

The Butterfly

THE RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

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Well, I have a lot to report to you this month!

We have a Women's weekend at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam CT April 23rd – 26th. The Opening is at 7PM on Thursday, April 23. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a candidate and supporting the weekend. An Application form is attached with this newsletter, or available online (<http://www.rimatresdias.com/weekend.htm>, bottom).

The Men's spring weekend is June 4 – 7. Our Rector, Eric Anderson is busy making phone calls to gather together the Lord's team. To date he has 9 positions filled, and needs at least 11 more. But the response to his (and His) calls has been sparse.

The need for revival in New England is tremendous. Did you know that in a recent

survey of the 100 Most Bible-Minded Cities in America, Hartford ranks number 94, Boston ranks number 98, and Providence ranks number 100. RIMA sits squarely in the middle of this very needy mission field. (Ref. <http://www.americanbible.org/features/americas-most-bible-minded-cities>)

Jesus mentions this same dilemma in Mt. 9:37 - Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

I believe the 'Lord of the harvest' is asking the men in this Community, to put Him first, to step out in boldness and answer His call to serve on a Tres Dias team. If you are willing, call Eric (774-766-7038) and volunteer to serve on weekend #65 – the Lord will make you able.

In November of 2014, RIMA was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Massachusetts. Our name is

officially, Tres Dias of Rhode Island – Massachusetts (RIMA) INC.

A nonprofit organization in its simplest form, is an organization for which those who control or support it do not earn a profit. This doesn't mean that a nonprofit can't make a profit (*hmm, wouldn't that be nice!*)--quite the contrary is true. A nonprofit organization can produce goods and services, and it can earn a profit while doing so. However, *all of the money made must go back into the organization* - there is no "profit sharing" among members. So, what are the advantages of being incorporated? Well primarily, being incorporated protects the officers personally, from law suits against the organization. Basically, this personal liability protection means that if someone feels the organization or one of its members has harmed him, only the organization may be sued, and not individual members.

In February, RIMA was approved for tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code, section 501(c)(3). This status ensures contributors to RIMA Tres Dias that their donations are tax exempt, and that they may be taken as a charitable deduction on their Federal income tax returns. ` 501(c)(3) status also results in automatic exemption from federal income tax for the organization.

Many thanks to Roland Boucher for assisting and guiding us through this process.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Philemon 1:25*
DeColores,
Gordon

SERVERS NEEDED!

Community involvement is an important part of Tres Dias! When candidates see Pescadores serving meals, sending palanca and attending Openings and Closings, it encourages them to become active members of the community. To this end, we are asking Pescadores to come out and serve the team and candidates at mealtimes.

Our desire is to have at least four persons at each meal to serve the team and candidates. Two-hour commitment. We ask that you arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled mealtime. This will enable servers to be instructed in their responsibilities and have time to pray for the weekend together. Mealtimes are breakfast: 8 a.m., lunch: 12:00 Noon and dinner: 5:30 p.m. Get together with Pescadores from your church or your Reunion Group or the last weekend you were on. Show God's love in a fun and exciting way! Please contact the team Community Coordinator, Leigh Gardner; 774-256-4727.

Don't procrastinate – call today!

Constitution and Bylaws Being Updated

Secretariat is in the process of reviewing and updating the RIMA Constitution and Bylaws. We will have a working session on Saturday, April 18th, from 10AM to 3PM, at the Arent's, 108 Cedar Lane, Griswold, CT. The Community is invited to join us and provide input, should you desire. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Sue Arent, 860-376-5767 or suearent@hotmail.com if you would like to participate.

Rector's Plea

Being a Rector is an awesome honor and blessing. RIMA has recognized that you meet certain qualifications - you have served on at least 4 teams, given at least 2 rollos and have been an auxiliary. You also meet the qualifications for community leadership. With this very special blessing comes a lot of responsibility and hard work.

One of the most difficult tasks for a Rector is gathering the Team. It is desirable to have 1/3 of the team to consist new Pescadores (those who have not been on team before), 1/3 of the team to consist of Pescadores who have had only 1 or 2 team experiences, and 1/3 of the team to be experienced Pescadores (3 or more team experiences). Usually many hours of prayer, phone calls and emails are required

to pull together the team that the Lord wants.

Many Rectors have commented that this task is made more difficult because many Pescadores do not respond to their calls or emails. Rectors have said they would rather speak to you and get a "No, I'm sorry can't participate this time", than to get no response at all. If you should be called please be courteous and respond promptly.

