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**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.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is early September, and our kitchen table is covered with tomatoes from the garden. Once again we have received God's blessing in abundance. We read from God's word "You crown the year with bounty, your carts overflow with abundance" Psalm 65:11. God has been providing for His people for a very long time. He continues to provide for Tres Dias of Northern New Jersey. We have two "best weekends ever" in the making. Men's 114 is scheduled for Oct 23 – 26 at Sacred Heart in Newton NJ. Jack Scharf will be serving as Rector and he has chosen Philippians 4:13 as his weekend verse, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength". Women's 111 is scheduled for November 6-9 at Sacred Heart in Newton NJ. Lisa Loper will be serving as Rectrix and her verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient, love is kind." I would ask that any applications for either weekend be sent to Bruce Sinclair, our applications chairperson, as soon as possible.

At our last meeting, the Secretariat of TDNNJ made the decision to make a temporary change to one of our policies. In the past TDNNJ had required that if a married woman wanted to make a Tres Dias weekend, her husband would have had to already have made a weekend. It was the consensus of the Secretariat that this policy could prevent some women from ever attending a Tres Dias weekend. In order not to exclude anyone from the blessings that a weekend offers, it was decided to temporarily suspend this policy for the fall/2014 and spring/2015 weekends. We will revisit this policy after the spring weekends and make a decision as to whether we keep the policy in place or to permanently end the policy. Please feel free to contact me, or any other Secretariat member, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this change in policy.

I would like to encourage everyone to visit our website at <http://www.tresdiasnj.org> Wayne Reese, our webmaster, does a terrific job keeping the site current with lots of information. You can get information about our October Secuela by clicking on *Calendar* and then click on Oct 11.

Have a blessed fall season and please continue to support our community in any way you can.

God bless you,  
Bruce  
President TDNNJ

## 2014 FALL WEEKENDS

### SACRED HEART

20 Old Swartswood Road  
Newton, NJ 07860

**Men's #114**  
Jack Scharf - Rector  
October 23-26th, 2014

**Women's #111**  
Lisa Loper, Rectrix  
November 6-9, 2014



## MEN'S TEAM #114 - THE RACE BEGINS!

Dear Community,

We're off! Men's Team #114 had its first team meeting on Friday, September 5th and got out of the blocks fast. The meeting was well attended, the first Rollo was outstanding, the food was great, and God's spirit was evident. We shared Holy Communion together and intend to do so at each team meeting.

Our scripture verse for the weekend is from Philippians 4: 13, "*I can do all things through him who gives me strength*".: (NIV). Our team's theme is "Joy" for we can all be joyous regardless of our circumstances in the knowledge and understanding of God's love for us.

No doubt there will be some tough spots in our team's race - there always are - but with God's strength and with the Tres Dias Community praying and supporting us we shall overcome any and every obstacle.

Each of our team members has been partnered with a fellow team member and with a member of the Women's team and we intend to bathe the team meetings and the weekends with prayer.

We continue to urge the community to both pray for us and to intentionally pray about and then ask at least one person to attend both the Men's weekend and the Women's weekend. Let's fill each weekend to full capacity with candidates, for these will be the BEST weekends ever!

DeColores,

Jack Scharf, Rector



## Team List for Men's #114

*“I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13*

NAME	ROLE	ROLLOS
<b>SERVANT LEADERS</b>		
Jack Scharf	Rector	
Rich Cantwell	Asst. Rector	
<b>SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS</b>		
Denny Wene	Clergy	
Andrew Paton	Clergy	
<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b>		
Bruce Kemmerer	Warrior	
George Gilmore	Assistant	
<b>AUX. TEAM</b>		
Lee Haase	Chief	
Ed Grasley	Member	
Dean Hollister	Floater	
Scott Scarfile	Member	
<b>KITCHEN TEAM</b>		
Tom Bloodgood	Chief	
Wayne Reese	Member	<i>Reunion Groups</i>
Chris Wolkwitz	Member	
Paul Markowitz	Member	
Cesar Torres	Member	
<b>MUSIC TEAM</b>		
Walt Vink	Chief	
Herb Eigenrauch	Member	<i>Church</i>
Jim Loper	Member	
<b>ROLLO ROOM TEAM</b>		
Dean Hollister	(See Aux)	<i>Ideals</i>
Tom Nace	Member	<i>Study</i>
Dennis Rotondi	Member	<i>Piety</i>
Jim Leeming	Member	<i>Action</i>
Dave McElroy	Member	<i>Leaders</i>
Jim Thompson	Member	<i>Environments</i>
Ed Griswold	Member	<i>CC in Action</i>
<b>TABLE LEADERS</b>		
Albert Barker	Member	
<b>HONORARY</b>		
Bob Mason	Honorary Member	



## WOMEN'S TEAM #111 – Message from Lisa Loper

Dear Community,

I still sit in Awe that I have been given the honor of being Rectrix of Women's 111 on November 6 of this year.

