

# ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS



-September 2016 Newsletter-  
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SEPTEMBER SECUELA

## Coming this month!

Our fall secuela will be Friday, September 23, at Faith Lutheran Church in South Beloit, Illinois. As stated in the flyer, please bring a dessert, and \$5 per person to help defray the cost of pizza.

It would be a GREAT help if you could go to our Facebook page and post that you are coming.

We want to have plenty of pizza on hand, and anticipate seeing you!

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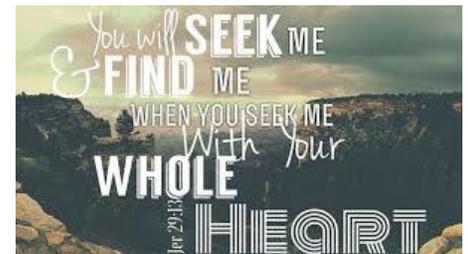
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"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

## Weekend #35

### Men's Team Update

Greetings to the ALTD community,

The weekend #35 men's team is coming together. We've had our first training and the second one is on the horizon. We still have a few openings for servers, so if anyone in the community would like to serve, there is still time to join us. Just let Steve or me know, or talk to one of the other team members. The weekend will be another awesome showering of God's love on the candidates and team.

We've heard a couple of moving rollos and I am convinced God placed the right servants on my heart to ask to serve in these important roles. I can't wait to hear the coming talks to see how God is working in each of their lives. Please keep the team and coming candidates in your prayers.

God Bless,

Chuck and Steve



### LET THE READER BEWARE:

As you read in the last newsletter, our incredible Communication Chair and newsletter expert Krista Bensheimer is "off duty" to attend to her duties as Head Cha for Rectora Lynette Rasmusson for Women's Weekend 35. This month's newsletter is being cobbled together by Anita Rogers as her substitute, and I am humbled to see how creative and fun to read Krista has made this missive the past year. Please read the articles with grace in your heart toward me - I am finding I am not nearly as tech-savvy as Krista. Never fear - she will be back at the helm in November.



"...do not sorrow, for the joy of the lord is your strength."  
-nehemiah 8:10 (b)

### Weekend #35

### Women's Team Update

It has been amazing to see God weave together this team of amazing servants for the women's weekend!

We have completed our first team formation meeting, and will soon have our second.

Krista and I have enjoyed seeing team begin to get acquainted/reacquainted with each other and the uniqueness each one brings to the weekend.

Our weekend verse is Nehemiah 8:10 , Do not grieve, because your strength comes from rejoicing in the LORD.

God gently reminds us that his desire is for us to have fullness of joy IN HIM. We do serve an amazing God.

Krista and I thank you for all your words of encouragement, hugs and prayers...they are priceless to us.

Thank you to everyone who is praying, serving, sponsoring a candidate, financially giving and loving on this team for weekend 35.

Present prayer requests: boldness to ask and sponsor candidates, remember - you do not have to serve on team to sponsor a candidate; health, provision and safety for the women willing to serve; complete oneness of team through the Holy Spirit; that we follow all of God's plans (not ours) for His weekend; removal of any barriers to serve for the women and men for both teams.

Choosing joy,

Krista Bensheimer, Head Cha ALTD 35

Lynette Rasmusson, Rectora ALTD 35



### IS SOMETHING MISSING?

Are you wishing you had someone to discuss the Bible passages you've read or just a group to do Bible study with? Do you miss the Christian fellowship that you experienced on your weekend? Are you looking for Christian friends?

Perhaps a Reunion Group is really what you are looking for. A Reunion Group is a gathering of fellow Christians who will support you, encourage you and keep you accountable. The Reunion Group page on our website [www.rockfordaltd.webs.com](http://www.rockfordaltd.webs.com) contains lists of Reunion Groups that are currently meeting and will welcome inquiries regarding you joining them. Or email Jean Lisk, Reunion Chair, at [jean@liskfamily.com](mailto:jean@liskfamily.com) and she will help you settle in with a group.

### Men's Weekend #35

October 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Women's Weekend #35

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*Let your candidates know the dates early!!*

*Sponsors, the deadline for candidate applications is closer than you think.*



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**More in Common**

By Karen Weis, Lay Director

I attended the 37<sup>th</sup> Tres Dias International Assembly with my husband, Paul, along with Tom Miller July 15-17 near Newburgh, NY where Tres Dias originated in 1972. We were hosted by the Mid-Hudson Tres Dias community, now holding their 150+ sets of weekends.

Community directors were given a private time for meeting informally with the outgoing President of Tres Dias (Bruce Cato) and the incoming President (Frank Yarbrough) on Friday evening.

I thought you would be interested in hearing about what other chapters of Tres Dias are experiencing in their respective communities:

- Slim attendance at Secuelas (engagement)
- Pescadores not plugging into Reunion Groups (engagement and sponsorship)
- Accommodating more candidates on weekends (sponsorship)
- Finances (cost of the weekend and fee gap)

ALTD has the same issues and concerns that large and small Tres Dias communities are experiencing, but in this newsletter I will focus on finances.

Some of the ways your Secretariat is addressing these financial concerns include:

- Go Fund Me – available on the ALTD website, we've already received donations of two laptop computers, paper products, and several cash donations

- Stateline Pizza Wars (Elkhorn and Roscoe Pizza Ranch locations) generated \$800 in one night – but we can't do it without volunteers and ALTD ambassadors helping
- Love Offerings taken at Closings and Secuelas will benefit the general fund for more flexibility to buy supplies and pay for weekend expenses not covered in the fee
- Soliciting charitable giving – ALTD received a \$3,000 grant recently from an anonymous source to help with weekend retreat expenses. The result of this charitable gift was due to being directly solicited by an ALTD community member - thank you!
- We are saving on weekend costs at Inspiration Ministries by holding the spring weekends in March instead of May

Do you have ideas, thoughts, or suggestions on ways ALTD could keep the cost of the weekend reasonable for candidates and team? We would love to hear your ideas!

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Karen with our ALTD flag. A note from Anita: how fun to see her standing next to the TDCA flag. These two communities "share" several people, who have moved from one state to the other, or serve on teams in both states.

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## Upcoming ALTD Tres Dias Weekend Events

**Weekend #35 Team Formation: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 8-3:30**  
@ Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rockford

**End of Summer Secuela Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 7-9:30pm**

**ALTD Men's Weekend #34: October 27-30, 2016**  
**ALTD Women's Weekend #34: November 3-6, 2016**

Send off begins Thursday at 7:30pm  
Serenade meets in the lower level Saturday at 6:30pm  
Closura ends the weekend on Sunday at 4:30pm

**Victory & Christmas Secuela December 2<sup>nd</sup> , 6-9pm**

## Other Fourth Day Community Events

**Northern Illinois Tres Dias Men's Weekend #48: October 20-23, 2016**

**NITD Women's Weekend #48: October 27-30, 2016**  
<http://www.nitd-decolores.com/>

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