

the colors of Tres Dias International

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'TIS THE SEASON
FOR RENEWED

hope & joy

“May the God of hope fill you with all *joy* and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with *hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

ROMANS 15:13

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President's Corner

By Denny Farkas - President of Tres Dias International

As we reflect on 2020, I think we can all agree that it has been a year like none other. We have experienced global uncertainty and stress. Some of us are grieving the loss of a loved one to the virus or know of family or friends who have become ill, or maybe we even experienced the virus ourselves. All of us have been impacted in one way or another over these past eight months.

But here we are, approaching the time of year where we celebrate God's love for us through the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Now some might say, "It's a bit difficult to feel thankful this year." We are told in **1 Thessalonians 5:18** "*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*" God reminds us to be thankful despite the problems, and to not let disappointments, failures, losses, and hurt keep us from being thankful to Him.

God is calling on us to focus on Him and to go even further by putting our Piety, Study and Action into hyperdrive. Taking the energy that would have been spent on “putting on a weekend,” and challenging ourselves to lovingly serve, in the name of Jesus, our church, our family, our friends, our neighbors, and maybe even serve someone we do not even know, but whom God has put before us.

As we approach this holiday season, consider reaching out to your brothers and sisters with your love and support.

While physical contact may not always be possible, use the phone or the various electronic tools to stay connected. Virtual Secuelas or reunion group get-togethers are great ways to see fellow Pescadores. How is your church doing and how can you help? And how about our seniors? Cards of encouragement from complete strangers can really make their day. Or how about starting a gratitude calendar, just like an advent calendar? There are so many ways that, despite our current challenges, we can still make a difference in Jesus’ name in someone’s life, or even in our own.

Let His light shine through you in your fourth day activities.

Obviously, we at Tres Dias International do not have a clue what challenges 2021 will bring, but we do know that God’s presence, through His Holy Spirit, will never leave us. He promises in ***Deuteronomy 31:6***, “*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you.*”

So let us be thankful for the blessings God has chosen to shower upon us during this season of change. May we look forward with a renewed spirit of love and action to the challenges, whatever they may be, put before us in the name of Jesus!

Wishing you a Blessed and peaceful close to 2020 and a vibrant, healthy new 2021.

In His name,

Denny

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[A Word from Our Spiritual Director](#)

By Pastor John Milam - Spiritual Director, Tres Dias International

With summer behind us and fall FINALLY settled in, we come into not only the beginning of the end of the calendar year (most of us just exhaled a huge sigh of relief and hope) but also two of the best holidays of the year. However, as we enter the Holiday season of 2020 you may have a little different outlook than normal. Many things about this year will look and, quite frankly, be different as they may sadly include the absence of some of our most treasured loved ones. And while it will be different and perhaps difficult in some ways, that does not mean that we are without reason to celebrate. While I am acutely aware that this time last year none of us would have imagined that our lives would look like they do today, we do have many amazing reasons to celebrate and be thankful.

First and foremost, Christ is still on the throne and he is still Lord of all. In the midst of it all, His heart is still for us, His love is still unchanging, His grace is still amazing, and as 2 Corinthians

1:20 says, His promises are still yes and in Him they are amen! And yes, that is “preachy”, but nonetheless so absolutely true. We must never forget that our idealism is such a key part of our outlook and faith, and it helps us to hold onto the truths of Christ and his love even in the most difficult circumstances. We also have each other. And while our time together will certainly be different this year, let us hold fast to the blessing of family and friends. Let us redeem the time with joy and laughter and lots of hugs with those we can hug and blow a kiss to those we cannot. Finally, as we express our thankfulness for His many blessings and we worship and adore Him as Emmanuel, God with us, let us look with eager anticipation at not only the coming of a new year, but also to the reality that just as the angels promised at His ascension into glory, he will come again as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We are closer now than we ever have been and that is a reason to celebrate.

Blessings and De Colores!

Pastor John

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[Living Out Our 4th Day](#)

By Kevin LeMay – President of Alamo City Tres Dias

When are we going to be able to have a 3-day weekend again? I miss the amazing people, all the food, and of course the blessings that these weekends provide and the lives that are changed by the Holy Spirit on these weekends! That seems to be the sentiment of most people I have talked to in our community. While it is great for us to desire for things to be back to normal and for us to get on with our weekends again, we also need to remember that there is more to Tres Dias than just the 3-day weekends.

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[#112 {Virtual} TDI Secretariat](#)

By Curt Marusik – Host Planning Committee Chair

Howdy from Texas!

