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## President's Letter:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

Dear Aventurites,

Happy New Year! It's time to put 2014 behind us and look forward to all that the new year has in store, even in our spiritual life.

Paul gives us a look at what it's like to be reconciled to God in 2 Corinthians:5. This is one section of the Bible that has impacted me the most. God takes us in our sin and shame and reconciles us through the work of Jesus Christ. Verse 21 says, For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Wow! We are the righteousness of God because of Jesus Christ!

I want to challenge you to start this new year living in the fullness of your relationship with the Lord. Never forget that God has forgiven you of all your sins when you asked him into your heart. You are a new creation in him! Live each day with that knowledge and don't let Satan try to trick you into believing that you're not!

A great way to keep your focus is to spend time with the Lord every day. Talk to him throughout the day, and set aside time to read scripture - even if it's one verse that you think about through the day. Another great way is by fellowship with other believers, by going to church, youth group and Reunions. I hope you will be able to make the 1st Reunion of the year on January 31st. Actually we are going to start having Reunions on the first Saturday of the month starting in March so that we make sure we don't conflict with when Tres Dias has their monthly meetings. Hopefully this will free more people up to do both! Have a blessed month!

*Laura Roehl*

## Reunion Report:

December was a hard month for most to get together what with the holidays, but we had a small gathering at the Covenant church the Saturday after Christmas. We had an assembly meeting (see further down for a future potential change to the bylaws) and played some Bible Outburst (very hard to try to name 10 birds that were mentioned in the Bible...) Hope to see you all on January 31. Amanda J

### Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

#### January Reunion:

Saturday, January 31, 7:00pm  
First Congregational Church of Torrington  
835 Riverside Ave, Torrington

## **Upcoming Change to Vote on**

At the March reunion we will have an assembly meeting where we will be voting on a change to the By laws which currently state that a person may only hold a certain office for 2 consecutive years. While this is normally not a problem, the position of treasurer can be a challenge to change as it requires finding someone who is comfortable and able to handle the banking, and then it means we have to keep transferring the bank acct around. We are proposing to take off the limit to how many years someone can serve. This does not mean that a position would never change hands, but if someone was willing to do a job, and there was not another person available, at least they would still have the option of continuing on for another year.

## **Prayer Requests:**

Please join me in praying for a Coed Methodist Cursillo Weekend #59 for Kansas and Missouri as their weekend happens January 29 – February 1.

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our ‘**prayistas**’:

Barb Clavette ( JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)  
Sandy Miller ( SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don’t want the prayer published at all.

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