

The Butterfly



The RIMA TRES DIAS Community Newsletter

January 2019

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At the January Secretariat meeting there were three Board positions voted on; Dawn Rota is now our Vice President, Judy Borman was reinstated as Corresponding Secretary and Dale Goulden was voted in as Recording Secretary. Thank you to all of you for stepping up and serving our Lord in RIMA Tres Dias.

Minutes from Secretariat Meeting:

RIMA TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

November 12, 2018

ZOOM Meeting

~~Liberty Christian Church, Taunton, MA~~

PRESENT: Steve and Andrea Higgins, Gordon and Sue Arent, Eric Anderson, Dawn Rota, Eric and Judy Borman, Pastor Thomasina Minor-Hill, Dale Goulden, Carolyn Newcombe, Sara Sabo

Meeting was opened at 7:09

Devotion and Prayer by Sue Arent

Next meeting confirmed for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Taunton

Requests for voting status - None

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept amended minutes from October meeting made by Steve, seconded by Sue ; carried

Treasurer's Report: Deferred; Eric advised that payment of \$5,830.00 was made to Cathedral Camp for payment of Women's weekend # 71

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Deferred

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pre-Weekend Report: nothing to report

Weekend Committee Report: Presented by Sue: No meeting held. Sue will set up a Zoom meeting; need fall 2019 rectors

Post-Weekend Report: Christmas Party/ Reunion Secuela scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Weslyn Church; Discussed possibility of doing a brunch. Sue will advise.

Communications Report: Eric noted that many Pescadores are not receiving emails or Butterflies; Gordon made consolidated email list and will give it to both Lynne and Carolyn to use, which should correct the problem; cannot do a text to all; Carolyn cannot get on Facebook; Steve will work with Carolyn to correct.

Historian Report: Nothing to report

International Tres Dias Report: Meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona, November 2 to 4; Sue, Gordon, Judy, Eric attended; attended a "victory" secuela, which was attended by about 250 pescadores! Terms for officers were extended to 3 years.

Completed Weekends: None due

Weekends in Progress: None

Old Business:

Gordon will meet with Steve Crème and MaryBeth to complete transition from .com to .org

New Business:

1. Trailer Much difficulty with trailer prior to women's weekend. No working lights; no registration sticker (found and attached); Steve H installed temporary lights; hitch disconnected when hit pothole; left saving in street in front of Lynne's house,

but was hit (and run!) Able to confirm that it was a late model Toyota. Needed new tire and rim: Steve took care of that(\$193.00) and did transport it to the camp. Trailer is now in Steve's yard awaiting permanent electrical repairs. In addition, seals on roof need to be replaced, a spare tire needs to be purchased, and the hitch and frame need to be painted. Steve estimates costs in the \$400-500 range. Steve will undertake sealant work. Dale thinks son James will do electrical work for free. Dale will have James contact Steve.

Will need motion later to reimburse Steve for his expenses

Dale will look into storing trailer in her park

Eric will inquire about storing trailer at Cathedral Camp.

2. There was a tote in the small kitchen in the villa with materials for a confirmation class. Materials like our own; must have been packed inadvertently ; Michele (from Camp) will go to Steve's to try to locate tote; Eric will arrange communication.

3. Discussed poor community support of weekend (perhaps will become better when new lists are used)

4. Need to discuss problem of financial aid in weekend committee.

5. Amelia has conflict on the 8th. Decided to request food or toy at Secuela to donate to Salvation Army; Brunch or dinner to be decided.

6. Sue would like lists of other communities holding weekends included in Corresponding Secretary's report so that the community can pray for them

7. Corresponding Secretary (can be reappointed), Secretary (can be reappointed for 3 years) and Vice President positions are up for nomination in January. Nominations so far include Judy Borman for Corresponding Secretary, Dale Goulden for Secretary, and Dawn Rota for Vice President. Eric will send info to Lynne to be included in the Butterfly to open nominations to the community.

Prayer Concerns:

Pastors, Thomasina (would like prayer shawl; Sue will take care of this), Lynne (job), Nancy Cargene, Rose Breau, Dale Goulden (along with daughters and grandson), Steve and Andrea Higgins, Leigh Gardner

Motion to adjourn

Closed in prayer by Judy at 8:42.
Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rota

Palanca has been sent out to the following
TD Weekends:

January

1/24 Mid-Hudson NY - men's #180

1/31 TD of Maine - women's #126

1/31 Georgia Mountains - men's #82

February

2/07 Georgia Mountains - women's #82

2/21 Long Island NY - women's #88

2/28 Brazos Valley TX - men's #16

2/27 Mid-Hudson NY - women's #180

2/28 Western Kentucky - men's #28

Please pray for these weekends.

DeColores,

Judy Borman, Corresponding Secretary RIMA

Community

A few months ago I reported some things that transpired at the Tres Dias International Secretariat, mainly that our objective be "to build communities, not weekends." This makes so much sense to me because without community, weekends can't happen. And without weekends, RIMA cannot survive! That's what I see happening to our RIMA community.

One of my daily devotions* prompted me to write this article. The devotion was based on Ecclesiastes 4:8-12: (I am using verses 8-12)

Two are better than one,

because they have a good return for their labor:

¹⁰ If either of them falls down,

one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls

and has no one to help them up.

¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone?

¹² Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

I am going to use excerpts from the devotion that spoke to me regarding RIMA and our need for community.

“Community is not a “nice-to-have” addition, but an essential experience for living a godly and healthy life. God intended for humans to have rich, life-giving relationships with each other; relationships energized and motivated by the actual presence of God among them.”

