

The Butterfly

The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newslettet

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Men's #65 completed on June 7, and the message was strong: examine your Ideals; make it your ideal to live a life in Grace with Christ as your head; know Jesus by Studying His word; then put your servant Leadership skills into Action in your Environments (home, work, and Christian Community). Finally, maintain your zeal for the Lord by: being in a Reunion Group, attending secuela's and serving in your church, and on team. The prescription is familiar, and the results are effective and powerful.

Please welcome into the Community the new Pescadores:

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A Reunion Secuela for Men's and Women's 65 will be held on June 26th, at All Saints Episcopal Church, Attleboro, MA, 7:30 PM. Sponsors please bring your new Pescadore(s). This will probably be the last opportunity for them to get together, "as we were" on the weekends. Reunion Secuelas's are of course open to the full Community.

As mentioned last month, Secretariat is in the process of reviewing and updating the RIMA Constitution and Bylaws. At our June 15th meeting we passed a motion to present the ‘Amended & Restated Constitution and By-Laws of Tres Dias of Rhode Island-Massachusetts (RIMA) Inc. – Dated June 2015’, to the Community for review. The proposed changes will allow us to work within the bounds of the new bylaws, and to conform to the requirements of Tres Dias International for chartering.

A summary of what was changed, was previously published in the May Butterfly. Both the current by-laws and the proposed by-laws, are attached to this Butterfly for comparison and for your consideration. Please send your comments to gordonarent@sbcglobal.net. We plan to vote for ‘acceptance’ at the July 20th Secretariat meeting at Liberty Christian Center, Taunton, MA, 7PM. As always, the Community is invited to attend.

Please be aware, that this is a very important issue. Having the ‘Statement of Belief’ and ‘Qualification for Community Leadership’ in our by-laws is a requirement for being chartered by Tres Dias International. If this revision is not passed, RIMA’s charter will be revoked, and we will no longer be able to operate as a Tres Dias community. We will no longer be able to call ourselves Tres Dias, we will no longer be able to hold weekends, and we will no longer be able to use Tres Dias material (Team Books, cross, logo, etc.). Please come to the July 20th meeting to express your opinion and vote on this proposal.

At our June meeting, we also held elections to fill the expiring terms of Vice President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Many thanks to Steve Higgins, Debbie Bouffard and Judy Borman who have served so faithfully this year. And congratulations to Eric Anderson, Brenda Higgins and Judy Borman who were elected to the positions of VP, Rec. Sec. and Corresp. Sec., respectively. Thank you all for your commitment, time and energy serving our Lord in His community in RIMA.

Grace and peace be yours in abundance. *1 Peter 1:3*

DeColores,
Gordon

Dear Pescadores of RIMA Tres Dias,

In Romans 12, Paul calls us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is our spiritual act of worship.

We are not to be conformed to this age but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we can discern what is the good, pleasing and perfect will of God.

This week as I attended my first Bible study since my recent surgery, I could not help but think about Tres Dias and our current discussion regarding the bi-laws as this scripture was read. The document that is in question asks individuals, when they are called to serve on team, to take an inward look to see where they are in their walk with Christ.

To me, Tres Dias is one of the most powerful tools that the Holy Spirit has given us to spiritually renew the hearts and minds of men and women.

When we serve on a weekend we have a spiritual obligation to the candidates and one another to give our best and to be our best for Christ. Because of the dynamics of the weekend people become open and spiritually receptive. This is when we see miracles take place and hearts and minds are changed for Christ. Even though it is not the main thrust of Tres Dias—many souls have been saved and now walk in the glory of the kingdom of God.

In this scripture, Paul calls us to no longer be conformed to this age. We are not to be like the world. We are in the world but not of this world. We are not to use the world and its standards to reflect to others, but it is Christ that we are to reflect.

Just like we go for a wellness check-up at the doctor's office each year, as Christians we need to take a look inside and check our spiritual blood pressure and heart rate. We need to look and listen to what is going on inside as well as outside of us spiritually. We also need to look at how we are doing in light of the Word of God.

