



**God is Love!**

Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him!

(1John 4:16)

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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.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

As we approach the last week of April, I think it is safe to say that spring is here. As I look out the window, I can see that the grass is now green, and will soon need mowing, and that the spring flowers are now in full bloom. The brutal past winter will soon be nothing more than a memory and we can look forward to God's creation taking on new life.

The spring always reminds me of the old man who lived next door when I was a child. He was not much of a church goer. But every spring, this man, would put seeds into the cold ground, knew that he would enjoy fresh tomatoes in the late summer. I can think of no greater act of faith than this. I can still picture him sitting in his garden, salt shaker in hand, and enjoying the harvest with a big smile on his face.

This makes me wonder how many seeds our Tres Dias community has planted over the years. I would imagine quite a few. And although we may not get to see the harvest as my neighbor did, we can take comfort in knowing that we did our part to glorify God. My prayer is that we continue to plant many seeds for His kingdom.

Men's 115 is behind us now, so congratulations to Allan Hunte and his team on "the best weekend ever" *so far*. Women's 112 will take place later this week, and they have been blessed with twenty candidates. I am sure the Women will do *their best* to wrestle the title of "best weekend ever" away from the Men. Please welcome these new Pescadores into our family with open arms, and pray that they will join us in sowing God's beautiful garden

God bless you  
Bruce President  
President TDNNJ

## NEWS FROM MEN'S #115

Dear Community,

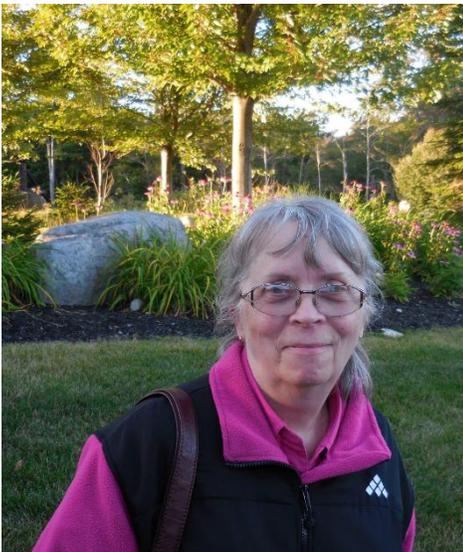
Men's #115 just completed the "best weekend ever" welcoming 9 new Pescadores into our community. They are:

Peter "Pete" Clemente  
Raymond "Ray" Torres  
Sean Charles  
Stanley "Stan" Mischczenski  
JJ Reap

Robert "Wheels" Langworthy  
James "Jimmy" Laborante  
Gary Gemian  
James "Jimmy" Giordano

Blessing upon each one as they journey with the Lord in their Fourth Day!

## NEWS FROM WOMEN'S #112



Dear Community,

As Women of the #112 team, we are catching our breath with team meetings now over, and making preparations to dive into the weekend. God has blessed us with a full house! We have 20 candidates and a team of 29 or 30 (sorry, the numbers keep changing!). This includes an on-site prayer warrior and an off-site prayer angel. Needless to say, we'll need 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 #112.

For our dinner at Sacred Heart on Thursday night we're asking the community to bring desserts. If you're bringing a candidate, please join us for dinner. Call our Chief Kitchen Patty Kavalier at 732-619-1120 so we can get a head count, and to let her know what you'll be bringing for dinner. Our Chief Aux Marcia Brands would

appreciate any time you can give her to move furniture, and lend her a helping hand. She can be reached at 201-983-9305.

Come out on Thursday and pitch in doing some General set up, or come on Saturday to help with the Agape set-up or break down. Or perhaps stay to clean up Sunday after the weekend (I am sure our Auxes will be worn out and would like to get home to their families). As always, write a palanca note of encouragement will surely be appreciated. AND yes, of course, calling all men to sing bright and early at the Mananita. Oh how the sweet sound of the men's voices in the morning always is music to our ears. We promise to give you a great cup of coffee and sweet treats too.

I am looking forward to seeing you on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the closing to meet our newest Pescadores.

DeColores!

