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Tom Barr, Vice Chair of the ROAM board passed away at his home unexpectedly with a heart attack February 26, 2011. Mert Winkle wrote the following tribute that was shared at Tom's funeral in Nampa, Idaho.

To the Family and Friends of Tom Barr

We share your loss in the passing of our friend and coworker as he served so well as Vice Chairman of ROAM. Tom loved the work that ROAM is doing and several projects have come on line for our ROAMers to work on that Tom had been working with.

The last project that we worked together was Canby Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Canby Oregon. Tom wanted to be on a ROAM project, but was not sure he could do much. I asked him and Darlyene to come and just work with me where he could. He became the siding cutter for the complete project. We set up a table where he could measure and cut while we brought the material to him. He also loved to bring devotionals to the group and always did a great job. (By the way, Darlyene makes really great cookies even in the motor home.)

Tom became a very good friend as we worked on ROAM together. ROAM will miss his input and I will miss the conversations that we had while on WebEx conference or Logitech. Tom was looking to the future as to how to make ROAM a better organization as people face the fuel cost to move from site to site. His concern was that some would be stopping because of the cost.

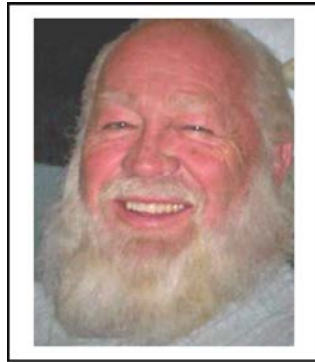
FBI Background Clearance

Don't have your background check yet? No problem. It's easily obtained.

ROAM has an arrangement with USAintel whereby the ROAM office can input the data by a secured connection into USAintel database at a cost of approximately \$5 per person. No finger printing required. The results are available by computer within minutes so there is no waiting. These background checks are valid throughout the nation.

This new procedure is painless, quick and relatively inexpensive. The ROAM office will need only your 1) full name and 2) date of birth along with your check of \$5 per person, payable to ROAM. Mail it to the ROAM office, PO Box 480876, Kansas City, MO 64148.

Make the most of your time, Paul admonishes, for the days are evil. (Eph. 5:16).



Counting the days

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12 NIV)

No other scripture draws the contrast as sharply between God’s eternal existence and our small role as a player on the stage of life. He is “from everlasting to everlasting” and we are like the grass of the morning that springs up but by evening it is dry and withered.

Take a handful of sand and measure out 80 grains – 80 years – and put them in a tiny jar. Put them where you can see them for periodic reflection. Let them remind you of the brevity of your life in contrast with all the sand at the beach.

This practice will help us “gain a heart of wisdom” and soften your choices accordingly. Instead of building bigger barns, you will find

Winkle's Wrinkle

yourself investing more time building up the faith of others and preparing people for heaven. Remembering that your citizenship is where Christ is, you will seek to impact eternity.

The psalmist leads us to begin each morning with a new beginning with God’s “unfailing love” and that we “sing for joy and be glad all of our days.” It is because our God is “from everlasting to everlasting” that we can face each day with anticipation and joy.

For in Him we have not 75 or 90 years, but eternity.

Now being in my 70s, I look back and realize how carelessly I treated time. I lived as though I would never die. I am sobered by the warp – speed of life and opportunity. We are rushing toward our eternal destiny.

Mert Winkle, Chairman

Welcome New Members—Feb-Mar

Brickey, Dean and Margaret

Hermiston, OR

Comment received on a Project Evaluation form

“Joe and Janet Thomas are the best camp directors we have worked with! It is a pleasure to work for them. We have learned a lot from them and will take that with us wherever we go. Camp Arrowhead is a great place to volunteer; that’s why we are staying two more months.”

ROAMer Profile **Christian bluegrass: Prowell Family ROAMs Through Nation**

by [María Cortés González \ El Paso Times](#) 01/28/2011 reprint by permission

In August 2007, Scott and Cynthia Prowell sold most of their belongings in an estate sale, rented out their Kansas home, and with their two daughters, Sadie and Emma, hit the road in a new Winnebago.

The couple felt a calling to join ROAM -- RVs on a Mission -- and have traveled through 19 states in three and half years serving in Church of the Nazarene-related mission projects wherever they go.

Now they're in El Paso, where Scott Prowell, a former chiropractor, spends his days remodeling the mission home where they are staying in the Lower Valley. When she's not home schooling the girls, Cynthia, a former educator, volunteers in church kitchens or other church-related projects.

Sadie, 12, and Emma, 10, do their part to volunteer. And all four make up the Prowell Family Band, which plays bluegrass-style Christian music in Sunday services when invited.

The Rev. Laird Cross of Vista Ysleta Methodist Church recently had the band play as part of a Sunday service. He said the family is refreshing.

"When I first heard about them, I thought they might be a little different from the rest of us. But they are just regular kind of people, just very warm and very dedicated to what they're doing," he said.

He added, "And they are very good, very professional. They will be playing here again on March 13."

