



# The Butterfly

THE RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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## **AUTUMN BLESSINGS**



**2012 MENS WEEKEND OCT.11<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup>**

**2012 WOMENS WEEKEND OCT, 20<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup>**

**PLEASE KEEP THE TEAM MEMBERS AND SPONCERS UP IN PRAYER AT THIS TIME AS CANDIDATES ARE BEING CONSIDERED AND TEAMS ARE PREPARING!!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS AND CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE WEEKENDS WITH YOUR PRESENCE AT OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS: PRAYER PALANCA AND GREEN PALANCA.**

**WEEKENDS ARE BEING HELD AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RETREAT HOUSE IN PUTNAM CT.**



**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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LETTERS FROM THE RECTORS AND COORDINATORS

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**WE NEED ASSISTANCE OR VOLUNTEERS TO BE REGIONAL AREA PALANCA COORDINATORS (THE TASK CONSISTS OF RECEIVING PALANCA OR PICKING UP PALANCA FOR OTHER PESCADORES WHO ARE UNABLE TO DELIVER THE PALANCA TO YOU.)**

**YOUR NAME WILL BE LISTED IN THE NEXT EMAILS AND IN THE BUTTERFLY AND/OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY COORDINATORS OR RECTORS WE WILL LIST YOUR NAMES AND ADDRESSES AND A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**PLEASE CALL ROLAND OR JEANNE BOUCHER AT THE NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER.**

**AREA COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING: MASS- BOSTON AREA,;TAUNTON/MANSFIELD ,CAPE, ATTLEBOROPLAINFIELDUXBRIDGE/MENDON RHODE ISLAND:CENTRAL &SOUTHERN AREAS; CT: PUTNAM; NORWICH & HARTFORD /NORTH AREA. WE ARE IN NEED OF PALANCA FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WEEKEND AS FOLLOWS: SPIRITUAL ITEMS BOOKS, BOOKLETS, SCRIPTURE READINGS, LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT, BOOKMARKS, CROSSES METALS OR OTHER GOD FOCUS ITEMS. BIBLES, POEMS, ETC. MATERIALS ITEMS PAPER GOODS, COFFEE, FRUITS, VEGTABLES, CANDY, SNACKS, NUTS, RAISENS, WASHABLE DRIED FRUITS, BOOK TABLE ITEMS CHRISTIAN BOOKS BIBLES AND BOOKLETS THIS IS HOW ONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE WEEKEND: SPONSOR A CANDIDATE .....PHYSICALLY.....MENTALLY.....SPIRITUALLY.....FINANCIALLY**

**DO YOUR PART FOR TRES DIAS.... PESCADORE'S IN SERVICE TO JESUS PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN... WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR VOLUNTEERING AND ASSISTANCE TO THIS MINISTRY.**

**THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF TRES DIAS AND YOUR PART IN IT.**

**THE PURPOSE OF TRES DIAS. To spread the Good News of Christ by encouraging the living of the Christian fundamental, this is first to love God; then to love all people.**

**STAGES OF TRES DIAS.**

- 1. Pre-Tres Dias- Identifying candidates with qualities of leadership, encouraging them to make Tres Dias, and sponsoring them.**
- 2. The Tres Dias Weekend – Preparation for the Fourth Day.**
- 3. The Fourth Day – The objective of Stages 1 and 2; actually living the Christian fundamental and persevering as an apostle of Christ.**

**Your Role in Stage 1:**

**Stage 1 can be described by one word: SPONSORSHIP. Sponsorship is not just signing an application form on the line headed “Sponsor’s Signature”; it is much more! Sponsorship begins when we identify a likely candidate for Tres Dias. Your job as a sponsor is to befriend this person, encourage him to make Tres Dias, and to provide any assistance the candidate or his family may require, so that he can make the weekend. Sponsorship continues well into the Fourth Day.**

**Your Role in Stage 2:**

**Stage 2 is the most remarkable of the three stages, but it is not an end in itself. You might be called upon to play any of several roles at this stage; all are very important because Tres Dias won’t work without all of them. Of these roles however, *the most important role you can play is to offer palanca.* Palanca is the fuel that makes Tres Dias go.**

**Your Role in Stage 3:**

**The blessing you have received through Tres Dias must be passed on! Each one of us has been called to be Christ’s apostle, and that was no accident!**

