

The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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President's Corner

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The Men's and Women's teams for RIMA #69 are in place, and the men have already had four meetings. The Women will be starting their meetings on March 11th. The Weekend dates are:

Men's #69 – March 23-26, 2017 – Rector: Paul Mackay

Women's #69 – May 5-8, 2017 – Rector: Nancy Mandeville

At this writing, the men have three candidates and the team is working *feverishly* to invite others. We ask the community to invite prospective candidates as well. If you've already approached someone in the past, and they were unable to make it then, perhaps now is the time to ask them again. Very often it takes 2 or 3 invites for some to accept.

RIMA is excited to be hosting the Tres Dias International Secretariat meeting this Fall, October 13-15, 2017. It will be held at Liberty Christian Center, Taunton, MA, and Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins are heading up the Committee to handle all the planning. They will need a lot of help. Please put these dates on your calendar, and contact Judy or Andrea, and let them know you are willing to help. See Judy's request elsewhere in this Butterfly.

Have you ever wondered how many Pescadores we have in the community? How many folks have actually made a RIMA weekend? I think the answer is, "we really don't know". But we are working diligently to update our Men's and Women's databases using the Weekend Booklets that our Historian (Dawn Rota) is collecting. Most recently we've been working to update the Women's records. Here are links to the Men's and Women's databases, as they stand today.

Link to Men's database:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/u4ugpm4cxa7p4sf/RIMA%20Men%27s%20Database.xlsx?dl=0>

Link to Women's database:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/noz13pdganyy94s/RIMA%20Women%27s%20Database.xlsx?dl=0>

Kindly check your own entry and notify me if it needs to be updated. There are columns to indicate your Denomination, Church, Reunion Group (are you in one?) and Musician. It would be helpful if you provided this information too, if it is not already there.

Also, if you have mailing addresses, phone numbers and/or email addresses, for friends who have information missing or incorrect, kindly provide that too. It's so easy to lose track of people when they change email addresses or go to cell phones. If we have correct email addresses, we can at least send them the RIMA Ring and the Butterfly.

DeColores,
Gordon

RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

January 09, 2017

Liberty Christian Center ~ 159 Winthrop St Taunton, MA 02703

PRESENT: Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Rev. Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Gordon Arent, Susan Arent, Eric Anderson, Winnie Loan, Dawn Rota, Lynne Cignarella

Meeting was opened by Gordon at 7:10

Devotion and Prayer by Winnie

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Taunton
Requests for voting status -- None

Secretary's Report: Presented by Dawn; Motion to accept minutes from November 14th mtg with corrections made by Ruth, seconded by Sue ; carried

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Steve; Beginning balance \$3531.97; one deposit of \$1,018.00; ending \$4,549.97; motion to accept made by Eric A., seconded by ?; carried

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Judy absent; no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Weekend Committee Report: Presented by Sue; Nov. 25th meeting attended by Arents, Eric A and Dawn; no responses for rector for women's spring weekend; 29 letters mailed to SD's; only 2 returned

Outreach Sub-Committee: Presented by Gordon; no activity in December; discussed approaches.

Post-Weekend Report: no chairperson; Christina B. Secuela for women's # 68 on Friday, 11/18 at Putnam Baptist Church was successful, but only 1 new pescador attended; Holiday celebration Dec 11th at Margaret Payne's enjoyed by many, including 3 new pescadores

Communications Report: Carolyn Newcombe, Lynne Cignarella; pictures holiday party and prayer requests posted in Butterfly

Historian Report: Presented by Dawn; New additions from Andrea and Winnie; From the women's weekends, we have something from each weekend except: #'s 2 - 10, 11, 15 - 19, 21, 26, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38 and 40
From the men's weekends we are missing a few more. We need: #'s 1 -13, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25 - 28, 30, 31, 34, 36 - 39, 41, 47, 56, 58, 61 - 63, 66.

By-Law and Policy Review Committee: Presented by Gordon; no activity this month

International Tres Dias Report: Presented by Sue; no new activity; there are monthly executive meetings by phone

International Tres Dias Secretariat Meeting Committee: Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins co-chairpersons; Scheduled for October 13 - 17, 2017 at Liberty Christian Center in Taunton; looking into hotels in the area to reserve rooms; recommending Greene Airport

Completed Weekends:

Men's #67, Roland Boucher, Rector; waiting for report

Women's # 68, Rector Rose Breau; report sent -- overall weekend was awesome; 7 new Pescadores; only concerns expressed were: Rollo time constraints, Distance between head and angel tables, closing changes, tipping of cook

Weekends in Progress:

Paul MacKay -- Rector for Spring Weekend, dates for meetings have been determined.

Women's Weekend -- no Rector at this date; Winnie suggests a "Renewal Weekend"; she will write a proposal and send it out to Pescadores for thoughts/opinions

Old Business:

Website Upgrade -- No activity this month.

