

Westshore Decolores Newsletter

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November/ December 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hello Decolores community and season's greetings.

Wow it's crazy to think the holidays are here and our time as co-presidents is almost done. Melody and I have been so blessed and thankful for the last two years. We have enjoyed our time serving on the board and being the hands and feet of Jesus. We both have grown so much in our walk by serving, and have watched God move in some powerful ways, plus he has helped us push through some tough decisions. We are looking forward to one more year as the past co-presidents, and then our three year

break from the board. We thank the community for allowing us to serve as your co-presidents. It has been an honor and we look forward to working with Larry Grennan as he becomes the new president.

With the end of the year fast approaching us, we have some business to take care of. We have the voting open for the next vice president couple. Please place your votes for CJ and Trish Adsit. You can find that information on our website to vote and their letter further down in this newsletter.

We will still have a few open board positions at the end of the year. Those would be Treasurer, Equipment Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and Secretary. We have had some come to inquire about and are praying for a few of these positions. Church contacts are always needed. If your church has no representative for Decolores and you would like to be a part of the board this is a great way to join. As of right now we only have 4 churches on our list. This is a great way to be on the board and to get your Decolores church family involved.

Sending out a big thank you to Ryenn Dixon for taking over the webpage. We cannot thank Pastor Joe for all his years of taking care of it for us and I am sure he is thankful

for Ryenn taking over the web page.

We are still taking letters for a 2nd quarter women's weekend in December and starting January we will start 3rd quarter letters for both men and women. We are so excited that God has been putting weekends together again. Trish Adsit will be our Rectors for weekend #121 in February and Bob Dixon our Rector in April for weekend #122. You will find their weekend information on our website.

Melody and I would like to thank you again for allowing us to be your co-presidents and we pray that your Holiday season is full of Love, Blessings, and Family but most of Jesus. For he is the reason for the season. Don't forget to vote for our next VP. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you in 2023!

Your, Co-Presidents

Melody Holcomb and Ruth McCaleb

----- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR CORNER**

Giver or the Gift?

Now we transition from a time of thankfulness to giving, not that we should ever stop being grateful. Christmas is quickly approaching, so our minds automatically switch gears to buying gifts. Most are carefully thought out. The color, size, and design matter. How much to spend and when to give influence our choices. TV ads remind us what everyone is hoping to get this year. We are told, " Give the best". How do we compete?

Perhaps we could learn from God when it comes to gift giving. God knows how to give the best gifts. James 1:17 tells us God is the giver of all good gifts. "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." God is known as a "Good, Good Father". God's word says God makes good of all things in Romans 8:28. "We know that all things work together for good for those

who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” That's a lot of good stuff!

At the end of the day I must say, I want the Giver more than the gifts. God gave the ultimate gift when God gave us God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16). As a result, some of the most precious gifts we can give are time, love, grace, forgiveness, joy, acts of service, hope, agreeing to disagree, and striving for peace by compromising as some examples. They cost nothing yet are priceless. See the ways in which an apology, a hug, a helping hand, or a smile can transform the darkness into light. We are about to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Light of the World and Prince of Peace. As ambassadors for Christ, we are to bring the gifts of light and peace where we go too.

My prayer is that we would want the Giver more than the gifts this season, knowing God gave us the "indescribable gift". 2 Corinthians 9:15 says “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”. May we, having received the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, want to give back, of ourselves, rather than focus on all the material things available this world offers.

May God bless you with a Christmas season full of love and joy.

Pastor Donna Rick

Vice President Candidate letter

To vote go to the Westshore DeColores website or use the mail in Ballot at the end of the newsletter by 12 /31/20

Dear Westshore Decolores Board & Community,

We have been involved in DeColores for 14 years. Both of us made our original weekends in 2008. Since then, we have worked numerous weekends, served on the board, as well as supporting weekends from the outside, and praying continuously for this movement. We have seen firsthand the strong bond that is formed from DeColores and have watched as this family has continued to grow.

We have watched God's fire burn in so many new Curisiesta, and the outpouring of the Spirit through serving each other in ways that you can only do through DeColores.

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless Westshore DeColores and that His Will be done. We would be honored to serve as your next Vice President Couple and pray that you would join us in praying for a revival, for hearts to be set on fire for Him, and that God continues to use DeColores as a tool to bring others to Him. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

Your brother and sister in Christ, Cj & Trish Adsit

Other Letters

Women's Weekend 120

Dear Westshore DeColores Community,

I would like to thank you again for letting me Rectress Westshore DeColores #120, it was truly an amazing experience. My Team did an awesome job on the weekend. They worked together as a team, I am so very proud of them.

I would like the Westshore DeColores Community to join me in welcoming the new Curisiesta.

**Dorothy Green Mary Hunter Zelda Mangione Amanda Acherson Paula Cudney
Kristi Keith Tina Flores Rhonda Martinez**

Thank You Your Sister in Christ Diane Hogan-Travis

Women's Weekend #121

Westshore Community,

Thank you so much for allowing me to be the Rectress for DeColores #121. Please join me in prayer that God will start a revival, healing and restoration in this community and that from start to finish His Will is done. I am so excited to see what God has in store for us, and this movement!

Your sister in Christ, Trish Adsit

Men's Weekend #122

Dear Westshore DeColores community

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Rector of Westshore DeColores weekend 122. My CoRector Joe Clark and I are asking for your prayers as we seek the men God is calling to His weekend. We know that God has big plans not only for the weekend but for His ministry. The weekend will be April 20 - 23 2023 at Hope Church in Grand Haven

In His service. Bob Dixon

From the WSD Board

While it is very much appreciated when the team has outside help, there are boundaries that must be followed on a Westshore Decolores weekend.

If you are an outside team you must not be in chapel or in the talk rooms during talks.

