

The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

President's Corner

Gordon and Steve, servant of Christ Jesus, to all the Pescadores in Christ Jesus at RIMA, together with the deacons and Spiritual Directors: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Paraphrased loosely from Philippians 1:1)

Perhaps you noticed the greeting this month was from Gordon and Steve. Well actually this message is mostly from Steve – Higgins that is. Steve has been acting in the capacity of assistant treasurer, while Frank and Brenda Hammond have been on vacation, and he was requested the March Secretariat meeting to help get our finances in order. Here is Steve's message.

Greetings RIMA Pescadores

In my role as Assistant Treasurer, I have been asked to create our first RIMA Annual Giving Campaign. As you may know, there are cost each year associated with keeping our community vibrant and active, which include the weekends themselves and other cost associated with maintaining the community.

Members of the Secretariat have determined that as good stewards of our funds, we should strive for a minimum regular monthly balance of \$7,000 in our banking account. Why this number you ask? Each Men's and Women's weekend cost approximately \$5,000. In addition to this, we have annual bills such as insurance, trailer registration, annual assessment to Tres Dias International and other expenses associated with maintaining the organization.

Over the past two years the regular monthly balance in our account has dropped significantly. Some of the reasons have included: costs were covered for Pescadores and Candidates who could not afford the full expense of being on weekends, weekends were

postponed due to low participation, & RIMA is relocating back to Cathedral Camp in Freetown MA and has incurred additional weekend deposits.

The balance of our account as of this writing is \$1,791.58 so, as you can see, we have a significant way to go to reach our goal of a \$7,000 balance once again and, we are in danger of not being able to cover the cost for weekends scheduled this spring without your support.

We are asking all of you who have participated in RIMA to consider making a recurring monthly or annual donation to help us reach our goal. A donation of any amount would be a blessing to RIMA. Remember, RIMA has traditionally had no dues, which means everyone who participates in a weekend can be a member of the secretariat if they choose. We only keep the community active through your donations.

Speaking of which, RIMA has been established as a 501 (c) 3 not for profit organization. Which means donations to RIMA to continue the ministry are now considered tax deductible.

To make things easier for those who do not regularly attend secretariat meetings to give we have established an online giving option utilizing the web site go fund me. **If you click on this link <https://www.gofundme.com/gawp5b3j>** it will bring you directly to our donation page. A portion of your donation goes to covering the administrative processing fees but over 90% goes directly to RIMA.

We set a goal on the online site to raise \$10,000 which would give us a little cushion in the future which maybe we could help other communities facing similar struggles as RIMA at this time should we reach this goal.

If you prefer not to use the online method, donations can also be sent to RIMA Tres Dias, C/O Steve Higgins, 96 Bluejay Lane, East Taunton MA 02718.

In advance the members of the Secretariat would like to thank you for your support of this great ministry. Donations of all sizes are welcome.

De Colores,
Steve Higgins

**RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Lynne Cignarella, Andrea Higgins, Steve Higgins, Eric Anderson, Judy Borman, Eric Borman, Joyce St. Jean, Teresa Bass-Thompson, Joseth Minor-Hill, Rev. Thomasina Minor-Hill, Lorraine Queen, Rev. Pastor Ruth Blais, Pastor Warren Blais, Leigh Gardner, Deb Bouffard, Dawn Rota
Steve began by explaining all of the blessings he had received as a result of his hand injury.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Eric A

Devotion was given by Dawn, Prayer by Pastor Ruth; Devotion for next meeting by Eric A.

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm in Taunton

No requests for voting status

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes prepared by Brenda Hammond, and printed in the Butterfly was made by Joyce, seconded by Lynne, carried

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Steve, filling in for Frank

Steve gave a full balancing report. While RIMA appears to be in financial difficulty, Steve stressed that there was NO wrongdoing on the part of the Treasurers. Steve also stressed the need for good stewardship for our funds, and better community accounting.

Areas of concerns:

1. Possibility of surrendering \$1200.00 held for deposit by Immaculate Conception Convent if weekends are not fully rebooked.
2. There are insufficient funds to cover fall weekends (full accounting needed from Roland as some monies have already been deposited from his rescheduled weekend).