RIMA cannot exist without community – it is essential for a healthy existence. Without it, we die! I get discouraged by the lack of community at openings and closings, and at Secuelas, but every time I am with fellow Pescadores, whether at a Secretariat meeting, a committee meeting, a Secuela or at a team meeting I am encouraged and uplifted. And I think, yes, we can survive and become vibrant once again.

Another excerpt:

“One of the marked differences between the church and the rest of society is the call to live for others. Throughout the New Testament, followers of Jesus were urged to look out for “one another.” When the early Christians did this in faith, it created an irresistible attraction for outsiders to belong to the family of God.”

Our call as Pescadores in our 4th Day is to be there for the Pilgrims/ Candidates and the new Pescadores. And we can't do that unless we: bond into a community and respond to Rectors' calls to serve on team, attend Secuelas, belong to a Reunion Group, sponsor candidates, attend Openings and Closings, send palanca, serve a meal, etc. In other words, act like a community of Christians serving the Lord. We all know Tres Dias is the Lord's way of reaching others and the weekends are His. He needs our help!

One last excerpt:

“There are days we desperately need a good hug to keep going, and other days we need a swift kick in the pants to get back to where we should be.”

It is my prayer that this article will serve as both that hug and the swift kick! Please don't let RIMA die!

De Colores,
Sue Arent

*Bible Gateway NIV Daily Devotional, January 24,2019

We have a Post Weekend Committee!

Congratulations to Committee Chair, Amelia Canto for gathering Pescadores to serve on Post Weekend Committee. Members are Susan Ferland, Christene Sassa, Joan Tetreault, Pasquale Tofani and Gordon Arent. They are busy scheduling Secueals for 2019. Please check the calendar in this Butterfly. If your church would be willing to host a Secuela, please contact Amelia, 401-428-9861 or ameliajoy7@gmail.com.

Regularly scheduled Secuelas are an Essential, preferably held monthly. The committee is aiming to have 6 for 2019. To be a Secuela, there must be a 4th Day speaker – someone who shares something from their 4th Day – and floating reunion groups. The number of groups depends upon the number of Pescadores at the Secuela, but they are usually 4-6 people who discuss a question provided for the groups. Just like on a weekend, no one *must* participate in the discussions.

RIMA Secuelas are Open, meaning non Pescadores may attend. It's a good place to bring a potential candidate/Pilgrim. They will not only hear the 4th Day speaker, they will meet others who will share their testimony. Invite church members, friends and/or family. It's a good way to build community.

You will find good fellowship and good food at every secuela, after all it is Tres Dias! Please mark your calendar and support RIMA by coming out to the 2019 Secuelas.

Some pictures from the Secuela





Floating Reunion Group



Pasquale Tofani

Elizabeth Akagla

Laurie Denio

1/19/2019



Margaret Gyimah

Donna Hartman

Amelia Canto

Sue Arent

Joan Tetreault

1/19/2019

New Officers



RIMA 2019 Calendar

- 01/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Annual Meeting - LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 01/19 (Sat.) **BREAKFAST SECUELA** – 10:30 AM – 1 PM, First Unitarian Church, 23 Pine St., Milford, MA.
Contact: Pasquale Tofani
- 02/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 03/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA, 7PM
- 03/09 (Mon.) **MEN'S & Women's #72 TEAM MEETINGS BEGIN** – Schedule as follows:
- | | <u>Men's #72</u> | | <u>Women's #72</u> | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Sat, March 9th | | | 9am-2pm | music room |
| Mon, March 18th | 6:30-9:30pm | music room | | |
| Sat, March 23rd | | | 9am-2pm | music room |
| Mon, March 25th | 6:30-9:30pm | music room | | |
| Sat, March 30th | 8:30am-3:30pm | music room | | |
| Fri, April 5th | 6:30-9:30pm | music room | | |
| Sat, April 6th | | | 9am-2pm | music room |

Sat, April 13th	8:30am-3:30pm	music room		
Sat, April 27th	8:30am-3:30pm	classroom or Hall	9am -2pm	classroom or Hall
Sat, May 4th			9am -2pm	music room
Fri, May 10th			7 -9 pm	music room

- 03/29 **SECUELA** - 7 PM – Location TBD
- 04/08 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – LCC, 159 Winthrop St., Taunton, MA
- 05/02 - 05 **MEN’S WEEKEND #72 – Rector Ed Casassa, Cathedral Camp, Freetown, MA**
- 05/16-05/19 **WOMEN’S WEEKEND #72 – Rector Vicki Shears**
- 05/13 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 06/08 (Fri.) **REUNION SECUELA** - 7-10 PM
- 06/10 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 08/12 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 08/24 (Sat.) **SECUELA** – at Arent’s, 2PM – 10PM
- 09/09 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Christ Community Church, Bblackstone, MA
- 09/19 – 09/22 **MEN’S WEEKEND #73 –**
- 10/03- 10/06 **WOMEN’S WEEKEND #73 – Rector Nancy Cargene**
- 10/14 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 10/19 (Sat.) **REUNION SECUELA** - 7-10 PM
- 11/11 (Mon.) **SECRETARIAT** – Location TBD
- 12 /07 (Sat.) **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please keep Rose Breau lifted in prayer. She had (cancer) surgery last week and is awaiting the treatment plan going forward.

If anyone has something they would like to share in the February Edition, please email it to me.

Respectfully submitted
 In His precious name,
 Lynne Cignarella