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President's Letter:

And we know that in all things God works for the good  
of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Romans: 8:28**

September 12, 2011

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Save the date for this month's reunion on **September 24<sup>th</sup>** at **Northfield Congregational Church**. This will be a **CLOSED** reunion so we can work on making palanca for the guests on the Aventura Weekend next month!! Bring your markers!! Bring your crayons!! (at least the non-eaten ones!!) Bring your ideas!! And let's make palanca!! You know how much it meant to you on your weekend, so let's show some Aventura Love!!

And speaking of Weekend, get your applications in **ASAP!!** Don't forget that if we don't have 10 applications **IN HAND** by the reunion on September 24<sup>th</sup>, there will not be a weekend held! Please don't let that happen!! Continue to **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY** for the team, for the guests and for the Weekend!!

We still need help organizing and hosting the rest of the fall reunions for October, November and December. They are usually held on the fourth Sat. of the month except for December, which will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Check with your church and see if we can meet there and get in touch with me or Matt Johnson and we can help get you started.

On a final note, please take time to pray for all those who perished as a result of 9/11/01. Despite such horrific circumstances, we know that God is good and was at work during the events that unfolded that terrible day. Pray for peace for our country and consolation for the survivors. Thank you.

God's Blessings to All.

In His Name,  
Aventura President

*Donna D.*

### **Coordinator's Letter:**

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Anything of value and worth always has a price. When it comes to salvation, we are thankful for the gift of God's Son, who paid the biggest price tag for an amazing gift given freely to us. The work of Aventura, also is of great worth to the Kingdom of God, yet in this we must pick up our cross daily to advance the message of the Gospel. This has certainly been true for me; with a new baby which my wife (Jaimee) and I were expecting and a new career change we were not expecting.

The weekend of October 7th-9th is coming upon us fast! Early on, I had recruited two Spritual Directors and our Chief. By the time our first meeting occurred, we had an Assistant Chief, Music Director and Assistant, one Table Leader, and all of our Rollistas. As of this letter, we still need 2 Table Leaders and a couple more Auxies.

Here is our team to date:

Coordinator – Mike Eldred

Chief – Laura Roehl

Spiritual Director – George Smith

Spiritual Director - Jean Schlapfer

Assistant Chief – Sandy Miller

Music Director – Judy Smith

Auxie/Music – Jordan Gray

Kitchen Auxie – Art Richards

Table Leader – Matt Johnson

Table Leader – Barb Clavette

Self-Awareness – Abby Roberg

People of God – David Zwart

Call to Holiness – Liz Atwood

Knowing is Loving – Rebekah Miller

Pass It On – Rachel Lepine

Beyond the Weekend – Robbie Emmons

I was very excited to see what God would do in the hearts of those giving Rollos, and after hearing the first five Rollos for the weekend, I'm awestruck with joy. I'm no even more excited to see what God will do on the weekend. We covet your prayers and ask that, if you haven't already, put the weekend on your daily prayer list from now until Sunday, October 9th.

Updated applications are available on the web site (Aventuract.org). Please, please, please begin praying about sponsorship and get those applications to the intended guests. I have heard about a half-dozen possible applicants, but with less than a month to go to the deadline date, we are at 2 applications, and the magic number needed is 10!

Thank you to the team for their commitment, thank you to the sponsors for their support, thank you to the Aventura and Tres Dias community for their continued vigilance in this important mission to reach the youth of our communities for Christ, thank you to my friends and family who have had to put up with my crazy schedule, and most of all thank you to my Lord and Saviour which has made all of this possible and without which it would be impossible.

Godspeed,

Mike

Pr. Mike Eldred

Aventura Coordinator #29

**TEAM LIST:**

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**Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:**

Please give some thought to hosting a reunion at your church.

**September:** Saturday, September 24, 7:00PM, CLOSED

**Palanca Party before reunion starting at 3:00pm**

Northfield Bible Church,  
 10 Camp Hill Rd.  
 Northfield, CT 06778

## On The Green in Northfield

Rt 8 from the South

Exit 41

take a left at the end of the exit onto campville rd.  
continue on campville to fist stop sign,  
turn right onto Mason hill, continue on Mason to stop sign  
at stop sight turn right onto knife shop rd.  
fallow Knife shop up the Hill straight through the stop light onto Main St.  
at the top of the hill (at the green), turn right  
the Church will be on your right

Rt. 8 from the North

Exit 41

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continue on campville to fist stop sign,  
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For directions to the next reunion, please go  
here: <http://www.aventuract.org/nextreunion.php>

## Stuff to Note:

- For anyone interested, **Dennis Redline** and **Rachel LePine** are looking for Aventurites who are willing to act as voice actors to play in an audio adaptation of Dennis' book! We also need instruments to record music. Call **203-573-1780** or **203-819-3652** if you'd like to know more. =)

## Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our  
'prayistas' Barb Clavette (JEClavette.at.snet.net or 482-0172)  
and Sandy Miller (SanJeanM.at.AOL.com or 482-5601) and they will pass  
the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here. Be sure  
to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want  
the prayer published at all.

Pray for communities elsewhere - go  
to <http://aventuract.org/PalancaLoader.php> to list them.

## Birthdays:

### September:

- 05- Judi Addison (#28)
- 13- Joey Lizotte (#27)
- 20- Faith Miller (#27)
- 29- Victoria Kallsen (#27)

### October:

- 07- Liz Atwood

### November:

- 02- Tempe Woodward
- 03- Rae LePine
- 05- Britt Petitti

### December:

- 05- Victoria Vandergrift
- 06- Victoria Rieley
- 08- Josh Gill
- 09- Shay DeRoode
- 11- Dylan Morehouse
- 13- Holly Sechow

## Bible Studies:

To find a Bible Study (for teens and adults), or to add one to the list that you're responsible for, click on the link or type <http://aventuract.org/BibleStudies.html> in your browser.

## Web Stuff to Note:

Art Richards is currently redesigning the Aventura site.

[1 Let me know if there's anything new or different you'd like to see on the web site or Facebook group site - Publications.at.AventuraCT.org](#)

## Servants of Aventura:

<http://www.aventuract.org/officers.php>

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- For information on Aventura contact **Art Richards** at [Registration@AventuraCT.org](mailto:Registration@AventuraCT.org) or call **(860)-307-4806**.
- To put something into the *Croaker* email **Rachel LePine** at [Publications@AventuraCT.org](mailto:Publications@AventuraCT.org) or [mhbaggins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhbaggins@sbcglobal.net).
- Follow us on **Twitter** by clicking here - [@AventuraCT](#)
- For people who have been on an Aventura weekend, join the AventuraCT [Facebook](#) group.