



The Butterfly

THE RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

November/December 2010

Published every other month: Contact kjik57@hotmail.com

RIMA BOARD MEMBERS 2009 – 2010

resident:
 Steve Higgins 508-823-0137
sthiggins@comcast.net

ice-President:
 Earle Ferguson 508-543-8209
EarleThal@aol.com

ecording Secretary:
 Betty Bailey 508-548-2092

orresponding Secretary:
 Judy Borman 781-821-2129

reasurer:
 Paul Chaltas 508-548-9281

embers At-large:
 Brenda Higgins 508-566-2321
 Jeanne Amaral 508-540-2266
 Bonnie Black 508-965-2106

re-Weekend:
 Helen Harvey 860-923-9486

weekend:
 Winnie Loan 508-946-1056

ost Weekend:
 Karl & Laura Tirrell 401-231-4899

ector Advisory:
 Brenda Higgins 508-566-2321

iritual Director.*
 Ruth Blais 508-639-9089
BlaisFamily@prodigy.net

ternational Secretariat Rep:
 Eric Borman 781-821-2129
pescadore@verizon.net

ewsletter Editor: *
 Kathy King 860-234-9931
kjking@ct.metrocast.net

IMA Ring Leader: *
 Lynn Crème 860-928-0312
lynn@creme.name

**Not a Board position*

Welcome New Pescadores!



Kristi Durocher Ellen Dobbs
 Victoria Hardman Danielle Hunter
 Sandra Huth June Wilson

Jake R. Babineau Chris Farrand
 Ruben Rodriguez Troy DeVoe
 Thomas Thompson

4th Day Message to the Pescadores

By: Mary O'Keefe RIMA 16

On this your fourth day
 May the love that you have found
 In Tres Dias today
 Find a holy place inside your heart
 Where it may grow each day.
 When temptations come and days grow long
 Do not forget these friends
 These sisters and brothers you have met here
 The ones who God sent
 Brothers and sisters are often God in disguise
 When you are seeking out his word
 Be part of Reunions, attend Sequelas
 Be part of the joy Jesus has given us
 When you are sad and the world has let you down
 Read your palanca– and relive this!



For prayer requests or praises. The RIMA community has *RIMA Ring*. When a request is called in, the prayer request is passed on to prayer warriors throughout the community that have offered to pray.

Contact: **Lynn Creme** at

1-860-928-0312

Or **E-mail:**

lynn@creme.name

Mark your Calendars!

4th Day Event

Sunday December 5

Margaret Payne's House (Thornfield Hall) Route 200 Thompson CT

Time: 2:00 pm

3pm Carol sing at Matulitis Nursing Home

We will meet at Margaret's than go to a local convalescent home where we will share with them in song the joys and love of this holiday season.

Return to Margaret's to enjoy each others fellowship and of course Goodies!

Bring a dish to share for the buffet table.

Invite your family and friends to share in the fellowship!

For questions or more information please call Margaret 860-923-3099

4th Day Event on December 5th we will be visiting a local nursing home if you would like to bring small unwrapped gifts like note-cards, sugar free candy, slipper socks, large print puzzle books, headbands, decorative hair clips, ladies scarves, jigsaw puzzles w/med. To large pieces etc... to give to the residents. Food to share for the celebration at Margaret's. No scented lotions please.



RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT

NOVEMBER 8, 2010

PRESENT :Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Paul Chaltas, Sharon Powers, Lynne Brune, Winnie Loan, Earle Ferguson. Eric Borman, Brenda Higgins, Betty Bailey.

Sharon Powers opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Earle Ferguson, seconded by Brenda Higgins to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Steve thanked the community for the 2 wonderful weekends – the men's weekend and the International Secretariat. He has received several notes of congratulation stating that the International weekend was 'awesome'. The community came together and worked to make it a huge success – it was all done within our budget of \$600.00. The "Love Bucket" was passed during the concert and the money (over \$300.00) was given to the host church to help pay for their expenses. Steve stated the community should be very proud as everyone worked together as a team, everyone did their part doing God's work.

With the changes that have been made at Bridges of Hope we need to move to a new meeting place. Our meetings, by a motion made by Betty Bailey, seconded by Earle Ferguson and passed unanimously, will now be held at Liberty Christian Center on Route 44 in Taunton, MA. The December meeting is on the 13th at 7:30 pm. Since winter is coming and possibly bad weather, it was decided that if there is no school, there will be no Tres Dias meeting. As most everyone comes from a distance, it is up to the discretion of the person as to whether or not to drive.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul Chaltas reported that the Women's Weekend had paid in full prior to the weekend. He stressed that, especially now, future rectors should be informed early that the money for the weekend is to be sent to the Treasurer 2 weeks before the weekend. Expenses for the International have been paid. The only bill remaining is to Steve Higgins for his expenses for International. A motion was made by Sharon Powers, seconded by Brenda Higgins to repay Thomasina Minor-Hill the \$90.00 she paid for the candidate who had to withdraw. Motion passed. *A motion was made by Earle Ferguson, seconded by Andrea Higgins to accept the report of the Treasurer. Motion passed.*

Steve Higgins and Lynne Brune will meet with the Spring rectors to give them materials and information for the weekend. Spring weekend dates have been resolved so that there is no weekend during Easter. Men's is now March 31st – April 3rd, 2011 and the Women's weekend is April 28th – May 1st, 2011.

