

**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.

Sept/Oct 2013

**A message from the President**

Greetings my friends,

As the calendar flips from September to October we have said goodbye to another summer, and are now into the blessing of a new fall season. I hope you are all well, and continuing your journey with our Lord and Savior.

I would ask that you keep our upcoming weekends and new Pescadores in prayer. Tom Bauer led Men’s #112 and has declared it the “best weekend ever.” Women’s 109 will be Oct 31- Nov. 3 with Tina Reese as Rectrix. I would encourage our entire community to consider sponsoring someone for Tina’s weekend! As we all know, our Tres Dias weekends have the capacity to change lives by allowing someone the opportunity to encounter Jesus in a very unique setting. The weekend is a gift to us, to the candidates, and to God that all freely receive. I pray that we have the grace to continue to give this gift.

Our new website looks great! Check it out at [www.tresdiasnj.org](http://www.tresdiasnj.org). Thanks to Wayne Reese, and those who helped get the site up and running. Wayne will continue to serve as webmaster, and I’m sure will do a fantastic job. Please use this valuable tool to let others know about our community, and stay abreast of what’s going on. Speaking of which, there will be a Secuela at Rockaway Reformed Church in Whitehouse Station on Nov 9th .

In closing I would like to share a Bible verse that has been on my mind as we continue in ours service to our Lord: [John 15:11](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+15:11&version=NKJV)(NKJV) we read, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” It seems that there is always plenty of work to do, and there are times when the day’s tasks can rob us of the joy that is our inheritance. My prayer for all of us is that no matter what lies in front of us, we hold on to the joy we have for each other, and for Him.

Be well my friends

God Bless,

Bruce

President TDNNJ

# Men’s #112 – Oct. 3-6 Tom Bauer – Retrix(Already the best weekend ever!!)

# Women’s # 109 – Oct. 31 – Nov. 4, 2013

Tina Reese, Retrix

**“**God will give her perfect peace, whose mind is stayed (focused) on Him because she trusts in Him.” Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

Dear Community in Christ,

I am praising God from whom all blessings flow!! God always gives us His best and I see God’s very best in my sisters and brothers of Women’s 109. From the beginning of this journey, at our chief’s meeting and now at team meetings, God’s love in action grows greater and greater to be witnesses for Christ.

Our Tres Dias weekends would not be possible without YOU! (There’s too much to accomplish even for the most amazing team.) We remember you in our prayers and thank God for you.

**We ask you:**

* For your faithful prayers for the team, the candidates and for God’s protection from the storms of life;
* For you to invite & bring candidates to Sacred Heart on Oct. 31, between 6-6:30pm;
* For your palanca:

	+ **Glenda Haase**, Chief Kitchen, will be most thankful for your help with Thursday’s dinner. Sponsors and palanca helpers are welcome guests with us at dinner. Contact Glenda @ (973)625-9506 or email glhaase2025@gmail.com
	+ **Gemma Mathews**, Chief Auxiliary, will be very blessed by your help with Agape on Saturday, set-up Thursday afternoon and clean-up Sunday. Contact Gemma @ (908)797-7609 or email: mathews\_gemma@yahoo.com (please note the underscore between mathews and gemma)

The mananita is our favorite! To all men: we love to hear your singing and see your smiling faces! ☺ (Come Sunday before 7am) And, we’d love for you to join us at the Sunday closing at 3 pm to share in our Joy & Praises for the Great things God will do!

Thank you for blessing me with the most wonderful “Gift” of Women’s 109! I pray that God will bless your heart for your beautiful acts of love and service!

In God’s love & peace, Tina Reese

**Weekend Palanca:**

We would appreciate it if the Tres Dias Community could help us with dinner items for the

Thursday, **October 31, 2013** dinner at Sacred Heart in Newton, NJ:

Meat and/or Vegetable casseroles

 Salads - Tossed lettuce salad, fruit salad, and/or vegetable or noodle salad

 Baked goods for dessert

When responding please include your name with your email and/or phone number.

