

Fisherman



September, 2004

God is good.... All the time! All the time.... God is good!

As I was reading Psalm 100 recently, I was awed by the thought that our God is an amazing God and we are so privileged that he has given us the desire to serve Him.

For I have reasons to 'shout to the Lord'

- Good health (or the availability of good doctors)
- Freedom to worship
- Christian brothers and sisters
- Family relationships
- God's amazing grace

As we traveled through the majestic Smoky Mountains earlier this month, with sun filtering through the early morning fog, Judi and I were moved to sing along with our praise music. Praise God that He listens to our hearts rather than our voices. We were amazed how quickly the time flew.

Praise Him.....

- Through songs of worship
- By praying to Him, recognizing that He is our Shepard and we are His sheep
- By allowing His light to shine through us
- Through acts of service to those around us

Men's #13 is scheduled for October 7 through October 10, 2004. There will be many opportunities to praise God through our acts of service. Ask the Lord if He would want you to serve. Contact Tim Elek, Weekend Chair, at 440-461-8482 or tim4deane@sbcglobal.net to indicate your desire to serve. Tim also needs people to sign up for the Weekend prayer vigil (see details elsewhere in the newsletter).

Another opportunity to serve is to sponsor a candidate. Review the sponsor responsibilities shown elsewhere in the newsletter.

So shout praises and worship Him this month as we allow His light to shine through us.

De Colores,

Jim Crytzer

Men's #13 Weekend
October 7-10, 2004

***"But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;
for it is written,
'Be holy, for I am holy'***

1 Peter 1:15-16

Team Roster

Dan Allen	
Steve Corcoran	
Jim Crytzer	
Dave DeWitt	Music Director
Tim Elek	Weekend Chair
Ed Enold	
Chris Garrity	
Jim Gear	Spiritual Director
Jim Hart	
Todd Herrick	
Bill Hrubik	
Ed Lowe	
Sam Martillotta	Rector
John Maynard	Chief Aux
Tim McLaughlin	
Frank Mormino	
Ernie Palma	Assistant Chief Aux
Bill Ryan	
Kevin Skrebunas	
Dave Starke	
Rich Warfield	
David Wilcox	
Mike Wise	Assistant Rector
Marc Wolff	
Paul Yanchek	Spiritual Director

Deadline for applications for is

September 24

(or sooner if the max limit of 32 is reached)

Don't procrastinate - submit your applications now!

Community News

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SOUNDS OF SECRETARIAT

Highlights from the Aug 17 Secretariat meeting:

- Approved conducting a survey of all members (see elsewhere in the newsletter for details)
- Ann Biery will coordinate a telephone survey of those members still receiving printed copies of the newsletter to determine if they can receive it electronically instead.
- The Denver weekend is currently "on hold" per Denver's request.
- Reminder that there will be 2 women's weekends in 2005.
- Tonya Busic has been elected to serve on the Tres Dias International Board
- Lisa Prouty-Corwin has audited the Tres Dias International financial records

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES

Please pray for our Leadership:

President:	Jim Crytzer
Vice President:	Mike Wise
Secretary:	Denise Palma
Treasurer:	Lisa Prouty Corwin
Asst Treasurer:	Ted Kurz
Fourth Day Chair:	Dan Allen
Outreach Chair:	Bob Waysack
Inventory Chair:	Ernie Palma
Volunteer Coordinator:	Ann Biery

On August 4, **Mary Ann Walter (W# 9)** writes: I have a mentally retarded adult daughter, Lesley, who lives in an assisted living home. She has been having severe behavior problems on & off since she moved into her assisted living home. She is taking many medications and sees many different doctors. No one can figure out what the problem is, or how to fix it. She can be violent at times. We have tried deliverance. It is truly bizarre. Much prayer has gone up for her. As her mother I am extremely concerned. I am asking the community to please lift her before the Lord. I have thought a couple of times we had found the cause and had rejoiced and give testimonies to that effect only to have my hopes dashed. I am getting discouraged and do not know what to do next.

Keep **Sam Martillotta (M#7)** rector for Men's #13 and the team for Men's #13 in your prayers as they hold team meetings in preparation for the weekend.

Thanks to all who have been praying for Judi Crytzer (W#8). The surgery on August 17 for both knee replacements went well. Judi is undergoing intensive physical therapy at Hannah House and is expected to be home by the end of August. Pray also for Jim who has been doing double duty as Tres Dias President and #1 cheerleader for Judi.

Please pray for Caryl and George Castellion (both were founding Rectors of Tres Dias Cleveland). Caryl's oldest daughter, Meg, died on August 16th. Our hearts go out to these dear friends who have given so graciously to the Cleveland community and so many others.

