

# The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Blessings, peace and joy brothers & sisters in Christ!

As many of you know we had to cancel the Men's Fall Weekend which was scheduled for Sep. 29 – Oct 2. A message was sent to the community in mid-August to this effect, with some of the details, but I would like to elaborate on what happened, and what we've learned.

At the time we canceled, we had only nine team members willing to serve - four from the Cursillo community, four from RIMA, and one from the Central Florida Community (now living in Waltham, MA). This was considered insufficient to have the weekend. It was also very disappointing having only 4 men from RIMA step forward, after making more than 75 calls (or emails). If men don't commit to serve on team, this ministry will die.

So, what have we learned? For one, I think we need to have the Rector in place earlier than we did. In this instance, the Rector had only 2 ½ months to call the team together before the 1<sup>st</sup> team meeting. Many Pescadores who were called already had previous commitments, which precluded their making the meetings, or serving on the weekend. We need to encourage those who have never served on team, or have served only once or twice to serve. Don't know exactly how we do that, but we can't rely solely on those who have served many, many times before, to continue doing that. They will get burned out, and the community won't grow.

And, the long term solution is to have more candidates on the weekend to increase the pool of available team members.

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To this end, Secretariat has set up an Outreach Committee, with the mission to visit churches in the area and tell them about Tres Dias - how it can strengthen individuals in their walk with the Lord, and benefit churches by encouraging Christian leadership and action. To date we have prepared an outline of what is to be presented, and have drafted

a list of prospective churches to visit. We are ready to go! If you think folks in your church would like to hear about Tres Dias, and you can help us set up the meeting, kindly contact Gordon, [gordonarent@sbcglobal.com](mailto:gordonarent@sbcglobal.com), 860-376-5767.

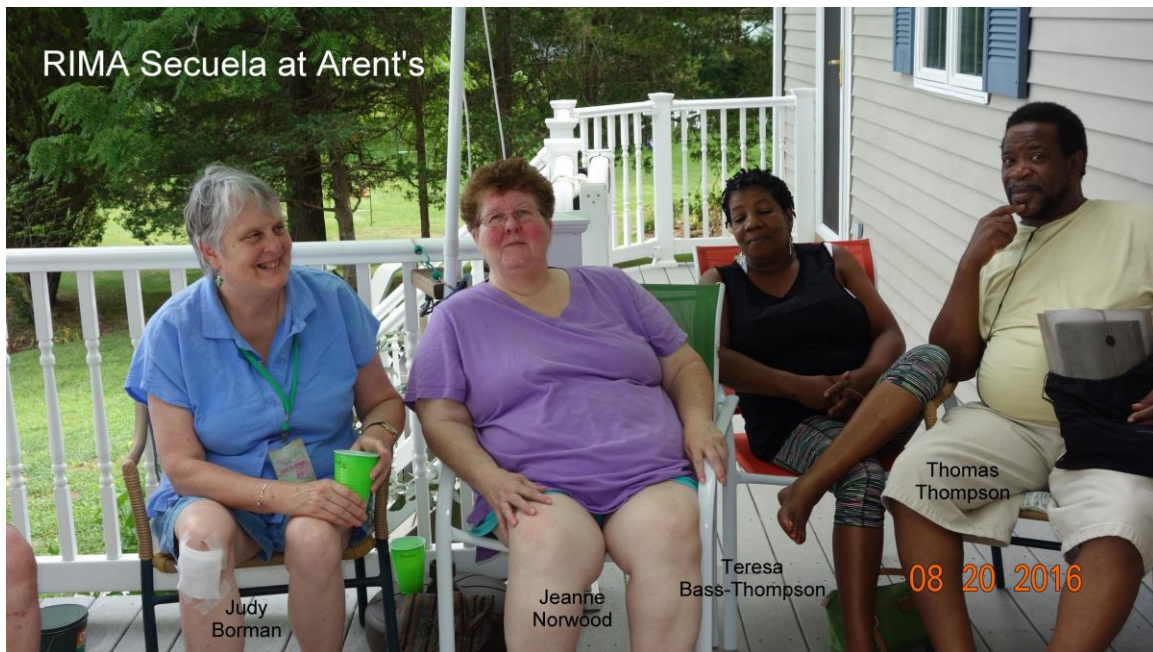
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For Pescadores who live in Connecticut, and do their banking at the Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, there is a unique opportunity to donate to a charitable organization [501 (c) (3)] of your choice, and have the amount doubled by a matching grant from Charter Oaks. RIMA is such an organization, and could really benefit from your gift. Charter Oak will match gifts of \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 for each member. If you have been blessed by Tres Dias and can contribute, please visit,

<https://charteroak.org/content/matching-gifts/> It is imperative that you act quickly, as the program will end when they have matched \$100,000 worth of gifts, or on November 23rd, whichever comes first.

