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Welcome New Secretariat Members

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At the annual meeting on June 16th, Don Norcross was re-elected by the attending members to be the Secretary of Indy Tres Dias. The good news is we welcomed Don back but the bad news is Don later resigned his position due to time commitment conflicts.

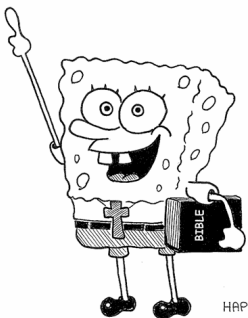
At a special Secretariat meeting on June 28th, Sandee Norcross and Gordon Stevens were both appointed as members of your Secretariat. Sandee is serving as Weekend Director. Gordon is serving as Men's Leadership Director.

Congratulations and welcome to both Sandee and Gordon.

On the same note. Much gratitude goes to Al Dowd who served us well for many years as Men's Leadership Director. Al is one of the founding members of Indy Tres Dias. He is known by his wisdom, patience, dedication to Indy Tres Dias and his heart for God. It is a well known fact that he has a beautiful song voice as well. (Just ask him to hum a few bars)

Let's also show our gratitude to Jennifer Garner. Jennifer did an excellent job as Weekend Director. We can all follow her example of serving the team and candidates even when not on the weekend team.

When you see Al, Jennifer, Gordon Don or Sandee, give em a hug and let them know how much you appreciate them



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**He who believes in Jesus
will never dry out !**

-John 4: 10-15

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Everyday is a gift that's why they call it the present

Treasurer's Chest As the Men's and Women's weekends are quickly approaching, everyone can do their part of ACTION by, either, help contribute to the fees of a candidate or donate cash, food or drink items to the kitchen.

The cost to hold a weekend is very significant. Your donations, aside from team and candidate fees, are what have allowed us to meet expenses on more than one occasion. Many times God has provided when I was extremely nervous going into the last week. I know you say where is your faith??? People, my faith is in God and you. Donate what you can. Prepare a dish for Thursday night. Bring some 2 liters or 4 one liters. And if you can't do that, most of all, we need prayer. God has blessed us with a wonderful community of people. Praise God. People, keep God first in your life and always be in prayer. If you are not participating on the teams this Fall, we hope to see you at the send off, closing and those special events during the weekend

Be blessed

John Featheringill



Corner

As we prepare for our Tres Dias 21 weekend we have spoken about building a covenant community together with our candidates and team members that will extend to 4th day grouping. Below are some thoughts and ideas on what

God centered relationships can be and what we can pray for our Tres Dias community to live out together in covenant fellowship.

Thoughts on community:

Community is a fellowship of people who do not hide their joys and sorrows but make them visible to each other in a gesture of hope. It is where we say life is full of gains and losses, joys and sorrows, ups and downs, but we choose not to live it alone.

Community is a place where we embrace the truth that the wounds of our individual lives become sources of healing when we live them as part of a fellowship of mutual care.

Community is a place where we embrace the truth that the triumphs of individual lives become sources of hope when we live them as part of a fellowship of mutual care.

Community is a fellowship of little people who together make God visible to the world. The most insignificant person of the community focuses the clarity of God to the world no less than the most significant person of the community.

Community is where we mature beyond wondering whether our life is better or worse than others and incubate a maturing understanding of living a life changers walk that proclaims our individuality and unique place with God.

Community is where we share our life and let our friends know what is in it and they share their life back with you doing likewise.

Community is where we understand the difference between productive and fruitfulness.

Community is where we celebrate life together and create lives remembered.

Community is where we drink life together with hope, courage, conviction and worth.

Community is where we release people to their Godly purpose.

Community takes us beyond the entertainment quality of our lives.

Community is where we distinguish between what we are called to do and doing merely what we want to do.

Community is living a life in and with the spirit of Jesus and intimacy with the Father.

Greg Overby

Another Encouraging Encounter With God

By Kelly Beck

Every now and then light bulbs that resemble camera flashes at a Wayne Newton show go off in my head. The other day when I was into my eighteenth minute of a thirty-minute Bible study program, it went off. One loud and bright flash. Being the person I am, it didn't sink in right away. It took days of thinking and re hashing the experience. Nevertheless, here is yet another encouraging encounter with God I had.

Scripture tells us to plow up our harden hearts. Not once, but on several occasions. My Bible has thirty-eight references in the concordance on hearts. He hardened his heart... Exodus 8:15, Harden the heart of these people... Isaiah 6:10, Don't harden your heart... Hebrews 3:8. My Bible also has nineteen references on heads. Nothing as notable as, do not harden your heart, nevertheless some heart warming advice. The references to heads are exactly half of the references of hearts. Why so much attention to the heart and not the head. I don't know about you, but my head gets me in more trouble than my heart. I store all my pride in my head. On some days, my head has a full load of pride with a pride truck waiting at the dock to unload. On other days, my head is awaiting impatiently for the pride delivery truck to arrive.

