EL TINTERITO



September, 2008

NORTH TEXAS LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT

Hi all you 4th Dayers!!!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

<u>That the El Tinterito is YOUR newsletter.</u> Each one of you is invited (in fact urged) to put on your Reporter Hat and share your meaningful and/or funny Via de Cristo or 4th Day story with all of us. Tell us about activities of your group reunions, your ultreyas, your churches, and special events such as marriages, births, ordinations, and study groups that are open to other 4th Dayers in our community.

This is an important way for all of us to stay connected, feel the presence and support of our strong and growing 4th Day community, and know that our Lord is near and leading us. To share your stories or news with all of us, please email your news or stories to YourElTinterito@aol.com. Please include your name, church affiliation, and Weekend #. If you wish to remain anonymous indicate that, so that the editor will not include that information in the newsletter.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, LINDA!

Linda Sims, who has been our El Tintero editor, has asked to be relieved from this position for personal reasons. **Thank you, Linda**, for the fabulous editing and printing job you have done this year!!! You are a great 4th Day supporter and do many things for our Via de Cristo movement.

VIA DE CRISTO LOVE:

Patrick Hunt and Kathy Garcia Hunt met on a Via de Cristo Weekend, fell in love and became lifetime partners this past summer. I, your editor, wonder if there are more VdC originated partnerships – if so, share your story with us!

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY:

Here's your chance to tell everyone about your church activities such as fund raisers, your group and/or ultreya activities such as placemat parties, study groups, and reunion groups that are open to visitors or new members. Give the activity, the address of the event, the date and the time and a brief overview of the agenda.

Fall Festival --- October 11, 2008 --- 2-6 pm Calvary Lutheran Church, 7620 Baker Blvd, North Richland Hills, TX 76118 Silent auction, games, food, lots of fellowship If you like silent and live auctions, good food, good entertainment and fellowship then this is for you! But you'll have to hurry to be counted for dinner. To get tickets (at \$30 each) and make reservations call Hattie Hammer at (972) 296-3703 by September 21st Hattie is the Rector for #76 in November and the executive director of the Synod's Mission Endowment Fund. and would be thrilled to for there to be some 4th Day support at this event!

<u>Seeds of Change – Dinner and Fund Raiser --</u> September 27 -- 4 to 7 pm Benefiting the Mission Endowment Fund-NTNL Synod

St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1210 W. Beltline Road, Richardson, TX

4-5 pm - Gather and view silent auction 5 pm - Dinner

6pm - Silent auction closed 6:15 pm -- Live auction and entertainment

FALL GRAND ULTREYA - OCTOBER 18TH



Ah, there's a chill in the air and a hankerin' for a potluck. That can only mean one thing – it's time for the Fall Grand Ultreya!!! The date has been set and is October 18th from 5:00 – 7:30. We have had terrific turnouts at our recent Grand Ultreyas and hope that this one will be just as big. One of the highlights of our last couple of Grand Ultreyas was seeing several 4th Day who we hadn't seen in a while. This is a great time to get reacquainted with other 4th Day and a great time to meet our newest 4th Day. As always, we will have time for Fellowship, eating, more fellowship, small groups and worship – can an evening

be more complete??? So dig up that favorite potluck or covered dish recipe and join us for a fun, joy filled evening. Family is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions please call me at 214-676-0680 or email me at <u>Cidcs@msn.com</u>. Here are the particulars:

Location: St. Andrew Lutheran Church
504 W Bedford Euless Rd
Hurst, TX 76053

Time - 5:30 - 7:00
God's peace,
Cid Smith

SHARING TIME:

Do you ever wonder how important your presence at wake up (or clausura) really is? Let me tell you the story of wake-up on the weekend I was a participant and the first time I served on a weekend.

Wake-up is, of course, just an amazing event anyway. I was completely blown away by all those people who came out at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning just to sing to me!! It still makes me cry when I think of it. There were people overflowing the room.

The very next weekend I was called to staff. Wow, that was amazing too. I could not believe all that went on behind the scenes, but I digress, that is not what this story is about. On Sunday morning it was once again, even as a staff person, amazing to see all those people come out so early in the morning.

I told the Rector that I was a little disappointed that there seemed to be fewer people than had been there when I was a participant. She laughed, saying that she thought there were more. That really surprised me. She went on to tell me that the Army of God which surrounds every weekend was present and visible on that Sunday morning in February when I was a participant. They were also there in May; I just was seeing things through different eyes as a staff member.

YOU are the Army of God. Your presence at Wake-up (and Clausura) is multiplied many times over. Your presence is that tangible, touchable evidence of God's presence on a Weekend. God uses YOU to fulfill His purpose on these weekends. Yes, YOU matter!

YOU really matter! I know it is early in the morning and you may not be a "morning person", neither am I (just ask my husband), but YOUR presence matters. Not only will the participants be blessed, you too will be blessed when you see their faces as they are amazed that YOU would come out at 6:00 a.m. to sing to them!!!

See you at Wake-up (and Clausura), Alice Allison

Palanca doesn't have to end with the Weekend -- Let's keep praying!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

<u>HEALING</u> <u>GUIDANCE</u> <u>THANKSGIVING</u>

Emily Jim and Christine Mom T.

Barb Janet

If you wish to be included on the prayer list email us your name, your Weekend #, the nature of your request, and which category to place your name under. In order to keep the prayers current and applicable the list will be started anew with each edition of the El Tinterito. You will receive email notices of the deadlines for adding or renewing your name on the prayer list.

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