If we all stopped for a time and did this self-check (in AA they call it a fearless spiritual and moral inventory), we would all be better off. It is good spiritual preventative medicine.

I pray that each Pescadore will let the Holy Spirit guide them as they search their hearts and prayerfully look at the future of Rima Tres Dias.

May God Bless You Richly,
Rev. Dr. Ruth Blais

Palanca

We have been discussing Palanca in the past two issues of the Butterfly. There are three types of palanca: personal, general and service. Last month we discussed Personal Palanca, so this month we will look at General Palanca, also known as Rollo Room Palanca. I was once told that if you only have time to write one thing, make it a note of General Palanca. If you have time for two, write a note of General Palanca and Personal Palanca to the candidates/pilgrims. And if you have even more time, write a General Palanca, Personal Palanca to the candidates/pilgrims and the team members.

General palanca can be simply a note, or a note accompanying a 'gift' for each person on the weekend. Gifts can be any number of items such as something to wear, to eat or use during your 4th Day, but without an accompanying note of prayer and explanation, it is simply a gift.

Often General Palanca comes as a note from other Tres Dias communities, demonstrating the impressive scope of Tres Dias with prayers from all over the USA and other countries around the world.

Here is what Tres Dias International has to say about General Palanca:

GENERAL PALANCA: This is palanca performed on the weekend in general. It is most frequently demonstrated in notes, letters or posters that are addressed to the team and candidates, often accompanied by small gift items or tokens.

- The letter should be addressed to the team and candidates on a particular weekend. It should include the actual palanca that you will be providing to the weekend - such as:
 - A gift of prayer. Let them know that you will be praying for them. Perhaps you will pray for the weekend every time you have to stop at a red light, or something like that. They should know it. (And you should be sure to honor your commitment).
 - A gift of sacrifice: Perhaps you made something that you are giving to the weekend. Let them know the spiritual significance of the item.
 - Try to include an encouraging scripture. Using the theme scripture of the weekend helps to promote the unity of the weekend.

- The letter shouldn't be too long - a maximum of one typewritten page. Keep in mind that general palanca is read by the auxiliaries throughout the weekend when time permits, so the letter should not be too long or complex as it's meaning may be lost.
 - This IS where you can refer to your own weekend ("I sat where you are sitting...")
 - If possible, include small tokens for the team and candidates. The items should have some spiritual significance and can be as simple as some chocolate or candy, as complex as craft items that you and your Reunion Group made, and anything in between. Remember it's the thought, prayer and service that's important, not the actual item itself.
 - Posters with brief notes signed by individuals in your church or Reunion Group are an excellent form of general palanca.
- General palanca is also provided in other ways:
- Providing the decorated palanca bags for the weekend;
 - Providing the decorated aprons for the auxiliaries;
 - Providing the rolo candle;
 - Providing supplies for communion;
 - Providing break food;
 - Providing candy for the tables;
 - Providing flowers for the dining room or rolo room.

Meeting Minutes
RIMA Secretariat May 11 2015

Andrea Higgins, Steven Higgins, Gordon Arent, Sue Arent, Brenda Hammond, Frank Hammond, Thomasina Minor Hill, Jewel Hammond, dawn Rota, Judy Borman, Eric Borman, Lynne Cignarella, Eric Anderson, Joe DeLeo, Lorraine Queen, Maura Dowling

Meeting opened at 7:30

Opening Devotional Brenda Hammond. John 15:1-11 Abide in my love and joy will be provided. Pray Stay in the word, go to church, and tell someone.

Volunteer to do devotional for June Frank Hammond

Next secretariat meeting will be June 15 at Liberty Christian Center

Secretaries report un-available at this meeting. Motion to table minutes until June Andrea Second Brenda, MSC Carried.