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I have plowed up my hardened heart more times than the Apostle Paul got beat up. Why is there no reference to plowing up your harden head?

When you battle pride, you are fighting the number one disease that kills most Christians. I have seen more Christians (including myself) stumble and fall due to pride. Prideful comments consist of, but are not limited too: **"Well they just don't need me, I am right, why don't you agree? I can not believe they do not agree with me, I have really changed why can't you, Why didn't they pick me? I'm faster, I'm better, I'm taller, I'm stronger"**. How many times have you talked to someone and a pride comment comes out of his or her mouth, and in your head you say, Who cares. I have done that several times just listening to myself. Pride is a killer. The death rate of a Christian attitude is high. This is due in a large part by destroying it daily with pride. The word submission I have found out is not just for your wife.

The other day a professional repair person told me to rent a steamer in order to remove our wallpaper in our kitchen. The steamer rented for \$29.95. In addition, if I rented the steamer on Friday I did not have to return it until 8 AM on Monday morning, all for the daily price of \$29.95. My head told me that was ridiculous, all I need was some DIF and a couple of scrapers and it will come right off. The most I would spend would be maybe \$30.00, and I did not have to worry about renting a steamer. Off to Lowes and out the door I go with a bascart filled with stripping materials and a receipt for \$65.00. In my kitchen three days later stood the strongest wallpaper ever made in 1937. No amount of stripper was going to budge this paper. Reluctantly I returned to the rental place, plunked down my charge card with a balance of \$2.67, and rented the steamer. Ten hours later my kitchen is wallpaper free. Ladies and Gentlemen, that is called non-submissive PRIDE. I spent over \$100.00 because I was determined (hardheaded) to do it my way.

I encourage you today to return to the battlefield and take on pride head to head. **Psalm 20:7 tells us; Some nations boast of their armies and weapons, but we boast in the Lord our God.** It matters very little what we have done in our life. It only matters what God has done and what He is going to do. He gave you everything. All you are doing is using it. It is like borrowing your Dad's car. It is his possession, you are just using it and you better put some gas in it. Our bodies and mind are like the car. We are just using it. God owns it and we better put fuel in it. If you are like me, to get the fuel you need to run on you have to go to God's instruction manual every day.

I leave you with one of the best scriptures I have found this year. As one of my spiritual advisors says; "I think God just put this in the Bible, I have never seen it before". Meditate on this scripture and then ask God to convict you each time, you think of yourself in any way but as His servant.

Do not be selfish; do not live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Do not think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and what they are doing. Philippians 2:3-4

DeColores.....Kelly

**Here is the test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished,
if you're alive.....it isn't.**

My dear friends in Christ,

I hope this note finds everyone well and blessed. There is not much new news to report concerning happenings within the community. I do want to let you know that the secretariat has a project that is being worked on and hopefully it will all be in place in a couple of months. It is a project that will benefit the entire community and when it is finished, everyone will be made aware of it. That is all I can really say about that at this point in time.

However, I do ask that you keep the secretariat, as well as, the entire community in your prayers.

One bit of news that does need to be shared is that the secretariat's secretary, Don Norcross, has resigned his position. Don has been going to school over the past few months and with his job, school and his position on the secretariat life was starting to get a little hectic trying to balance schedules.

I want to thank Don for the work that he has done. He was always a breath of fresh air during our meetings and he has such good insight. He loves the Lord and always had the community in mind. So thank you, Don, for the great work in the past. Be blessed in your new venture and come see us when you get a chance.

As I stated earlier, please keep the secretariat in your prayers and pray that the Lord give each of guidance as we do His work.

Love & Peace in Jesus,

Steve Myers

How to sponsor a candidate Part two

In the last Alegre, we talked about some of the responsibilities you have when you sponsor a candidate to a Tres Dias weekend. We covered the pre-weekend phase. Now let's talk about your role during the weekend and afterward....the fourth day. While your candidate is at St. Bernadette's, away from the outside world, you can offer to handle anything that might come up around home, yard work, errands, taking children to functions, pet sitting, etc. You can reassure a spouse who might be left alone for that time. Probably the most important thing you can do during the weekend is to get that Palanca delivered properly. Of course you will need to bring your candidate to the sendoff and be at the closing ceremony to take your new Pescadore home. After the weekend, it would be a good idea to periodically check in on him/her to see how their fourth day is going. Now we come to probably your most important task as a sponsor. **It is the responsibility of sponsors to get the new Pescadores in a group that best fits them.** It doesn't necessarily have to be in your group. It may not be with Pescadores from their same weekend. If you don't know where to begin looking for groups, contact Men's Leadership director Gordon Stevens, Women's Leadership Director Julie Featheringill or Post Weekend Director Kelly Beck. They will have information about the different groups such as who is in what group & when those groups meet.

