



# The Butterfly

THE RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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**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.

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## **Spring Weekends Are Coming!**

**Hello, it is spring once again and time for Tres Dias Weekends!!!! What an awesome God we serve!!!!**

**As the pre-weekend person for Tres Dias I wanted to send out this reminder regarding the applications and payments for candidates for this May!**

**The men's weekend is being held from May 1-4th. This means that applications for the candidates with the payments are due by April 17th.**

**The women's weekend is being held from May 15-18th. This means the applications for the candidates with the payments are due by May 1st.**

**I do understand that sometimes things don't go the way we expect and there may be a need to send an application after the deadline. If that is the case please call me or email and give me a heads up that I may be receiving an application late. Our goal in Tres Dias is to reach and bless as many people as possible and to do that I understand that the Spirit does need room to move and we, as a ministry of God will honor that. In the natural world, however, there is a process to all of this and it makes the job easier and more efficient if things run smoothly. My boss has graciously offered the fax machine at my office if applications need to be sent to me through fax. I can also receive them by email or regular mail.**

**The fax number is 401-383-9335**

**My email address is [mydancyn33@aol.com](mailto:mydancyn33@aol.com)**

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**"Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet."**

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see." "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after

being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

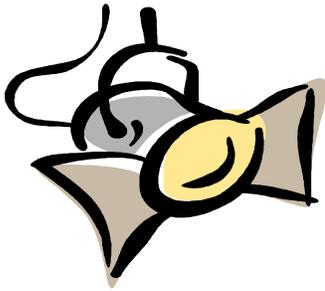
Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level?

How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

**"Note from Kathy Bracken – Thanks"**

**I would like to thank the many friends who attended my Mom's service, sent flowers, cards, and have been there for us. It is deeply appreciated and felt. The Lord is certainly present and holding us gently but firmly. He has answered our prayers in taking Mom home swiftly and gently. Please continue your prayers.**

**In His everlasting Love, Kathy and family**



## Spotlight on our Men's Rector for RIMA Tres Dias Weekend # 53

**Steve LeBlanc**

**Residence:** 113 Park Ave. Bridgewater, MA 02324

**Church:** Agape Chapel

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur, I have been a Sign Painter for 15 years, I am a Licensed Carpenter, I am aspiring to become a Make-Up artist (Yes like cosmetics), I am educated in Natural Health and Nutrition and We are making our way into Real Estate Investing.

**Family:** I have a lovely and charming wife Jennifer and a 17 year old daughter Jade.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Well incase the occupations were not enough to fill my time I am learning Karate, guitar and Spanish.

**What # RIMA did you make?** 43

**What did you leave with that weekend?** I had never really got a sense of oneness in the body of Christ. My church at the time was not really demonstrating that and I realized that not only am I part of something awesome in the Church but that the Holy Spirit wanted to move in my life.

**Scripture for Weekend:** John 17:23- (as Jesus said)...May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**Anything else you would like to tell us:**

God has really been showing me that Love is one of the most important parts of our faith. We need to remember Jesus hung around with the prostitutes, the tax collectors, and the low lifes of society. He was willing to touch the untouchables and love the unlovables. Are we willing to do that or are we just content with living our lives and going to our churches thinking that those out there are just different? God keeps telling me that the only way we can help anybody is to love on them. How can they see the light if we act just like everybody else? It is

tough for me and I'm sure it is for you but we are called to a higher standard and need to Love all. How can we bridge the gap between where we were and where we are now and help other come to where we are going?

Mens RIMA 53 Team

Rector- Steve LeBlanc  
Chief- Roland Boucher  
SD- Gil Bourquin  
SD-Roger Bolduk  
Music- Earle Ferguson  
Comm Coor- Eric Borman  
Ideals- Bryan White  
Church- Ray Beals  
Piety- Bill Rickson  
Leaders- Ted Low  
Enviornment- Tom Murphy  
CCIA- David Luhrs  
Rollo room- Joe Truppa  
Chapel- Dave Delmonico  
Break – Dave Baldic  
Palanca- Scott Deagle  
Unassigned yet- Dave Baisley  
Unassigned yet- Lyman Green



On the union of two pescadores Heidi Henry and Harold Sunderlund

Do you have any praises, articles, information you would like to see in butterfly please contact Butterfly editor:

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860-974-0879

Also looking for information on highlighting pescadores and their activities so if you know of someone we should highlight please send me any information at above information.

