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ROAM, a way to serve

ROAM is an outreach ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. ROAM provides the opportunity for persons to volunteer their time and skills in meaningful Christian service through the Church of the Nazarene related mission agencies, camps, churches, disaster relief, compassionate ministries projects, and other designated areas of service.

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Board Elections/Resignations:

At the ROAM Board Annual Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, the following officers were elected:

President: Dean Brickey

Vice President: Jean Morford

Secretary: Ruth Kile

Treasurer: David Wheelock

On Monday, September, 28, 2015, the Board was notified by email of the immediate resignation of our President and Treasurer. Both men resigned for personal reasons. On Tuesday, October 13, 2015, Vice President Jean Morford called a special Board Meeting to fill these two positions.

The new electees will complete the 2015 terms and continue in those positions for 2016.

Ed Kile was elected President and **Frances Reimer** was elected Treasurer. We are thankful for all ROAMers who volunteer their hours to guide ROAM and help to keep all of us doing the ministry we have been called to.

Thank You to David Wheelock

The Board of Directors of Directors would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to David Wheelock who has resigned after nearly 5 years of service as our Treasurer. During this time David set up our accounts on QuickBooks software which can provide us with many reports whenever they are needed. David also spent countless hours guiding us through the process of establishing ROAM as a 501(c)(3), a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. David has agreed to continue to serve ROAM as a consultant on 501(c)(3) matters.

Kile's Corner



I am sitting in my living room on this beautiful fall day in Caro, Michigan and am a little numb for two reasons. First, I watched Michigan lose to Michigan State in a great game which should have easily been won by Michigan. Which makes the saying, "never give up until it's over" become a reality. The second reason I am numb is that I allowed my name to run for the president of our organization.

When I look at the great men that I am following, Harold Allen, Mert Winkle, and Dean Brickey and the leadership they gave us, I feel so incompetent. When I joined this organization 3 1/2 years ago, I never in my wildest dreams thought I would hold this position, but with the Grace of God, we will attempt to keep the spokes ROAMing down the road to meet the needs of our churches, campgrounds and any other worthy cause we can be used in.

I Peter 4:10 says, "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." Some of our gifts are more advanced than others and I appreciate that you are willing to tolerate my inadequacies and inexperience to work with me and teach me how or where to drive a nail or drill a screw. Through it all, we have fun doing it. What blesses my heart more than anything is the lives that are touched because of your unselfish sacrifice days, months, and years on end. THANK YOU for your hard work.

I not only feel unworthy of this new assignment, but humbled. As Jesus prayed in the Garden, "if at all possible, let this cup pass from me," that was my prayer, but it didn't happen. So because of that, I covet all of your prayers.

Our Executive Committee just met this week and worked on our budget for 2016. We really appreciate your dues that make up a portion of the budget, but donations make up the largest part of our income. Please consider making a contribution at the year's end to help with our operating expenses.

God bless you all this coming year as you labor for the Lord. Have fun and be safe.

Ed Kile, President

ROAM Officers and Staff

President - Ed Kile

Vice-President - Jean Morford

Secretary - Carol Wilkinson

Treasurer - Frances Reimer

Office Manager - Debbie Bennett

Office Assistants - Marj Lampley; Darryl Bennett

ROAM Chronicle Editors -- Debbie Bennett; Darryl Bennett

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Doris Chrisenbery, emeritus

ROAM Board Meets in Kansas City *By Ruth Kile*

It was a special privilege to attend the annual ROAM board meeting in Kansas City in September. The board had decided that it would be beneficial for the board members to meet in person for this meeting. Plans were made months in advance, and anticipation built.

It was a joy to see several ROAM friends that we have met over the past three years, and to meet several others who we knew by name only. Several from the Kansas City area came, and many drove in or flew in from a distance. The group enjoyed delicious sandwiches, veggies, fruit, chips, and also several yummy desserts, thanks to the office staff and local ROAM members.

On Monday, September 21 we gathered at the Nazarene Global Ministry Center, a beautiful new facility, for our annual meeting. There were 15 persons present and three participating by webcam.



The board took a short break to tour the building. It was interesting to see the general superintendents' offices, the cubicles where each of our ministry department personnel work, the displays in the lobby area depicting history of the church, and the serene little prayer chapel. Of special interest on the second level was the huge rotating world globe, and a statue of John Wesley with an open Bible extended and the admonition, "Offer them Christ."

The board finished up the afternoon by conducting more business such as the annual election, review of the regional reports, treasurer's report, and approval of the project calendar for 2017 (2016 had already been approved).

Ed and I would like to personally thank Ed and Rene Gaither for hosting us at their home. They are great friends, and we appreciated their generous hospitality.

Overall, it was a great trip, and we so appreciate the ROAM organization.

Comments From ROAMers

The ROAM board shared a time of food and fellowship with local ROAMers from the Kansas City area on the Sunday evening prior to the board meeting. Below are some comments from those that attended the event.

It is always a pleasure to gather for a bite to eat and meet other ROAMERS. We enjoyed hearing the reports and experiences the people share. Thank you for hosting the gatherings. It was fun to see those who live some distance from Kansas City too. We wished we had known about ROAM, many years ago.

-- Ed and Rene Gaither

Chuck and I enjoyed the Sunday evening gathering. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing. We felt like we really got to know each other better. The Monday meeting was speedy and well handled.

-- Chuck and Ginny Hampton



ROAM Welcomes New Members

Richard and Alice Near of Lansing, MI (joined 10/1/2015)

Ron and Eileen Wentling of Napoleon, OH (joined 10/5/2015)

Ronald and Lisa Haley of West Salem, OR (joined 10/30/2015)

Judith and Micheal Beall, Sr. of Manchester, TN (joined 10/30/2015)

Office Appreciation *By Jean Morford*

I was thinking a few days ago about how much our ROAM office staff does that keeps all of us ROAMers on the road. Do you know that Debbie and Marj each only work a maximum of 20 hours per two week pay period and Darryl works a maximum of 5 hours per pay period? During that time, they answer our questions both email and phone, they process new member applications, answer our questions, process background checks, answer our questions, contact projects where we would like to work, answer our questions, process project applications, answer our questions, update project information on the website, answer our questions, compile and distribute the bimonthly newsletter, answer our questions, work with the board officers on various issues, answer our questions, talk with project directors about questions they have, answer our questions, keep the databases and computers up to date, answer our questions, print, compile and mail information needed for District Assemblies, NMI conventions and other meetings where ROAM is represented, answer our questions, process dues and contributions and oh, did I mention they answer all our questions that come in by phone and email.

Their "core hours" are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Central, Monday through Friday. If you call on Monday or Tuesday, you will probably talk with Debbie and on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, you most likely will talk to Marj. They are also often working outside of those hours to get the job done. If you have questions during their "non-core" hours, please leave them a message or an email with a phone number and a time when you can be reached and they will do their best to accommodate your request. I think we owe this team a standing ovation for their dedication to their jobs and to helping us in our ministry of helping others!



*Jean Morford, Darryl Bennett, Debbie Bennett,
Marj Lampley, Dean Brickey
Prepping food for ROAM board meeting dinner*