Nancy Baker  
Rectrix, Women's #112

## **WOMEN'S #112 TEAM**

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Rectrix                | Nancy Baker                     |
| Assistant Rectrix      | Judy Fadden                     |
| Assistant to Assistant | Edna Wene (Kitchen aux)         |
| Spiritual Director     | Claire Gallagher                |
| Spiritual Director.    | Scarlet Gorton                  |
| Prayer Warrior         | Brigitte Pincelli               |
| Chief Aux              | Marcia Brands                   |
| Chief Kitchen          | Patty Kavalier                  |
| Chief Music            | Ali Karamanol                   |
| Music Aux              | Diane Kemmerer                  |
| Music Aux              | Gail Bartorillo                 |
| Ideals                 | Sonja Koeller (Experienced aux) |
| Church                 | Lisa Markus                     |
| Piety                  | Kathy Holt                      |
| Study                  | Jo Hughes (Kitchen aux)         |
| Action                 | Adina Schipper                  |
| Leaders                | Deborah Verdin                  |
| Environment            | Janette Guy                     |
| CC in Action           | Glenda Haase                    |
| Reunion                | Veronica Schmucker              |
| Table Leader           | Linda Porter                    |
| Table Leader           | Jarene Pagliarulo               |
| Table Leader           | Carolyn Jackson                 |
| Auxiliary              | Mary Ann Scharf                 |
| Auxiliary              | Vanessa Rizzolo                 |
| Auxiliary              | Blair Severino                  |
| Auxiliary              | Susan McCullough                |
| Kitchen Aux            | Cathy Thompson                  |
| Kitchen Aux            | Gloria Lavine                   |



## **FOURTH DAY CORNER – Wayne Reese**

I've been reading the 4<sup>th</sup> day corner articles in the last few issues of the Agape eagerly. I can see that our new Pescadores have really been touched by their experiences on a weekend, and that's great. But my weekend was a long time ago. It has been just over 20 years since I made my original weekend. That was Men's # 60, January 1995 at Emmaus House (and when I say that at a secuela, I always hear "oooooohhh" afterwards, and that really makes me smile). I remember not really wanting to leave Emmaus House that Sunday night. It was such a mountaintop experience for me that, I just wanted to stay and live in that sequestered environment. But God doesn't call us to live on the mountaintop, he calls us to serve him and do his work in the world.

Coming off of my weekend I was definitely fired up. I wanted to go out and share the love I had experienced with everyone around me. So, it really was a let-down when one of my friends at work asked me as soon as she saw me on Monday morning, "So how was your brainwashing session?" My Christian friends and family, however, were a lot more supportive than that. And I quickly found ways to serve. Less than a week later, I was called to fill in as a church deacon, and that was great. I worked with Habitat for Humanity building projects, volunteered to house homeless families, and went on mission trips to Appalachia. There are plenty of chances to be God's hands in his creation, if you're open to it.

Fast forward a few years, and I started getting tired and found it hard to keep up that enthusiasm. Back then, Tom Baggott had invited me multiple times to join his share group, but I was always too busy. I decided I really needed to make the time. The group was very supportive and 10 years have gone by from when I first went to the "7 lazy guys" Reunion Group. Since then, I've had brothers to carry me when I was tired, or maybe a bit overwhelmed. These guys have lifted me up through many joys, trials, and challenges like when my Dad passed away, I became rector, when I was called to be an elder, when my job frequently stressed me out, and many other times.

One thing I noticed in the last year is that I keep fired up by being around other Christians who are excited. You might guess that I've served on several weekends over the years. My friend Albert and I served together a couple years ago, and he was so fired up being on the team that it spread like a fire, and gave me more enthusiasm to be there.

So the way to keep "fired up" is to have the support of Christian brothers and sisters. Find out what it is that God wants for you to do in this world, then pass it on and find someone to take along with you. Remember, it only takes a spark to get a fire going.

De Colores!

Wayne Reese

Men's #60

## SPOTLIGHT ON A REUNION GROUP – The Hillsborough Reunion Group



*Your Appointed Time Has Come*

*By: Michelle McKeown*

*Habakkuk 2:3 (KJV)*

*“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”*

*On my journey for this edition of the Agape, I visited another vibrant, young Reunion Group. The Hillsborough Reunion Group is open to Pescadors, and non-Pescadors, and hosts both men, and women. This Reunion Group functions as a Bible Study, as its leader Bill Crawford, a Spiritual Director for Tres Dias, leads the group chapter by chapter, and verse by verse. This particular evening, the group was rich into their study which lead them to visit Revelations chapter 4. This is where the vision that John has of Heaven is recorded. We discussed the many beautiful colors of Heaven, and the throne. We spoke of who would be casting their crowns before the throne, and I know, at my appointed time it will be me! Today that time has not yet come for me, and if you’re reading this it has not come for you yet either...*

*While we wait for the vision to come, don’t tarry a moment longer, consider becoming a member of a Reunion Group! Consider visiting the Hillsborough Reunion Group, were you will be fed spiritually, emotionally, and physically. For more information, please contact:*

*Bill Crawford at (732)947-0898/ [billcccs1@comcast.net](mailto:billcccs1@comcast.net) or  
Anita Damiani at (908) 635-4459/ [anitadamiani@gmail.com](mailto:anitadamiani@gmail.com)*

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR APPLICATIONS CHAIR**

Dear Community,

The Lord has already chosen those called for our upcoming weekends. Please prayerfully seek His will, as to whom will benefit from a weekend. Applications should be submitted in advance of the scheduled dates for the weekends, allowing for all to share the good news and to prepare Palanca in advance. It also allows me, as Application Chair, sufficient time to send information to the candidates. And allows the candidates to prepare themselves for the weekend.

