

# The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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## President's Corner

*"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is no one like Me,*

[Isaiah 46:9](#)

## **2017 Annual Report to the RIMA Community**

Year end is always a time for looking both back and forward. Back at what transpired during the year to His glory, and forward to a new beginning, and how God will use RIMA to further his Kingdom in 2018.

## **What the Lord hath wrought in 2017:**

We had two weekends this year. Spring weekends for the Men and the Women, #69. Our Rectors were Paul MacKay and Nancy Mandeville. Our thanks to them and their teams for serving selflessly.

Men's # 69 – March 23 – 26, 2017



Women's # 69 – May 2 – 5, 2017



Our usual Fall weekends were cancelled this year, for several reasons: the dates available at Cathedral Camp were late in the year and close to Christmas; it was felt that it would be hard to get a team together and candidates for these weekends, and also Spiritual Directors, as three were ill at the time.

**The Lord has brought into the community, 14 new Pescadores. Welcome again:**

Men's # 69 (Spring 2017) – Brad Brenniese, Jeb DeLoach, Paul Harcovitz, Bill Hunter, Ian Longest, Alex MacIennan, Pasquale Tofani.

Women's #69 (Spring 2017) – Dorida Bridges, Janis DeLoach, Maribeth Hagan, Suzanne Kerbs, Angelika Meier-Gerstl, Faith Shurtleff, Yvonne Silva.

Sponsors, let's make them feel welcome by helping them find a Reunion Group and by bringing them to Openings/Closings, Secuelas and Forth Day Events, and by encouraging them to be on team, as appropriate.



**The Lord has provided servants to keep our Community informed, and to seek Him in our time of need.:**

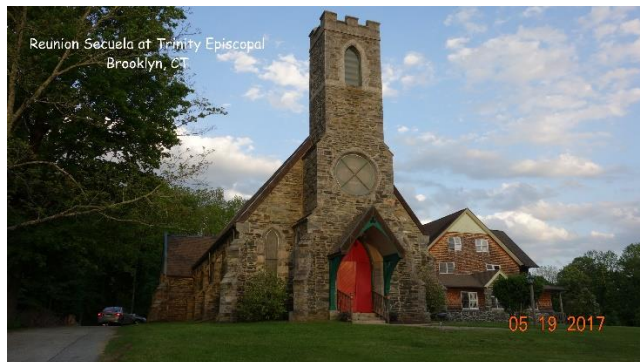
Eight issues of The Butterfly have been published and distributed to the community this year – Thank you Lynne Cignarella.



Countless Prayer Requests and Community announcements have been sent out by email and posted on The RIMA Ring and Facebook by Carolyn Newcombe.

**The Lord has provided times for renewal and fellowship:**

Secuela in May, Trinity Episcopal.











### **The Lord has provided generously for our financial needs:**

Ending balance Dec. 31, 2016 \$4,549.97

Ending balance Dec. 31, 2017 \$ 7,486.00

#### **In addition:**

- Acknowledgement of In-Kind Gifts were provided to those who donated goods and requested an acknowledgement.
- Donation Statements were sent to those who made contributions to RIMA.
- Thank you notes were sent to those Pescadores who contributed at/after the Pasta and Praise supper.
- 990-N Form was filed with the IRS for 2016. We are now up to date.
- We were able to pay back \$500 of the \$1000 gift from Tres Dias International that helped us to meet our expenses in 2016.

### **The Lord has provided willing leaders:**

The RIMA Secretariat has met ten times this year. Twenty-one pescadores have attended at least one Secretariat meetings this year, while the average attendance was 10.



### 2017 RIMA Tres Dias Officers & Committees

|                             |                            | Term<br>Beginning |        | Term<br>Ending |           |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>President:</b>           | Gordon Arent*              | Jan, 2016         | 2 yrs. | Dec. 2017      |           |
| <b>Vice-President:</b>      | Eric Anderson*             | Jan. 2017         | 1 yr.  | Dec. 2017      |           |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>           | Frank Hammond*             | Jan. 2016         | 2 yrs. | Apr. 2016      |           |
|                             | Steve Higgins              | May 2016          |        | May 2017       |           |
|                             | William Wronski            | May 25, 2017      |        | Dec. 2017      | Appointed |
| <b>Recording Secretary:</b> | Dawn Rota*                 | Jan. 2017         | 1 yr.  | Dec. 2017      |           |
| <b>Corresp. Secretary:</b>  | Judy Borman*               | Jan. 2016         | 2 yr.  | Dec. 2017      |           |
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| <b>Pre-Weekend Chair:</b>   | Lynne Cignarella*          | Appointed         |        | 10/2015        |           |
| <b>Weekend Chair:</b>       | Andrea Higgins (Co-Chair)* | Appointed         |        | 08/2015        |           |
|                             | Sue Arent (Co-Chair)*      | Appointed         |        | 08/2015        |           |
| <b>Post Weekend Chair:</b>  | Open*                      | Appointed         |        |                |           |

\*Board of Directors (9 positions)