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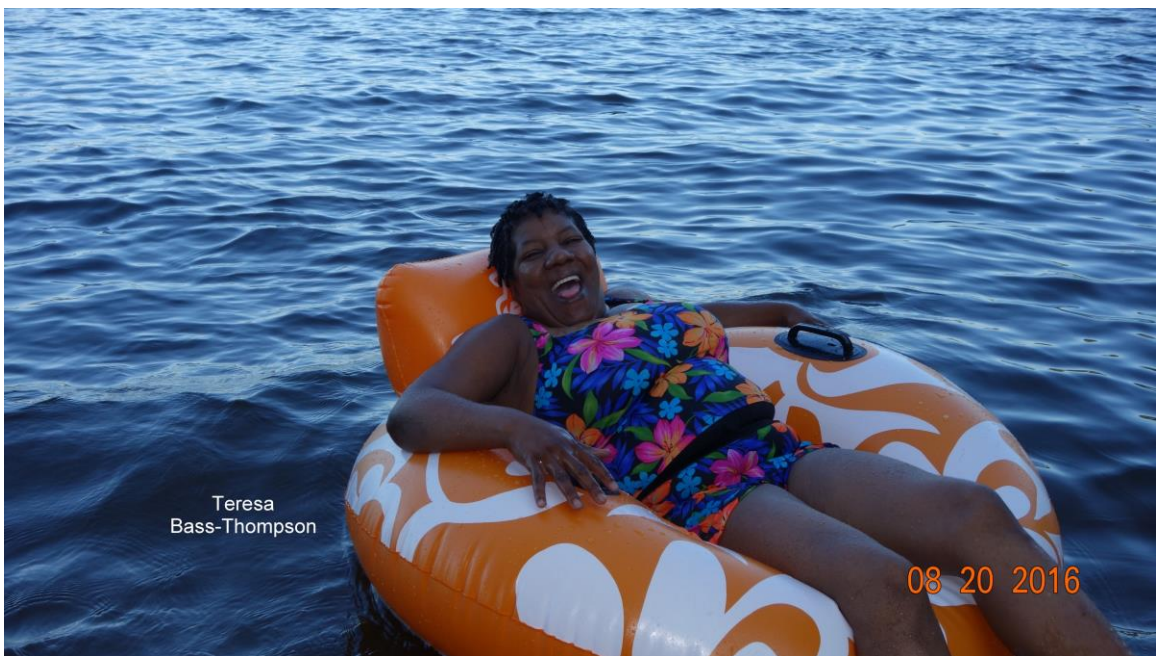
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37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly July 5 –17, 2016 - by Sue Arent

The Annual General Assembly is an awesome experience. I would encourage everyone to attend one when it's held near-by – or in a place you'd like an excuse to visit.

The 2016 Assembly was held in Montgomery, NY and hosted by Mid Hudson Tres Dias. Pastor John Torres, Senior pastor of Goodwill ECC, the church where the Assembly was held, gave the keynote address. Pastor Torres researched our Tres Dias history and found a common theme was that many may have felt ill-equipped, or unable to do the work, but that did not matter. When God calls us forward to do His Work, we have to answer. He then elaborated on what he referred to as the Uno Cosa- the "One thing" and read from Psalm 27:4:

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

Pastor Torres said we go on a weekend to get that 'one thing. And in Pastor John's prayer, he prayed "Come a get fresh vision of what God started and take it forward; may He give you the strength to do this and may you know that Jesus is at work; God so anointed this ministry to point to the ONE THING; our one reason for being."

The Procession of Banners followed – for me a very moving ceremony! Then it was on to business:

Proxy votes results:

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Passed by 100%.

