

**The Newsletter of the Northern New Jersey Tres Dias Community**

The purpose of **TRES DIAS of NNJ** is to glorify God through Jesus Christ by developing Christian leaders who will influence their environments to be more Christ-like.  The organization will use the Tres Dias method of the group reunion to sustain leaders in their environments.

Jan/Feb 2014

**A message from the President**

My Dear Friends,

It has stopped snowing. There are even rumors that the temperature may go above freezing in the near future. It has been a long hard winter, but the calendar promises us that spring will be here soon. Growing up, I had a neighbor who was an elderly man. He was not necessarily a church going fellow, but I believe he was a person of faith. Every spring he would be the first person on our street to begin tending his vegetable garden. It would not be long after the last of the snow had melted that he would begin to dig and to plant. Putting a seed or young plant into the still cold ground knowing that God would provide the sunlight and needed warmth to make it grow was a simple act of faith. Looking out of my window at the large piles of snow, I am comforted by the fact that our community is beginning to make preparations to put seeds into the ground.

Men’s # 113 with Ken Baker as Rector began their meetings on Saturday Feb. 15th. Women’s # 110 with Kathy Leeming as Rectrix, will be starting in the near future. I am confident that God will use these teams to draw both team and candidates closer to Him. I would encourage everyone to pray about, and take the needed action to bring candidates to Sacred Heart for a very special three days. Men’s 113 will take place March 27 – 30, 2014. Women’s 110 will take place April 24 – 27, 2014. I can think of no finer gift than to sponsor one of God’s children on a weekend.

God Bless You,

Bruce

President TDNNJ

SPRING WEEKENDS

 **SACRED HEART**
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# Men’s #113 –Ken Baker – Rector“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me”. Galatians 2:20March 27 – 30, 2014

# Women’s #110

Kathy Leeming, Rectrix

 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15:13
**April 24-27, 2014**



Dear Community,

Many brothers have said “Yes” and our team for Men's #113 is now complete. I appreciate the commitment! We are men of Christ – brothers – on a mission. We serve – building our team – looking forward to seeing who the Lord will bring as candidates. My verse is from Galatians 2:20. I love this verse because it shows how we put off our own efforts to get approval or keep the rules and rely on the grace that Jesus Himself gives.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. "

We celebrate Christ's free forgiveness of us by grace, by being united with him in all we do by faith. And as brothers we start to walk together to prepare for our weekend. Our motive is faith in the loving Christ.

My Assistant Rector for the weekend is Jim Leeming. Our Prayer Warrior is Bill Nicklas. He has begun to intercede for the weekend!

Please join him in prayer as Team Meetings begin next week and we head towards the Weekend on March 27-30. And please invite candidates!

Ken Baker, Men's #75

Rector

***Team List for Mens's #113***

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| RectorAssistant RectorSpiritual Director | Ken BakerJames LeemingDavid Gibson |
| Spiritual Director | Steve Jacobson |
| Prayer Warrior (and Reunion Groups) | Bill Nicklas |
| Chief Auxiliary | Alex Feliciano |
| Chief Kitchen | Dwayne Markus |
| Chief Music | Glenn Bott |
| Ideals (and Kitchen Aux) | Tom Bauer |
| Church | Jack Scharf |
| Piety | Tom Bloodgood |
| Study | Jerry Market |
| Action | Kevin Dagneault |
| Leaders | John Crandall |
| Environments | Joe Marcello |
| Christian Community In Action | Brian Davenport |
| Reunion Groups (and Prayer Warrior) | Bill Nicklas  |
| Table Leader | Albert Barker |
| Table LeaderMusic AuxMusic Aux | Jim LombardoRich HollerithTom Szypiotko |
| Auxiliary | Meyer Pincelli |
| Auxiliary | Allan Hunte |
| Auxiliary | Bill Beck |
| Auxiliary | Thomas Nace |
| Auxiliary | Dan Wysocki |
| Auxiliary (Floater) | Bruce Kemmerer |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Denny Wene |
| Kitchen AuxiliaryKitchen AuxiliaryKitchen Auxiliary (and Ideals) | Marshall TurnerJoseph GattoTom Bauer |

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My Dear Friends,

Spring is right around the corner (well, maybe not that soon) but for team, we are thinking SPRING! Women’s #110 is forming and taking the shape of beautiful, God-filled, inspired vessels. All led and relying on the Holy Spirit for guidance!