### Other Committees/Representatives

|   |   |           |         |
|---|---|-----------|---------|
| <b>Communications:</b>                        | Carolyn Newcombe  |           |         |
|   | Lynne Cignarella  | Appointed | 03/2015 |
| <b>By-laws &amp; Policy Review Committee:</b> | ad hoc committee  |           |         |
| <b>Nominating Comm.:</b>                      | Eric Anderson (appointed by the President each October) |           |         |
| <b>International Rep.</b>                     | Sue Arent   | Appointed | 07/2015 |

*A special thanks to all our officers, committee members and Tres Dias Intenational representatives who served the Lord so faithfully this year.*

## **The Lord has done great things:**

- Elections were held at our January 2017 Annual Meeting electing: Eric Anderson - Vice President, for a 1 year term; Dawn Rota – Recording Secretary, for a 1 year term.
- Eric Borman and Gordon Arent were nominated and subsequently approved for TDI Secretariat membership.
- Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins co-chaired the committee to host the Tres Dias International Secretariat Meeting October 13 -15, 2017. Liberty Christian Fellowship was the host church. This event required the support of the RIMA community, and many gave of their time and talents to make this event a success. We especially thank 'Master Plan' for providing the special music at the Saturday evening praise and worship.
- RIMA was represented at the Tres Dias International Secretariat meeting in Tustin, CA, and at the TDI Assembly Meeting, in Palestine TX, by Sue & Gordon Arent, Eric & Judy Borman and Jeanne Norwood (TX only).
- Pre-Weekend Committee – A committee of one (Lynne Cignarella) served us well by receiving, screening and accepting the candidate applications, and contributions for our Weekends.
- The Weekend Committee (chaired by Sue Arent & Andrea Higgins)
  - Provided a two-day Rector training for Rectors of Men's and Women's #70 and #71 (Mike Wise, Sue Arent, Andrew Vacca, Lynne Cignarella, and also a few prospective rectors) in two Saturday sessions.
  - Updated the Rector's Script for weekends (Thank you Paul MacKay, Mike Wise, Andrew Vacca for initiating and assisting in this project.)
  - Conducted an email, and a US mail survey of the men in the community to:
    - try to reconnect with men in the community who we have lost track of, or have been inactive for many years,
    - to identify men who would be willing to serve on team in Spring 2018, Fall 2018, or sometime in the future (if asked), and
    - to see if we can contact them to serve in a different capacity – openings, closings, mananitas, meals, etc.

It was heartening to find that 33 men would be willing to be considered for team in 2018, or in the future.

It was disappointing to find that 81% of those we tried to contact, did not respond at all. It is difficult to understand what this means.

As a by-product of doing the survey though, we were able to find email addresses for approximately 70 pescadores that we did not have before. We have added them to the Butterfly and RIMA Ring lists, to keep them up to date on what's going on in RIMA. Perhaps some will be led to serve on a future team? Who knows? God works in mysterious ways.

- Post Weekend Committee – We struggled this year, not having a Post Weekend chairman, or working committee. But, everyone chipped in to have a Renion Secuela, the Pasta and Praise supper, a barbecue, the Northeast Regional Tres Dias Leaders Meeting, and of course the Tres Dias International Secretariat meeting at Liberty Christian Center.

### **The Lord has entrusted us with great responsibility:**

It has been a joy and a blessing, to serve as your president these last few years. My term ends December 31, 2017, and am not permitted to serve a second consecutive term.

I truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you, and I am so thankful for your willingness to commit your time, talent, treasures and thoughts, to our community. I am looking forward to a great Christian renewal, here in New England, and I think RIMA will have a key role in His work here. Tres Dias is in a unique position to encourage Christians in their walk with the Lord, and train them up as servant leaders in their home congregations. It is always rewarding to be part of something that is greater than yourself. I want to be part of that!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Gordon Arent  
2017 RIMA President

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### **Election of Officers for 2018**

At our January Annual meeting, the election of officers for 2018 was held. Here are the new Secretariat officers:

|                                    |                        | Term<br>Beginning | Term<br>Ending |           |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b><i>President:</i></b>           | Mike Wise              | Jan, 2018         | 2 yrs.         | Dec. 2019 |
| <b><i>Vice-President:</i></b>      | Roland Boucher         | Jan. 2018         | 1 yr.          | Dec. 2018 |
| <b><i>Treasurer:</i></b>           | William J. Wronski Sr. | Jan. 2018         | 2 yrs.         | Dec. 2019 |
| <b><i>Recording Secretary:</i></b> | Dawn Rota              | Jan. 2018         | 1 yr.          | Dec. 2018 |
| <b><i>Corresp. Secretary:</i></b>  | Judy Borman            | Jan. 2018         | 2 yr.          | Dec. 2019 |



Give 'em an extra strong abrazo when you see them, and a word of encouragement!

A special thanks to the outgoing officers, Gordon Arent and Eric Anderson, who served so faithfully.

Remember, Secretariat is open to all Pescadores. If you feel the Lord's nudging, join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month to help plan RIMA's activities – to His glory.

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*Sue MacKenzie*

7/4/1937 - 12/16/2017



Sue MacKenzie passed away peacefully on December 16, 2017. Married to Dick MacKenzie for 40 years. Sue was a faithful servant of the Lord, and served on many teams in different capacities.