Urgent prayer request from Mary Ann Walter (W#9): Please pray for my 90 year old mother. She has been experiencing mild dizzy spells for about 3 years and has been doctoring for this condition. Recently the dizziness has gotten so bad that she is unable to function or even walk unassisted. She has had numerous tests and has even been hospitalized. Please pray for healing/wisdom for the doctors.

Congratulations to Wally and Ann Biery (M#1 and W#1) on the marriage of their oldest daughter, Lisa, on August 28th, in Chicago. Their 2nd daughter, Allison, is getting married in November, and their 3rd daughter, Kara, is getting married in the spring!

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 7/31/04

Beginning Balance – 1/1/04 \$ 4,505.06

Income: 1/1/04 - 7/31/04

Weekend Fees	3,100.00
Gifts/Donations	<u>8,305.00</u>
	\$11,405.00

Expenses: 1/1/04 - 7/31/04

Bank Charges	35.00
Newsletter	785.34
Weekend Expenses	<u>9,964.59</u>
	\$10,784.93

Balance as of 7/31/04 \$ 5,125.13

We still need your donations!

Please mail Tres Dias donations to:

Ted Kurz
3275 Royal Oak Court
Westlake, OH 44145
(Make your check payable to Tres Dias Cleveland)

Men's #13

Visual theme: FLAME



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you to express my deep appreciation to the Community for the opportunity and blessing you have provided me in serving as the Rector of Men's Weekend #13. Having just returned from the third Team Meeting of the Team called to serve on Men's Weekend #13, it is overwhelmingly apparent that the Lord has called together an amazing group of brothers to serve the Candidates at Cedar Hills this October. Each member of the Team is focused on service to the Lord and the Candidates, and their focus will glorify our Lord and reflect His light in every aspect of the details He is working out.

Our Weekend Verse, *1 Peter 1: 15, 16*, commands that, as believers, we are to be holy, just as our Lord God is holy. As we study this verse and as we pray that the Lord will reveal His plans for us as we strive to be holy, the verse takes on great meaning and depth. Why was this verse selected? Perhaps one answer can be found in *Hebrews 12: 14*, where it is written, "...without holiness, no one will see the Lord." I expect we will learn other answers as the Weekend nears and unfolds.

Many of you have asked what you can do to help the Team and the Candidates. Know that your prayers are greatly appreciated by the Team. We would ask for you to make every effort to support the Candidates by being present at the Opening at Cedar Hills on October 7, and at the Closing at Calvary Assembly of God Church in Willoughby Hills on October 10. We would also ask that you begin now to find time to prepare palanca for the Candidates.

As you do these things, pray the Weekend Verse, knowing that *each* of us is called to be holy, just as He is holy. Can we be perfect? No, only Jesus Christ was and is perfect. But in the depths of your heart, know that the Lord's plans for you include your striving to be holy. And He takes delight in your devotion to Him and in your dedicated response to His command to "*be holy*". I praise Him and thank Him for loving us enough to give us that command. May you be blessed as you consider His Word.

De Colores!
Sam Martillotta, Rector
Men's Weekend #13

Men's #13 Prayer Vigil

Prayer warriors are needed to sign up for times during the weekend. Starting at 7:30 pm Thursday 10/7 thru Sunday 10/10 at 6:00 pm, we need blocks filled every 15 minutes. The sign-up board will be available at the Secuela on 9/11 at The Cox's' home or contact Tim Elek at 440-461-8482 or tim4deane@sbcglobal.net

Weekend Objectives

Although the mission statement of our local secretariat is intentionally broad in scope, the stated objective of Tres Dias is quite finite: **to empower Christian leaders who will inspire renewal and revival in the church.**

Tres Dias weekends are for committed followers of Christ who are active in their church and community. Tres Dias weekends are not evangelical tools, though that sometimes happens when candidates discover a deeper relationship with Jesus as their personal Savior.

Tres Dias weekends are specifically designed for spiritual renewal of leadership, not as an encounter group for emotional healing. It is true that we are all wounded healers, and healing often takes place on weekends, but this is usually spiritual healing. Sponsors should not consider Tres Dias as a "quick fix" for someone's personal problems or emotional issues. That may actually be a disservice to the candidate (AND the team). A loving approach, though more difficult, is to walk beside someone who is hurting – giving long term support – as they go through God's natural process for emotional healing.

