



# Fisherman

January 2010

## From the President.....

Happy New Year everyone!

Here we are, starting a new year. I am sure many of you, as I am, are looking back over the last year or maybe decade evaluating what went right and where things might not have gone so good. As for my family and me, we have had a difficult time the past few years as I am sure many have due to the recession, however when looking back, I have seen, more clearly the hand of God at work in our lives during those challenging times. The focus seemed to change from self-preservation to total reliance, and is this not what God wants from all of us regardless how secure we are? Also, our allowing the Holy Spirit to be in control is not easy, but is required to produce the kind of fruit that glorifies our God. This posed interesting questions, What is God's will for my life? And how will God use these trying times to glorify Him? Questions, I am sure many of us are asking.

We just celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and looking back at this splendid moment in time where the Word became flesh it only reminds me of why this Prince of Peace came, to set everyone free, providing eternal life for those who believe! I have a picture hanging in my office of a manger in a darkened area, with a hint of a shadow stretching across the manger and onto the stone wall beyond the manger. This shadow is an image of a cross. Jesus, born to die. This does not just remind me of the past, but of the future also. As promised, our Great Savior will

return and we are asked to be prepared and ready at any time. Are you ready?

We have a wonderful opportunity, to profess God's love to all. Let us focus on what God has given as gifts and blessings and let us look for ways to share these. Let's keep our eyes and ears open to what God will have us do, for Him. Don't miss an opportunity to be his hands and his feet. Opportunities are everywhere, you just need to be aware and prepared.

Tres Dias has been such a blessing to my family and me. This community which is like family in so many ways, has provided us with much love and a desire to seek God's will for our lives. We, as a community, also have a great opportunity to provide other Christians a chance to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, by inviting them to a Tres Dias weekend. To provide them with tools and a desire to be a more active member of their churches, family and community: any of the environments we might be in, but even more so for the Body of Christ. May this year bring great joy to our Maker, Provider, Protector and our Savior

***"Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
for the sake of your name lead and guide  
me."*** Psalm 31:3 NIV

DeColores  
Bernie

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



# Community News

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND #19

*weekend verse:*

*"being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 1:6*

I am excited and honored to serve the Lord and our community as the next Rectora for Women's #19 to be held at Camp Asbury on April 8-11, 2010.

I would greatly appreciate your prayer support. As you pray for the weekend, would you please be in prayer for the members of the

Lead Team:

Deb Griest, Spiritual Director  
Paul Yanchek, Spiritual Director  
Nicole Enold, Assistant Rectora  
Barb Jackson, Assistant Rectora  
Lisa McNeely, Chief Aux  
Jo-Ann Bush, Assistant Chief Aux  
Karena McCandless, Music Director  
Elizabeth Burton, Music Director  
Staci Lowell, Weekend Chair

Also, please pray for possible candidates and for what part God might have you play in supporting the weekend. I know that God has great things in store for the weekend, and it takes a whole community to be His vessels to make it happen. May I stay out of His way and allow Him to do His work! In Christ's Love,

Julie Yanchek

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✠ Please keep Bill (M #1) & Vicki Ryan (W #1) and their family in your prayers, upon the passing of Bill's mom (Sally) on November 27, 2009. Bill's dad (Chuck) has early Alzheimer's and is residing in an assisted living facility in Florida. Vicki's parents, who live in Michigan, are in fragile health, as well.

## GUIDELINES FOR CLEVELAND TD FOURTH DAY SPEAKERS

PURPOSE OF THE TALK:

Sharing the speaker's personal adventures in Piety, Study and Action as experienced after their candidate weekend.

LENGTH OF THE TALK:

Usually 5 – 10 minutes. Should be limited to maximum of 10 minutes.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE SPEAKER:

- TD Reunion Group Foldout pamphlet (see questions listed under Piety, Study & Action).
- Your TD Weekend Sponsor

The Cleveland TD Executive Committee

STRUCTURE OF THE TALK & MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

- Introduce yourself – name, church where you worship and your TD Candidate Weekend.
- Ask someone to pray for you at the beginning of your talk.
- **Do not** discuss any details of your TD Weekend or any other TD Weekend. Make the focus of the talk your Fourth Day experiences after your candidate weekend.
- RELAX, you are among the Community of Believers!

## OUTREACH

TIME, TALENT AND TREASUSRE

Do you have Time and or a desire to share the living streams God has coursing through you to nourish others? Would you like to or have a desire to share your Fourth Day with other Pescadores and possibly other potential candidates? Do you have a Talent that you would like to share in the Praise and Worship of our Savior? Become a Treasure, a Living Sanctuary, to and for others at an upcoming Secuela.

When you have a desire, when the Spirit fills you to overflowing, share with your community and become a Treasure beyond value to all by sharing your Fourth Day experience and/or sharing your musical talents (musical and/or instrumental) at an upcoming Secuela.

Secuelas are set up monthly to give our Christian community a time to revisit our relationships with each other in the presence of our Lord. Please come and if you have a desire or need to share your Fourth Day or talent please contact; Dan & Cassandra Kearney @ (330) 562-9714 or Don & Birgit Rudden @ (440) 892-9402.

Peace and Grace to All,  
Don & Birgit

*"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the Grace given to us, let us use them:..."* Romans 12:5-6



# Community News

Dear Community,

I have included in this month's Newsletter other communities who will have their own weekends in the month of January. I would encourage you, along with Nanci and myself, to participate in sending palanca their way. Here we have an opportunity to be God's hands and feet, no matter the distance, to extend love and grace just like we received during our personal weekend. I like the way the international website describes palanca, "Bear in mind that letters in and of themselves are not palanca! Letters are merely one vehicle in which we convey the actual palanca being done at that time. In other words, the effort, thoughts and prayers that go into the letters are actually the palanca, not the letters themselves."