Treasurers Report

Beginning balance \$5079.05

Activities for month

\$2025.35

\$100 to Liberty Christina Center

\$4820 Sisters of Immaculate Conception

Ending balance \$2184.40

6 candidates confirmed to date for Men's weekend could be as many as 12. 1 day the cooking will be provided by the community. Help is needed for cooking breakfast on the Saturday of the weekend. Eric Borman is working on getting the food. Brian White has said he will be able to help on that day.

Immaculate Conception will reduce the rate for the weekend. They do not have a cook available for the Saturday of the Men's weekend.

Sequela June 26 All Saints Episcopal Church Attleboro MA 7:30 pm

Communications Committee: Lynne has the butterfly ready for the month of May. She is awaiting a copy of the amended and restated bylaws to go out to the community for review. The annual report and application for Tres Dias.

RIMA ring has been going out regularly by Carolyn

Rector Selection

Fall Roland Boucher, and Lorraine Queen
Working on rector's for spring 2106 Joyce St. Jean Women's. Men's yet to be confirmed.

Rector Advisory Committee

Sue sent an email today to get the committee together. Saturday's are best for training Lorraine. Sunday's are best for Roland.

Completed weekends women's weeks completed. Critique has already taken place. Mary will be sending the document to Gordon. She used the weekend assessment form. It will be shared with the advisory Committee.

Men's weekend two meeting completed two to go. Lots of late breaking developments along the way. The team is up to 20. 11 potential candidates, 7 confirmed. It was mentioned that the applications go to Helen Harvey via mail.

Fall Women's weekend. SD's are in place and Chief is in place.

Old business

Amended and Restated Bylaws were shared with those present.

Motion made that amended and restated Bylaws be tabled until clarification is received on section 2 retaining section and removing 1-5. Maura, Second Dawn Rota. MSC Carried

After clarification is received amended and restated bylaws can be shared with the community.

Suggested July meeting may need to take place if clarification is received on the bylaws. The meeting will be July 20 2015.

Gordon's looked into bulk mail it is cost prohibitive. It was determined to drop it.

Essentials training needs to take place this fall. Eric Borman and Brenda Hammond will be leading this.

5 from RIMA attending international.

New business.

Motion made to not fill member at larger position until new bylaws are adopted. Eric Anderson Second Maura Dowling. MSC carried.

Motion that elections of officers be tabled until June 15 Maura Dowling, second Frank Hammond, Motion Carried

Motion that all open positions be posted in the Butterfly with the exception of Members at Large and responsibilities, with instructions for nomination. Maura Dowling, Second Rose. MSC Carried.

Annual report was presented by Gordon
16 new Pescadores
Many served on team
8 issues of the Butterfly published
RIMA Ring very active
3 sequelas
30 Pescadores attended secretariat meetings this year.

Prayers Ruth Blaise, TD of Russia, Donna Finn, Heart and Lung Cancer, the Wendall Family in Falmouth, Cynthia Pina Shoulder Surgery, Jackie Bernhardt, Lynne's uncle Paul Leukemia, Nancy Mahoney knees, Jamiel on dialysis. Rose Breau's neighbor Jack, and his daughter Leslie his caretaker, Pastor Greg upcoming surgery. PG,s mom in hospital.

Meeting closed 9:55

Delivery Failure

Folks, we no longer have working email addresses for the following Pescadores and therefore cannot send them the Butterfly. If you know any of their addresses kindly send it to Lynne Cignarella (lynnepj36@aol.com) and copy Carolyn Newcombe (cnewcombe@charter.net). We would like to update our database and mailing list. Dave Alger, Richard Audet, Doreen Baisley, Ed Barrette, Patricia Bass, Al Berube, Ray Boisse, Roger Boucher, Thomas Brassil, Frances Bynoe, Vanessa Carroll, Linda Collins, Larry Cowles, Steve Crowell, John Crutchfield, Kevin Curry, David Delmonico, Vealer Devoe, Peter Eastman, Jeff Eddy, Kevin Fisher (Sr.), Crystal Gardner, Alfred Green, James Grosselein, Michael Hatem, Tina Howard, John Howard, Dave Pierce, Wendy Pierce, Christiana Ray, Bill Rickson, Raymond Robbio, Shirley Scott, Ronald C. Seymour, Kathy Singletary, Joyce Skopek, Lynn Stellrecht, Terri Tupper, Evelyn Wade, John Ward, Aretha Weadbrock, Marie Whitcomb, Caroline Zani. Even if you know they have moved out of the area, many RIMA alumni still like to hear what is going on in the community.