As you may remember from your Tres Dias weekend, we are taught that the most important part of Tres Dias is the fourth day (the rest of your life) and getting into a regular group is a vital part of everyone's fourth day. Without it, the Tres Dias weekend experience could be nothing more than a fond memory of a good time on a weekend with lots of food, but getting connected with, and meeting regularly with your group can change your life to be an effective servant of Christ. Isn't that why we invite people to a Tres Dias weekend in the first place? Please do all you can to get your Pescadore connected and into the right group

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If Noah had woodpeckers on the ark,
where did he keep them?

In The Beginning

How Indy Tres Dias Began

Jim and Kathy Doyle brought the Tres Dias idea and materials to Indianapolis from Tallahassee, FL, where they founded North Florida Tres Dias in early 1989. They had first been introduced to the Tres Dias movement in Atlanta, GA, (North Georgia Tres Dias) in 1987, when the music minister from their church attended a weekend. The North Georgia community allowed

them to sponsor nearly fifty candidates from Florida over the next two years to help them form a secretariat and build a community of their own.

A job in Indianapolis precipitated their move back in late 1989 and for the next three years, plans were developed, and materials, scripts and talk outlines were all put on the computer. Both Jim & Kathy went back to work North Florida Men's and Women's #1 in November that year and they were commissioned by that community with the laying on of hands and prayer to bring it to Indy. Preliminary discussions were held with Al and Donna Dowd, and Carol Hofmeister about how they might form a community and get Tres Dias off the ground. In March 1992, Jim and Kathy both worked Tri State Tres Dias in Evansville, hoping to get their help in developing a community in Indianapolis, similar to what Atlanta did for North Florida. Tri State Tres Dias was unwilling to allow us to sponsor candidates there because of the limited amount of space at their retreat facility.

As a result, it was decided to utilize people in Indianapolis who had been involved with Cursillo and other similar movements to develop the Indy community. Indy Tres Dias held its first organizational meeting on May 26, 1992. Steve and Bev Myers then joined us at our fourth meeting in August, while Bev was still serving on the Cursillo Secretariat. On April 24, 1993, Indy Tres Dias was incorporated in the state of Indiana, and a tax ID number and nonprofit status were applied for in August and were granted by the IRS later that year. Also that year, we received our charter to operate as a Tres Dias community from the National Tres Dias office.

Our first men's and women's weekends were finally held in 1995 after several cancellations due to the lack of candidates and difficulties from the retreat center. Indy Women's Tres Dias #1 was held on Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 1995, with Kathy Doyle as Rectora, and Indy Men's Tres Dias #1 was held on Dec. 14-17, 1995, with Jim Doyle as rector. Earliest funding came from a couple in Evansville who sent \$500 to help get us started and a couple in Indianapolis who tithed to Tres Dias for two years so supplies and materials could be obtained for the first weekends. Jim Doyle

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Make A Friend, Be A Friend, Bring A Friend To Christ

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Rectora Suzy Landry, Theme: John 10:10

Women's Tres Dias #21 October 13—16

Rector Brian Craighead, Theme: 1 Peter 5:6

Men's Tres Dias #21 September 22—25

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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday September 13, Secretariat Meeting at Wallace Street Pres. Church. 7:00PM
- Friday September 16, Praise & Worship Celebration at Christian Faith Center. 7:00PM
- Tuesday October 18, Secretariat Meeting at Wallace Street Pres. Church. 7:00PM
- Saturday October 22, Victory Banquet at Christian Faith Center. 6PM to 9PM
- Tuesday November 15, Secretariat Meeting at Wallace Street Pres. Church. 7:00PM
- Friday November 18, Secuela at Wallace St. Pres. Church 7PM– 9:30 ish
- Tuesday December 13, Secretariat Meeting at Wallace Street Pres. Church. 7:00PM
- Saturday December 17, Christmas Gathering at Northeastwood
- Spring Weekends: March 9-12, Men's Tres Dias #22
- March 23-26, Women's Tres Dias #22
- Next Fall Weekends: October 12– 15 Men's Tres Dias #23
- October 26- 29 Women's Tres Dias #23