities. Will we be able to continue this trend? Will we be able to take this teaching method to even more cities in the US and around the world? Will the millennials be led to embrace the spiritual experience that Tres Dias has to offer?

I believe the answer to these questions is yes. But we have to change a few things.

No more secrets!

When someone asks about the weekend, tell them everything! You can't spoil the presence of God by explaining Him ahead of time. When He shows up in the room, all expectations are simply inadequate to describe the magnitude of His presence. Why then do you think you can spoil a Tres Dias weekend by telling someone what is going to happen? The imagination cannot paint a picture that big or that beautiful.

Quit over-controlling the candidates!



The candidates are there of their own free will and we need to treat them as guests, not prisoners. Do not dictate every minute of every day! Give them free time without structure so they can properly digest what they have heard.

Ask them to set their cellphones and watches aside, but do not take them or demand they turn them in or put them in a basket! The millennials and even older guests will reject you and then reject your message.

Love, respect, service, and the power of your testimony during your talks will bring the victory and put us back on the path of taking this message to people around the world!

Thank you, and may God richly bless you and your ministry.

De Colores,

Bruce Cato

36th Annual Assembly of Secretariats Parade of Banners





Procession of the Banners

Banners from each of the member communities of Tres Dias were displayed and then paraded through the sanctuary, site of the 36th Annual Assembly of Tres Dias Secretariats, on Saturday, July 11, 2015. The banners of Abundant Life and Northern Illinois flank the Tres Dias banner with the Mid Hudson banner, who is host of next year's Assembly in 2016. This event brings to mind the thousands of men and women worldwide who have been touched by God via Tres Dias.

RIMA Tres Dias Secretariat Meeting Monday July 20, 2015

Present: Frank Hammond, Judith Borman, Christina Bourquin, Lynne Cignarella, Dawn Rota, Teresa Bass Thompson, Thomas Thompson, Thomasina Minor-Hill, Maura Dowling, Susan Arent, Eric Borman, Joe Dileo, Ullys Breau, Rosemary Breau, Don Loveland, Kathy King, Deana Gettan, Jewel Hardman, Becky Shears, Vicki Shears, Ruth Blais, Gordon Arent, Carolyn Newcombe, Warren Blais, Debbie Bouffard, Julie E. White-Wronski, William J. Wronski, Sr., Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Eric Anderson, Winnie Loan, Lorraine Queen, Brenda Higgins Hammond.

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

Scripture was read by Andrea Higgins - 1 Cor. 2: 1-6

Steven Higgins opened in prayer.

President's Report - None

Vice President Report - None

Recording Secretary Reports

April Meeting - tabled until August

June Meeting - Steven Higgins presented it.

July 15, 2015 - report of emergency meeting read by Brenda Hammond.

Motion to accept reports with changes made by Debbie and seconded by Frank.

Discussion was had - Sue Arent is a voting member and errors in spelling. MSP

Motion to accept minutes of the emergency meeting with corrections made by Frank and seconded by Carolyn Newcombe. MSP with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report - Vicki Shears

June starting balance \$3,107.40

0 Transactions or deposits

Ending balance \$3,107.40

Outstanding check to Liberty Christian Center for \$100.00. The issue was addressed to cancel outstanding check and write a new one for the same amount.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Sue Arent and seconded by Ruth Blais.
MSP

Weekend Committee - Andrea Higgins

They are working along with the Rector Advisory Committee to prepare for Fall weekends.

Post Weekend Committee -

Secuela was held in Attleboro. New Pescadors attending were 3 out of 9 men and 0 women. There were 19 present. Emphasized the importance of sponsors to bring their Candidates to Secuela

Communications Committee - Carolyn Newcombe

Lynne read for Carolyn. The database is all updated. RIMA Facebook page is up and receiving new friends.

Rector Selection Committee - Eric Borman

He has e-mailed database to all future Rectors.

International Representative - Sue Arent

Told us about the International Assembly. Eric Borman has been elected as a voting member of TDI. He reported that TDI has been slow in growth this year, with only 2 new communities. The TDI Policy Committee stated that the opening and closing of a weekend must be a cloistered event. Only Pescadores can attend. Sue and Gordon Arent and Judy and Eric Borman attended.

Rector Advisory Committee - Sue Arent

Training of Fall Rectors was held on two evenings in June.

Old Business

A Motion to accept the amended and reinstated Constitution and Bylaws of Tres Dias of Rhode Island and Massachusetts (RIMA, Inc.) made by Eric Anderson and seconded by Frank Hammond.

A lengthy discussion was had on the amended and reinstated Bylaws of RIMA.

