

Fisherman



September 2007

Procrastination – “to defer action; delay: *to procrastinate until an opportunity is lost*”

I was procrastinating. I looked at Diane and said what should I write on for the Presidents letter and in her infinitely profound wifely wisdom she said “How about procrastination!” Although I don’t think she meant it to be deep and profound, it worked.

We all procrastinate for a variety of reason; I can do it tomorrow or there is plenty of time or here are some good ones from Luke 14 “*I have bought a piece of ground, I must go and see it. I beg you, have me excused*” or “*I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I beg you, have me excused.*” And finally because these men procrastinated in the invitation to a supper Luke 14:24 “*For I say to you that none of these men who were invited shall taste of my supper.*” Ooops! As in the definition above there “opportunity was lost.”

Men’s #16 is quickly approaching. Dave Starke, the Rector for the weekend, announced at Secretariat, a goal to fill his candidate list at a record pace. Again, another procrastination story of mine; I have a friend, (No really I do!), and he is primed and ready, but again for whatever reason I have not put the application in his face. Imagine if the opportunity is lost. God knows who he wants there, and God will get them there despite our worst efforts. Do I want to get in the way, or be *part* of the way? That said, let’s stop procrastinating and be **part** of the way. And now, I have a phone call to make!

De Colores
Dave

Editor’s Note: I too procrastinated in finishing the September newsletter - every night that I could have worked on it my eyes would begin to close and I’d say “I’m too tired tonight – I’ll do it tomorrow night!” Now it’s Labor Day weekend and I’m in a Panera in Sharon, PA typing away to get it completed! (At least I have a good Mocha to keep me going! Praise God!)

PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BEING “PART” OF THE WAY:

>**Service Palanca** for the **TD Men’s weekend #16** - both prior to the weekend and during the weekend.

Please contact Heidi Minick Starke at (440) 729-1603 or (440) 313- 8815 or email her at heidiminickstarke@gmail.com, or Lisa Pringle at lpringle@tarolli.com if you are interested in offering your help for any of the following activities:

- *Creation of materials to be placed in the 4th day packets;
- *Individual or reunion group donations of funds to pay for bus transportation;
- *Making of phone calls to request food Palanca from the community;
- *Assisting in the setup of the palanca room Thursday afternoon prior to the opening;
- *Setting up for the Sunday closing at Christ Presbyterian church on Sunday October 21st in the afternoon;
- *Handling of the luggage at the Sunday closing.
- *Cleaning up after the Sunday closing.

Community News

SOUNDS OF SECRETARIAT from Aug 13 meeting:

1. We have filed with the state of Ohio and received a certificate of continued existence as a non-profit corporation.
2. We have filed the requested forms with the Internal Revenue Service and have been notified that we have retained our 501(c)(3) status.
3. Due to the closing of St Joe's, we are actively pursuing alternate sites for weekends. The Weekend Location Task Force is visiting various facilities to determine their suitability for weekend use.
4. We have paid the deposit to Cedar Hills for the Womens' #17 Spring 2008 weekend. Cedar Hills has increased the cost per person to \$226.50.
5. Dave Starke reported that the team for Men's #16 has begun team meetings and that we currently have one candidate. He requested the community to start now to register candidates for the weekend and not wait until the last minute.
6. Liz McArthur is stepping down as the Tres Dias website administrator.
7. Tres Dias Cleveland has agreed to sponsor the July 2009 Assembly and Secretariat meeting of Tres Dias International.
8. Discussion on Reunion Groups (and lack thereof) pointed out the need for a Reunion Chair to help coordinate Reunion Groups and provide assistance to anyone seeking to join a Reunion Group.

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES

Pray for **Dave Starke (M#9)** Rector for Men's #16 and his Team. Pray for Women's #17 as it forms – scheduled for April 17-20.

Pray for the Leadership of Cleveland Tres Dias:

President: Dave Harsch (**M#2**)
 Vice President: Diane Hrubik (**W#7**)
 Secretary: Lisa Pringle (**W#10**)
 Treasurer: Jim Hart (**M#2**)
 Asst Treasurer: Denise Palma (**W#8**)
 Fourth Day Chair: Dan Kearney (**M#12**)
 Inventory Chair: Taffy Kulp (**W#12**)
 Outreach Chair: Lezlee Sims (**W# 12**)

Prayer request from Laura Skrebnas (W#11): My mother, Natalie, has been dealing with some health issues lately, culminating in a quadruple bypass surgery recently. Since then she suffered a stroke, and now has suffered a collapsed lung and is in critical condition again. It's been a very rough couple of weeks, and is very hard on my stepfather, Ed. I would appreciate your prayers. **Prayer request from Lisa Pringle (W#10):** Please pray for 5 year old Jerry Winch (Young Jerry Winch is the son of Lisa's husband's boss.) Jerry has Acute Lymphatic Leukemia (which is pre stage B stage 2 cancer). He received a bone marrow transplant and a port was placed for chemo all with no complications. He is at Cleveland Clinic Children's hospital. We are awaiting the results of another bone marrow test to see how the chemo is affecting his cells - if they are rejuvenating themselves or dying.

Update on Jim Crytzer (M#7)

August 28, 2007 will always remain in our hearts as a special day. It was on this day that Jim had his first sips of liquid since December 21st. It had been 251 days since we had shared a meal. I will NEVER take eating together for granted anymore. What a precious memory we will treasure!

Dr. Murthy put a camera down Jim's esophagus to see how well he had healed and very pleased with what he saw and noted that there was no scar tissue build-up, something that often occurs. He has given Jim the go-ahead to slowly re-introduce food. It will take at least a month for Jim to reach the goal of a "soft food diet." During this entire process he will remain on his feeding tube to assure that he is receiving the proper nutrition. After about 3-4 months, the feeding tube will be removed and he will be able to enjoy a somewhat normal diet. We would appreciate your powerful prayers during these next several weeks as getting his stomach to "work normally again" after being dormant for 8 months is quite difficult.

