

TRES DIAS
Cleveland, Ohio



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JUNE 2010

From the President.....

June 2010, here we are heading into summer looking forward to a season of graduations, weddings, spending time outside with family and friends, preparing for vacations, maybe even taking some time to just relax and enjoy all the gifts of creation from our Lord.

As I see it, and I'm sure many of you do, it is also a time of reflection. For me, I am specifically referring to the past two years I have been blessed in serving this community, Tres Dias Cleveland, as vice president and then president. It has been truly a humbling experience, filled with many very fond moments. It has also been a tremendous learning experience, having been exposed to the business side of an organization like Tres Dias. I am so very grateful for the individuals that God has surrounded me with, for their continuous support, encouragement, patience and of course prayers. One verse especially comes to mind: Romans 12:4-5. "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We all are a part of one body, His body. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others."

Special thanks to Diane Hrubik for giving so much of her time and talent as president last year. I learned quite a bit from her. I would also like to acknowledge those who have been so willing to serve this community. These people have served for at least 2 years and are now moving on. Lisa Pringle-Recording Secretary for 4 years, Denise Palma-Assistant Treasure for 4 years, Cathy Woodle-News Letter Editor for 4 years, Jim & Judi Crytzer-Inventory Chair. Those of you who are still active, Lisa Corwin-Treasurer, Dan & Cassandra Kearney-Fourth Day Chair, Don & Birgit Rudden-Outreach Chair. I am

so grateful and pleased you have remained on to serve our community. And of course Lonnie Gallup as vice president, soon to become president. Thank you Lonnie for being by my side this past year, I could not have done it without you! A special thanks to our Illustrious Tres Dias International Representative – Pam Belknap, who just loves the Lord so much she is willing to travel the states and beyond. Thanks for introducing me to the ways of the International Committee. Thank You Lisa McNeely, for contributing your time, and graphic abilities, in getting The Blast out to the community rain or shine.

Now, a warm welcome to those who have humbly and graciously offered their time and talents to serve our community. Vice President Judi Crytzer, Recording Secretary Jo-Ann Bush, Assistant Treasurer Melanie Garrett, Vern & Dianne Hartenburg—Inventory Chair, Nanci Melster—News Letter Editor. Sy Mougrabi Reunion Chair (stepping in for Cindy Gecik who is busy going back to school while working full time.) We wish you the best Cindy.

While I was vice president a verse kept coming to mind, funny how that happens. I based my President's Letters on this particular verse for the past year. The verse comes from Galatians 5: 22-23, "But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law." I will continue to pray this for our new secretariat and for the our community that the Lord has blessed us with.

May the blessings of God be abundant and recognized by each of you.

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Bernie <><

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Community News

ANNOUNCING MEN'S # 19 WEEKEND

It is time to start praying for the team, candidates and for the weekend if you haven't already started.

RECTOR — Barry DeBord

WHERE— Camp Burton in Burton, Ohio

www.campburton.org

WHEN— October 21-24, 2010

WEEKEND VERSE:

Luke 9:23-24

“Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”

The Leadership Team is as follows;

Asst Rectors - John Maynard & Dan Allen,
Chief Aux—Barry Shemela
Weekend Chair—Jim Hart
Music Director/Spiritual Director-
Roger Korsten
Asst Music Director—Dave Starke
Spiritual Directors—
Ed McGhee & Roy Williams

Applications should be submitted by Oct. 10, 2010 in order to secure one of the 40 available weekend reservations.

TEAM

To Be Announced Soon !

CANDIDATES

God's Chosen Ones . . .



Community News

Sponsorship Responsibilities

Sponsorship is not merely an invitation. It is an ongoing commitment to

See a friend... Be a friend... Show Jesus Christ, your Friend.

To be a sponsor, consider the following:

1. Tres Dias is not for everyone. It is intended to strengthen those who are Christians, active in their church, or seeking to become more active.
2. Inviting someone to attend Tres Dias comes only after you are willing to make a significant, long term commitment. If you are not able to make that commitment, after the Weekend they may feel let down, abandoned or excluded.
3. Have you honestly looked at your reasons for sponsoring someone? Is the goal to bless them? Or is it to impress them?
4. Do you know the Candidate, or do you just know about the person?
5. Is this the right time for the Candidate? Remember, Tres Dias is not a "fix" for difficult feelings, times or situations. Experienced professionals suggest a person should not attend a Tres Dias Weekend if they have experienced a major life crisis within the past 12 months. Instead, be patient with your friend's feelings and allow them to have a natural grieving process and healing before inviting him or her to attend a Tres Dias Weekend. You may actually do a disservice to your friend if their grieving process is delayed or derailed.
6. Are you willing to make a significant commitment to your Candidate's family throughout the Weekend?

Sponsorship Responsibility in Weekend Support

Sponsors are expected to support Candidates on the Weekend by providing transportation, praying for the Weekend, providing a general Palanca letter to the Weekend, personal Palanca to the Candidate, offering to help the Candidate's family, providing a baby-sitter for children if needed, attending the Opening and Closing, and answering any other needs that would be helpful.

Sponsorship Responsibility in Fourth Day Support

Sponsorship means an ongoing commitment is being made to the Candidate. A sponsor should help the new Pescadore to live the Fourth Day as it is presented on the Weekend, to help the new Pescadore to join (or form) a Reunion Group. Sponsorship includes ongoing invitations to meet at Secuelas and Secretariat meetings. In general, the sponsor should be responsive to the needs of the new Pescadore until he/she is established in the community and in their Fourth Day walk.