The proposed 10% increase in the Assessment Tier passed by a large majority,  
106-22

Amend the By-laws 3.2 Chartering Local Secretariats to read as follows:

3.2 Chartering of Local Secretariats:

The criteria for chartering are:

- ☐ adherence to the Essentials (Section 3.1) and any additional requirements proposed by the Membership Committee and approved by the International Secretariat and the Assembly:
- ☐ Must have held within two years prior to the initial chartering and at least once every two years after initial Chartering an Essentials Training conducted by a person who is currently a Trainer Certified by the Membership Committee;

☐ submission of Annual Survey and other important statistical data as proposed by the

This vote passed by a large majority, 120 to 10.

☐ Wording change for By-Laws 2.3.2 - Election of Members of the Secretariat to read as follows?

“If however, the full number cannot be provided in time for the mailing of proxy ballots the slate will be presented with all the nominees who are willing and have met the qualifications to serve.”

This vote passed by a large majority, 122 to 2.

☐ 2.4.1 Qualification and Election of Officers

Do you approve the following wording be added to the Bylaws 2.4.1?

“In view of the fact that the positions of Treasurer and Financial Secretary require a specific skill set which is difficult to obtain and if the Administration Committee is unable to nominate a qualified candidate to fill either of the aforementioned positions, the President, with the approval of the Secretariat, shall appoint a qualified person for said position and the term limit restriction is waived.”

Results: This vote passed by a large majority, 124 to 5.

The Following People were Elected Officers:

OFFICE NAME COMMUNITY STATE

President Frank Yarbrough CSRA Georgia

Executive VP Dennis Farkas Lehigh Valley Pennsylvania

Membership VP Beau Bruce North Georgia Georgia

Financial Secretary Sue Arent RIMA Massachusetts/RI

The 8 Members elected

NAME TRES DIAS COMMUNITY STATE

1. Sid Miles Tampa Bay Florida

2. Bob Alvis North Florida Florida

3. Dennis Matthews Southeast Tennessee Tennessee
4. Ron Langdon Vermont Vermont
5. Rosa Di Gennaro Cleveland Ohio
6. Jane Henderson Music City Tennessee
7. Carl Coleman Northern California California
8. Mike Holmes North Georgia Georgia

Gordon Arent from RIMA will be an Alternate and will be called on as a replacement for any unexpired term.

I attended two workshops. The first was “You Do What??” This was an interesting time of sharing how weekend activities vary according to community. For instance, many communities in the south have a Serenade on Saturday evening, in place of the Sunday morning Mananita. Teams vary greatly in size – some with more than 100 members, and others more in keeping with RIMA weekend teams.

The second workshop was Rector Selection. Discussion on selecting rectors – should be based on local community requirements – recommended that rectors be current and active in RG, active in the local Secretariat and their church. For those responding to the call, a vetting process was recommended before the vote. We have not had to vote for rectors in RIMA recently – those who responded favorably were what we needed.

The General Assembly ended with the Installation and Consecration of Officers and Members of the Tres Dias International Secretariat and Worship Service followed by the reading of the minutes.

The 38th Assembly to be held in the Crockett area of Texas and will take place July 14-16, 2017. It will be hosted by the East Texas Tres Dias.

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Dear Devoted Pescadores,

***"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."  
(Phil 4:13)***

DeColores literally means 'of many colors.'

The wonderful blends of flavor and melody present and expectant in the Women's Tres Dias #68 Team have been stirring and mixing together since the beginning of August.

The team reflecting Christ's love & Servant leadership for the Fall Weekend, October 20-23, 2016 are:

Rectors:	Rose Breau Dawn Rota
Chief:	Lynne Cignarella
Music Director:	Mary O'Keefe
Community Coordinator:	Ann Marie DeMerchant
Spiritual Directors:	Rev. Gil Bourquin Rev. Ruth Blais Rev. Kathy Bracken
Prayer Team:	Margaret Payne Rev. Jewel Hardmon
Ideals:	Joyce St. Jean
Grace:	Rev. Ruth Blais
Church:	Andrea Higgins
Holy Spirit:	Rev. Kathy Bracken
Piety:	Jeanie Bumpus
Study:	Dawn Rota
Sacred Moments of Grace:	Rev. Gil Bourquin
Action:	Joan Gerdson
Obstacles to Grace:	Rev. Ruth Blais
Leaders:	Lil Labonte
Environments:	Winnie Loan
Life in Grace:	Rev. Kathy Bracken
Christian Community in Action:	Julie White-Wronski
Reunion Groups:	Christina Bourquin
Fourth Day:	Rose Breau
Angels:	
Rollo Room:	Alice Ennis
Palanca:	Kathy King Leigh Ann Gardner

Break Angels: Dawn Noonan  
Ann Marie DeMerchant  
Chapel: Mary Hoyle  
Float: Helen Harvey

Does this seem like a long list? There's 24 of us on team.