In talking to this close-knit family, it is easy to see it was not difficult for them to let go of their possessions -- except for grandmother's china and a

favorite rocker -- and repeatedly start anew in cities they've never before visited.

Scott Prowell jokes that it's kind of like the movie "Ground Hog Day," with Bill Murray -- only they enjoy the repetition of starting new each month in a different city.

Cynthia Prowell said, "God put it in our hearts to do this. And it's given us the chance to take our girls all over the United States. We've worked in 19 different states, and through it they've been able to learn geography and history right there."

"And you know when I saw them buying my stuff, it didn't hurt to let it go. There's a kind of freedom in going simpler," she said. "And all of the things that you think you need, you don't really miss."

Scott, who spent 23 years in his practice, never knows whether he will be working alone on a church project or will find a ready-made crew in other mission volunteers. In California one winter, he had plenty of help from other mission RVers who were drawn to the warm weather.

But no matter where he goes, there is never a lack of fix-it projects he can do.

"Many churches have products and projects they want to do, but they can't afford the labor," Cynthia said.

While they may miss their hometown friends, the girls have enjoyed making new friends wherever they go and then maintaining a connection through the Internet.



They love the fact that they can say they've been to many national parks including the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park, Mount Rushmore and Appomattox, a Civil War site. And they have earned Junior Park Ranger badges in all the parks they've visited.

The family have enjoyed their stay in El Paso and said this is the longest they have stayed in one place. They plan to leave in May. Their normal stay is about a month or two since projects tend to be short-term.

"The girls had started to miss their bedrooms. So we prayed for a place where we could stay longer," Cynthia Prowell said.

At the end of May, the Prowells will head toward the Midwest for summer performances. After that, they are not sure what they will do.

"We will pray about what to do next," said Cynthia Prowell. "This could very well be our last project."

Project Reports

Scottsville Camp and Conference Center



*What a tremendous Month!
Revenue good!
Guests were good!
Staff was good!
Volunteer staff was good!
and
God is good!*

March has produced the largest camp income for non-summer month since I have been camp manager. We are working hard to finish the fiscal year (ends April 30) in the black.

Three volunteer couples have made an incredible difference this past winter:

Carl and Virginia Rice have spent 12 winters in a row here. They have recently returned home to Ohio.

Phil and Alice Bough from Indiana have worked three winters in a row. They have just left the campground today.

Bill and Kathy Mark are from New York and this is the third year in a row that they have helped us.

All three of these couples are very talented and give graciously of themselves for God's Kingdom. The pictures show some of their recent work.

WOW

***These Volunteers are great!
Thanks a million!***



Reprint from Scottsville Camp and Conference Center Newsletter

Project Reports

Master's Plan, CA, February and March



Gene and Merrilee Morrell, Paul and Roxie Miller, Orren and Pauline Robinson, Max and Donna Hoffman, and Jerry and Cynthia Bishop

When we first looked at the project, and saw its enormity, we asked ourselves, "Where do we start?" But afterward, we were amazed at what God enabled us to accomplish during February and March. The upstairs area was over 10,000 square feet of floor space, had eight very large rooms, three bathrooms and some smaller rooms, with 29 doors. New sheet-rock had been installed and taped before we arrived, and also new windows. The upstairs hallway was more than 200 feet long, and, counting ceiling and walls, there was more than 30,000 square feet of area to be finished. Our group, including a God-sent helper from Cornerstone Church, sanded, textured, primed and painted the entire upstairs. We repaired all the doors, primed and painted them and all the doorframes a contrasting color. We also did a lot of cleaning, repair work, and other painting. Two of our men worked exclusively on the electrical system and made tremendous progress in that area. They installed 80 wall plugs upstairs, plus a switch in each room, and some light fixtures.

The next area of work was the sanctuary. It is 100 feet long and 60 feet wide, and is an A-frame type structure. At the center, it was 60 feet high. New wood had been installed at the very peak the entire length of the building as well as an

area about 12' wide and 45' long down both sides of ceiling. These had to be painted. The church rented a knuckle lift which rose to 46 feet, so our painter had to use a ten-foot extension on the spray gun to reach this area. We assisted in installing air/heating ducts about 80 feet long down both sides of the sanctuary, which were suspended on beams about 20 feet off the floor. We painted these, both the front and back walls and the two side walls. Many other things, too numerous to mention, were also accomplished, and the project coordinator said our team had put them months ahead of where they thought they would be by the end of March.

We also enjoyed great times of sharing devotions and of fellowship around the fire pit in the evenings. February team members were: Gene and Merrilee Morrell, Paul and Roxie Miller, Orren and Pauline Robinson, Max and Donna Hoffman, and Jerry and Cynthia Bishop, and Mike from Cornerstone Church. The March team included the Morrells, the Robinsons, the Hoffmans, the Bishops, Ken and Katie Moore and Mike.

--Gene and Merrilee Morrell,
team leaders

Request your Spring and Summer projects now to assure an RV parking space and a place on the team. Check out many more details on these and other projects on the ROAM website.