**Sponsorship:**

**Who should make a Tres Dias weekend? The ideal candidate is a mature, well-informed Christian, possibly already a leader in his church, with a stable home environment and a reasonably open mind. Not all ‘good’ candidates are ideal candidates; so a sponsor must exercise judgment. The major criterion which must not be violated is that the candidate and his family must be able to accept and handle the weekend, with all its emotional elements. Tres Dias is NOT a marriage clinic, nor group therapy, nor is it meant to be a tool of conversion to Christianity.**

**How well should you know your candidate? As a rule of thumb, know him well enough to be able to fill out his application form from your personal knowledge of him.**

**Jesus Said: You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other. John 15:16**

Dear RIMA Community,

The Women’s team is formed and is getting ready to begin their meetings on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please keep us in prayer as we prepare for the up-coming weekend. God has blessed us with our team and I am humbled to be able to be the Rector of RIMA Womens # 60.

The Scripture for the weekend is Jeremiah 29:11 “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

As we stand on the precious promises of God, I know that God has a great plan for the candidates and team of RIMA # 60.

Your Sister in Christ, Julie White

#### RIMA # 60 WOMEN'S TEAM

- Rector: Julie White
- Chief: Nancy Cargene
- Music Director: Rose Breau
- Spiritual Director: Ruth Blais
- Spiritual Director: Sharon Powers
- Community Coordinator: Jeanne Boucher
- Rollistas:
- Ideals: Bonnie Black
- Church: Nancy Mandeville
- Piety: Vicki Shears
- Study: Joyce St. Jean
- Action: Sue Converse
- Leaders: Michelle Deiana
- Environments: Denise Langille
- CCIA: Lynne Brune
- Reunion Groups: Mary O Keefe
- Angels:
- Chapel: Adrienne Mahoney
- Palanca: Becky Shears
- Rollo Room: June Wilson
- Break: Marie Whitcomb
- Float: Winnie Loan
- Prayer Team:
- Lynn Crème

- Shirley Scott
- Table Leader/Music: Diane Beals

**PRAY PRAY PRAY**

#### RIMA #60 MENS TEAM

RECTOR : Roland Boucher CO Ray Beals

CHIEF: Steve Higgans

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Tom Loan

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS: Rev. Gil Bourquin Rev Joe DiLeo

Community Coordinator: Eric Borman

ROLLISTAS

IDEALS: Thomas Brassil

CHURCH: Brian White

PIETY :

STUDY: Eric Anderson

ACTION: Roger Boucher

LEADERS: Ray Beals

ENVIRONMENTS: Joe Crème

CCIA Tom Loan

REUNION GROUPS Steve LeBlanc  
AUXILLIARY  
PRE BREAKFAST Richard Bourassa  
ROLLO RM Rick Rumsey  
PALANCA Vernon DEVOE  
CHAPEL Rev Larry Nichols  
PRAYER TEAM Rev Warren Blais

**REMINDER**

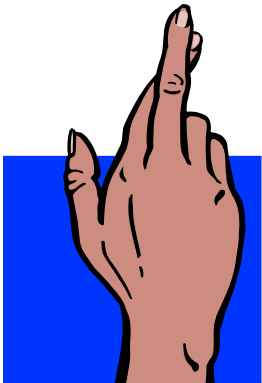
**Applications and payments need to be submitted 10 days prior to weekend.**