Still need to fill vacancy: Chair person for Post Weekend

RIMA Giving -- replacement for gofundme

Facebook question will be added to contract form, per Carolyn's request

New Business:

Eric A will undertake writing a proposal for changes in bylaws regarding spouses serving on board simultaneously;

Election of Eric Anderson as Vice President for 1 year term; election of Dawn Rota as recording secretary for 1 year term

Gordon will make calendar for Secretariat meetings in 2017

Gordon presented RIMA Tres Dias Annual Report with a review of the past year, along with needs and suggestions and challenges

Prayer Concerns:

There was a healthy list of prayer requests: Helen, Jewel, Thomasina, Pastor Gil, Marie Sullivan, Wheaton family, Andrea's mom, Hammonds, Katia, Hofmann Family, Kayden, Joe, James, Josh, Brad, Tony
Closed in prayer - by Pastor Ruth at 9:40

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rota

RIMA Men's #69 Team and Candidates:

Team

Paul MacKay: Rector
Ed Casassa: Chief
Rev. Joe Dileo: SD
Rev. Alex Tindall: SD
Eric Anderson
Gordon Arent
Brian Birt
Pastor Warren Blais
Tim Blakeney
Fred Freitas
William Orlacchio
Rich Rioux
Norm Shacochis
Andrew Vacca
Mike Wise
Bill Wronski

Candidates:

Charlie Law: Sponsor: Eugene Gerum
Ian Longest: Sponsor: Gordon Arent
Alex MacLennan Sponsor Pastor Ruth Blais & Pastor Warren Blais

The team of Men's Tres Dias RIMA #69 has been bonding in the love of Christ and preparing ourselves to communicate this love to the candidates on our March 23-26 weekend. We have met three times, each time bound by the words of God, and are growing to become a strong, loving, and caring community. We need you, our strong, loving and caring Tres Dias community, for your prayer, your presence, and your palanca to help make His love visible. Your prayers and acts of service are so important for all of us, and we are deeply grateful.

Here are some ways you can serve during this weekend:

-Written palanca, posters and banners – Send to Ed Casassa, 420 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066, edcasassa@gmail.com, or deliver to the Cathedral Center of Renewal at Cathedral Camp, 167 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717, during the weekend. Please include palanca to people you don't know and to "Candidates and Team" for the rollo room. If mailed, be sure to allow enough time for delivery before the weekend. Please do not send gifts to individuals.

-Kitchen palanca – Contact Gordon Arent, 860-376-5767 (Community Coordinator) to volunteer for this commitment, which includes serving and clean-up. We ask that spouses of candidate do not volunteer for this.

-Break food – Bring nutritious snacks of fruit, nuts, cheese, cookies, etc. to the Cathedral Camp throughout the weekend. All will be appreciated. Please label "For the Break Table".

-Other palanca needs – Name tags, team Thursday P.M. supper (which my wife's reunion group has volunteered to do), home-baked breads for liturgies, pot-luck dinner, Agape set-up, typing, Closing set-up, clean-up after the weekend, etc. Contact Eric Anderson at 508-699-4232.

-Mananita – Ladies, gather Sunday Morning (March 26th) at 7:15AM at the Cathedral Camp.

-Closing – 4PM in the Villa.

-Sponsors – Please bring your candidate at 7PM on Thursday, March 23rd. Plan to stay for singing and refreshment and a brief sponsor's meeting. No Abrazos (hugging if you forgot)! This opening activity is for the candidates, sponsors and team members. Sponsors, please make sure your candidate understands this is a full three day commitment. Call me at once at 781-340-1400 (days) or 781-878-7379 (nights before 11:00) if he must cancel, so that we may plan accordingly.

I thank God for this unique opportunity to serve. I ask you for continued prayerful support to the team and candidates of Men's #69.

In Christ's Love,
Paul MacKay, Rector

Hello All,

Please read below an update on “Chair Support” for the Tres Dias International Meeting from Judy and Andrea:

October 13 to 15, 2017 seems far off BUT RIMA is hosting the TRES DIAS INTERNATIONAL MEETING in Taunton MA. LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER has generously offered their church for this weekend. Andrea Higgins and I are busy planning and we could use your help. We are seeking the support of Chairs for three committees: Lodging, Music and Clergy.

A. REGISTRATION, Sue and Gordon with Dawn and Lynne

B. LODGING open (receive volunteer housing from community)

C. TRANSPORTATION , Eric Borman needs community drivers

(pescadore376@gmail.com) Folks will be flying into Green Airport in RI and staying in Taunton Hotels.

D. FACILITIES - Andrea Higgins

E. MEALS - Chef Steve Higgins will need kitchen and dining room helpers. Apply to Judy (pescadore37@gmail.com)

F. MUSIC /WORSHIP - open

G. ADMINISTRATION- Andrea and Judy

H. CLERGY / SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR SUPPORT / COMMUNITY SUPPORT – open

I. MUSIC CHAIR – Sara Sabo

Judy Borman and Andrea Higgins

Respectfully submitted,
in God’s Love,
Lynne Cignarella