



The Butterfly

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SPRING BLESSINGS



MY BELOVED

I love a cheerful giver. So give generously to your brother who is in need, and do so without a grudging heart. Then because of this I will abundantly bless you in all of your work and with everything you put your hand in.

When you give freely you show My heart to others. When you give freely it means that you are better able to handle all that I need to give you. So know that I see everything you give.

Why do I care so much about whether you are a cheerful giver? Because it shows Me what you love the most. For a generous person will prosper. I will refresh the one who refreshes others. When you give freely you will discover the joy filled life of a cheerful giver.

Remember I am the One who makes it possible for you to be generous; so when you give it is only right that your generosity will cause others to give thanks to Me. I am a giver .You will be too.

Dt.15:7-11 Ps 37:21: Pr11:24-25Mt6:2-4Lk6:38;12:33-34Co9:6-8.10-11



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.

Contact: **Lynn Creme at**

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Important announcement!!!!

The Butterfly now will be available on the TRES DIAS website. It will also be available by email and still is available by regular mail. Subscriptions by mail are \$10.00 per year payable by cash or check to RIMA Tres Dias and mailed to:

Kathryn King 71 Perry Street Putnam Ct. 06260

Weekend Rectors Page



Dear RIMA community,

The weekends are fast approaching, and it is clear to me that even as a rector, it is difficult to not anticipate, but participating is not an option. We just had the awesome experience of sharing an overnighter down in the deep woods of CT, It was an awesome time of fellowship for all of those involved. There were 12 attendees, and a few that we need to be praying for. (Ray Beals, vertigo; Rob Koenig, back and other issues) We also instituted a back to basics ideal, that we believe will help Tres Dias get back to it's roots, and have a monumental impact on the lives of more believers. We covered some of the basics, like what it means to be a team member, Dynamics of the weekend, and dynamics of table chapel, I want to help people realize that being on team is a serious commitment.

I want to invite you to also pray for potential candidates for this upcoming weekend. (April 29th to May 2nd) Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, if we ask for wisdom and guidance will God who is gracious not give these to us. Ask in Faith, and it will be given. Please forward any potential candidates names to myself and Lynne Creme, to be put on the RIMA ring, and we will pass their name on to be prayed over. As you all know, the weekend will be a time in the walk of a Christian that is sure never to be forgotten. I remember back to my first weekend, and my life was never to be the same again. The cost of the weekend, for the first 10 candidates is \$179.00 dollars, for team members, \$200.

I can not even begin to let you all know how important of a part of this experience you all are, from prayer support, at the opening, the lever throughout the weekend, and at the closing. Please plan on attending, as it has such an impact as well as an example of the love of Christ for the team as well as the candidates. Your love is such a blessing. The fervent prayer and the sacrifice that you all are pouring out onto this community, makes the weekend. Pray for the families of those on the weekend that they

will not be challenged, and things will go smoothly in their lives throughout this whole process. I ask of you though, that on top of all of these types of support If you are blessed financially and feel the urge to give towards someone's weekend, there are team members who could use financial support, and also candidates that could possibly use a gift from God, to make their weekend a little less financially challenging. Thank you in advance for your support, and keep all of these things in your prayers. The devil will try to use his vices to keep people from experiencing this weekend, we need to be on guard and in prayer without ceasing! I thank the good Lord for placing you all in my life, as well as the life of the candidates.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 states "In other words, God was using Christ to restore his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. Therefore, we are Christ's representatives, and through us God is calling you. We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God.

Thank you
Your Brother in Christ
Bryan White
Rector Men's RIMA 57

RIMA 57 May 13-16 2010

My name is Nancy Mandeville and I made weekend #18 after much urging from my husband. That weekend had a profound effect on my life. I feel I developed a new and deep relationship with the Lord and have grown in many ways through Him. I have 3 grown children and 2 wonderful granddaughters (who I could write about for hours). I have been selected as the rector of RIMA 57.

Why did I accepted this position ? I was a nurse for 35 years until I

became disabled. When you go through this type of change it makes you feel lost and worthless. You no longer feel you are contributing to society. I did feel lost for a long time, but I did find, with Jesus' help that there was still a lot I can do. I now have time to help others wherever I am physically able, even if it is just for prayer and listening. When I was asked to take this position I felt honored. I feel that I can help others to hopefully have as great a weekend as I had. I can now do a job for our Lord!

Forming my team was a bit harder than I thought (even though my husband advised me regarding this). I am a person who likes to get everything organized and ready early, "yesterday", if possible. But Jesus has his own plans. I made an original list of those ladies and one gentleman that I wanted on my team. Of that list there are only 10 names that are on the final team. I think my team is now complete. I say "think" because you never know what Jesus has in mind. I think He likes to have it this way, just so he can show me that he is in charge of this weekend!