**Fall 2012 Men's deadline OCT 1st**

**Fall 2012 women's deadline Oct. 10th**

**Please send to:**

**Helen Harvey  
134 New Rd.  
Thompson CT 06277  
860-923-9486**

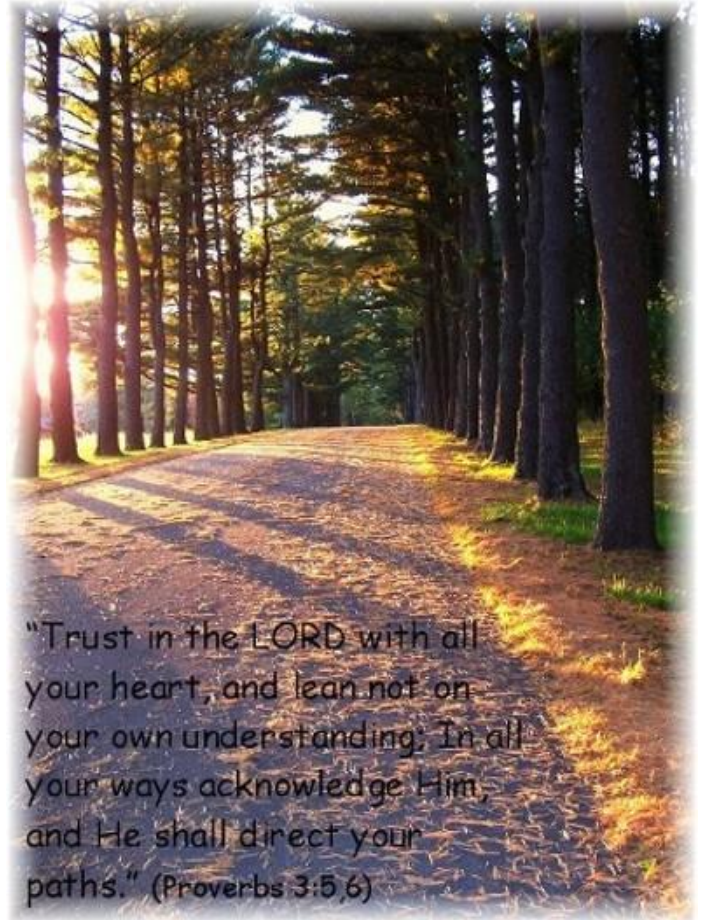


Attending openings, closings and Mananitas are very special palanca. Please plan to come with your Tres Dias brothers and sisters to welcome the Pescadores into our community.

Openings...7pm Thurs eve

Mananitas 7am Sun am

Closings 3:33p Sun pm



**RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT  
MEETING**

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**JUNE 2, 2012**

**PRESENT: Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Sue Landry, Roland Boucher, Christina Bourquin, Gil Bourquin, Brenda Higgins, Kathy Bracken, Margaret**



Payne, Vicky Shears, Becky Shears, Eric Borman, Judy Borman, Lee Gardner, Diane Fleweling, Caroline Newcombe, Betty Bailey.

YOUR ROLE IN TRES DIAS: Being on a team – Commitment. Steve talked of his experiences in Tres Dias being on a team. First, there is commitment. Having been to 10 or more leadership meetings encouraged him as he found the joy of working through any issues that came up.

The minutes of the May Tres Das Secretariat were approved as presented.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Discussion as to the advantages of holding our Spring and Fall weekends at Immaculate Conception in Putnam followed. On a motion by Andrea Higgins, seconded by Kathy Bracken, the motion passed.

One of the reasons to move to Immaculate Conception is that the cost is half the cost of Cathedral Camp. 2012 and 2013 costs will be: Double occupancy -\$100.00, Single occupancy - \$150.00 in 2012. Double occupancy \$150.00, single occupancy \$200.00 in 2013. On a motion by Eric Borman, seconded by Brenda Higgins, the motion passed. Team members will be advised of the price of the weekend at the time they are asked to serve. Blackstone Church has offered, as part of their Missions giving, to pay for 1 man and 1 woman to go to Tres Dias weekend. Can be either a team member or candidate.

#### BASIC REPORT FROM THE SPRING

LEADERSHIP MEETING; 1) Help is needed – There is a need to get a Communications Committee active. RIMA RING should be for prayer only. 2) Face Book page – For informational purposes only. 3) Butterfly – Needs help from people to submit items for community information to keep Tres Dias informed. 4) Website – Be sure to send Gary O'Keefe information.

The Communication Committee needs one person to keep in touch with the above 4 and be certain he or she gets the information to each.

It is felt there is no need for both a pre and post weekend committee – only an External team who need to be guided by the Weekend Committee person in getting information to the above committees. It is also his/her job to ask people for help in opening and closing the weekends. There is a need to simplify the by-laws. Only need these 2 committees (weekend and communications) to work with the Community Coordinator. We also need to develop leaders to bring them to the next level. There is a need to find out who is interested in future in developing to the

next level. The question is how do we do outreach and which churches used to send candidates for the weekends. Also, after the weekend there is a definite need for 4<sup>th</sup> Days events to get the new Pescadores interested and active.

Everyone needs to go school at the first team meeting. This is a necessity to prepare for weekend. On a motion by Kathy Bracken, seconded by Eric Borman the motions to form a Communications Committee passed. The Communication Committees responsibility is to get information out to the community. Chair of this committee is Caroline newcombe

Eric Borman informed us that for \$129.00 we can get the International data base, although he said there is a free one at "Star Office". The International assessment is the same as last year. Judy and Eric are going to Korea in June for international.

The Weekend Committee consists of Winnie Loan, Roland Boucher, Julie White. Kathy Bracken offered her help.