At Cathedral Camp 2 women got ill because of mold and furnace fumes. It was agreed that a discussion needs to take place with the Camp regarding these issues.

Following much discussion the motion was made by Brenda Higgins, seconded by Betty Bailey that the cost of the weekend for the Spring weekends will be \$229.00 per person as the Cathedral Camp has raised the amount they have to get. The motion passed with 8 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention.

International: Eric Borman gave his report. This is his last year as a representative. He had a letter from International thanking RIMA for their hospitality. Earle Ferguson made the motion to accept his report, Paul Chaltas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There will be a Fourth Day at Margaret Payne's on December 5th in Connecticut.

It was reported that a Fall men's rector may be needed as Ray Beals is ill.

The Corresponding Secretary, Judy Borman, sent letters to both the Men's and Women's leadership thanking them for all they do. She does it yearly.

Sharon Powers asked if the rectors could be given a stipend for supplies they buy as long as they keep receipts.

Scripture Presenter /Prayer for December is Brenda Higgins.

Again, the December meeting is on December 1st.

Community corner



The Angel in the Plaid Flannel Shirt

By Brenda Higgins

In the fall of 1994, I was the chief auxiliary on the ladies' weekend. The camp we used was old and not equipped for the handicapped, and one of our spiritual directors was unable to climb stairs. Normally, each of the spiritual directors would have her own suite, but this time we were told we could have only one. We made sure to request the suite that had a small step to the outside so we could bring our special lady in

that way. The entrance to the rollo room was up a winding stair, but this was not a problem as there was also an outside door. We were all planned and ready! When we arrived at the camp, we found that we had been assigned the wrong suite—and the suite we needed was locked. I ran off to the office to request a change. As I was going past the main building, I looked up and there on the roof was a man in a plaid flannel shirt and a beautiful smile. He asked if he could help, and I told him my problem. He said, "I can do anything." I continued on to the manager's office. The manager informed me that she was already aware of the problem and that it had been remedied.

Early Friday morning our ladies blew fuses in the "hotel" while getting ready. I waited until everyone was settled in for breakfast and ran off to report the problem. As I approached the office building, I again ran into the man with the plaid shirt and great smile and blurted out my problem. "I can do anything," he said quietly. We went back into the hotel, and the power was on! How wonderful, I thought, that the camp had put someone on special duty to look after our needs.

We were ready to start the first rollo, and we all walked outside and around to the rollo room door—when I discovered that I had forgotten to unlock that particular door! As I was standing there, waiting for the others to catch up to me, I turned to see the smiling man in the plaid shirt beside me. I blurted out an apology for my forgetfulness, and again he said "I can do anything." I put my hand on the doorknob—and the door opened.

Saturday morning I awoke before sunrise and looked out the window to discover that the lights were out on the main pathway and that there was frost on the stairs and walkways to the chapel and dining hall. I was up extra early and out before any others were ready. As I came around the corner of the courtyard, there was my smiling man in the plaid shirt. Once again I told him the problem and again he said "I can do anything." I looked around—the lights were on and the frost was gone!

Sunday morning we had a furnace problem and half of the rooms in the hotel lost heat. I left my seat at the breakfast table and there,

in the kitchen next to the coffee pot, was the smiling man in the plaid shirt. Once again, I told him the problem and again the response, "I can do anything." I sat back down and ate. After breakfast I went back to the hotel—and the heat was on!

After the closing, I went to the main office to learn where I could find the man in the plaid shirt to give him special thanks, and also to tell the manager how much we appreciated that the camp had appointed someone to watch out for our needs.

The manager had no idea what I was talking about. They had not had a maintenance person on duty, no one on staff was wearing a plaid shirt, and she had not seen anyone matching that description. Neither had anyone else! Each of my encounters with the man had been away from the group, and I hadn't told anyone about how the problems were fixed. All I can say is that a man in a plaid flannel shirt was there the whole weekend and that he had an awesome smile.

Did God send me an angel to carry me through those 72 hours, and does an angel sometimes wear a plaid flannel shirt? We say that God makes us aware when He is near, and that He can do anything, and that He sends his angels to watch over us.



JOY TO THE WORLD!

May you all have a blessed holiday season. I thank all who help to publish each issue of the Butterfly. God bless you all. Any suggestions or contributions are always welcome. The

butterfly will continue be issued every other month. Any announcements or articles can be emailed to myself@kjjk57@hotmail.com. Please mail by 15th of the month. Thank you and holiday blessings to all. Kathy King editor

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Address Correction Requested

Please make checks payable to **RIMA Tres Dias. \$10.00 /yr mail or free by e-mail**

Mail to

Kathy King
Butterfly Subscription
71 Perry Rd.
Putnam CT 06260