Tres Dias weekend essentials are public knowledge. Weekends are not secret events. The essential elements of the weekends are published and readily available (via the internet at www.tresdias.org and through promotional videos and brochures available from our local secretariat). Part of the essentials involves personal sharing, and of course, no one should ever repeat what another says in personal talks or private discussions. If confidentiality is misconstrued as secretive, help others to understand this is a sacred trust that benefits everyone.

While the published essentials are the same each weekend, the non-essentials always change. These are "surprises". They change each weekend as based on decisions of the team, a unique set of candidates, new scripture themes, and our limitless and amazing God.

As you prepare to sponsor a candidate, pray first before asking someone to attend. Always answer any questions they may have openly. Let candidates know there are no "secrets", but there is a respect for confidentiality and there may be "surprises" that cannot be anticipated.

Mark your Calendar

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Please prayerfully plan to attend these events. Each Pescadore is an important part of our Community. We desire your fellowship, ideas, and contributions!

SECUELA DATES - always at 7:30 p.m. (**Saturdays from August through November**)

Open to friends and family who have not attended a Tres Dias Weekend.

September 11, 2004

Potluck Dinner at home of Bob & Tracey Cox

29903 Center Ridge Rd in Westlake between Crocker Rd and Bradley Rd
Go to www.Mapquest.com for detailed directions from your home

Potluck Dinner starts promptly at 6:30 PM - Bring a Dish to Pass

**** Commissioning of team for Men's #13 ****

**** Fourth Day Talk by Sam Martillotta ****

October 23, 2004

Garfield Memorial Methodist Church

3650 Lander Road in Pepper Pike - Use Chagrin Blvd. exit #29 off of I-271 and head east 1.2 miles. The church is on the south side of the circle.

**** Fourth Day Talk by several of our new Pescadores ****

SECRETARIAT DATES - always at 7:30 p.m. (first Tuesday after a Secuela)

September 14, 2004

Highland Sixth

5632 Wilson Mills Rd in Highland Heights

October 26, 2004

Garfield Memorial Methodist Church

3650 Lander Road in Pepper Pike - Use Chagrin Blvd. exit #29 off of I-271 and head east 1.2 miles. The church is on the south side of the circle.

2004-2005 WEEKEND AND SPECIAL EVENT DATES

October 7-10, 2004

Men's #13 weekend at Cedar Hills

April 7-10, 2005

Women's #12 weekend at St Joe's

Fall 2005

Men's #14 weekend

Fall 2005

Women's #13 weekend

	Secuelas		Secretariats	
	Date	Location	Date	Location
September	9/11/2004	Bob & Tracey Cox	9/14/2004	Highland Sixth
October	10/23/2004	Garfield Memorial	10/26/2004	Garfield Memorial
November	11/13/2004	Bay Presbyterian	11/16/2004	Bay Presbyterian
December	None	None	None	none

SPONSORSHIP

By **BOB WAYSACK, Outreach Chair**

Remember what you received on your Tres Dias weekend? Imagine giving that experience to a friend and then multiply that by ten. That is the gift you receive when you sponsor someone new. This begins from the time the Holy Spirit guides you to that person and then sharing what you received from Tres Dias. It's God working through you. Some things to remember when you sponsor someone:

- Pray for openness to God's call to discipleship
- Be informative with the new candidate
- Be supportive, praying for them now and throughout the weekend
- Provide palanca, transportation and anticipate any needs or concerns for them
- Plan to attend the opening and closing
- Read the commitments on the sponsor's form and make your commitment

Fourth Day Support

Now the real growth takes place for you, the new Pescadores and the community. We take the gift and share it with others in our reunion groups, our church, at Secuelas, Secretariat meetings and throughout our community. *Eph 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*

Newsletter Staff

Content Editor – Jim Hart

Layout Editor – Debbie Allen

Publication and Distribution – Denise Palma & Deane Elek

Deadline for the October newsletter is September 23. Please send all articles to Jim Hart at jim_hart@lincolnelectric.com or call 440-729-0633.

Address updates and e-mail address changes can be called in to **Deane Elek** (440-461-8482) or via e-mail at tim4deane@sbcglobal.net

The latest edition of the Tres Dias Cleveland directory is available in PDF or Word format and may be requested from Deane Elek via e-mail at tim4deane@sbcglobal.net

Community Survey

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the current preferences of the Cleveland Tres Dias Community with regard to Secuelas, Reunion Groups, Weekends, Newsletters, and Secretariat. The format of the survey is anonymous. Multiple family members may each complete the survey, but only once, either on- or off-line. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY SEPT 30.**

The following link will get you to the on-line survey:

http://consulting.ideastar.com/surveys/Cleveland_Tres_Dias_Community_Preferences_Survey_2004.html

You can also fill in the paper based survey found on the following 3 pages and return it to Mike Wise. Feel free to add as many comments as you wish. We are not trying to stifle your response by the small boxes for comments.