As the preparations have already started, meeting with my Assistant Carolyn Jackson, continued prayer, reading my Manual, I already feel the love and support from so many of you.

It is not too early for each of you to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the Fall Weekends. If you have not been chosen to be on the Teams, there is still so much that can be done. Send in your candidate applications now, there is no need to wait until the weekends are closer. Let's fill up Sacred Heart!! Also, Palanca, Palanca, Palanca: make much, and then make some more! There can never ever be too much. Don't you remember the joy you had when you received all those notes and gifts?

As I have been making the calls to the prospective Team members, it is thrilling to hear all of the enthusiastic responses. God has brought such an amazing Team together, and I am honored to be able to share the experience with all of them.

My life has been through such turmoil lately and I know that the prayers and support of my Tres Dias family have been with me, and still continue. I love all of you so much, and am honored to be part of such an amazing Community.

Please continue to pray for me and the rest of the Team, and for the lovely candidates that God will send our way.

DeColores!



Lisa Loper  
Rectrix, Women's 111  
1 Corinthians 13:4a  
Love is Patient, Love is Kind





**Team List for Women's #111**



***“Love is Patient, Love is Kind” 1Corinthians 13:4a***

First Name	Last Name	Position
Lisa	Loper	Rectrix
Carolyn	Jackson	Assistant Rectrix
Mary	Gallinot	Assistant to the Assistant
Jarene	Pagliarulo	Prayer Angel
Claire	Gallagher	Spiritual Director
Laurie	Market	Spiritual Director
Steve	Jacobson	Spiritual Director
Kathleen	Burke	Chief Music
Meg	Geist	Music Auxiliary
Barbara	Bauer	Ideals
Gemma	Mathews	Church
Glenda	Haase	Piety
Kathy	Holt	Study
Michelle	McKeown	Action
Vicki	Ridley	Leaders
Nancy	Bloodgood	Environment
Laura	Tittel	CC in Action
Lisa	Markus	Reunion Groups
Anne	Tummey	Table Leader
Patty	Dalton	Table Leader
Lisa	Davenport	Table Leader
Jennifer	Mahoney	Chief Kitchen
Wendy	Aspden-Curran	Kitchen Auxiliary
Lori-jo	Jaycox	Kitchen Auxiliary
Christine	Poniken	Kitchen Auxiliary
Edna	Wene	Kitchen Auxiliary
Karen	Hunte	Chief Auxillary
Nancy	Baker	Auxiliary
Anita	Damiani	Auxiliary
Jean Marie	Goeller	Auxiliary
Sarah	Gorton	Auxiliary
Gloria	Lavine	Auxiliary
Barbara	Mess	Auxiliary
Adrienne	Lybarger	Auxiliary

**A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Fellow Pescadores,

For those of you who would like to provide general palanca letters or individual cards for the weekends, but are unable to bring them to Sacred Heart, Paul Markowitz has graciously offered his home mail address. Please mail the palanca to his home and Paul will deliver it to Sacred Heart. His address is: Paul Markowitz, 307 Ashley Ave, Hackettstown, NJ 07840  
[pmarkowitz@comcast.net](mailto:pmarkowitz@comcast.net), 908 852 2680

## SECUELAS!

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! Secuelas are just our opportunity to do that! An evening of fellowship, worship in song, a fourth day speaker and of course there is always food! It truly is like a "mini-weekend". Small group discussions are a part of the Secuela and often focus on a scripture and a question to be answered. At the Secuela in September Isaiah 41:10 discussed. This is a verse that encourages with the following words:

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

What great words of comfort from our Lord. Come out to a Secuela and be encouraged and strengthened in your Fourth Day walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

If you would like to host a Secuela, please reach out to Marcia Brands or Lee Hasse ([lfhllc@verizon.net](mailto:lfhllc@verizon.net)). Upcoming Secuelas are scheduled as follows:

Date	Church	Town	Host
October 11, 2014	Denville Community Church	Denville	Glenda & Lee Hasse/Marcia Brand
November 15, 2014	Boonton United Methodist	Boonton	Lisa Loper
December 13, 2014	Brookdale Reform Church		Rich Cantwell
January 2015	No Secuela	N/A	
February 14, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD
March 14, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD
April 18, 2015	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Perth Amboy	Meyer Pincelli
May 9, 2015	TBD	TBD	TBD
June 13, 2014	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Perth Amboy	Meyer Pincelli

## FOURTH DAY CORNER

Greetings!

George Gilmore invited me repeatedly to attend men's #112 as a pescador. I was thinking of a good excuse to decline during his final phone call when the Holy Spirit prompted me to just shut up and go. The weekend was terrific. I was brought to tears in my room Friday night while opening the palanca when I realized I was among a group of very special people who truly cared and shared their faith. I

looked at that little cross on that bare white wall and got reconvicted in my faith and renewed in my walk with Jesus during a very difficult time in my life. I gave everything up that night and let Him and his Holy Spirit direct all the remaining days of my life.

