

# ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS



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Welcome Summer and New Secretariat members!

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## WHO IS OUR NEW LAY DIRECTOR?

ALTD community, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who might not really know me and why this community is important to me.

First, I am a retired law enforcement officer who spent over 30 years in this field. To say it has given me a different perspective than most would be an understatement. However, one of the great strengths of this community of like minded individuals with different perspectives allows God to give us empathy for all.

Prior to me coming on my 1st weekend, I was lost. I went through a divorce that I did not understand at the time. So I was bitter and went on a self-destructive path that brought me to the realization I needed more. I did not have a church and even though I was raised in a Christian family, I was only a fan of Christ and did not have a relationship with him. A friend invited me to a Christian weekend and I was actually supposed to go to an NITD (Northern Illinois Tres Dias) weekend but because of other commitments I came to ALTD weekend #28 in April 2013. I have found this was God's plan all along for I met men that are my brothers' not just friends. One of them gave a Rollo that was meant for me and as fate has it, he put in what I needed to hear, the night before he gave it! God kept poking at him until he gave in. Because of that Rollo and my new brothers I was reborn on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2013. A blessing correct, well it did not end there! At 3:00am. On April 28<sup>th</sup> I was awoken with another blessing. See, my last two years as a State Investigator, I was investigating child pornography cases. I had images I could not get out of my head until I gave my life to Christ. I did not pray for it, God just did it! Praise God and thank you all that were willing to be his tool in this journey.

Fast forward a couple weekends and I am an escort for my brother Mike Donoho and he is giving the Holy Spirit Rollo. While praying, I hear tongues, not from Mike or the room. Words are being repeated over and over again while I am praying. I did not understand and I must admit I was quite upset about what was happening. So after the Rollo and while downstairs I grabbed Mike and asked what it meant. Mike was able to calm me down and explain what had happened. I was filled with the Holy Spirit. Another blessing from the weekend and there are so many more.

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See I have been told that these weekends are not evangelical weekends and they are to bring up the leaders of our churches and communities. I wholeheartedly agree with this, however I also know that the Holy Spirit will use our weekends to do what he wants to do if we enter them with open hearts, minds and ears. God is good all the time! I must admit I was going to step back after weekend 45 and not be a head on the weekends or take leadership positions. I was going to do this to give the younger crowd a chance to experience the glory of leading. Plus I am not one who likes boards, for I have always had to react to situations and fix them when they arise. I am not one who likes to push things off to the next meeting. I understand there are times it needs to be done and not everything can be handled as it occurs. So I will try my best to keep the ball rolling and moving forward.

This being said I believe we need to find some solutions for where we attend our weekends. I truly believe that we need to find ways to lower costs. This might mean that we have to make some sacrifices in comfort or location of the weekends, or both. They might not be as plush as they have in recent weekends. I do want you to know that we will take into consideration those with physical ailments. However we have ALTD members that cannot afford to attend even less so if both husband and wife attend a weekend. Then if a husband and wife attend and bring a candidate they are spending at least \$1000 for the weekend. I know of others that are spending more. It is my belief the cost is a reason for the attendance being lower. We need to correct this and allow more to experience the glory of service.

To conclude I want everyone to know that I prayed about taking this position. Also I spoke with my wife, best friend, and supporter Vanessa prior to taking this on. It was not taken lightly and I am going to step back from some other ministries such as Rockford Reachout Jail Ministry and Credo until I am ready and prepared to do this job as God wants me to. I must also advise you that I am humbled by being asked to lead this great community. I ask for your prayers for wisdom and discernment going forward. I also want to thank my brother Jeff Ingersoll and all the members of the secretariat board. It is my hope I am half the leader Jeff and those that preceded me have been. God Bless and know God loves you and so do I.

Your Lay Leader, Mike Broome





Hi. My name is Cindy Weltzien and I recently stepped on to the Secretariat to fill the remaining two years of the Leaders Chair position whose main focus is providing support, guidance and encouragement to the next Rector and Rectora.

I am married to Randy. We live in Burlington and worship at Mt. Zion in Lake Geneva. We have three daughters, Angela who attended Weekend # 28, Jessica and Stephanie. They are all married and have blessed us with six beautiful grandchildren all under the age of six.

Randy and I both attended Weekend #16 in the spring of 2007 and have been active in this Community ever since. Tres Dias has played an important role in my life starting with my participant weekend and the very first weekend I served and has continued on every weekend thereafter.

We enjoy traveling and have done so way more in the last few years after retirement. We are loving it. Last summer Randy was looking for something to do and I suggested we paint a set of old bunk beds we have. From that project we have now gone on to repairing and painting many pieces, some for ourselves, some for others, and some to sell.

We are blessed because of this Community and I desire to be a blessing back to it by serving and by sharing God's love with others. GLYASDI - Cindy Weltzien



POST WEEKEND CHAIR Hello everyone, Sarah and I wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves. We have recently accepted the role of post chair. We're excited to serve in this new role. A little about us, we have been married for 16 years and have three great children Blake 15, Chase 13, and Emily 11. Our family enjoys camping, kayaking and we've recently started gardening again this year which is keeping us busy canning our harvest. Sarah attended her first Tres Dias weekend on weekend 43 and I attended my first weekend on weekend 42. We are hoping to bring some new ideas in for secuelas, and if any of you have ideas, we'd love to hear. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the community. GLYASDW, Phil & Sarah Reynolds



Hi from Kathy Hornsby. I recently accepted the post of Reunion Chair on the board and I am looking forward to getting to know the other members during my tenure. I have been attending Northeast Christian Church in Rockford, IL since 1997. My husband, Mike, died in October of 2017 and we had a blended family of his 2 children, Bob and Kari and my son, Nick. I claim ALL 10 grandchildren as mine (smile) and my youngest granddaughter lives with me along with her dad, Nick and mom, Rae. I enjoy gardening and listening/dancing to various local bands in the Illinois/Wisconsin area.

My ALTD weekend was #34, in the spring of 2016. I wanted to jump right in and be on the next team, but my husband needed me more. God brought me back to ALTD for weekend #39 in the fall of 2018 and I have served on several weekends since then. I was also honored to serve on my first Credo weekend this last spring.

I hope to update our Reunion Group list for men & women and I welcome any suggestions others may have in this area. Thank you.

**[\\*Upcoming weekend dates and reminders: Men Sept 29 - Oct 2 and Woman Oct 6 - 9!](#)**

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It's that time again folks!

Our friendly competition between the men and the women weekend prayer scrolls.

Give these links a workout!

Women's scroll... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CA8A72DA5F85-alt3>

Men's scroll... <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CA8A72DA5F85-alt2>

Copy the links and share them with everyone. Prayer is welcome from anyone that loves to pray.

[Share our video for potential participants](#)

Please consider donating to our Pay-It-Forward campaign:

<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/WG565X#/>



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Please get team and participant applications from our website:

<https://www.abundantlifetresdias.org/>

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**Decolores!**