Men's Fall Weekend Rector for 2012 is Roland Boucher, for Spring 2013 rector it is Steve Higgins. Julie White is the Fall 2012 Fall Weekend rector. If anyone is interested in serving, please contact Roland or Julie. Both need co-rectors. It is not automatic that you go ahead as there are certain criteria and some cannot commit to long range plans. Qualified people are needed to be in position to assume the next slot.

Roland plans to have a family get together sometime in June after the school. It was suggested that he have team meeting dates so the team knows when the dates are in advance. His first team meeting is planned for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at 273 Great Road, Smithfield, RI  
Prayer Partners: There is a need to establish prayer partners – there is no need for prayer partners to be on sight – they can be either in the rollo room at the time one is giving their rollo or not.

The following technical amendments were all unanimously approved by ballot by RIMA Tres Dias: 1) Rules for nomination at International Secretariat; 2) Based on Cursillo, approved the changes in technical problems; 3) Must be eligible to hold office and abide by the by-laws of Tres Dias; 4) There will be a special assembly on July 1, 2012 and January 30, 2013 to approved the budget and community assessments. Election of officers on September 15, 2012 in Korea; 5) Re: budget Assessment will be \$56.—per unit for 2012; 6) Proxy ballot – Eric Borman will cast one ballot; Eric

Borman is up for reelection -14 are running of which 11 will be selected.

Gil Bouquin closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Bailey, Recording Secretary

AUGUST 13, 3012

PRESENT: Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Lorraine Queen, Thomasina Minor-Hill, Winnie Loan, Roland Boucher, Jean Boucher, Jeanne Amaral, Debbie Bouffard, Rev. Ruth Blais, Rev. Warren Blais, Vicky Shears, Becky Shears. Betty Bailey.

Opening devotions and prayer were given by Steve Higgins.

Recording Secretary's report was accepted with corrections.

The report of the Treasurer was approved as presented.

Discussion followed as to the cost of the weekends at the Immaculate Conception Convent for the 2012 and 2013 weekends. If, for any reason, the candidate cannot pay the full price, the sponsor should be agreeable to help out. On a motion made by Roland Boucher, seconded by Jean Boucher and passed with 2 nays and 1 abstention, the cost of the weekends will be \$200.00 for a single room and \$150.00 each for a double room. The sponsor should know the candidate well enough to be able to discuss the price of the room with the candidate. If more help is needed 9the candidate should contact the Secretariat through the sponsor.

Roland Boucher informed the Secretariat that John Polte has offered to play at Great Family Worship Center at 7 pm on September 1<sup>st</sup>. A free will offering will be taken to help pay for candidates needing assistance. Address is 175 Eddy Dowling Highway, Smithfield, RI.

Pre-weekend applications should be sent to Helen Harvey at 134 New Road, Thompson, CT 06277.

Helen will receive the checks and forward them to Jeanne Amaral. **IMPORTANT:** The Rector or Chief are responsible for the application money to be sent to Helen by 2 weeks prior to the weekend. This gives Helen an opportunity to do her job.

Rev. Ruth Blais reminded those present that candidates names need to be known to the Secretariat, otherwise they cannot be prayed for or receive palanca. Donations may be sent to Jeanne Amaral.

Supplies for the weekends are available at Staples – this being the start of the school year, they are all on sale.

TRAILER: Winnie Loan must get the trailer out of her yard - the ultimate goal is to have it stored in the Putnam, Ct. area. Pescadores are asked to get the word out in the Connecticut area to see if anyone there can store it for us. The trailer is insured and the question was asked if we should get the contents insured. After discussion it was agreed that we do not have to insure the contents.

The Women's weekend team has been formed. Their first meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup>. It is reported that it is a wonderful team with 23 women. Julie White is Rector and Nancy Cargene is Chief. The office of co-rector has been left open. Community coordinator is Jean Boucher. Tres Dias School is AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM-2 PM.

Andrea Higgins is going to contact the convent to see if they can use the convent chapel.

The Rector of the Men's team reported that they had no needs right now. At the present time, they have 1 confirmed candidate.

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE ASKED FOR: Earle and Thalia Ferguson; Steve Higgins for guidance; Rev. Ruth and Rev. Warren Blais asked for prayers for the new Wareham church and for Ruth's recovery from surgery; also recovery from surgery for Andrea Higgins; for the entire men's and women's weekends and the candidates who attend; and, lastly, for the young people in Taunton.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Bailey, Recording Secretary



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