**www.rvsonamission.org
Click on the PROJECTS tab.**

Lake Placid Conference Center - February and March, 2011

February Team

George & Joan Arndt TL
 Dale & Beverly Balcom
 Howard & Peggy Carrell
 Bill & Kathy Mark
 Joe & Ruth Sanger
 Mark & Sharon Sanger
 Ross & Carol Wilkinson

March Team

George & Joan Arndt TL
 Dale & Beverly Balcom
 Howard & Peggy Carrell
 Mark & Sharon Sanger
 Joe & Ruth Sanger
 Ross & Carol Wilkinson
 Dale & Leah Rector

Again, I can say what enjoyable months of working alongside some of Gods' wonderful people.

- Ross and Joe were a team working on plumbing and the installation of a dryer for the laundry. They also fixed plumbing in the two dorms. The laundry room needed new plumbing so they worked inside and out to repair a major issue. Now we have all new plumbing for the water coming in and a new drain field for the water to drain into a new retaining field. They also repaired many other water lines and fixed whatever needed fixing.
- Dale, Ross, Joe and Mark built supplies shelves for the housekeeping department. After many years of trying to renovate the laundry room it is finished. The gas dryer, which was unusable is now running fine with the help of many hands. Painting was done by yours truly (Joan Arndt) and we see a very happy head of housekeeping, Elaine.
- Mark, Bill and Dale took out sidewalks and replaced them. They painted and did landscaping at Anthony's house.
- Dale Balcom is also a good mechanic and worked on the red truck that sold at our huge rummage sale in February. The great sale helped to bring in money and get rid of things.
- George and Howard finished scrapping and went to the scrap yard. These men have been diligent cleaning all the yard scrap metals and separating them to get the most money possible. They gave \$1,600 to Anthony and LPCCC.
- George and Howard brought in some donated palm trees and began planting them. We pray they will survive the move and beautify the grounds.
- Dale and Mark painted concrete benches and placed them in various places on the grounds. They also painted many picnic tables which is an annual project.
- Ruth, Carol, Peggy and helpers Beverly and Sharon worked diligently to make 24 pair of curtains for the six cabins. They didn't get them hung but are all finished.

They also redid some banners which will hang in the Worship Center at Christmas.

- Beverly, Sharon and Joan shampooed about 200 fabric chairs in the one conference area. Then we cleaned this room and the windows in this area. We cleaned all six cabins and the conference area.
 - The retreat groups coming to LPCCC have been large and every building is used. This is the first year we saw every weekend filled up and it takes a lot of cleaning after they all leave on Sunday evenings.
 - As the ladies were finishing the sewing, I did some painting and cleaned all 24 of the cabin windows. This gave my body some sore spots but I was happy to get this finished. We all shared our time helping in the kitchen, thanks to our wonderful group of volunteers.
 - We shared March with the Rectors. Leah worked in the kitchen baking cookies and more cookies for our guests. Dale worked on most electrical projects. They are a very talented couple and are a blessing. Their hearts are compassionate and do the work with generosity. Thanks to the Rectors for their service to God and LPCCC.
 - A game night was a nice time together. It also happened to be Kathy Mark's birthday so we enjoyed peanut butter pie and ice cream.
 - We also did an outing to Homers for dinner the last Thursday of our project and then attended the Collingsworth Concert which everyone enjoyed.
 - The week we had off many of the group were out and about seeing and visiting different points of interest.
 - We continue to Praise God for the strength and health he gives to each volunteer. We chose this time in our lives to be sharing our time and talents with others. God is blessing all who serve in this capacity.
- I Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
- Thank you to our group who served at LPCCC. We do this for our Wonderful Lord.

--Reported by Joan Arndt



**Membership Fee Remains at
\$35/year for 2011.**

Also, if you are an active member and do not have an FBI background check on file in the ROAM office, please include an additional \$5 per person with your full name and date of birth so the ROAM office can obtain this clearance for you. We will notify you by email when the clearance is in your file.

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From David and Janice Wheelock:

March 7, 2011

Janice and I wish to express our sincere thanks to each of you for your many thoughts, prayers and concerns during these past days of hospitalization and rehabilitation. Janice was able to return home on Sunday, March 6, 2011 exactly one hundred and fifty one days after surgery last October 7, 2010. For Janice, it has been a long slow tedious and often times difficult days recuperating these past several months.

During the next several weeks, she will continue with home health care to assist towards returning to a somewhat normal routine. However, due to surgery errors and complications she has no use of her right arm or fingers, which are worse now than before surgery. In essence, Janice still has a substantial amount of rehabilitation over the next several months.

More importantly, due to your prayers, thoughts and concerns from many places across the United States and elsewhere, God has healed and Janice is much improved. We thank God for His healing touch as we expect better days ahead. Again, we want to thank each and every person for the flowers, food, hospital visits, assistance, thoughts, concerns and prayers during these past five months and appreciate what you have done for us. Thank you!

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