My scripture for the weekend is
Psalm 9:1-2 (NIV)

*¹ I will praise you, O LORD, with
all my heart;*

I will tell of all your wonders.

*² I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your
name, O Most High.*

We are about half through with our meetings and everything is going great. I am looking forward to our weekend. I am eager to have it come but maybe I will be sad when it is all over. It is great to be able to form new relationships and spend time with old friends. As always, keep the weekend in prayer, and we hope to see you at the opening / closing. In His Name, Nancy Mandeville

NOTE FROM EARLE FERGUSON

"I am on the nominating committee and we are looking for a person from the CT area to serve as Member at Large. We need a VP who would be able to take the one year term and move on to the Presidents position which is a two year term." If you can help with this and willing to serve in this capacity please let Earle know. Call him at 508-843-8209 or email him EarleThal@comcast.net.

REMINDER

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

Spring 2010 Men's deadline April 19th

Spring 2010 women's deadline May 3rd

Please send to:

Helen Harvey

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Presidents Message

What is your Why?

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with a couple of Brothers from the RIMA community. And Art asked a question that I have asked people many times. Why are we doing this?

It prompted a great conversation. Is there value in what we are doing? Will someone come on a weekend and have an impact made on their lives? Am I just getting myself into something else that is going to eat up my time? Why should I sponsor someone? All great questions.

Since coming on as President of RIMA I have constantly been considering two verses, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path", and "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you".

It almost seems for many that there is an excitement in the community every spring and fall. This coincides with the weekends. Does this mean we are just having weekend experience or are we looking to build a community of believers, leaders transformed to go back to their home churches and participate fully in God's work where they are planted?

The questions asked above simply get to all of this. If done right, the answer to most will be yes. Except for the one of course which basically asks am I wasting my time? But I want to hit on that for a bit. The

weekend is designed as a tool to bring people to a closer relationship with Christ, to encourage them to become leaders in their own church. So when we hear from someone that they can't handle another thing due to their commitments back in the home church is that a bad thing? I like how Ulysse Breaux one of our past presidents put it to me "If we are doing things right we are in the business of putting ourselves out of business".

Everyone seems to be getting busier and busier these days and not business and business. The commitment we make to Tresdias needs to be valued. Sure we talk about the weekend but please remember from the essentials it goes way beyond there. If we sponsor someone for just the weekend or because we think it will be good for them we are potentially wasting their time and ours.

The impact we have on a weekend is meant to be more than just for those few days. We understand that this takes an active community. As we move forward from here the secretariat has been focusing on this. What are we doing between weekends now that may need to be changed? We want to hear from you. How would you answer the questions I asked earlier? What would you change?

I would like to share with you a bit about my why:

When I came on RIMA 25, I had a relationship with God. But I can say it probably was not all that focused. On that weekend I met God in a different way. I had the opportunity to get real with him. I looked at the longest journey in my life and got it "That journey was the 18 inches between my head and my heart".

Over the years I have seen people come on a weekend and be transformed. They have left a different person. I knew no one when I arrived yet I left with brothers I never knew I had. The impact of the weekend was simple yet profound. I made decisions to not participate in the negative things society brings us. To look at people as Jesus did and find the good in them and to build on that. Society teaches us the opposite.

What I found was a relationship. Something we all desire but many never find. Sure there have been times when I question things. But I have a place to go for the answers.

All the upcoming
After the weekend and through the years I looked at this impact I felt and asked myself, if this could change me then maybe just maybe it could have the same impact on someone else. That is why I still participate in the community.

I ask you now, what is your why? Do you have a testimony of how your life has been impacted? Consider writing it down and sending it to me. sthiggins@comcast.net It does not need to be long, short and simple is great. I believe we all have something to share. I would like to either publish them in the butterfly or maybe even make a little section that as we receive testimonies we put one or two each time. Your testimony may make a difference in someone else's life. It could be the one that encourages others to move forward with their relationship with God. "Encourage one another daily as long as it is today"

One of the first questions in this message asked why should I sponsor someone? The answer to me is simple. To introduce them to the Jesus you know, because you care for them. Commit to doing it the right way. See a friend, Be a friend, Lead a friend to Christ, Repeat.

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Steve Higgins



**WHAT A BLESSING IT WOULD BE TO
SEE YOUR SMILING FACE!**

**The next Secretariat meeting will be April
12.2010 at Bridges Of Hope in Attleboro
Ma. @ 7pm. All Pescadores are welcome to
attend.**

TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT
MARCH 8, 2010

PRESENT: Lynne Brune, Bryan White, Paul Chaltas,
Eric Borman, Lorraine MacQueen, Thomasina

Minor-Hill, Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Earle Ferguson, Winnie Loan, Rev. Ruth Blais, Rev. Warren Blais, Bonnie, Sharon Powers. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Andrea Higgins. The report of the Recording Secretary was approved as presented.