I wanted to form an outside team too. This didn't happen even though there were questions asking me about plans regarding this. Can you celebrate us in your local groups instead? Can you have palanca parties now & surprise us with your love & creativity? Have fun & celebrate us, as we magnify Our Lord and Savior !

Written Palanca: Please be encouraged to write General Palanca to the "Candidates and Team", to be read in the Rollo Room. Make writing to the Candidates a priority, and also to one "Dear sister in Christ". God uses palanca in a powerful way. Notes may be delivered to Cathedral Camp, 167 Middleboro Rd, E. Freetown, MA 02717 or to Rose Breau, 15 Nicholas Rd., Raynham, MA. 02767 or Lynne Cignarella, 278 Beulah St., Whitman MA 02382.

General Palanca: Communion Breads, Break Room Snacks, DeColores Cake, Agape juice, Agape set up, Agape clean up, etc. Many hands make light work call (Community Coordinator Ann Marie DeMerchant, PO Box 316, Eastford, CT. 06242

Serving Meals: Meal times are (8:00) AM, (noon), and (5:30) PM. Servers are asked to arrive 15 minutes before meal time and stay after the meal to clean up and set up for the next meal. We expect this to be a 2 hour commitment. Please sign up to serve by calling Ann Marie DeMerchant at (860)-508-6301.

Sponsors: Please bring your candidate on Thursday, evening, (date) between 7:00-7:15 PM. Plan to stay for singing and refreshments. Please attend the brief sponsor's meeting for prayer.

Mananita: Assemble in the main retreat center near Dining Room on Sunday, 10/23/2016 at 7:15AM.

As of this time we have 5 confirmed pilgrims:

Amelia Canto  
Marcy Chace  
Marilyn Bartlett  
Meghan Brunelle  
Susan DeCristofaro

We are also waiting on several more.

It's going to be a wonder-full weekend. Pray for '10 seconds of courage' and then step out in faith and ask someone you know and love-in-the-Lord, to join us. The Lord will bless them (and us) by your step of faith.

Has God gifted you with a talent for making banners? I personally so admire this talent. On my original weekend it was the 'banners' that my heart 'took pictures' of. They stood in silent visible testimony during the three days of that weekend.

Remember how DeColores means many colors?

I need to speak to you regarding the color 'green.' It's the color of growth, life and giving. It's not easy talking about green palanca. But there are some who need my 10 seconds of courage to request your money. If God has blessed YOU with green palanca, could you pass it on to us? If you're writing a check, please make it out to RIMA Tres Dias.

I'm not done with you yet. Just another couple of requests & then a "wrap-up."

Do you like food? Has God gifted you with the culinary art? We need you to make, bake & create for us! We need fruits, nuts (culinary ones), crackers, cheese, Veggies (yes, carrot cake CAN be considered a veggie). Chocolate is high in antioxidants. Loaves of lemon poppy seed bread or cranberry bread (you get the idea) to feed the flock is appreciated. Also we need 8-10 volunteers from the community to come serve a meal for us. Call Ann Marie DeMerchant to be one of our meal servers!