A Motion for a roll call vote made by Eric Anderson and seconded by Ruth Blais.
Roll call vote was: 19 yes, 9 no; 4 abstentions. MSP

Essentials Training - Eric Borman and Brenda Hammond

August 22 does not work for Liberty Christian Center. Discussion was had and it will be held at Sue and Gordon Arent's on August 22 at 10:00 AM with a community barbeque to follow at 2:00 PM.

Procure songbooks - Steve is working on it.

New Business

1. Sue Arent appointed to represent RIMA at TDI.
2. Discussion about Christmas gathering.
3. Renewal of CCLI license.
Motion to renew CCLI license made by Steve and seconded by Carolyn Newcombe. MSP
4. Discussion had to host TDI in 2017 or 2018.
Motion to host TDI in Fall of 2017 made by Frank and seconded by Dawn. MSP
5. Motion to create a Bylaws Committee to make any changes and look at future Bylaws made by Eric Anderson and seconded by Maura. MSP

Prayer Concerns

Barry, Cindy, Victor, Danny, Pastor Gil, all Pastors, Jennifer and daughter, Tammy, Ullys Breau, Debbie and co-workers, Church-in-the-Park, Margaret, Joe and Brian.

August Scripture and Prayer Presenter: Lynne Cignarella

Closing Prayer - Pastor Joe asked everyone to form a circle with joined hands as he closed us in prayer. We ended by singing Amazing Grace.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Higgins Hammond
Recording Secretary

Serve the Lord with gladness!

And bring joy to the candidates. We have two weekends coming up this Fall

Men's 66 Sep. 17 – 20 Rector: Roland Boucher
Women's 66 Oct. 22 – 25 Rector: Lorraine Queen

and the community will again have the opportunity to serve meals. Serving a meal has a very special way of showing God's love through you - and brings you joy as well.

Please call Community Coordinators, Eric Borman (781-821-2129, pescadore3760@verizon.net) or Maura Dowling (401-965-8313, mauraanndowling@yahoo.com) to sign up for a meal

Dear RIMA,

Women's team 66 has begun meeting. This is a quick request to keep us in your prayers and begin to consider your fall Palanca in general. And specifically, with the Lord as your guide, consider "Green \$\$\$ Palanca" to help any candidates and team members who need your financial kindness to fully form God's intended RIMA Women's Weekend 66!

Please let Chief, Brenda Hammond-Higgins (brendahammond149@gmail.com) know about any "Green \$\$\$ Palanca" as early as possible.

In HIS love,
RIMA #66



Save the Date!

RIMA Tres Dias Secuela/4th Day Event

Saturday, Aug. 22

10:00 AM	Essentials Training
2:00 PM	Lake Fun (swimming, boating, tubing)
5:30 PM	Barbeque
6:30 PM	Secuela

at
Gordon & Sue Arent's 108 Cedar Ln., Griswold, CT

Bring: Family & friends Swim wear/towel A dish to share & your own meat to grill
Musicians bring your instrument!

2015 RIMA CALENDAR – 2nd Half

8/22/15 Essentials Training/Barbecue/Secuela – Arent's, 108 Cedar Lane, Griswold, CT

9:00 AM Men's #66 Team Meeting
10:00 AM Essentials Training
2:00 PM Lake Fun (Swimming, boating, tubing)
5:00 PM Barbeque
6:30PM Secuela

Bring: Family & friends; Swim Suit; Dish to share and your own meat to grill

Musicians bring instruments.

9/14/15 SECRETARIAT – SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

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 /06/15 **CAROLING at Matulaitis (3PM) followed by CHRISTMAS PARTY at Thornfield Hall**

Note: Please check dates and times on the RIMA website, or a recent Butterfly

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE SCRAMBLE

FILL IN BLANKS BY CONNECTING LETTERS TO FORM BOOKS OF THE BIBLE. EACH LETTER MUST BE USED ONCE AND ONLY ONCE

SAMPLE

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JAMES
MARK

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JUDE
JOHN
JOEL
PHILIPPIANS
THESSALONIANS

I had the privilege of being a part of “Backpacks For New Beginnings” last week at work. I work in mental health and for the last few years we have been getting backpacks donated for our clients. This year we received 300. This non-profit charity was started by two young brothers when they were 10 and 8 years old. They wanted to raise money to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children that were not as fortunate as they are. They started this in 2009 with a goal of 25 backpacks. They are now 16 and 14 and this year they delivered over 2,000 backpacks filled with school supplies. These young boys are such a blessing and so committed to making a difference in other people’s lives!!

Respectfully submitted – in His love,
Lynne Cignarella