



# ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS

**October 2013 Newsletter**

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Next Secuela: Friday, October 4, at The River church in Delavan, Wisconsin. See link on the "Secuela" page on our website, AND our Facebook page.

## From your Communication Chair:

I read a blog last week posted on Facebook, written by a woman whose husband suffered a traumatic brain injury. His recovery lasted several years, during which time they lost nearly everything they had. She told of a time when an irate neighbor lambasted the husband for bringing down property values by putting vehicles and items in the front yard with a large For Sale sign. The husband, in an amazingly gracious response, reminded the neighbor that there was a time in America when such an occurrence would produce an outpouring of sympathy and offers of help....that neighbors would know something must be terribly wrong. (The neighbor apologized for his thoughtlessness and did ask what he could do to help.) The writer asked what would happen if we each wore a large sign around our neck with the truth about our situation: "My husband is dying," "I am so lonely I cry all the time," "I lost my job and the bank took my house," "My child has a crippling disease," "I am afraid to leave my house," "My marriage is a living nightmare."



I was wondering what my sign would say. You might be surprised. I encourage you (and me) to give grace a chance.....show Christ's compassion in a world that needs it desperately, so that "all men be drawn unto Him." Condemnation and criticism do not draw people to Jesus. Love does. Let's look for those invisible signs.

Have a blessed Fall, y'all.

.....Anita Rogers <><

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## “Getting to know you”

This feature will be an ongoing look at the people who have volunteered to serve on Secretariat. We circulated a questionnaire, and plan to print one or two responses each newsletter.



### **Your name, church, city, and family:**

Karen Weis, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rockford, husband Paul, son Stuart *[note: Karen serves as our Leaders Chair]*

### **As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? How did that turn out for you?**

Not so much a child, but after high school I decided I would go to technical school and be a dental assistant. My parents wanted me to at least try college, so I went for one semester and took classes that interested me. I decided I loved college and was a better student than I was in high school. My best friend, Kay, took my place at dental assistant school. I am thankful I did not spend the last 37 years of my life with my fingers in someone's mouth.

### **If you had a \$10,000 gift card for travel, where would you go and what would you do there?**

That would go a long way towards paying for our journey to Israel in March! Westminster is putting together a group trip to the Holy Land, and I'm looking forward to this pilgrimage as we celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am excited to renew my baptism vows in the Jordan River!

### **What would be on the dead-bang bottom of your list of places to travel? Care to say why?**

I will never travel to Brazil again. What a depressing place, even with the wealth of Rio de Janeiro. There were people living in vacant store fronts, graffiti marked every building, and children were borrowed for begging. I did love seeing the statue of Christ the Redeemer – I was standing at the base filming with my camcorder when suddenly the clouds shrouding the giant statue lifted and the sun came out, an amazing moment!

### **What has surprised you lately?**

That I really like texting on my phone. I was against it for a long time, now it's the BEST method of quick communication! Sometimes it's the only way I hear from my 24 year old son!

### **If you had one chance for a “do over,” what would it be?**

I had a big fight with Stuart when he was 4 years old, insisting he wear a button down shirt to church with Grandma on Easter Sunday. I spanked him, I was so upset. I should have just let him wear whatever he wanted to wear, but it was a battle of the wills and I feel bad about it to this day. He, on the other hand, says he does not remember this huge incident I still feel guilty about.

### **Prettiest place you've ever seen?**

The beach on Lake Michigan, where I grew up summers near Port Washington, Wisconsin.

### **What was the best thing your parents taught you?**

My parents taught me that just because I was a girl, I could still do anything I set my mind to do. I had two brothers growing up, so I climbed lots of trees and was proficient with a shotgun.

**Your life motto:**

I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

**Worst food encounter?**

I will never try some food items, such as tripe, tongue, and head cheese. Just not going to do it.

**Favorite genre of music?**

Contemporary Christian and classical (I love Mozart, the only music I can work to when writing). I like jazz, too.