Earle Ferguson presented the Vice President's report - He and President Steve Higgins went to Connecticut to talk with Joe Crème and others.

Topics they discussed were about getting people to take the time to know their jobs, the during the weekends more time should be spent on topics and less on posters, and that less time should be spent on palanca and questioned as to whether or not more time should be spent on prayer and singing. These are things that we all should be thinking about. Change is good and it will take time to get 'back to basics'. Earle also mentioned that we need members at large from each of the three areas in the community. Also, brought out was the fact that members-at-large is not an honorary position, but a working one.

Steve Higgins put forth the thought that Secretariat meetings should be moved around the community rather than be only in one place. It was suggested that meetings could be on Saturdays mornings followed by a fourth day in the afternoon. Steve suggested that maybe 3 a year could be in different areas of the community. Steve suggested that if we had Saturday meetings, either breakfast or lunch, it may be a way to start rebuilding the community and a way to get them more involved. There is also a possibility of holding meetings after a men's or women's critique of their weekend. Cape Cod, the Boston area and Connecticut areas are all agreeable to hosting the community. This discussion will be brought up again at he April meeting.

The Treasurer reported that there is a balance of \$7723.00. it was voted to reimburse Paul the \$250.00 needed to buy supplies - pilgrim guides, foldout cards, and team guides. John Diver, our insurance agent, reported that our policy for 2010, to take effect April 15, 2010 will be a total of \$880, including taxes. The above was approved at the February meeting. Discussed was the preference as to how rector's could work with the Treasurer regarding the collection and recording of monies for the weekends since everyone should be on the same page so far as the monies for the weekends go.

There is a need to register our trailer in Massachusetts as it has always been done by Ann Marie in Connecticut and now that it is in

Massachusetts, it needs to be registered here and needs to be done before the Spring weekend 2010. Steve Higgins will call Steve LeBlanc to see if he will help out. John Diver offered to look into the cost and offered to donate the insurance. It is estimated the contents of the trailer are worth \$3000.00. John Diver will be in touch with both Steve Higgins and Steve LeBlanc.

Regarding the upcoming Spring weekends, it was suggested the team list be gotten out early - at least 2 weeks before the weekend. Earle Ferguson is community coordinator for the men's weekend. It was also suggested that work could go out via Facebook as that is another tool that can be used. As several on both teams are not in good health, prayers are needed for both teams. Winnie Loan was thanked for her diligent help with preweekend. The trailer is really down to basics- no break food, candles, paper cups, (hot or cold), sugar, spoons, trash bags, kitchen bags. Bryan will hold back \$100.00 from the love buckets for this purpose, If it is not used, it will go back to the treasury.

International - It is the third weekend in October - same as the women's. Discussed were many options but no solutions. Steve has a fear that since we are a small community that losing even 3 or 4 women helping International would be a problem. We could cancel the women's weekend, but would lose the money paid to Cathedral Camp. Eric is to discuss having the weekend a week earlier with International. Steve and Andrea will look into both the Hilton and Marriott to see about blocking rooms. This is to be discussed at the April meeting. Steve suggested inviting Roland Boucher and Larry Bernier to the April meeting. He would also like to hear from each team on their needs and also from Winnie.

Bryan White reported that 10 members on his team are paid for. Some people on his team need financial help - this should go out on the RIMA Ring. When a candidate solely makes a decision not to go on a weekend for costs, it is unfair.

Eric Borman redid the CCLI license. Song words can be downloaded if needed. Eric Anderson and Diane Beals are the Music Directors and if they need information, Eric should be contacted.

In closing, Steve thanked all for their commitment. He again asked 'what is your why, why are you doing this and are we doing it the right way?' Ruth Blais suggested that answers should be written down and shared in the Butterfly. We are all testimonies and it is powerful when shared. It could also be put on the updated website.

Prayers are needed for John Divers and his wife.
Ruth Blais thanked all for prayers for her daughter.
The meeting was closed with prayer by Sharon Powers.

Scripture presenter for April is Warren Blais.
Next Tres Dias Secretariat is April 12th, 2010
Respectfully submitted,
Betty Bailey, Recording Secretary.