Treasurer's Report as of 8/6/07

Beginning Balance – 1/1/07 **\$9,514.25**

Income: 1/1/07 - 8/6/07

Weekend Fees	\$10,618.00
(less scholarships)	(3,715.00)
Gifts/Donations	2,700.00
Golf Outing	1,880.00
Interest	<u>30.23</u>
	\$11,513.23

Expenses: 1/1/07 - 8/6/07

General Expenses:

Weekend Site Rental	\$9,429.50
Weekend Supplies	393.25
Weekend Equip. rental	86.10
Newsletter printing	238.04
Newsletter postage	226.59
Dues	25.00
Insurance	255.00
Website Maintenance	480.00
Golf Outing	1,198.00
Misc.	<u>119.46</u>
	\$12,450.94

Income less Expenses: (\$937.71)

Balance as of 8/6/07 \$8,576.54

Thank you for continued support. Please consider making a tax deductible contribution to Tres Dias Cleveland to help cover the cost of the upcoming weekends. Contributions may be sent to Denise Palma at 28901 Naylor Drive, Solon, OH 44139-1178.

NEWSLETTER INFO:

Editor: Eileen Koborie

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Email articles/info for the October newsletter to Eileen Koborie by September 23: ekoborie@sbcglobal.net.

Mark your Calendar

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

SECUELAS - Open to friends and family who have not attended a Tres Dias Weekend.
Meet for refreshments at 7:00 pm; Secuela usually starts at 7:30 pm

- Sept 8** **Orwell North Presbyterian Church**
 ***Special Time – 6 pm ([Directions - http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/directions.html](http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/directions.html))
 Contact person: Laura Pietras
 Food Theme ~ Desserts!
 Devotion: Melanie Garrett
 4th Day Speaker: Lisa Pringle
 4th Day Speaker: Rick Garrett
- Oct 6** Highland 6th Presbyterian church
- Nov 10** Bay Presbyterian Church
 *** Thanksgiving Dinner starts at 6 pm ***

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Bay Presbyterian has recently gone through some staff changes and is requesting all request for Facility usage be funneled through a single Tres Dias Pescadore. In the future for a facility need at Bay please contact:

Nanci Melster
Ministry Assistant-Family Life
Bay Presbyterian Church
440-871-1503 ext. 115
nmelster@baypres.org

Get your request in as early as possibly, rooms are going fast!

SECRETARIAT DATES - now at 7 pm

Please note that secretariat is now on Monday until further notice. We hope to see YOU there!

- Sept 10** Bay Presbyterian Church
- Oct 8** Highland 6th Presbyterian church
- Nov 12** Bay Presbyterian Church

SAVE THE DATE – AND THE BAKING FLOUR TOO! *Cookies for Kairos*

Kairos Prison Ministries (A sister ministry of Tres Dias) is having a Men’s weekend **September 20-23** at the Lake Erie Correctional Institution. Their need for prayer is great, but so is their need for Palanca...and what is their need for Palanca? **COOKIES! 2000** Cookies to be specific! *If you are interested in doing some baking...*

Criteria: Cookies must follow these guidelines-

No nuts, raisins or fruit; **NO** powdered or sprinkled sugar on top; **NO** candy type sprinkles on top. Cookies should be 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter and packed in non-returnable containers such as a sturdy box that has been lined with plastic wrap or wax paper. **NO** aluminum foil is allowed.

Please call Diane Harsch @ 440-668-7848, if you do some baking! Cookies are needed by Saturday, September 15th! Start Baking!

MEN'S WEEKEND #16

October 18-21, 2007



Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. NIV

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going to work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. MSG

RECTOR'S LETTER

Men's #16 Starts Out Right!

As rector of men's #16 I joyfully report that the team of Men's #16 has been formed and we are busily preparing both our hearts and minds for the weekend. As became quickly apparent, prayer has become a theme of the preparation so far. It started when even before the team was formed, a group of men, organized by Jim Crytzer, began praying for the team and the weekend. So our beginning was anointed with prayer from the very beginning.

I called the team to a prayer meeting even before the regular team meetings began. The response and the blessing I received as I heard the fervent, honest petitions from the men God has chosen for this weekend blew me away and I was ecstatic as we came together in that place.

The meetings have been very productive and Spirit filled as we have grown together. I am just now realizing the depth of God's love, as I see His workmen, approved for His work, taking care of each detail of our training. The level of commitment has been excellent, and I can tell that each man has been energized to his task by the working of the Holy Spirit. It is a sight to see.

We are just now receiving our first candidate applications and it is my prayer that our community diligently and prayerfully considers candidates for the weekend. I hope that each sponsor will ask his /her candidate soon, that their applications will be fully and carefully completed, and that they will be submitted to Denise Palma with arrangement for payment. I have committed to following the procedure for application, and no one on team will accept applications.

I also report that I feel the support of the community in both tangible and intangible ways. I have been truly blessed in receiving the good wishes and expressed love from many of you. I appreciate now most fully the meaning of community, and how Tres Dias expresses its love for God through acts of kind service and fellowship. What a ride!

We now look forward to our date with God's candidates. I trust that you will support these candidates through practical help from sponsors, prayer of the entire community, and expression of love through Palanca. God has a plan for some men on October 18-21 and His perfect and wonderful plan will be accomplished. My team and I will be there to watch it unfold. I am sure we will be amazed by His grace and love.

De Colores

Applications for Men's #16 are available online at the bottom of the Sponsorship page of the Tres Dias Website at <http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/sponsorship.html>

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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.”