**Note from the women's weekend  
community coordinator your help is  
needed**

Hi Everyone, I am the community coordinator for the upcoming women's weekend and am obviously looking for help. We will be needing snack food, servers, opening musicians, agape setup, etc. If you can help out it would be greatly appreciated. You can call me (508-378-6036) or email me [wliws97@comcast.net](mailto:wliws97@comcast.net). Thank you in advance for any help. Wendy Pierce

Also supplies needed to stock our trailer if you could help with this they are: plastic spoons, bowls, large garbage bags, tea, coffee, hot drink cups, and small paper plates.

**Highlights on Pescadore Involvement**

Pescadore Ruth Hartunian-Alumbaugh of Willimantic CT and her family have been involved in international ministry for many years. The last 2 years serving as Ministry Representative for International Students, Inc. They have been invited to attend an International Students Leadership Conference in June of this year. It will take place in Niagara Falls from June 20-25. This is the first time a national conference will take place so close to Connecticut. It usually occurs in Colorado Springs, Colorado. If anyone feels lead to making a tax deductible contribution; contributions can be sent to: International Students, Incorporated

P.O. Box C

Colorado Springs, CO. 80901

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Designate the Alumbaugh's ISI Ministry Account number #5141 on your check; you can also make a credit card contribution by calling ISI at (800)474-8628 and use the same account # 5141.

**Secretariat Meeting!**

***Next Secretariat meeting will be held  
on May 12, 2008***

***all are encouraged to attend.***

***Secretariat Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday every other month 7pm  
Bridges of Hope Church Attleboro MA***

**Your HELP is Needed!**

We are updating our mailing list does anyone know the addresses, phone #'s, e-mail of the following pescadores; if so please contact someone on secretariat.:

Massachusetts Area:

Brenda Pledge

Kevin Crete

Mike & Liz Costello

Brenda Kelly

Priscilla Thompson

Alice Todd

Donna DiPaolo

Lane Hoffman

Elinor Ray

Ken & Lisa Landry

Brian Dicks

Jeannie Lawson

Laura Mercer

Jan Murphy

Jay Farrell

Ruth Steeves

Ron & Laurie Salafia

Janette Ferreira

Robert Davidson

Lorraine Boisvert

Dan & Donna Langlois

Jodie Mock

Connecticut Area:

Doreen Ericson

Walter & Holly Barlow

Joanne Ashton

Renee Brown

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John Schroth

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Sandra Lamb

Gayle Krzywda

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Wanda Soler

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Doris Baker

Garrett Condon

Kenneth Galitello

Rita LaJoie

Fred Wright

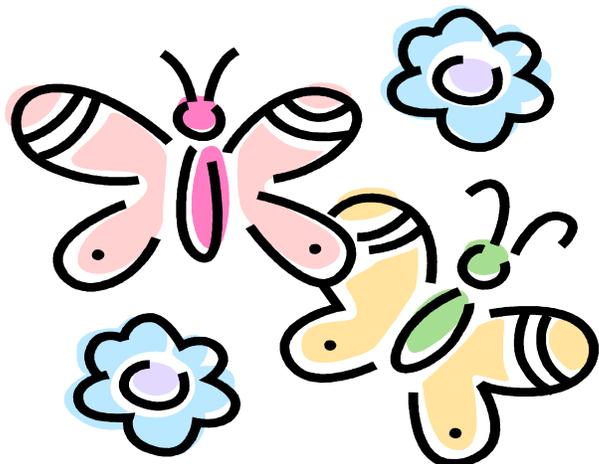
Patrick & Carole Riley

Norman Picard

If you know of any other pescadores that have a change of address, phone # or e-mails please let us know. Thank you!

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2008 Weekend Dates are Spring Men's May 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> Women's May 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>

Fall Weekend Men's October 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Women's October 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>