Did God give you musical talent? If you can sing or play a portable instrument come join us at the opening: 7 PM. Thursday October 20, 2016  
Cathedral Camp Retreat House Dining Room  
157 Middleboro Road  
East Freetown, MA. 02717

Come open the floodgates with Praise & Surprise and thrill us with your presence at the Closing ceremony! Make it a memorable showing up and 'filling up' at the closing. Come reunite and be with us once more. Mark your calendars now! What a wonderful time it will be, Truly! Got a pen? Ready? Sunday, October 23, 2016; 4:30 PM  
Cathedral Camp  
157 Middleboro Road  
East Freetown, MA. 02717

It's \$225 for the weekend. This covers room and meals and is very reasonable for three days & three nights. The address to send checks & applications to is:

Lynne Cignarella  
278 Beulah  
Whitman, MA. 02382

In conclusion, I know, I know...I've been lengthy. But now we come to the best part. To the Throne Room, to Him who made us and loves us like no other:

Let us pray,  
Merciful, Wonderful Savior, help us to  
"Trust in You, with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding, in all our ways, let us acknowledge You and You will direct our path!"  
(Proverbs 3: 4-6)  
You promise You'll remain with us, even until the end of time. We hold onto that promise. We ask You to help those who go with us. Help us to love them truly, as You do. When they hurt us, and are slow to help us, give us



the grace to forgive them. Remind us we've hurt others in the same way, and You've forgiven us. Give us one thing today we can do for You alone Lord. Whether it's a smile, a word of encouragement, a time of companionship with someone who may be lonely, teach us Lord, to use our days and our hours wisely. Thank you for this time and this place in our lives. Help us always to look for Your Blessings, hidden beneath the veil that You alone remove. Lord, bless and unite us under Your Banner of Love. Keep us closer to You than we are to ourselves and put a Holy Joy and participation into our hearts. Give us the excitement of our first Love of You. Give us courage to be an active witness to those you will bring to celebrate You this upcoming Women's weekend. Bind us together in Your Love, forever  
In Your Name,  
Amen

DeColores  
Rose Breau

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RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING  
JULY 11, 2016

Liberty Christian Center ~ 159 Winthrop St Taunton, MA 02703

PRESENT: Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Judy Borman, Eric Borman, Rev. Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Dawn Rota, Lynne Cignarella, Paul MacKay, Rose Breau, Ulysse Breau, Joyce St.Jean, Deb Bouffard, Rev. Thomassina Minor-Hill, Lorraine Queen, Theresa Bass-Thompson, Thomas Thompson, Joseth Minor-Hill, Rev. Joe DiLeo, Eric Anderson

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:10

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Taunton

No requests for voting status

Secretary's Report: Presented by Dawn, Motion to accept minutes as corrected from May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting made by Deb, seconded by Lynne ;carried

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Steve, still working on "gofundme"; ending balance \$4,129.30. Motion to accept report by Eric A., seconded by Warren; carried

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Presented by Judy Borman. Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pre-Weekend Report: Presented by Lynne, Nothing to report

Weekend Committee Report: Presented by Sue, met 06/13 to create eligible rector list; Sue will send letters. Fall weekend dates confirmed. Men's weekend, 09/29 - 10/02; Paul MacKay, Rector. ( he has received initial training in 2 sessions) Women's weekend, 10/20 - 10/23; Rose Breau Rector. Spring dates are -- Men, 03/23 - 26; Women 05/04 - 07. There is a need for blue painters tape in supplies. All comments about first weekends back at CC were good! Committee will meet

again on Tuesday, 08/30

Post-Weekend Report: A Secuela was held at Praise Tabernacle Church in June and was well attended. The next Secuela is scheduled for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Arent's home in Connecticut at beginning at 2:00

Communications Report: Presented by Lynne, requests and notices are being sent regularly by Carolyn

Historian Report: Presented by Dawn, We have a group picture from Women's RIMA # 1, donated by Joyce St. Jean. Eric A. shared several booklets from recent Men's weekends

By-Law and Policy Review Committee: Presented by Gordon, no activity

International Tres Dias Report: Presented by Sue, there is an assembly this weekend which will be attended by the Arents, the Bormans, and Jeanne Norwood.

International Tres Dias Secretariat Meeting Committee: Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins co-chairpersons; nothing to report at this date

Completed Weekends:

Men's #67, Roland Boucher, Rector; no report

Women's #67, Joyce St. Jean, Rector; The scripture for the weekend was Zach 4:6. Spiritual directors and chief helped with team formation; there were 20 team members, including 2 new members; meetings were held in Blackstone; Jan MacKay's reunion group provided a wonderful team dinner on Thursday night; there were 2 candidates; prayers, servers and palanca were wonderful and appreciated. The power of the Holy Spirit

was powerful throughout. Suggested improvements:

Angels should enter through kitchen

Explicit info about length of breaks

Chairs in break room for socializing

Tables should be cleared prior to Agape

Announcements from podium so all can hear

Need 16 candles at Station

Handicapped shower not best

Attendance at opening and closing light

June dates difficult for many

#### Weekends in Progress:

Paul MacKay -- feeling some frustration while gathering team; no

Spiritual Directors yet; suggests sharing palanca in rollo room

Rose Breau -- team formation is coming along; still looking for angel

positions; 4 Spiritual Directors (which led to discussions about limiting to 2 in the future)

#### Old Business:

Website Upgrade -- Gordon is meeting with Greg Crème and hoping to meet every week until completed

Still need to fill vacancy Chair persons for Post Weekend Committee

Outreach Committee -- need a sub-committee for outreach; possible locations were discussed

#### New Business:

We need a policy for reinstating people who have voluntarily or involuntarily left the community and desire to be re-instated; there was considerable discussion. Steve motioned that a draft of the policy be presented at the next meeting. Eric A. seconded, carried

Discussion was had regarding number of SD's on future weekends. Depleting the pool, burnouts and monetary concerns were raised. Lynne motioned that going forward the policy should be only two SD's on weekend, Joseth seconded. Aye 7, Nay, 9; motion failed; current policy remains without change -- only 2 SD's but other clergy may serve on team.



Closed in prayer - Gordon ( prayers requested for the coming together of the men's weekend, Frank and Brenda, Stewart Lamb, and Lisa)  
Meeting ended at ???

Respectfully submitted  
Dawn Rota

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RIMA TRES DIAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BY PHONE  
AUGUST 2016

On Call: Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Paul MacKay, Eric Anderson, Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Rose Breau

Purpose of meeting -- to consider cancellation of Men's Fall Weekend  
Gordon proposed the cancellation of the men's fall weekend due to the inability to complete the needed roster for the weekend, especially with Spiritual Directors. Despite reaching out to over 50 pescadors, only 9 or 10 men were available to commit to serve.

Steve suggested that we have an "in reach" problem; he suggested trying to call teams members earlier; he suggested waiting until next fall; he brought up the topic of technology, which was put aside for a full secretariat meeting.

Paul is willing to postpone and remain as rector in March; His chief, Ed Cassasa would like to meet and help move us forward.

Steve motioned that we postpone the Men's weekend until the spring, Andrea seconded; carried

Paul closed in prayer

Conversation closed at ?

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Rota

Historian Report  
September 12, 2016

## Men's Weekends

17 (team list only)  
18 (booklet only)  
46 (booklet only)  
48 (booklet only)  
50 (booklet only)  
51 (booklet only)  
54 (booklet only)  
60 (booklet onlly)  
64 (booklet only)  
65 (booklet only)  
67 (booklet only)

## Women's Weekends

1 (picture only)  
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66  
67 (completed set-name  
tags and booklet)



## 2016 RIMA CALENDAR

- 07/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 08/08 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 08/23 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 08/20 (Sat.) **SECUELA** – at Arent's, 2PM – 10PM
- 09/12 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- ~~09/29-10/02~~ ~~**MEN'S WEEKEND #68 – Rector Paul MacKay**~~
- 10/10 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 10/20-10/23 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #68 – Rector Rose Breau**
- 10/25 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 11/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 11/18 (Fri.) **REUNION SECUELA** – TBD
- 12 /04 (Sun.) **4th Day Event - CAROLING at Matulaitis (3PM) - 10 Thurber Rd, Putnam, CT followed by**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY at Thornfield Hall - 330 Thompson Hill Rd., Rt 200, Thompson, CTh**

Note: Please confirm dates and times on the RIMA website, Facebook page, or most recent Butterfly.



***WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOMEONE TO TRANSPORT THE TRAILER FROM WHITMAN TO FREETOWN.*** We cannot have a weekend without the supplies in the trailer. If you can help, please contact Gordon or I.

It will need to be transported on Thursday, October 20th and returned to Whitman on Sunday, October 23rd. Will need to arrive at the Camp on the 20th at 2:00 and taken back after the Closing on the 23rd. We may have a little leeway with the dates, if that helps.

If you can help with this, please call or email me (617-893-1904) or Gordon at: [gordonarent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gordonarent@sbcglobal.net) - 860-941-6816.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lynne Cignarella