Details on the applications process can be found here: <http://www.tresdiasnj.org/how-to-attend-a-weekend/>. Please use only the new editions of the Candidate and Sponsor applications; these can be downloaded from the Tres Dias Northern New Jersey web site ([www.tresdiasnj.org](http://www.tresdiasnj.org)). I can provide copies to you; if you prefer. Please send me your request through email ([bduncans@verizon.net](mailto:bduncans@verizon.net)). Completed applications should be mailed, together with any funds being remitted to:

Bruce Sinclair, Applications Chair  
848 Woodmere Drive  
Cliffwood Beach NJ 07735

## SECUELAS

7pm Food &  
Fellowship  
7:30 Music &  
Meeting

# SECUELAS!

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Wear your  
name tag &  
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). From the Spanish word meaning “sequel,” the Tres Dias term secuela refers to regularly scheduled meetings of the community as part of the fourth day.

We all agree it is great to meet together! Secuelas are an evening of fellowship, worship in song, a fourth day speaker, and of course food! It truly is like a “mini-weekend”. Small group discussions are a great part of the Secuela that offers a time to focus on the scripture and fellowship with others

Come out to a Secuela and be encouraged! Be strengthened in your Fourth Day walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We look forward to seeing you at our next Secuela on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Clinton Church of the Nazarene, 80 Beaver Avenue, Clinton New Jersey. There will be a fund raiser dinner just prior to the start of the Secuela. So please come out early (6PM) and join us for dinner.

Hosting a Secuela is a great opportunity for you to provide a place to meet for our community. 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           |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| May 9, 2015*   | Clinton Church of the Nazarene | Clinton     | Laurie Market  |
| June 13, 2014* | St. Peter's Episcopal Church   | Perth Amboy | Meyer Pincelli |

\*Fund Raisers

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## 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 yourself to the weekend. Paul Markowitz has graciously offered to bring them to the weekend for you! Simply 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),  
or call: (908) 852- 2680



## **A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER**

Well, the winter has melted into the beautiful colors of spring, and now we can enjoy the spring weekends! We don't want money to keep anyone away from the blessing of attending a TDNNJ weekend. The suggested contribution of \$250. However, the actual weekend cost comes to about \$300 per person. How can Tres Dias do that? Only with your help! The average weekend in 2014 finished up in the red, but our gracious God kept us solvent. If you can, will you make a generous donation toward the remaining 2015 weekends? We've been 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 community members like you that we are able to hold the line.

Thank you for your past and continuing generosity. Your ongoing prayers and financial support are essential to the health and growth of our community. Pray about it, and then respond as the Lord provides and leads. Your support is appreciated and never taken for granted!

De Colores!  
Rich Cantwell

## **TRES DIAS PRAYER LINE**

Would you like to know 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, join now! You can sign up by emailing:

George & MaryAnn McGehrin at [georgemaryann@hotmail.com](mailto:georgemaryann@hotmail.com)

To join, please include your full name, email address, your phone number, & what weekend you made (mm/yy & Number). Do this, and you'll be enrolled directly in the Tres Dias of Northern NJ Yahoo Groups. The following guidelines apply to 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.

## **FIND US ON FACEBOOK**



Facebook is another exciting way to interact with other member from Tres Dias. Nan Acevedo is our Tres Dias Facebook Administrator. Our Facebook page is used to share your joys, announcements, your trials, concerns and prayers.

If you are a current Facebook user and know someone who has made a Tres Dias Weekend, and is on Facebook have them friend Nan, and she will be happy to add them. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail her at [acevedonnette@yahoo.com](mailto:acevedonnette@yahoo.com), or private message her at the Tres Dias Facebook page.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### SECRETARIAT MEETINGS

- May 7, 2015 at Jacksonville Chapel
- June 11, 2015 at High Bridge United Methodist

All members of Tres Dias 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](mailto:brckem@yahoo.com)

### Members of the Secretariat

Bruce Kemmerer – President  
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Mary Gallinot – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
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Rich Cantwell – Treasurer  
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Ken Baker - Nominations  
Tom Bloodgood – Education  
Jim Leeming - Outreach  
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Carol Goodrich – Member at Large  
Greg Hartline – Member at Large  
Anne Tummey – Member at Large

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Paul Markowitz – Palanca  
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Michelle McKeown- Communications  
Neil Breen – Housekeeping  
Bruce Sinclair – Applications  
Tom Nace – Member at Large

### UPCOMING WEEKENDS

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

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 – Tom Bloodgood

December 3-6, 2015 – Women’s #113 – Rectrix, Karen Hunte



#### If your contact information changes:

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\*Married couples: be sure to include home, work, email addresses for both husband and wife.

\*Newly married women: include your maiden name, as it will be a helpful reference.





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