Monthly Essentials Quiz – June 2015

1. Men/women from all Christian denominations are welcome to be a candidates on a Tres Dias weekend.
T or F

2. Chapel visits on Sunday could be skipped, if the Rollos and table discussion run too long.
T or F

3. If the local community decided, a combined Weekend could be held with both men and women.
T or F

Answers to Monthly Essentials Quiz:

1. True. Section 2.0 Essentials of the Movement
 1. The ultimate objective of the Tres Dias movement is to strengthen and extend the Body of Christ.
No Tres Dias Organization shall change the teachings or practices of the Tres Dias Movement to accommodate the participation of a non-Christian .

2. False. Section 3.2 – Essentials of the Weekend Phase
 17. That chapel visits by table occur the third day, preferably in the morning.

3. False Section 3.2 - Essentials of the Weekend Phase
 4. That men and women attend separate Weekends. The Spiritual Directors are exempted.

Praise Reports

Marc Greenwald started a new job on June 15. One of his shortest commute times in a very long time and looking forward to new job challenges.
Barbara Greenwald

Praise report for two successful cataract surgeries for my wife Sue who was the other Sue cooking for RIMA 64.
Don Loveland RIMA 64

Hello RIMA family,

Wanted to send this message to you all to introduce myself to the family.

My name is Lorraine Queen and I am in the process of becoming your Rector for Women's RIMA weekend number "66". I have been blessed to be a member of RIMA since 2007/ RIMA "51".

I'm asking you all to begin praying with me for a God filled weekend, full of humility, understanding and love. Some of you have already received calls from me and most have agreed to take this spiritual journey seeking to serve God in all things. Others will receive calls shortly, so I ask that while you pray for the weekend, you pray for a cohesive team and I ask you to definitely pray for me. May God's blessings be upon each of us as we travel together in support of our individual, as well as our team commitments. Hope to see everyone at the opening and the closing...

With love through Jesus I say **De Colores**

Queen

Scripture for weekend #66:

1 Peter 4:10

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

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- 6/4-6/7 **MEN'S WEEKEND #65 – Eric Anderson**
- 6/15/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7:30 PM
- 6/26/15 Men's 65 Critique Meeting – All Saints Episcopal, Attleboro, MA, 6:30PM
6/26/15 **REUNION SECUELA – All Saints Episcopal, Attleboro, MA, 7:30**
- 6/30/15 Rector Training – 6PM, Location TBD
- 7/02/15 Rector Training – 7PM, Location TBD
- 7/20/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7:00PM
Vote on Amended and Restated Constitution & By-Laws of RIMA – June 2015
- 8/10/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 8/22/15 Essentials Training – time & location TBD. Brenda Hammond
- 08/29/15 **SECUELA/ 4th Day Barbecue – Arent's, 108 Cedar Lane, Griswold, CT, 2PM**
- 9/14/15 SECRETARIAT – TBD – All Saints, Attleboro, MA *to be verified*
- 9/17-9/20 **MEN'S WEEKEND #66 – Rector Roland Boucher**
- 10/12/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
- 10/22-10/25 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #66 – Rector Lorraine Queen**
- 11/14 **REUNION SECUELA** – possibly at Pastor Jewel's Church TBD
- 11/16/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
- 12/14/15 SECRETARIAT - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
- 12 /??/15 **CAROLING & CHRISTMAS PARTY – 4th Day Event** *to be verified*