Sponsorship is the most important part of the total Tres Dias experience. It is the first act of Palanca before the Weekend even begins. During the Weekend, your personal acts of sacrificial love undergird your Candidate's experience with Christ.

Your Fourth Day invitations to your Candidate to interact and participate with you in community set-



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Dear Community,
I have included in this month's Newsletter other communities who will have their own weekends in the month of May. 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, e.g., "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.



Community News

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 TREASURE

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



Community News

Communities having weekends in June

2-Jun-10 Voronezh Tres Dias Men's # 5
Svetlana Gustshina, Palanca Coordinator
Lebedyanskaya street, 24-1-340
Russia 115598 Moscow
Letters via mail to Russia take two or more weeks
Email SvetaVG70@rambler.ru

3-Jun-10 Tres Dias of Japan (English Speaking)
Women's # 36
Lorenzo & Linda Brown, Lay Directors
PSC 473 Box 95
FPO, AP 96349
Tel 1-864-302-0017
Email godsvessel93@aol.com , linda.brown@fe.navy.mil,
lorenzo.brown@pac.dodea.edu or lorenzo4606@aol.com

3-Jun-10 Mid-Hudson Tres Dias Women's # 153
Rosann Miloscia, Palanca Coordinator
109-11 Cartwheel Court
Washingtonville, NY 10992
Tel 1-845-497-7862
Email rosie.tdi.pal@frontiernet.net

9-Jun-10 Voronezh Tres Dias Women's # 6
Svetlana Gustshina, Palanca Coordinator
Lebedyanskaya street, 24-1-340
Russia 115598 Moscow
Letters via mail to Russia take two or more weeks
Email SvetaVG70@rambler.ru

10-Jun-10 Central Connecticut Tres Dias Women's # 59
Sandy Miller, Palanca Coordinator
300 Central Ave.
Torrington, CT 06790
Tel 1-860-482-5601
Email sanjeanm@aol.com

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

31st Tres Dias International Assembly

Created to Praise!!

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord"

Psalms 150:6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
You are cordially invited to the **31st Tres Dias International Assembly and Secretariat** on **July 9-11, 2010**. The Assembly will be held in the northern suburbs of Houston, Texas at Champion Life Centre Church, hosted by SouthEast Texas Tres Dias, which just held its 8th set of weekends. The address for the church is 3031 FM 2920, Spring, Texas 77388 and will be held in the Family Life Center located on the church campus.

Accommodations may be reserved at two different locations:

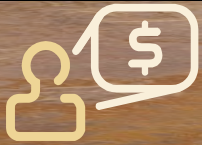
1. Marriott The Woodlands Waterway Hotel & Convention Center, 1601 Lake Robbins Drive, Woodlands, Tx 77380, (281-367-9797.)
Call or register at:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/houmw-the-woodlands-waterway-marriotthotel-and-convention-center/?toDate=7/11/10&groupCode=tretrea&fromDate=7/9/10&app=resvlink>
The daily Single and Double group rate is \$129.00, plus tax. The Marriott is located right on the famous Woodlands waterway and walking distance from the Woodlands mall. The Marriott is 10 minutes away from the church.

2. Spring Comfort Suites, 323 East Louetta Road, Spring, TX 77373, (281-288-5515).
Your group rate is \$89.00. You must call in to make your registration and reference Tres Dias to get your special rate. Your contact is Flo Vega. Comfort Suites is located only 5 minutes from the church. The Secretariat on Sunday morning will meet at the Comfort Suites.

In order to secure our Tres Dias rate, reservations must be made by June 8th, 2010 for the Marriott and June 15th, 2010 for the Comfort Suites.

The closest airport is the **Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)**, approximately 20 minutes from the Hotels and the Church. Local transportation will be provided by SETTD, or there are several car rental agencies at the Airport (please reserve in advance). If you need assistance in scheduling our booking your flight and rental car, please check our travel agent at www.anyhourtravel.com.

The Assembly Verse is Psalms 150:6 (printed above) and from this the theme is: **Created To Praise**.



Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 6-8-2010

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Huntington - Savings 12,394.38

Huntington - Checking 228.19

Total Checking/Savings 12,622.57

Total Current Assets 12,622.57

TOTAL ASSETS **12,622.57**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 2,320.54

Retained Earnings 9,816.69

Net Income 485.34

Total Equity 12,622.57

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **12,622.57**

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:

Melanie Garrett
215 Winston Road
Akron, Ohio 44313

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. Sponsors, don't forget to invite and/or bring that new Candidate to the Secuelas. We desire your fellowship, ideas, and contributions!

SECUELAS 2010-2011 - We encourage you to invite family and friends!

Saturday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	True Vine Baptist Church	
Saturday, August 14	10:00-7:00	Washington Reservation	Family Picnic
Saturday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Saturday, October 9	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian	
Saturday, November 13	5:15 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	Pay It Forward Dinner
Saturday, February 12	7:00 p.m.	Hudson Community Church	
Saturday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian	
Saturday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Christ Presbyterian	Pay It Forward Dinner
Saturday, May 14	7:00 p.m.	True Vine Baptist	

SECRETARIATS 2010-2011 All are welcome!

Monday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, June 7	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian	
Monday, August 16	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian	
Monday, September 13	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian	
Monday, October 11	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian	
Monday, November 15	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian	
Monday, February 14	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian	
Monday, March 14	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian	
Monday, April 18	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian	
Monday, May 16	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian	

Next Newsletter Deadline: Saturday June 26th

Email to: bernievon@aol.com

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