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1. Regarding support for Tres Dias – I regularly support Tres Dias with my: (check all that apply)

- Prayer-support for Weekends
- Prayer-support for Secuelas and Secretariat
- Prayer-support for Team meetings
- Prayer-support for candidates
- Prayer-support for the community in general
- Time & talents
- Sponsoring candidates
- Serving on team
- Attending Secuelas
- Volunteering for stuff
- Dollars
- Other

2. 4 questions about Secuelas – 1. How often do you attend Secuela?

- Never
- Once a year
- 2-3 times a year
- 4-6 times a year
- Try to make every one

3. What do you like about Secuelas? (save comments on improvements for the next question; check all that apply)

- Opening Music
- Announcements
- Bible reading
- Fourth Day Talk
- Small groups

- Closing Music
- Duration
- Location
- Open comments

4. What would you like to see changed at Secuelas? (add comments, check all that apply)

- Opening Music
- Announcements
- Bible reading
- Fourth Day Talk
- Small groups
- Closing Music
- Duration
- Location
- Comments

5. If you don't attend Secuela, what keeps you away

- Location
- Day of week
- Duration
- Over-booked schedule
- I'm not really interested in keeping the Tres Dias fire going
- Comments

6. 5 Questions about Reunion Groups – Do you currently meet in a Reunion Group?

- Yes
- No

7. If yes, *how often* does your Reunion Group meet and *how many* are usually there? (check all that apply)

- Weekly 1-2
- Biweekly 3-4
- Monthly 5-6
- 7-8
- 9+

8. If you don't currently meet in a Reunion Group, would you like to and, if so, how often? (check all that apply)

- Yes
- No
- Weekly
- BiWeekly
- Monthly

9. If you currently meet in a Reunion Group **OR** would like to, what do you expect to gain?(add comments, check all that apply)

- Fellowship
- Accountability
- Grow in my walk
- Keep the fire going strong
- Comments

10. If you are not in a Reunion Group, have you ever met in a Reunion Group in the past? (add comments)

- No
- Yes, but...

11. 3 questions about the Newsletter: Do you read the Newsletter?

- Yes
- No

12. If Yes, what sections of the Newsletter do you read?

- Whole thing
- President's Letter
- Treasurer's Report
- Community News
- Prayer Requests
- Mark Your Calendar
- Notes about Tres Dias – Sermon on the Amount, Sponsorship, etc.
- What kind of content would you add?

13. If No, why not?

- Don't receive it (please add your email or physical address here)
- Can't open it on my computer
- Not interested in hearing about Tres Dias stuff
- Got too much on my plate – don't have time
- Not interested in the content
- Comments

14. One question about Secretariat: This monthly meeting is open to all, yet typically only officers attend. If you have never attended Secretariat, why not?

- Not interested in Tres Dias administration and decisions
- Got too much on my plate – don't have time
- Not interested in leadership aspects
- Location
- Day of week
- Duration

15. 3 questions about Closings – What do like about closings? (save suggestions for next question) (check all that apply)

- The trip there with friends and seeing people
- Bringing family and friends
- Singing when the new Pescadores come in
- Pescadores seeing the community for the first time
- Singing the Weekend song
- Pescadore sharing time
- Fourth Day talk
- Communion
- Closing Song
- Fellowship time afterwards
- Location
- Duration

16. What would you like to see changed about Closings? (add comments) (check all that apply)

- Getting there and getting seated
- Bringing family and friends
- Singing when the new Pescadores come in
- Pescadores seeing the community for the first time
- Weekend song
- Pescadore sharing time
- Fourth Day talk
- Communion
- Closing Song
- Fellowship time
- Location
- Duration
- Open comments

17. 2 questions about Sponsorship – If you have sponsored a candidate, what comments do you have about Sponsorship that might help others – lessons learned, things to avoid, best practices, etc.?

18. If you have not Sponsored a candidate, what have been your biggest obstacles?

19. How has Tres Dias impacted you personally? (add comments) (check all that apply)

- In my prayer life...
- In my bible study...
- In my local church...
- In my work life...
- In my community in general...

20. What general comments do you have regarding Tres Dias?

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face to shine upon you. May he lift up his countenance unto you and grant you peace...

Tres Dias – Cleveland
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S Euclid, OH 44121

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Tres Dias Mission Statement

“To strengthen the local church by providing a continuing atmosphere for individuals to share and experience the living Christ.”