So, every day hence has been a 4<sup>th</sup> day for me, and it's been a beautiful thing. I believe there are 2 kinds of people in this world, the givers and the takers. I am truly blessed to be involved in the upcoming #114 weekend among such a fine group of givers.

DeColores, Thomas Nace, Men's #112

Dear Community,

My name is Paul Markowitz Men's #41 (1988). My table name is "Nabi". Translated from Korean it means "butterfly". Tres Dias was my first get away retreat with other Christian men. I was unsure of what the weekend would be all about. My sponsor told me "don't worry the Holy Spirit will surround you with HIS Love." Truly I met Jesus on the weekend by the service of the team. Yes the Holy Spirit sat at my table also. I learned to "let go and let God" be in control. Listen to God I was told.

Some years ago I was serving on a Tres Dias weekend as a team member. I was asked by two fellow pescadores to become a Kairos Prison Ministry volunteer. I knew the brothers well and I prayed on the invitation. I was scared to be in prison but I knew the Holy Spirit would be with me and give me courage. I have been involved in prison ministry for almost 20 years. Praise Him !

DeColores, Paul Markowitz, Men's #41

## **A MESSAGE FOR REUNION GROUPS!**

Did you know that you can find a listing of all our Reunion Groups on our TresDias website at <http://www.tresdiasnj.org>? New groups are forming on regular basis! If you aren't a part of one, join one! All that participate in these small group gatherings are blessed by it. If there isn't one near you, start one, please pray about helping to gather interested folk together to start one! Volunteers from other reunion groups are willing to help with the first few meetings. Please call Janet Beam for information. ([973-227-4531](tel:973-227-4531))

For those of you participating in a reunion group, please consider "setting aside " part of your meeting time to write or make palanca for the 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 that palanca is a very special part of the weekend experience.



## **A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER RICH CANTWELL**

In these days, where "making ends meet" is a significant challenge in many households, we continue to hold the suggested contribution to the cost of a weekend, candidate or team, at \$250. We do this because we refuse to allow finances to cause anyone to miss the blessings a Tres Dias weekend has to offer! But the decision to "hold the line" has consequences. Venue fees (\$271/head, a bargain!), and other fixed expenses like insurance and supplies, drive the actual pro-rated costs to around \$300 per head to run a weekend ... and that doesn't account for scholarships! Fact is our treasury has been taking a hit lately averaging about \$3000 per weekend set. We have actually taken to asking team

members to contribute more than the \$250 if they can, but the bottom line remains that it is only through contributions by faithful members of our community like you that we are able to keep the books in reasonable balance. We ask you to pray about it ... and then respond as the Lord provides and leads. Thank you for your past and continuing generosity. Your ongoing prayers and financial support are essential to the health and growth of our community. Be assured, they are not taken for granted!

Rich... 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](mailto: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!**

### **FACEBOOK**



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](mailto: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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### SECRETARIAT MEETINGS: Locations TBA

- November 13, 2014
- February 12, 2015
- April 16, 2015
- May 7, 2015
- June 11, 2015

\*\*\*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  
 Tom Bauer – 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
 Mary Gallinot – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
 Carolyn Jackson - Secretary  
 Rich Cantwell – Treasurer  
 Lee Haase & Marcia Brands–Secuelas  
 Ken Baker - Nominations  
 Tom Bloodgood – Education  
 Jim Leeming - Outreach  
 Laurie Market/Michelle McKeown - Communications  
 Neil Breen – Housekeeping  
 Bruce Sinclair – Applications

Edna Wene – Women’s Team Selection  
 Meyer Pincelli – Men’s Team Selection  
 Brigitte Pincelli - Women’s Spiritual Director selection  
 Denny Wene – Men’s Spiritual Director selection  
 Nancy Bloodgood - Membership  
 Herb Eigenrauch – Purchasing  
 Paul Markowitz – Palanca  
 Kris Hoffmann - Trailer  
 Janet Beam – Reunion Groups  
 Judy Fadden – Member at Large  
 Carol Goodrich – Member at Large  
 Greg Harline – Member at Large  
 Tom Nace – Member at Large  
 Anne Tummey – Member at Large

### UPCOMING WEEKENDS

#### ❖ Spring 2015 – at Sacred Heart, Newton

April 9 – 12, 2015 – Men’s #115  
 Rector – Allan Hunte  
 April 30 – May 3, 2015 – Women’s #112  
 Rectrix – Nancy Baker

#### ❖ Fall 2015 – at Sacred Heart, Newton

November 19 – 22, 2015 – Men’s #116  
 Rector – Kevin Mahoney  
 December 3 – 6, 2015 – Women’s #113  
 Rectrix – Karen Hunte

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/Retrix 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](mailto:bduncans@verizon.net). Questions can be directed to Mr. Sinclair at 732-566-4704 or [bduncans@verizon.net](mailto:bduncans@verizon.net)



**If your contact information changes:** Please email Nancy Bloodgood at [tomnanc@embarqmail.com](mailto: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  
Michelle McKeown, Assistant Editor

## **Agape**

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