(<http://www.tresdias.org>)

Here are examples of palanca:

**PERSONAL PALANCA:** This is palanca performed on behalf of individual candidates and team members. It is most frequently demonstrated in personal notes that are not meant for anyone but the recipient.

- A brief note of encouragement
- Reassurance that God will meet the candidate right where he is
- Adding an encouraging scripture is recommended (reminding of God's promises, etc).
- Let them know you are praying for them (and do it!).
- It is important to have personal palanca available for Friday and Saturday. (It's a lever, so use it).
- You can include small items that can fit in an envelope can be included. Such as "pass it on" cards, small bookmarks, small pins, etc.
- **Do not** refer to any special events that happen over the weekend. Your palanca may not be delivered when you expect it to be, so you wouldn't want to spoil the surprise.
- **Do not** refer to home or family. It's important to maintain the focus and sequestered nature of the weekend.
- **Do not** talk about how you felt on your weekend. The candidate may be having a very different experience and you wouldn't want to set him/her up for disappointment.
- **Do not** mark palanca for delivery at specific times. You may specify a particular day, as well as "am" or "pm", but not specific times.

**GENERAL PALANCA:** This is palanca performed on the weekend in general. It is most frequently demonstrated in notes, letters or posters that are addressed to the team and candidates, often accompanied by small gift items or tokens.

- The letter should be addressed to the team and candidates on a particular weekend. It should include the actual palanca that you will be providing to the weekend - such as:
  - A gift of prayer. Let them know that you will be praying for them. Perhaps you will pray for the weekend every time you have to stop at a red light, or something like that. They should know it. (And you should be sure to honor your commitment)
  - A gift of sacrifice: Perhaps you made something that you are giving to the weekend. Let them know the spiritual significance of the item.
  - Try to include an encouraging scripture. Using the theme scripture of the weekend helps to promote the unity of the weekend.
  - The letter shouldn't be too long - a maximum of one typewritten page. Keep in mind that general palanca is read by the auxiliaries throughout the weekend when time permits, so the letter should not be too long or complex as its meaning may be lost.
- ⇒ This IS where you can refer to your own weekend ("I sat where you are sitting...")
- ⇒ If possible, include small tokens for the team and candidates. The items should have some spiritual significance and can be as simple as some chocolate or candy, as complex as craft items that you and your Reunion Group made, and anything in between. Remember it's the thought, prayer and service that's important, not the actual item itself.
- ⇒ General palanca is also provided in other ways:
  - Providing break food (snacks).
  - Providing candy for the tables.
  - Providing flowers for the dining room or Rollo room.

**14-Jan-10 Mid-Hudson Tres Dias Men's # 151**  
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# Treasurer's Report

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 9/21/09

Beginning Balance – 1/1/09	<b>\$12,354.40</b>
Income: 1/1/09 - 9/21/09	
Unrestricted Gifts	1,388.00
Interest	5.85
Pay It Forward	3,078.00
Shirt Sales	480.00
International Assembly	5,699.88
Weekend Fee – Candidate	3,070.00
Less Pay-It-Forward scholarships	(2,220.00)
Weekend Fee – Team	3,660.00
Less Team scholarships	(360.00)
	<b>\$14,801.73</b>
Expenses: 1/1/09 - 9/21/09	
General Expenses:	
Insurance	272.00
Newsletter printing	229.97
Newsletter postage	196.30
Website Maintenance	480.00
International Assembly	5,874.05
Refreshments-Secuella	120.50
Shirts	720.00
	<u>720.00</u>
	\$7,892.82
Weekend Expenses	
Supplies	533.63
Equipment rental	50.00
Site rental	5,100.00
Travel (Bus)	650.00
	<u>650.00</u>
	\$6,333.63
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,226.45</b>
<b>Income less Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 575.28</b>
<b>Balance as of 9/21/09</b>	<b>\$12,929.68</b>

The current balance in the Pay-It-Forward program is \$2,728.  
This will be used for candidate scholarships on future weekends.

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  
28901 Naylor Drive  
Solon, OH 44139-1178

If you wish your donation to be used for the Pay-It-Forward program, please indicate "Pay-It-Forward" on the memo line of your check.  
Thank you for your continued support.



# Calendar of Events

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

**SECUELAS** - We encourage you to invite family and friends!

Saturday, February 6	7:00 p.m.	Hudson Community Chapel	
Saturday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian	
Saturday, April 24	7:00 p.m.	Christ Presbyterian	
Saturday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	True Vine Baptist Church	

## **SECRETARIATS**

Monday, February 8	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian	
Monday, March 15	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, April 26	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian	
Monday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, June 7	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian	

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

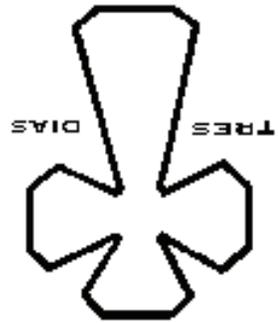
**April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Women's #19**

**Next Newsletter Deadline: Monday January 25**

**Email to: [cwoodle@msn.com](mailto:cwoodle@msn.com)**

**Please put "Tres Dias Newsletter" in the Subject line to avoid being deleted if unknown sender.**

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continuing atmosphere for individuals to share  
and experience the living Christ."



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