

The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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President's Corner

At the June meeting of the Secretariat a vote was taken to cancel the Men's Fall Weekend due to having no one willing or qualified to serve as rector and having but a single candidate. A candidate that was supposed to be on the Spring 2019 weekend that was also cancelled. Another weekend cancelled. The last Men's Weekend was held in May of last year. We have now cancelled 3 Men's Weekends in a row.

As per the contract, we have forfeited the deposit for the September weekend to Cathedral Camp. As a result of this latest cancellation, they will no longer hold future dates for us (or any group that cancels). We had 4 dates in hand for 2020 with them. They also felt that it "would be best" if we found another retreat center going forward (due to our frequent cancellations). We have a signed contract for the Women's Weekend in October with Cathedral Camp and they have assured me that the dates for the Women's Weekend are ours per contract.

So, as of now we don't have a place to have our Weekends into 2020.

So, what now? That answer is going to have to come from the Community. There is a brainstorming session scheduled in August. Please see Sue Arent's article.

The bottom line question that each of us needs to answer is the following: "Do you want RIMA to continue or not?" The next question if you're inclined to answer "Yes" to the first question is: "What are you going to do about it?".

This community needs people. It needs people that are willing to serve. It needs people that are willing to serve on team, serve as rector, serve on Secretariat, serve in hosting Reunion Groups and in a plethora of other activities. If you're reading this thinking that "someone else" is going to "do something" to stave off the end of RIMA, I've got news for you; "they" are not.

DeColores,

Eric

From Sue Arent

HELP!! RIMA is on Life Support

RIMA is struggling to survive – there's no doubt about it. We can't find willing people to be rectors, especially for men's weekends. Rectors are having difficulty gathering a team together and our teams are smaller. We aren't sponsoring candidates.

New Pescadores don't seem to be getting involved, long-time Pescadores don't seem interested any longer. The last men's weekend was May 2018 and we won't have one until 2020 – if we can find a rector, put together a team and have candidates. Openings and Closings and Secuelas are poorly attended.

Some things we can't change like the community is aging, people are moving away or no longer physically able to serve. But there are things we can change and new things to try.

We have a **Secuela scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2 p.m. at the Arent's in Griswold, CT.** Please consider joining us Friday night and Saturday before the Secuela to brainstorm possible solutions to solve our issues. For those with distance concerns, the Arents can house some people and we can see about other nearby hosts, or hotel arrangements.

We don't want to pull the plug! Let's work together and save RIMA!

The August Secuela at the Arent's house is always a fun time. If you have never been; they live on a lake and Gordon always takes anyone that wants to, out on their boat. Some people enjoy tubing, while others like to sit back and watch. Bring your family, bring a friend - ALL are welcome. That means new Pescadores too! If you are able to come on Friday night and/or Saturday morning, PLEASE come. Your input matters.



Faith in Action

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ **And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**” Hebrews 11:1-6

Dear RIMA Community,

First of all I want to thank all of you for your prayers during my recent hospitalizations. I am doing well and back preaching the Good News.

I am writing this article to be of encouragement to you and to the RIMA Community.

Recently we have hit some obstacles in Our Community that need our attention and prayer. You notice I said (Our) community. RIMA is a movement entrusted to **us** by God. He called it into being and has touched and transformed many lives and churches through

it. I personally have never seen anything that can transform individuals the way a Tres Dias weekend can while we are shut in with God.

We are at a place in Tres Dias where we covet your prayers and faith. There are changes that are taking place and we need to step out in faith and be overcomers for Christ. For many reasons the body of Christ changes like the ebb and flow of the tide but there is one thing that never changes and that is the love of God and his promises to us.

I am calling on the RIMA community to fast and pray for direction from God and to increase our faith during this difficult time. We hear on the weekend: “In this world you will have trouble but take heart, I have overcome the world.” Jesus never told us it would be easy but he promised to be with us.” Obstacles to our walk with the Lord can be a blessing as well as a challenge. They can re-direct us and cause us to have a different view of things.

I would encourage all of the community to have faith, believe God, and believe that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. Then, like James, we can put our faith into action.

If we have faith, even as small as a mustard seed, we can move mountains.

God Bless,
Pastor Ruth

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Spread the love

Last December our one-year-old grandson, Mason, made a trip to the pediatrician for his first annual checkup. During this visit, he was checked to see how he was developing physically and cognitively. But something the doctor said in that visit really hit home with me. He said: “As long as we exist, we are constantly developing.” And that’s a great lesson for so many aspects of our lives.

I’m sure we all agree that it’s good to get annual physical checkups, whether we’re a child or an adult. But when was the last time you did an annual checkup on your fourth day? Is your walk with Christ stronger today than it was a year ago? Have you spent more time in His Word? In serving Him? In essence, how healthy is your fourth day?

When I came back from my original weekend, I was on fire for Christ! I went from being a pew sitter to:

- Helping start a new ministry in our church,
- Participating in a mission trip to Kenya,
- Chairing a \$5.6 million church building program,
- Heading the Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations Committee,
- Serving on the church council,
- And I’m now assisting my wife in implementing a Spiritual Gifts Program in our church,
- And this doesn’t include my serving in various capacities within Tres Dias.

So, I’m busy doing the serving part, good for me! But what about my relationship with Jesus and time set aside to learn more about Him?

That’s where the reunion groups I am part of come in. We support one another and hold each other accountable. We get into the Word to learn more about Christ, and we challenge one another to carve out that quiet time to be with Him.

It’s true that when we accepted Christ, the Holy Spirit filled us with spiritual gifts. But remember, He expects us to use these gifts to serve Him, not to advance our own interests, or to be idle.

But that's not the whole picture. As Jesus told us in Matthew 22:37, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." He wants ALL of us because it's all about our relationship with Him.

So, I strongly encourage you to take some quiet time and evaluate your fourth day. Here's my challenge: Are you closer to Christ today than you were a year ago? If not, what are you going to do about it?

DeColores

Denny Farkas, President
Tres Dias International Secretariat

July wall palanca was sent to the following Tres Dias Weekends:

July 11 N. GA men #138
SE TN men #65

July 18 John 17 Tucson AZ men#
N. GA women #152
SE TN women #65

July 25 GA Mountains women #11
John 17 Tucson AZ women#

I also answered a follow up question from Long Island NY Tres Dias regarding our RIMA Women's Weekend #72.

Submitted by Judy Borman,
Corresponding Secretary of RIMA 6/10/19

RIMA 2019 Calendar

- 08/12 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Christ Community Church, Blackstone, MA
- 08/24 (Sat.) **SECUELA** – at Arent's, 2PM – 10PM
- 09/09 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Christ Community Church, Bblackstone, MA
- 09/19 – 09/22 **MEN'S WEEKEND #73 –**
- 10/03- 10/06 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #73 – Rector Nancy Cargene**
- 10/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 10/19 (Sat.) **REUNION SECUELA** - 7-10 PM
- 11/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 12 /07 (Sat.) **CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Please note: We do not have a Secretariat meeting in July.

Blessings,
Lynne