PRAY! PRAY PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Please pray for all the upcoming Tres Dias weekends

8-Apr-10 Altoona-Johnstown Tres Dias Men's # 59
8-Apr-10 Tres Dias of Central Arizona Men's # 18
 8-Apr-10 Tres Dias **Cleveland** Women's # 19
8-Apr-10 Lehigh Valley Tres Dias Men's # 2
 8-Apr-10 Tres Dias in **Ireland** Women's # 9
8-Apr-10 Chattahoochee Valley Tres Dias Men's # 16
 8-Apr-10 **North Florida** Tres Dias Men's # 42
 8-Apr-10 **North Georgia** Tres Dias Men's # 101
8-Apr-10 Northern Virginia Tres Dias Men's # 18
 15-Apr-10 Altoona-Johnstown Tres Dias Women's # 59
15-Apr-10 Tres Dias of Central Arizona Women's # 18
 15-Apr-10 **Minnesota** Tres Dias Men's # 8
 15-Apr-10 **Chattahoochee Valley** Tres Dias Women's # 16
 15-Apr-10 **North Texas** Tres Dias Men's # 45
15-Apr-10 North Georgia Tres Dias Women's # 114
 15-Apr-10 **South Hudson** Tres Dias Women's # 66
 15-Apr-10 **Susquehanna Valley** Tres Dias Women's # 42
 15-Apr-10 **Tampa Bay** Tres Dias Men's # 25
22-Apr-10 CSRA Tres Dias Men's # 13
 15-Apr-10 **Trinity Valley** Tres Dias Men's # 13
22-Apr-10 Fairfield County Tres Dias Men's # 92
 22-Apr-10 Tres Dias of **Japan** (English Speaking) Men's # 26
22-Apr-10 Tres Dias in Ireland Men's # 8
22-Apr-10 Minnesota Tres Dias Women's # 8
22-Apr-10 North Florida Tres Dias Women's # 42
 22-Apr-10 **North Texas** Tres Dias Women's # 45
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22-Apr-10 Tampa Bay Tres Dias Women's # 25
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29-Apr-10 CSRA Tres Dias Women's # 13
29-Apr-10 Lehigh Valley Tres Dias Women's # 2
29-Apr-10 Tres Dias of Northern New Jersey Men's # 105
29-Apr-10 Treasure Valley Tres Dias Men's # 1
30-Apr-2010 Kiev Tres Dias Men's # 12
6-May-10 Tres Dias of Japan (English Speaking) Women's # 36
7-May-2010 Kiev Tres Dias Women's # 12
3-Jun-10 Mid-Hudson Tres Dias Women's # 153
24-May-10 Seoul Tres Dias (Land of the Morning Calm) Women's # 50
20-May-10 Abundant Life Tres Dias Women's # 22
13-May-10 Tres Dias of Northern New Jersey Women's # 102
13-May-10 Mid-Hudson Tres Dias Men's # 15
13-May-10 Treasure Valley Tres Dias Women's # 1
13-May-10 Fairfield County Tres Dias Women's # 92
13-May-10 Central Connecticut Tres Dias Men's # 52
13-May-10 Abundant Life Tres Dias Men's # 22

Please keep the RIMA #57 Womens and Mens Team Members and candidates attending these weekends in your daily prayers.

Women's team

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Rev. Gil Bourquin	Spiritual
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Director/Action	
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Joyce St. Jean	Church
Rollista	
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Rollista	
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Rollista	
Lynn Crème	Environments
Rollista	
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Kathy King	Reunion group
Rollista	

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Shirley Scott	Prayer Team
Thomasina Minor-Hill	Prayer
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Lorraine Queen	Angel
Linda Nesmith	Angel
Teresa Bass-Thompson	Angel
Denise Langille	Angel
Winnie Loan	Angel
Lynne Brune	Angel

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Karl Tyrell	Action Rollista
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Rollista	
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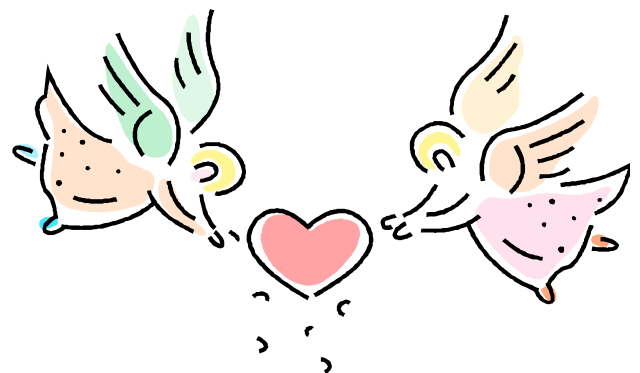


Our Lord has called upon these men and women.

Uphold them in prayer and support them with your prayers, palanca and presence at the closing on May 2nd and May 16th..

Volunteers needed!

Become active in RIMA Tres Dias organization. Many hands and hearts are needed to keep RIMA's spirit alive and growing, please contact a member of secretariat listed on 1st page to see how you too can become involved!



EDITORS CORNER

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the wonderful input and great quick response to my requests for info .It has made this challenging

position a lot easier.
Thankyou God for these
faithful servants of the
Lord! Have a blessed and
joyful Easter!
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Kathy K.

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