

# 4th DAY FORUM

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we enter into a new year and a new season of weekends. I would like to ask the community to enter this season on your knees before God praying for the upcoming weekends and Secuelas. Ask God to reignite the passion for this tool of Tres Dias.

Over the past couple of years I have noticed a decline at Secuelas (usually the Pescadores plus 20). We must have 40 to hold board elections at the fall Secuela. This past fall we barely had the numbers. When East Texas Tres Dias hosted the International Convention in Palestine last July only 30 showed up out of community of over 2800 to serenade the International Community. This was heartbreaking to many.

As the newly elected president and along with a newly elected board we have pledged an oath to uphold the essentials and policies of Tres Dias and to guide East Texas Tres Dias in a way that honors God. I also pledge to help build the passion to serve in this community in the many ways a person can. I believe in communication. Through newsletters and our great website (www.ettdd.org) and the flashes sent out by Kevin we hope to keep the community informed. But mostly it begins with us, prayerfully asking God to reignite our first love for this community.

DeColores,

Dorin

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP - A philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations, and ultimately creates a more just and caring world.**



**CLOISTERED - Sheltered from contact with the outside world**

## A MESSAGE ON SPONSORSHIP

Welcome to all new Pescadores! You have just had an awesome Weekend and you probably are already thinking of someone you want to share this experience. Please keep in mind that the Weekend is intended to encourage people who are already believers to strengthen their Christian walk and become more involved as Christian leaders in their local church, community, work place, and family. This is not to “fix” anyone. It is not for evangelism, group therapy, or rehab.

Please give prayerful consideration to who you might sponsor before you approach them about coming. You should know them well enough to be able to contact people for letters and to know what the family will need while they are away. If at all possible, please submit applications for both husband and wife at the same time (remember that husbands must attend before wives, although not necessarily on the same set of Weekends). It is much easier to drop someone who is unable to attend than to find a spot for someone after the list is filled. People are added to the list as applications are received and no applications are “carried over” to the next Weekend. A new application will be required for any Candidate who did not attend.

Information that can be given to prospective Candidates to explain what they can expect on a Tres Dias Weekend can be accessed and printed from our website along with the application (ettd.org). When your Candidates have agreed to attend Tres Dias, review the application with them and be sure to note any special needs such as pregnancy, inability to access upper bunk, mobility issues, prescribed diets, medical conditions, or allergies. The team needs to know these things ahead of time for planning. Be sure all information including email address & phone number is correct and legible. You and your Candidate will be contacted by email whenever possible.

Mail application with deposit or full payment check (payable to ETTD) to

ETTD  
P.O. Box 460  
Grapeland, TX 75844

About two weeks before the scheduled Weekend, your Candidate will be asked to confirm planned attendance so please stay in touch with them. Let us know immediately if your Candidate is unable to attend. Often a waiting list is developed and a waiting Candidate may have very short notice if someone has to drop off.

If there is financial difficulty paying the fee, a request may be submitted to the Board asking for assistance. Some Community members have made donations to make this possible and anyone is welcome to contribute to this Candidate Scholarship Fund. The Candidate fee is now \$165.00.

If we can help you in any way, please contact us by cell phone or email.

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# UPCOMING WEEKENDS

## Men's Weekend #38

Men, we are putting plans together for ETTD #38 which will be held at Frontier Camp in Grapeland. The dates are March 8-11, 2018.

Please pray for us as the team is being formed, and for God to keep us on track throughout the planning, the actual weekend, and beyond. We look forward to what God is going to do on this weekend.

The weekend verse is 1 John 4:9,

***“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”***

**Theme:** “JESUS IS LORD!”

**Colors:** Brown, Orange, and Yellow

**Weekend song:** *“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”* by Stuart Townsend

Craig Webb  
Rector Men's #38



## Women's Weekend #38

Dear Tres Dias Community, I want to start this letter by saying I am very honored and grateful to have been asked to serve as Rector for ETTD#38. I cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for the candidates that will be attending the weekend.

Please continue to pray for the team, the preparation, and the candidates as God prepares each one of us for the weekend.

The scripture for the weekend is:

1 Corinthians 13:13

“And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love; but the greatest of these is LOVE.”

This scripture wraps up everything the Lord is asking of us. Faith in something that you can not see, hoping for a life eternal with the Lord and a LOVE that is greater than anything this world has to offer.

**Theme:** Faith, Hope, Love

**Weekend Date:** March 15-18, 2018.

**Colors:** Brown, Tan, Dark Blue and Dark Green

God Bless,  
Donna Flanagan

# FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

## Why?

The door slammed shut quickly, but it was too late. I was soaked. Really God? The only day my wife and I had to shop together and it was pouring outside. I sat beside her in the passenger seat tired, frustrated, and soaking wet. I turned and looked at my wife and asked "Why?"

Why do we do this to ourselves every year? We rush around trying to find that one perfect gift for our special someone's before that DAY. We try to cook a bird that is destined to be dry, after any exposure to heat, juicy enough to evoke accolades from the toughest critics in our family. We subject ourselves to overcrowded supermarkets and share small spaces with strangers in a Walmart aisle that can't hold one more buggy and then we wait. We wait in line with all of Texas because we have placed some ridiculous deadline on ourselves to ensure that we have beat all the procrastinators to the last perfect fruit cake, all in the name of that one DAY.

Why? Why do we do this? I'm reminded in Matthew Chapter 2, versus 1-12, about the wise men as they presented their gifts to baby Jesus. I wonder if they had to open a new credit card at Bath and Body Works to get an additional 20% off of their purchases!!

Gold was presented to the King because it was the most precious metal of that time, and it represented royalty.

Frankincense was presented as a form of worship. Frankincense was one of the most valuable incense and perfume of Jesus' era. It represented the wise men's recognition of His Deity and sinless life.

Myrrh was given. Myrrh is a valuable gum-like substance used for embalming the dead. Now one may think it odd to bring a symbol of death to the greatest birth on Earth, but the myrrh represented the life the child must give up in order to justify mankind. A life that was given to return God's lost children back to Him. The reason WHY for that DAY is the birth of the greatest gift that mankind has ever received. A gift of Hope and restoration. A gift of love and sacrifice. The birth of Jesus Christ.

So relax, Christmas 2018 is still 355 or so days away and know that you will never be able to give the greatest gift of all time. It has already been given. And remember the only gifts a person can take to Heaven with them, are the things we give away here on Earth.

Love,

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