This community means the world to me, and I am humbled and honored to be Rectrix of Women’s #110, but I am looking for a lot of help from each of you. I would like to ask each of you to say ”yes” to serving in some capacity on Women’s #110. Remember, back to the day you received your mission cross, and you said you were counting on Christ. He is counting on YOU! Yes, You!

REMEMBER: we can’t have these weekends without candidates, so consider sponsoring (who in your surroundings will you ask?) then ASK! Then bring them to Sacred Heart on Thurday by 6:30 and meet the candidates and join us for a light dinner.

Our Chief Kitchen is Nancy Bloodgood, she can be reached at 973-875-8765 or tomnanc@embarqmail.com. Chief Aux is Yolanda Wisnet, she would appreciate any time you can give her. She can be reached at 201-394-5276 or ywisnet@yahoo.com

You could come out and give a hand on Thursday with General set up, or Saturday with the Agape set-up or break down, or perhaps Sunday clean up (I am sure our Auxes will be worn out and need to get home to their families) OR how about written palanca, write a note of encouragement, AND of course the Mananita, the sweet sound of the men’s voices is always music to our ears. We promise to give you a great cup of coffee and something sweet to nibble on. Or how about coming out to the closing to meet our newest Pescadores. Let’s show them how faithful and committed this community can be.

AND MOST OF ALL WE COVET YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE LIFT THE TEAM, MEETINGS AND THE CANDIDATES UP THROUGH OUT THE WEEKEND. Looking forward to seeing you on April 27th!

DeColores! Kathy Leeming

**Women’s #110 – Team Members**

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| Spiritual Director | Brigitte Pincelli |
| Spiritual Director | Mary Lou Falco |
| Spiritual Director | Scarlet Gorton |
| Prayer Warrior | Jeanine Michel |
| Rectrix | Kathy Leeming |
| Assistant Rectrix | Sonja Koeller |
| Chief Auxiliary | Yolanda Wisnet |
| Chief Kitchen | Nancy Bloodgood |
| Chief Music | Lynn Moorhead |
| Ideals | Jarene Pagliarulo |
| Church | Kathy Holt |
| Piety | Carol Goodrich |
| Study | Jean Goeller |
| Action | Dawn Miceli |
| Leaders | Marcia Brands |
| Environments | Lisa Markus |
| Christian Community In Action | TBA |
| Reunion Groups | Susan Kenna-Farkas |
| Table Leader | Janette Guy |
| Table LeaderMusicMusic | Veronica SchmuckerLee VinkDiane Kemmerer |
| Auxiliary (exp) | Sarah Gorton |
| Auxiliary | Adina Schipper |
| Auxiliary | Tanya Williams-Smith |
| Auxiliary |  |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Judy Fadden (exp) |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Andrea Gall |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Cathy Wilton |

**FOURTH DAY**

**CORNER**

Dear Community,

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

As strong as my faith foundation is, the realization is that detours along Life’s roads will happen.

It’s in these detours of life’s unexpected occurrences; I have found Gods grace and mercy the strongest.

It’s there I hear him whispering in my ear “trust me”.

Letting go and leaning on him, complete surrender? Trust and Surrender? Rely on someone else, not know the outcome or what could possibly happen... Is that what I want to do? Will God take me on?

Due to a work related accident this past year, a piece of equipment, a Hoyer lift, malfunctioned and fell on me, my “me centeredness” strongly challenged me. It shook my faith to the core.

It challenged me enough that it actually became an Idol in my life. At times all to consuming me. There were doctors, hospitals and lawyers; around and around from one to another.

My physical injuries along with suffering emotional and physical trauma, from the accident, cost me my career.

I had to learn to live my life almost all over again. Needing help for even the most basic tasks, like showering or dressing.

 When I doubt, again I hear him whisper “trust me”...

Many times in these past few months I’ve become “me centered” only to be brought back to the reality that Gods plan for me isn’t always what I want or even what I expected...