In Memoriam

We are again reminded that we have no abiding kingdom here on earth. Thalia Ferguson, beloved wife of Earle was taken from this life, to life eternal on March 27th.

Thalia made her weekend on CCTD #1 and was on the founding group that brought Tres Dias to RIMA. Thalia was the head of the weekend committee for several years and filled most of the jobs on the weekend except SD.

Thalia had two strokes in the spring of 2011 and has been bed ridden at home. God answered our prayers that she suffers no longer. "The joy of the Lord is my strength." We can be sad beyond measure, but He gives us joy.



*Thalia Margaret Ferguson
1932 - 2015*

RIMA extends its sincerest sympathy to Earle and family on their loss.

Palanca

Palanca is one of the most important characteristics of the Tres Dias method and is a vital component of every Tres Dias Weekend. We will be looking at what Palanca is and what Palanca isn't over the next few issues of the Butterfly. The source of our information is from the International Tres Dias website's information sheet on Palanca.

The Personal and General (Rollo Room) Palanca that a Candidate (Pilgrim) receives makes the community 'real' to him/her. The Candidate sees a living, vital community sharing God's love. He or she feels God's love through the love of His people's actions. The effort, thoughts and prayers that go into the letters are actually the Palanca, not the letters themselves. In the same way, the notes that accompany Palanca of Rollo Room flowers, table decorations, small gift tokens, etc. demonstrate the prayer and effort that is the 'real' Palanca.

In Loving Memory
of

**Thalia Margaret
Ferguson**

September 20, 1932

To

March 27, 2015

I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up
for me the crown of
righteousness

2 Timothy 4:7-8

When the candidate realizes that someone, 'prayed for me', and 'took the time to write this note', or 'made this gift, just for me' they are awed by God's love, as it shines through you. Computer generated, mass-produced Palanca somehow doesn't have the same 'wow' effect that personalized and hand generated Palanca has.

Service Palanca is vital to every weekend. Not all Service Palanca is noticed by a Candidate (Pilgrim), but that does not diminish its importance. The time, effort and prayers put into assembling an Agape demonstrate God's love through his people – the RIMA community. When serving meals, the Candidate can actually see the community in action.

Below is the International Tres Dias introduction to Palanca:

WHAT IS PALANCA?

Palanca is a Spanish word that means "lever." Just as a lever enables a person to move something that is beyond normal strength, Palanca, as used in Tres Dias, empowers the accomplishment of things, which would not be possible without the Grace of God.

Today, perhaps more than ever, it is necessary to remind ourselves that without God we are nothing, bereft of value, and incapable of doing anything of spiritual value. With that in mind, we must keep the concept of Palanca in balance. In other words, whatever service we perform on a Tres Dias weekend will have little or no value if done in and of ourselves. Palanca, which is one of the most characteristic marks of the Tres Dias method, is effective only when the prayers, sacrifices and works of mercy are done in conjunction with the presence of the Holy Spirit; allowing God to use us to serve his people.

If the effectiveness of all the human efforts in the Tres Dias movement is to be assured, palanca must be genuine and offered by communities and individuals living in union with Christ. The purpose of palanca is to serve as God's arms and hands in the lives of

the candidates on the weekend by extending the grace which has so freely been extended to us.

Bear in mind that letters in and of themselves are not palanca! Letters are merely one vehicle in which we convey the actual palanca being done at that time. In other words, the effort, thoughts and prayers that go into the letters are actually the palanca, not the letters themselves.

(More in the next issue)

RIMA #65 Team Members:

Rector.....Mary O Keefe
Chi.....Helen Harvey
SD.....Rev. Kathy Bracken
SD.....Rev Jewel Hardmon
SD.....Thomasina Minor-Hill
Comm Coor.....Leigh Gardner
Music Director....Kathy King
Ideals.....Joyce St Jean
Church.....Carolyn Newcombe
Piety.....Margaret Payne
Study.....Rose Breau
Action.....Debbie Bouffard
Leaders.....Cleo Pearl
Environments.... Nancy Mandeville
CCIA.....Mabel Green
Reunion.....Becky shears
Table Leaders.....Susan Landry
Table Leader.....Rev Claretta Hardmon
Team Leader.....Judy Borman
Chapel.....Barbara Greenwald
Break.....Linda Swan
Palanca.....Christina Bourquin
Palanca.....Nadia Krivosheev
Break.....Gwen McFadden
Rollo Room.....Terry Miller
Float.....Ann Marie Demerchant