We were asked in July by Frank Yarbrough if South East Texas would be willing to host virtually in the fall. Our question was “How in the world do we do that and still keep it ‘Tres Dias’?” Like many of us in this COVID-19 world, we work from home behind computer screens all day. Some of us watch church online or even attend reunion groups virtually. Our challenge was how to keep the intimacy that is Tres Dias alive in hosting a virtual secretariat. Although everyone wanted to be in person together and to share in an abrazo, that is just not the world we live in right now.

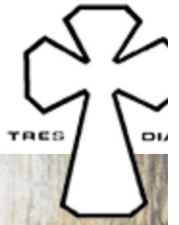
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{Virtual} Palanca, A Sample from South East Texas Tres Dias

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community Connection

How is Your Community Living out the Fourth Day?

As you have read in the articles above, living the Fourth Day is a bit challenging during these times. Many communities are coming up with creative and “out of the box” ways to connect. Some have done virtual Secuelas and virtual Reunion Group meetings as our President mentioned. We would love to share ideas of activities planned by you, the communities of Tres Dias. Maybe you can be an inspiration to others.

Here is an example from my community:

Northern Virginia Women of Tres Dias “Summer Picnic at the Park”

The women of NVTD were missing each other and the camaraderie that is shared. There were no team meetings or weekends. One of our wonderful sisters is gifted in connecting and planning and she came up with the idea of scheduling a picnic at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, VA. She posted an open invitation on our NVTD Group Facebook page inviting

any of the women who were available to a picnic lunch. Each attendee was to bring their own brown bag (or stylish basket) lunch, chair, and other desired paraphernalia to enjoy in the socially distanced company of other sisters. There was sharing, laughing, and plain wonderful reconnecting. Everyone had such a marvelous time, that it was decided to schedule another date and spread the word so more sisters could come and join in the fellowship.

Please share your ideas and/or events by sending them to communications@tresdias.org.

Please include your name, the name of your community and a description of your event. We also welcome any pictures you would like to share.

Wishing you a blessed Holiday Season filled with great ideas for connecting!

Millie Martire

NVTD Women's Leader

TDI Communications Chair



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[I was WRONG about Tres Dias!](#)

By Jeremy James - North Florida Tres Dias, #40

I am sure that those of my generation could finish the sentence – “How many licks does it take to get to the _____ of a _____ _____?” (If you answered “Center” of a “Tootsie Roll Pop,” then, congratulations – you’re cultured, just like me!)

In April of 2009, my life was forever impacted when I was able to attend North Florida Tres Dias #40 in Dowling Park, Florida. I had been in Church most of my life, been used by the Lord in some interesting ways, had seen Him work in miraculous ways, and received mind-blowing amounts of grace, I was still just..... overwhelmed by this weekend.

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[Asian Salad](#)

Mary Kathryn LeMay, Alamo City Tres Dias

[Breakfast Egg Casserole](#)

Jan Coleman, North CA Tres Dias

[Brown Sugar Pound Cake](#)

Angie Bruce, North Georgia Tres Dias

[Blueberry Muffins](#)

Susan Kenna-Farkas, Lehigh Valley Tres Dias

[Carmel Microwave Popcorn](#)

Sue Arent, RIMA

[Crockpot BBQ Pulled Pork](#)

Pam Raymond, Lehigh Valley Tres Dias

[Egg White Breakfast Cups](#)

Greg Aycock, South East Texas Tres Dias

Keto Cheese and Bacon Cauliflower Soup

Sarah Odoms & Angie Meyers, Treasure Valley Tres Dias

Mexican Corn Dip

Ray and Doris Mercer, Coastal Georgia Tres Dias

Million Dollar Cake

Jan Coleman, North CA Tres Dias

Punch Bowl Banana Pudding

Paula Daily, Trinity Valley Tres Dias

Shrimp Scampi

Bill Shoemaker, North East Georgia Tres Dias

**The Communications Committee of Tres Dias
International needs YOUR help!**

The Communications Committee is looking for help. There is a need for help from Tres Dias members from all communities with any of the following skills:

- Content Creators
- Experience with G Suite
- WordPress Experience
- Experience with Vimeo
- Graphic Design
- Social Media Help (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
- Video Testimony Creation
- Experience with MailChimp Mailings

The committee meets once a month (the 3rd Monday) via Zoom. The time commitment would be 2-3 hours each month for whatever project needs completing. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a bit more about what Tres Dias International does and how we are preparing to better serve the communities. Many hands make the work light. Please consider joining in on the fun!

*If you are interested please reach out to Millie Martire, Communications Chairperson,
at: communications@tresdias.org.*

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM
YOU & YOUR *community!*

TOPIC IDEAS INCLUDE:

- FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY
- THINGS YOUR COMMUNITY DOES WELL
- FAVORITE RECIPES AMONG YOUR COMMUNITY
- ARTICLES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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