Thank you so much,

Glenda Haase, Chief Kitchen Women's #109

**Women’s #109 – Team Members**

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| Spiritual Director | Frank Sim |
| Spiritual Director | Rev. Dave Ruisard |
| Spiritual Director | Laurie Market |
| Prayer Warrior | Betsy Francis |
| Rectrix | Tina Reese |
| Assistant Rectrix | Jenny Wolters |
| Chief Auxiliary | Gemma Mathews |
| Chief Kitchen | Glenda Haase |
| Chief Music | Kim Start |
| Ideals | Susan McCullough |
| Church | Danielle McCullough |
| Piety | Nancy Bloodgood |
| Study | Vicki Ridley |
| Action | Cindy Dornacker |
| Leaders | Yolanda Wisnet |
| Environments | Dawn Miceli |
| Christian Community In Action | Carol Goodrich |
| Reunion Groups | Patty Kavaler |
| Table Leader | Ruth Altamura-Roll |
| Music | Sylvia Hollister |
| Music | Meg Geist |
| Music | Lee Vink |
| Auxiliary | Kristy Coley |
| Auxiliary | Donna Ho-Shing |
| Auxiliary | Carol Hrubesh |
| Auxiliary | Christine Poniken |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Janet Godwin |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Paige McGaheran |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Linda Porter |
| Kitchen Auxiliary | Pat Woodward |

Dear Community,

Psalm 37:4-6 (NIV) says, “Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.” Hindsight is 20/20. Looking back on my life, it is only through God’s divine intervention, that I walked the path leading me to this part of my 4th Day journey. In my life I believed myself to be the woman of Mark 9:20, healed from the bleeding issue. I faced and overcame morbid obesity and lost over 100 pounds with God and through gastric-bypass surgery. Through God, I found God’s intended for me and my half became whole, only to face infertility issues. We conceived two boys with God’s intervention through the skills of a fertility team. But a good testimony of what God is doing in your life is not what He has done but what he is doing!

In the spring of 2012, I was just about 6 months pregnant with our second son. It is my belief; that I was entrapped by my boss and fired from my job. But through this circumstance in our lives, I claim this verse from Isaiah 61:3 “and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy  instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.” It has not been an easy road. A journey that has been filled with sweat, tears, and sacrifices, but from this rumble, God has raised my family to shine gloriously. I will graduate this spring having completed my Bachelors in the Science of Nursing, all while being the stay at home mom to our two boys. I am applying to graduate school to become a school nurse where I will be able to be home for the boys in the summer and on holidays, God willing. This testifies to the Power that God can do, not just in our family’s lives but in yours also, when you trust and believe. Romans 10:17 (NLT) says, “So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.” God Bless!! And De Colores!!

Michelle McKeown WW# 63- the Emmaus House



My name is Joseph Gatto.  I am an ex-convict and ex-gang member.  I am 34 years old and have spent 1/3 of my life in prison.  I have no family as far as blood goes.  I have never really known what love is or what family is.  The closest thing I had to a family was being involved in a gang where violence was a way of life.

My Tres Dias experience was an event I will never forget.  I learned about God’s grace.  I learned that I have a loving Father, God, who wants a relationship with me.  This inspired me to want to build a stronger relationship by reading God’s word and by doing this and by living what I read in the Bible I will grow closer to God.  I am no longer alone!  God has my back!  All my life I thought I was alone, but the whole time God was there and at times God was carrying me.  If it wasn’t for God I wouldn’t be here today.  I won’t get into specifics, but I have had people try to take my life.  I have avoided a life sentence two different times and if one was to ask me how I did it my answer would be…God did it, not me.  God has a plan for me!  It’s not my doing.  Everything good about me comes from God and not me.

Today, as for my house we will serve the Lord.

Joseph Gatto – Men’s #112

Dear Community,

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 … De Colores!



**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 YahooGroups 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 Yahoogroups. 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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**Secretariat meetings:**

* December 12, 2013 at High Bridge Methodist Church

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

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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

* **Fall 2013 – at Sacred Heart, Newton**

**Oct 31-Nov 3, 2013: WOMEN’S # 109 - Rectrix: Tina Reese**

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

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

**April 24-27, 2014: WOMEN’S #110: Retrix: 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: Retrix: 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. In the event that 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

**7pm Food & Fellowship**

**7:30 Music & Meeting**

**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)

* **Saturday, November 9th  2013 in Whitehouse Station, NJ at Rockaway Reformed Church**
* **Saturday, December 14th, 2013 in Bloomfield, NJ at Brookdale Reformed Church**
* **Saturday, February 8th, 2014 – in High Bridge, NJ at United Methodist Church, there will be a fundraiser dinner beginning at 6:00PM.**
* **All Secuelas are OPEN, so invite a friend! Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM.**

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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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