Candidates:

Alice Ennis
Colby Colarossi
Yelena Krivosheev

From Rector Mary O'Keefe:

Dear RIMA Community,
It is almost time for RIMA Women's Weekend #65. We have had time to meet and bond as a team. God put together a strong, caring spirit-led team of women. I feel blessed that each and every one of us listened and followed His plan. We are all excited and eagerly awaiting this weekend. Please support us with your presence at the Opening and the Closing. All men are welcome and appreciated at the Mananita. You don't need to know us personally. We are all your sisters in Christ and fellow RIMA Pescadores. Remember how blessed you felt at your Mananita. Women feel the same way.

Opening: Please plan to gather in the Rollo Room at 7am Sunday morning on April 26th.

Closing: Please plan to gather in the Rollo Room at 3:30pm on April 26th.

Suggestion from Palanca Angels:

Please put the candidate's first and last name on the palanca and label it if it is to be delivered at a certain time such as: Before a Rollo, Saturday AM or Sunday PM, etc.

Candidates: Colby Colarossi, Alice Ennis and (To be completed)

Please pray for all of us as we prepare to share our love. Praise God and give Him the glory.

Love in Christ,
Mary O'Keefe

March 9th 2015... Secretariat Minutes submitted by: Debbie Bouffard

Attendance: Frank Hammond, Brenda Higgins, Steve and Andrea Higgins, Sue and Gordon Arent, Debbie Bouffard. (7)

Devotion: Dr. Charles Stanly Hebrews 6:10, All service done for Christ is rewarded.
Next month: Frank Hammond

Minutes: read and accepted Steve 1st and Andrea 2nd. No oppose

Pre-weekend- Women have 1 candidate

List of upcoming weekends Spring Women's April 23- to 26 Men June 4-7
Teams have started meeting, and Rector will tour facility for layout. Palanca

Suggestion for

Round table purchase. Andrea will help with both rectors with coordination between rector and facility.

Post-Weekend- Need a chairperson

Next Secuela- March 20th, till be looking for change in location? date.

Communications report: Lynne Cignarella will be the new editor of the Butterfly in April. For anyone needing paper copies information will be sent. New Pescadores get a hard copy for 1 year. Reminded all items sent to Lynne for the Butterfly, including prayer requests. Suggested to have an essential of the month listed in the butterfly.

Rectors Selection: Male is needed. Can reach out to a neighboring community if needed to get seasoned people.

International: Eric will be attending in March ... to get information for RIMA

Rector Advisory Committee: Training done in December. Dawn will advise Mary O'Keefe, and Gordon will advise Eric Anderson.

Comment made on clergy members can't give lay talks and should not be table leaders. But can be angels, prayer team to keep table dynamics to lay-lead. Gordon will follow up on this with Eric Borman.

Andrea will work on sending notice to all Spiritual Directors of upcoming years weekend dates.

Old Business- Steve will attempt to make copies of the music books pending e-copy from Sara Sabo

New Business- Renewal of Charter- Email of bylaws, complete questionnaire on voting and abiding the essentials. Steve 1st, Frank 2nd and no one opposed.

Reminder- part of the essentials is that all rollo's must be read and

critiqued at the Team Meeting including the 4th day and the SD's rollos.

Revitalizing Tres Dias will happen on 03.21.15 In Windham, NH from 3-pm

Valerie Mehl-VP Administration- 845-594-9616 for Tes Dias International selections@gmail.com

Spain is requesting donations for financial assistance. A motion was made for \$100 to be sent Steve and Sue motioned and no one opposed.

Gordon and Roland established RIMA as a 501 c-3. This was sent back due to a transverse in numbers, which included a refund check of \$400. Gordon sent back the application and the application fee of \$400 which will need to be refunded, and was voted on by Frank and 2nd by Brenda. No one opposed.

Now can legally make donations and receive legal tax deductions.

Review of bylaws One-day session at the Arent's home in CT on April 18th, 2015

Prayer Concerns: Jim, passed away with long battle with cancer, Debbie's brother ray, respiratory illness. Maggie Pacemaker, baby Amelia temp, Paul, hip replacement, church prays for aging buildings. Christina/Gil daughter Lisa cancer. Mark housing.

I am blessed to be able to serve the Lord through the Butterfly. I hope I can fill these shoes as well as you did Becky!

Yours in Christ, Lynne Cignarella