There will be a celebration of life later in the spring. Please keep the MacKenzie family in prayer during this difficult time.

We are again reminded that we have no abiding life here on this earth, but we are assured, that our Lord has prepared for us an everlasting home with Him in heaven!

*John*

14:3



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The following Communities have received their 2018 Palanca from RIMA.  
Tres Dias of ME, North GA, GA mountain, Music city, Brazos Valley TX, Mid Hudson NY, Mid  
Western Kansas City, South East TN

And Midland United Methodist Cursillo.  
Submitted by Judy Borman

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### RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

December 11, 2017

Liberty Christian Center, 159 Winthrop St, Taunton MA

PRESENT: Gordon and Susan Arent, Judy and Eric Borman, Andrea and Steve Higgins,  
Dawn Rota, Eric Anderson, Pastors Ruth and Warren Blais, Mike Wise, Bill and Julie  
Wronski

Eric Borman opened the meeting with devotion and prayer at 7:15

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 pm in Taunton.

Requests for voting status - none

Secretary's Report: Presented by Dawn; Motion to accept minutes from Nov 13<sup>th</sup> meeting  
as amended, made by Sue, seconded by Steve; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Bill; report handed out; current balance to date is  
\$8,186.00; Motion made, seconded, and carried ( I did not record names, apologies!)  
Discussions again regarding tax deductions for Rima weekends.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Presented by Judy; will be posting 2018 weekends.

#### Committee Reports:

Pre-Weekend Committee: Presented by Lynne; too soon for any new info

Weekend Committee: no meeting, no report. Next meeting, January 23<sup>rd</sup>; discussed  
Men's survey, and posting request for missing weekend booklets; Steve pointed out  
that Jesus started with 12 disciples.

Post Weekend Committee: (No Chairperson)



Communications Committee: no report; discussed possible date for 2018 Pasta and Praise, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Wesley Methodist; suggested starting with John Polce's availability

Historian Report: Presented by Dawn: nothing new to report  
TD International: Sue Arent, Delegate; report presented by Eric: Arents hosted the "First Annual Northeast Tres Dias Leadership Meeting"; all communities struggling with same issues, shared successful strategies.

Tres Dias International Secretariat Meeting Committee: Bormans will be attending March 9<sup>th</sup> Secretariat meeting hosted by Grace Gulf Coast Tres Dias in Texas.

Completed Weekends: None

Weekends in Progress:

Men's # 70, 04/19 - 04/22, 2018; Mike Wise Rector

Women's # 70, 05/03 - 05/06; Sue Arent Rector

Men's # 71, 09/27 - 09/30; Andrew Vacca Rector

Women's # 71, 11/01 - 11/04; Lynne Cignarella Rector

Mike reports that team selection is going well; he currently has 14 committed team members Sue

is continuing to gather her team, with a possible 18 members (6 zero timers); she has chosen her scripture, Phil 2: 1 - 4; she expressed frustration with waiting for women to return calls.

Old Business:

Need to fill vacancy: Chair person for Post Weekend Committee: No update.

Website Upgrade: Checkpoint with Maribeth Hagan mid January; Discussed repayment of \$1000 contribution from TDI; Steve motioned to send \$500, now, seconded by Andrea, passed.

New Business: Update of Facebook site and opening to community; discussion re open and closed; Mike suggests several moderators and boundaries listed. Eric A made motion to have FB secret and add Mike Wise as administrator, seconded by Eric B, passed. Mike will draft boundaries and send to other administrators.

Eric presented slate for elections, and read list of eligible members; discussed possibility of changing restrictions on husband/wife and duplicate church members serving as officers.

Prayer Concerns: Praise report - Gil's reports are great!

Mark White, Mike's job, Dale Goulden, Joe, lonely people, Mike's son, physical healing for Andrea, Diane Wise, Pastor Jewel, Lynne's mom

Closed in prayer at 9:07 by Eric B

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rota

### Next Weekends

Men's #70      4/19 - 4/22      Rector: Mike Wise

Women's #70    5/03 - 5/06      Rector: Sue Arent

Men's #71      9/27 - 9/30      Rector: Andrew Vacca

Women's #71    11/1 - 11/04      Rector: Lynne Cignarella

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Special thanks to Gordon for serving our Lord as President of RIMA for the past few years. I know it wasn't always easy, but you have done a fabulous job! Thank you for all you have done for RIMA.

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I read this Devotional today and it was something I needed to hear. I thought I'd pass it on:



# Trust God's Goodness

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

Revelation 21:4, NIV

One day God will call us forth from the dead, and we will rise again! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! All of our suffering will be over, and God Himself “will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said . . . , ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true” (Rev. 21:4-5, NIV).

*When you don't understand why, just trust Him!*

Trust His heart! Trust His purpose!

Trust His goodness!

Trust His plan to be bigger than yours!

Trust Him because . . . God is enough.

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**Reminder:** If anyone has something they would like to share in the Butterfly, please email it to me.

Respectfully submitted

In His precious name,

Lynne Cignarella