**Hidden talent?**

I have great comedic skills.

*Community involvement crucial..... By Jean Lisk*

An enthusiastic Heads and Rollistas meeting was held in August and the first team formation meeting is also “under our belts.” God’s spirit is busy working in everyone’s hearts and minds to prepare us for His service.

There are already candidate applications coming in, so *keep working on those possible candidates God has put on your heart, and get the applications in. We are praying and preparing for a full roster of 30 candidates.*

We do want the community to be aware that we will be dropping Palanca twice (YES 2 “LETTER PALANCA” DROPS). The first time will be on Saturday evening right after the serenade and the other will be at the usual time on Sunday. Saturday night will be letters from the community and Sunday will be family and friends’ letter. So please, for family and friend letters, write ‘family’ or ‘friend’ in the upper corner, so we can save those for Sunday. *We will need all Palanca letters by Thursday night.*

Please continue to keep the teams in your prayers. We feel sure God has His hand in all the preparations, but *it takes the whole community to really make it happen.* One way you can help is to check your bookshelves for books you would like to contribution to the book tables, thereby sharing words of encouragement with the candidates. Thank you and God bless.



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Reminder: our Secretariat members are included on the last page, with contact info.

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## *From our Weekend 29 Men's Rector, Ron Winkler.....*

GREETINGS TO ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

My name is Ron Winkler and my weekend was ALTD #2 in the spring of 2000, where I sat at the table of Abraham. Today I am writing to you as the Rector for Weekend #29 and will be sitting at the Table of Servanthood. What a blessing this is for me, being bestowed with this honor to serve our Lord and Savior as a weekend leader. Benny and I have built our team with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and feel we have an awesome group of Christian men to serve as the hands and feet of God.


Isn't it a wonderful thing that we're all different? Each of us has strengths and skills to share. And when we connect our individual strengths together we're invincible and when we do it in the name of Christ Jesus, we overcome our shortcomings. I can't imagine ALTD without you. You are a piece to the bigger puzzle.

So, I am asking today to gather that inner strength and pray about asking that person or persons whom you would like on an ALTD weekend. For the Father says in Acts 1:8 "*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.*"

It has been thirteen years since my weekend, and I thank God and my sponsor for taking that initiative to step out of his comfort zone and ask me to attend. I feel that I am a changed person because of the journey I began so many years ago, to today.

**Jean Lisk, Tanya, Benny, and I would love to have the Community fill both Rollo rooms with the maximum number of candidates for Weekend #29, men and women. This can be accomplished with you, and you, and you, and also you - to be the Lord's witnesses.**

May the peace and love of our Lord and Savior be with all of you.  
GLYASDW - Ron Winkler



**There is still plenty of room to sign up for the prayer scroll - all prayers are appreciated and this is an ideal way for ALL our community to be involved!**

WOMEN: <http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=8691&commid=905>

MEN: <http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=8690&commid=905>

**PRAYER FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES:** Please remember also to be praying for our other Tres Dias Communities that are so good at supporting us when we need prayers. They always appreciate any and all prayers we can offer up for them. You may see lists of these upcoming weekends to pray for by going to <http://www.tresdias.org/f/p.htm>

Thank you for all you do,  
Benny and Becka ILer – Palanca Couple

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ALTD men's weekend: November 7-10, 2013; Inspiration Center  
ALTD women's weekend: Nov. 14-17, 2013; Inspiration Center  
Sendoffs: 7:45 p.m. Thursday at the Center (*please come earlier*)  
Serenades: 6:45 p.m. Saturday at the Center (enter through back,  
and *gather 30 minutes prior thereto*)  
Clausuras: 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Center

Your Weekend 29 teams are hard at work, preparing – some photos from the September 28 team formation meetings at Calvary Lutheran:



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(Isn't this lovely? Lynn Jorgenson's photo showing the glory of God's creation .....just for us.)

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