If you are there during 24 hour prayer and a weekend concern enters the prayer chapel you must excuse yourself and pray in another area unless you are invited to stay and pray.

If you are at set up follow the direction of the Head coordinator even if you think your idea is better they have been planning the set up with the Rector/Rectoress for weeks. If you are there to clean up, follow the direction of those in charge of clean-up, they were selected by the Rector/Rectress for a reason. Do not come in expecting breakfast.

When you come in for kitchen help, you must have your hair restrained and may need to wear a hat or hair net or beard net if directed to do so by the head cook. Closed-toe shoes are also required. Be prepared to follow the directions of the Head cook and their team. Do not plan on eating food from the weekend or eating with the team.

While coffee and cookies may be available for 24 hour security do not expect it. Plan accordingly. You must remain outside the church and not interact with the team or candidates unless necessary

WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S WILLINGNESS TO SERVE BUT THESE GUIDELINES ARE IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF THE WEEKEND..

Renewal Weekends

Renewal Rectors and Rectorses are needed.

Are you a past Rector or Rectorses and are feeling led to lead one of these awesome weekends contact the Renewal Committee Representatives Bob & Yvonne Dixon 616-402-3423 for more information.

Upcoming Events

December 12 Board Meeting

January 9 Board Meeting

February 13 Board Meeting

February 16-19 Weekend #121

March 13 Board Meeting

April 10 Board Meeting

April 20-23 Weekend #122

May 8 Board Meeting

Rector/Rectress

The board is accepting letters for the 2nd quarter in December for a rectress only and both Rector and Rectress for 3rd in January. Please be in prayer for those God had chosen.

Rector/Rectress Qualifications

***Have been a Rollista on a weekend in the Cursillo tradition.**

***Have been a coordinator on a weekend in the Cursillo tradition or completed a Fourth-day Training (leadership training) workshop.**

***Have been a member of Westshore DeColores Ministries community for at least three (3) years at the time the letter is read**

***Be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores community**

Immediate Open Board Positions

Equipment Coordinator: The equipment coordinator is responsible for delivery of the DeColores equipment trailer to the appropriate church for upcoming DeColores weekends. A capable truck or van with a heavy duty hitch and compatible electric braking unit and light hookup. You will also set up the sound equipment. You will be a member of the board and will need to attend the board meetings. For more information contact the President or attend the next board meeting.

Church Contacts: Is the Lord leading you to serve on the board but just not sure where to start? If your church is not represented, consider becoming a church contact for your church. Requirements are to keep in contact with those that have made a WestShore weekend, engage with those that have not. Keep your church informed of WestShore activities by writing a letter to members, placing info on a bulletin board or in your bulletin and maybe even placing info on the screen for announcement time. Come to board meetings the second Monday of each month and give a report of your church activity concerning DeColores.

Positions opening up in 2023

Each position is a 3 year commitment and those serving in those positions 3 year is up in 2023. If you are feeling led to fill these positions let a board member know or attend the next board meeting, Showing your interest now will allow you to work side by side with the person currently in position and learn their trade.

Secretary: Responsibilities include taking notes at board meetings, creating the meeting minutes and bringing them to the next meeting, Keeping a file of all minutes.

Treasurer: Keeps track of the ministries monies, pays the bills and reconciles the accounts every month and brings a report to the board meeting.

Contact any board member for information or attend the next board meeting.

FAQs

How can I work on the weekend?

You need to be asked by the Rector/Rectoress of a weekend, fill out a want to work form available on the website, there is an online submission or a print and mail version, mailing address at end of newsletter.

How else can I help on a weekend?

There are several opportunities to serve on a weekend from set up to tear down, kitchen and meal help, 24hour prayer, and guard duty. See the website for who to contact on each weekend to sign up and for times.

Just a reminder that when you serve on a weekend you are part of an outside team which means you are coming to serve only in your assigned area. You do not get to wander the church to see what is happening or listen to any talks, do not come expecting to mingle with the team and candidates. This is to protect the sanctity of the weekend.

Do not come expecting to be fed but to serve, food is purchased from monies donated and the cook buys what is needed for the number of people on the weekend, leftover food may be needed for a later meal or snack. You are there to support the team and candidates. You are not permitted to eat with the team and candidates. You should be taking care of serving or cleaning needs so the kitchen team and sit and enjoy a meal with the team and candidates.

Are there other ways to help?

Yes you can attend Holy Hour and Closing/serenade and sponsor a candidate. Candidate applications are available on the Website. You can check the website for Holy Hour and Closing times for each weekend. You can send Palanca or

coordinate your cursiestas from your home church to do group Palanca. Just a reminder only those that have attended a weekend can attend Closing.

If you have something that you wish to share in our newsletter send the information to wsdnewslettereditor@gmail.com

For urgent prayer requests use the contact us link at the bottom of the home page on the Website, post on our Facebook page or contact a board member. For upcoming events please go to the website www.westshoredocolores.com

Do you know a Cursillista who needs a newsletter mailed to them due to lack of internet access? Feel free to print off and mail this to them. To have them added to the newsletter email list, have them visit the website and sign up. If anyone is having issues email the editor directly wsdnewslettereditor@gmail.com with their name, and email address.

Cut Fill out and mail Ballot to: WestShore DeColores

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This year we have one candidate couple

for our Vice President position.

Couples - please vote separately.

Cj and Trish Adsit

YES - Cj and Trish Adsit

NO - Cj and Trish Adsit

Name _____

***Name is kept confidential**

Mail by 12/26/2022

Secretariat Meetings 2nd Monday of each Month

7:00 pm at:

New Creations Church, 1641 East Pontaluna Rd Spring Lake Everyone is Welcome. Please Join Us!

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