I’m now blessed with a part-time job and my healing has come a long way. The case is still in litigation and God definitely has his hand in it. In January I started taking a college course on nutrition. It’s been a long walk but he has directed my path.

I have often asked God, why? Why was I lead down a career path that would end the way it has. Why now, it’s Gods timing, his plan.

It’s at this point I can now submit and surrender to his ways. I hear my Lord whisper “trust me” and I listen.

 I’m now walking a stronger walk with God’s Blessings, Grace and thankfully a new attitude...

Jean Marie Goeller

 WW #90 the Emmaus House

**7pm Food & Fellowship**

**7:30 Music & Meeting**

SECUELAS!

**Wear your nametag & Pilgrim’s Cross!**

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25a)

We all would agree that it would be great to meet together! We missed our Christmas gathering and our February meeting, which was not only around Valentines Day but also was to feature the **First SOUPer Bowl Fund Raiser!** Snow, snow and more snow! Spring will be most welcome! Stay tuned for more information on date and location of the next fund raiser!

Secuelas are scheduled as follows:

 March 8, 2014 – Location TBA
 April 12, 2014 – Location TBA
 May 10, 2014 – St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, NJ – Host: Meyer Pincelli
 June 14, 2014 – The Church that Never Closes –Host: Adolf and Jarene Pagliarulo

And watch for an email or a notice on our web site – [www.tresdiasnj.org](http://www.tresdiasnj.org) – for the locations of the March & April secuelas.

A Message to Reunion Groups

Dear Community,

Our newest group, Soul Survivors, is extending an invitation to those Tres Dias members who live in Northern New Jersey, near Branchville, to join them on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. They meet at the home of Nancy and Tom Bloodgood. Please call, if you plan to attend.

Now, Tres Dias is "looking" to start a reunion group in southern New Jersey -Brick, Jackson area. Please pray about helping to gather interested folk together to form a group. Volunteers from other reunion groups are willing to help with the first few meetings. Please call Janet Beam for information (973-227-4531).

Please consider  "setting aside " part of your meeting time to write or make palanca for each upcoming Men's and Women's weekend. Ideas might include writing a letter or card to be read in the Rollo Room... have members include a personal note; sending some bookmarks with your group's name and contact person written on the back; and/or creating  handmade gifts or treats...for the candidates especially. Remember palanca is a special part of the weekend experience.

Thank you and God Bless - Janet Beam

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**A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER RICH CANTWELL:**

I enjoy my job as treasurer! My career as an engineer had me working with test data for many years, and slicing up data of any kind, even financial, gives me enjoyment. What doesn’t give me enjoyment is asking for money … but it’s part of my job and I really need to do it! A short course in TDNNJ finances: We ask for a donation of $250 from each person, team or candidate, attending a weekend. Here comes the sticky part: Our current venue, home, Sacred Heart, costs us $271/head (and that’s a good deal). Without going into the detail, holding the contribution at $250, a 40 person (team + candidate) weekend will have a budgeted shortfall of about $1,250 (about $30/head). Prorated fixed expenses like insurance, various fees, supplies, etc. adds another $25/head (round numbers). Factor in 3 or 4 scholarships ($750-$1,000) and well, you get it … of late we’ve run short between $2,000 and $2,500 every weekend. It does not take a PhD in economics to realize that a recurring cash deficit of that magnitude is not sustainable for very long. Now, please do not panic here … the ship is NOT sinking! We have adequate reserve and we have been blessed with a very generous community; that’s what has made it work in the past and that’s what will continue to make it work, with God’s blessing, in the future. Just thought everyone should know how it works. Thank you for your generosity in the past; please continue your faithfulness into the future … DeColores!



**TRES DIAS PRAYER LINE**

Would you like to know more about what’s happening in Tres Dias of Northern NJ? If you are not one of the 410+ Pescadores who are already members of the Tres Dias of Northern NJ YahooGroups, please consider joining the group by emailing George & MaryAnn McGehrin at georgemaryann@hotmail.com. If you want to join, please include your full name, email address, your phone number, & what weekend you made (mm/yy & Number). Once you do this, you will be enrolled directly in the Tres Dias of Northern NJ Yahoo Groups directly by George & MaryAnn.