Recommendations:

1. Initiate annual fundraising campaign
2. Postpone Fall 2016 weekend
3. No scholarship monies utilizing current treasury funds

This was followed by much discussion among attendees. Several points/suggestions were brought up:

- Need better accounting
- \$3000.00 loss on past 3 weekends
- All team members need to pay
- Scholarship monies should not go into general fund
- RIMA does not charge dues; love bucket alternative
- Prayer that our \$1200.00 will be returned
- Setting up a "go fund me" account with a minimum goal of \$1000.00
- Regular donations at Secretariat meetings
- Individual donations may still be applied for scholarships
- Important to know about any team members unable to pay in advance
- Optimal number of team members (20ish)

- Will we lose the deposits on the fall weekends at Cathedral Camp if we postpone them?
- Pastor Ruth suggested a letter to be published in the Butterfly explaining the urgent need for donations. Steve will write this.
- Recommended line item in financial report to identify scholarship monies

Motions:

1. Accept Treasurer's Report, motion by Andrea, seconded by Judy, carried
2. Accept recommendation for Fundraising Campaign (Steve will set up a "go fund me" account; there will be a link on our Facebook page) motion by Eric, seconded by Pastor Ruth, carried
3. Accept recommendation that no current treasury funds will be used for scholarships until current situation improves (which would amount to about \$5000.00, the approximate cost of a weekend), motion by Pastor Ruth, seconded by Pastor Warren, carried

Pre-Weekend Report: Presented by Lynne. She has been in communication with Helen and has all necessary information and paperwork, but nothing to report.

Weekend Committee Report: Presented by Eric A. Rector training was held in January with Joyce, as the spring Rector; February meeting was postponed. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22nd

Post-Weekend Report: There is a Secuela scheduled for Friday, April 1st at 94 Warren Street in Roxbury, hosted by Rev. Thomasina Minor-Hill

Communications Report: Lynne, the Butterfly went out today (March 14th). She would still like contributors

Historian Report: Dawn, no contributions have been forwarded so far.

International Tres Dias Report: Eric B. International fund is gifting RIMA \$1000.00, which Gordon plans to repay (eventually); Frank Yarborough from International will be coming to the April Secuela; going forward Essential Training will be done by outside community trainers; any pescador who would like to be on team must attend an Essentials Training; International voted to raise assessment by 10%, and changing assessment in the future; Eric is on membership committee.

Weekends in Progress: Roland not present; Joyce -- team is nearly complete with 19 or 20, meetings will begin this Friday, March 18th at 7:00 in Blackstone; song books will need to be brought from trailer in Connecticut;

she is still in need of a music director. Women music directors are nearly depleted, Joyce notes that the first weekend in June is a difficult date due to graduations and other seasonal commitments, Joyce questioned the possibility of menu choices at the Camp. Eric will look into this.

Old Business: Eric A reports that there is no website upgrade as of yet; still in need of a chair for post-weekend committee, outreach plans are on hold, Andrea and Judy agreed to be co-chairs for the fall International meeting that RIMA is hosting.

New Business: Ruth is a member of a new Pastors Group, may open doors to Tres Dias; a request will be sent to I.C. Convent about booking refunds and to clarify our responsibility for all four days is partially covered; also, Eric will look into the possibility of shifting our fall weekend deposits with the Camp if that becomes necessary.

Prayer Concerns: Wheaton Family, Steve's fingers, Ruth's cousin Beverly is undergoing surgery for lung cancer on Thursday, Lynne for surgery for breast cancer on the 29th; the Garland Family for the loss of both parents, Dawn's son-in-law Greg for a new job.

Steve closed in prayer.

Meeting ended at 8:58

Respectfully submitted

Dawn Rota

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that the Women's Tres Dias team #67 is getting ready for our weekend June 2-5, 2016. Our team has had three meetings so far. The Lord has assembled a wonderful group of women to serve Him as well as one gentleman SD and the candidates that will be experiencing this weekend. Please continue to pray for us. We also need your support in the following ways:

Sponsor a candidate: The blessing goes both ways as we encourage a sister in her walk with Christ.

General Palanca: : Break Room Snacks, Communion Bread, Agape set up and Agape juices and breads. as well as clean up. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Dawn Rota (781) -545-3195 .

We are in need of written Palanca for the Candidates and Team. God uses Palanca in wonderful Ways.

Serving Meals: Breakfast at 8:00am, Lunch at 12:00pm and Dinner 5:30pm. Servers are asked to arrive 15 minutes before mealtimes and stay after meals to clean up and set up for the next meal. It is about a 2 hour commitment.

Sponsors bring candidates to Cathedral camp on Thursday evening June 2, 2016 between 7:00-7:15 pm. Plan on sataying for the singing and refreshments. Please attend the brief sponsors meeting for prayer.

Mananita: Sunday June 5, 2016 at 7:15am

Closing in the Rollo Room at 4:30pm.

Please honor the cloister of the weekend.

We are looking forward to your participation and help for this weekend.

DeColores,

Joyce St Jean, Rector (RIMA Tres Dias #1)

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Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Women's RIMA Weekend # 67 is rapidly approaching. Rector Joyce has/is doing a wonderful job leading her team in preparation for our June 2nd return to Cathedral Camp! Now we need your help!!!! There are so many opportunities to be a part of our Lord's amazing plan for this weekend. Please take a minute to SING, yes, sing ... yes, out loud ... you all know the tune ... the following few verses and then call or email your preferences to me. Remember, there are eight meals that need servers in addition to all the other needs. (First come, first served -- don't wait and get caught in the stampede. ☺)

Also, pray, pray, pray for Tres Dias, for RIMA, for the team, and for candidates (both definite and potential)

Finally, please plan to join us at the Camp for both the Opening and the Closing. Let's make this a triumphant return!!!!!!

Can't wait to hear from you!

In His Love,

Community Coordinator, RIMA Women's Weekend # 67

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Ahem, ahem, ahem ... now, SING!

Hello Sistahs, Hello Bruddahs
Once again we're Cathedral Campahs
Camp is very "inspirating",
And the weekend will be great 'cause He is reigning
All the team is at their meetings,
With abrazzos and other greetings.
You remember hearing rollos?
Well, ours are done and they are really joy-ohs
We'll be sleeping in the main house,
When awakened, we will not grouse.
We will rise up on the first bell
Cause we know that if we don't we'll surely catch-....!
Now our chapel is for praying,
Or perhaps another slaying.
We will sing and, shout our praises,
And if we're tired, that will hardly faze us.
And our angels are all prepped now .
Our chief and rector have shown us how
To accomplish all we need to.
Now all we need to add is your support, too!
Dearest bruddahs, "Mananitas",
And we'll also need our sistahs
At the opening and the closing .
And of course prayers while the weekend is unfolding.
We need servers for all meals now,
We'll expect you to take a bow.
The Agape'll need some set up
But you'll leave there with an overflowing "love cup".
Palanca is always welcome,
And the "green" kind, we would not shun.
Lots of lovely little ladies
Will be reading notes with smiles that do not fade-ez
So take a minute, make a phone call.
Offer your help, really that's all.

Now I know that I feel better,
Bruddahs, Sistahs, please don't disregard this letter!

DeColores!

News from the RIMA Trailer

Many thanks to the industrious Pescadores who straightened the trailer.

In inventorying, we found some needs.

Please prayfully consider donating these items or green palanca for their purchase.

2 electrical extension cords, one for Agape and one for the stained glass cross

Lunch bags for Palanca delivery

Small plates for snacks

Screwdrivers, one flat head and one phillips

Clothesline

Clothespins

3 small bottles of glue

3 glue sticks

White chalk

White board supplies, markers, eraser and board cleaner

12 large size 10 envelopes for 4th Day Packets

Toiletries, male and female for Opps Boxes

Travel size, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, etc.

Community Coordinators will be seeking your help with

Sunday placemats, napkins and meal Scriptures.

DeColores, Debbie, Eric and Judy (pescadore@verizon.net)



2016 RIMA CALENDAR

05/09 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM

05/12-05/15 **MEN'S WEEKEND #67** – Rector Roland Boucher, Cathedral Camp, Freetown, MA

06/02-06/05 **WOMEN'S WEEKEND #67** – Rector Joyce St. Jean

- 06/17 (Fri.) **REUNION SECUELA** – TBD
- 06/28 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 08/08 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 08/23 (Tues.) Weekend Committee – Bethany Village Fellowship, 7PM
- 08/27 (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 ?????? ???????**
- 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, CT**

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



Respectfully Submitted in His Holy name,
Lynne Cignarella