Just so you know, the Secretariat has adopted the following guidelines for your use of the Tres Dias of Northern NJ YahooGroups: The Tres Dias Prayer chain will be used only for Specific prayer concerns and requests, distribution of information about upcoming Secuelas, distribution of information about upcoming weekends & other information that has been approved by the Secretariat.

**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**



Hello Community!!

My name is Nan Acevedo and I made women's #65. I am currently your Tres Dias Facebook Administrator. This means that anything that you need to share whether it be trials, triumphs, prayers, concerns, joy, announcements, can be done on this site. From time to time I will get a message from our President, Bruce Kemmerer to post something that needs to be addressed to the community outside of the current Yahoo Groups. Please be aware that this is just a tool to communicate with other Tres Dias Pescadores within the community. It is by no means a substitute for the Tres Dias website in itself.

If you are a current Facebook user and want to reach out to someone who has a Facebook page and want to add them (Pescadores only please), have them friend me and I will be happy to add them. If anyone feels uncomfortable using Facebook, by all means continue to use e-mail, phone or snail-mail, that is fine. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me (acevedonanette@yahoo.com) or private message me at the Tres Dias page.

God bless you all and always in God's Love and Service,

Nanette Acevedo

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

 **Secretariat meetings:**

* March 6th at Jacksonville Chapel

Note: All are welcome and encouraged to attend Secretariat meetings. Meetings start at 7:30 and run until no later than 10:00 PM. For more information, please contact Bruce Kemmerer @ brckem@yahoo.com

Members of the Secretariat

Bruce Kemmerer – President Edna Wene – Women’s Team Selection

Mary Gallinot – 1st VP Dean Hollister – Men’s Team Selection

Jim Leeming – 2nd VP Brigitte Pincelli – Women’s Spiritual Director Selection

Carolyn Jackson - Secretary Denny Wene – Men’s Spiritual Director selection

Rich Cantwell – Treasurer Nancy Bloodgood - Membership

Lee Haase & Marcia Brands–Secuelas Herb Eigenrauch – Purchasing

TBD - Nominations Paul Markowitz – Palanca

Meyer Pincelli – Education Kris Hoffmann - Trailer

TBD - Outreach Janet Beam – Reunion Groups

Laurie Market - Communications Tom Bauer – Member at Large

Greg Hartline - Housekeeping Ken Baker – Member at Large

Bruce Sinclair – Applications Anne Tummey – Member at Large

 Judy Fadden – Member at Large

Upcoming Weekends

* **Spring 2014 – at Sacred Heart, Newton**

**March 27-30, 2014: MEN’S #113 – Rector: Ken Baker**

**April 24-27, 2014: WOMEN’S #110: Rectrix: Kathy Leeming**

* **Fall 2014 – at Sacred Heart, Newton**

**Oct. 23-26, 2014: MEN’S #114 – Rector: Jack Scharf**

**Nov. 6-9, 2014: WOMEN’S #111: Rectrix: Lisa Loper**

Candidate Applications, with the corresponding Sponsor Applications, should be submitted by mail or by email to the Chairperson of the Applications Committee. Hard copies are preferred, and should be accompanied by payment. Applications should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the start of the weekend, or as the Rector/Rectrix might otherwise direct. Applications are available on our web page, [www.tresdiasnj.org](http://www.tresdiasnj.org). In the event that printed application forms are required, please contact the Applications Chairperson, Bruce Sinclair at address: 848 Woodmere Drive, Cliffwood Beach NJ 07735 or through email at bduncans@verizon.net. Questions can be directed to Mr. Sinclair at 732-566-4704 or bduncans@verizon.net

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 **If your contact information changes: Please email Nancy Bloodgood at** tomnanc@embarqmail.com or call 973-875-8765 or mail information to 115 Wantage Ave. Branchville, NJ 07826. **Married couples: be sure to include home, work, email addresses for both husband and wife. Newly married women: maiden name will be helpful as a reference.**

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**Check out our new web page** at: [www.tresdiasnj.org](http://www.tresdiasnj.org) – this is Northern NJ’s website. Check out [www.tresdias.org](http://www.tresdias.org) for the Int’l Tres Dias website.

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In His Service, Laurie Market, Editor

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