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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

The DOAI 2013 National Rally is now history and despite the fact that it rained every day of the rally everyone had a good time. John & Alice Ricciardi did a fine job putting the rally together with the assistance of many of our Mason Dixons and others who pitched in where needed. My personal thanks to all of you who assisted with so many of the activities with a special thank you to Mary Ann Weinberg who made the patriotic centerpiece placemats. Here is our group photo taken during the rally.



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Elizabeth Deal and Martha Hundley of Mason Dixons did a marvelous job sponsoring and putting on the Ladies Tea. There were games and a fine assortment of cookies that the ladies enjoyed. Elizabeth Deal also prepared the gourd table decorations.



Ladies Photo at the Tea

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Additionally the two quilts that were made by many of the DOAI ladies, and coordinated by our own Mary Ann Weinberg turned out to be beautiful. They were displayed and raffled off. Additionally Mary Anne made a lovely wall hanging that was also raffled off. Photos of the quilts and the winners are shown below.

The quilt raffles raised \$960, the ladies tea donated \$50 and the 50/50 raffle raised \$835. We donated \$155 from our Mason Dixon Chapter to make the total amount raised for Wounded Warriors to \$2000!!!! Additionally donations for the Food bank totaled 360 lbs of food. Two great successes!



Shelby & Jerry Brown with Quilt they won



Brandy & Rick Dupuis and Quilt they won



Marshall Godwin with Wall Hanging he won

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Pat Tracy offered a craft session on making bows from magazine covers that was attended by many of the DOAI ladies and they seemed to enjoy learning a new skill.



Pat lends a hand to assist

Mason Dixon ladies making bows

We did hold a brief Chapter business meeting and I want to thank Helen and Sonny Blackwell for the very fine spread of food snacks that we all enjoyed during that time. At the meeting everyone was reminded that chapter elections would be coming soon and volunteers are needed to take officer positions. Please respond positively if you are called about taking on one of our club officer positions. The term of office is two years and we can only continue to enjoy the benefits of the Mason Dixons with your help.

As always, if I can be of assistance to anyone in the chapter please let me know.
Dick

Our 2014 Rally Schedule

Our first rally of 2014 will be held in conjunction with the **Southeast Regional at Lazydays in Seffner, FL with arrival on Sunday January 26th and departure on Friday January 31st**. That rally will immediately follow the FMA (Fleetwood Motorhome Association) rally that is also to be held at Lazydays. Of note is that Fleetwood will have their service team at both rallies and they will perform maintenance items on coaches with free labor and parts at their cost prices which are very reasonable. If you are going to attend either rally at Lazydays I strongly urge you to obtain and fill out the Rally Service Request and submit it to Fleetwood to take advantage of this great opportunity to get work done on your rig.

Our next chapter rally will be held in **Wilmington, NC with early arrival on Tuesday April 1st, regular arrival on Wednesday April 2nd and departure on Sun April 6th**. The Deal's and Hundley's will be hosting the rally. Bob Deal, our Rally Master, will be promulgating details about the location and events later.

We have been considering a June 2014 rally; however we will discuss this at our business meeting at Lazydays in January.

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Our last 2014 rally will be in **October, at Fort Whaley CG in Whaleyville, MD.** hosted by Marilyn and Jim Brown. The rally will **start on Wednesday October 8th, with early arrival on Tuesday the 7th. Departure will be on Sunday October 12th.**

Prayer Concerns

Louise and Marshall Mauck - I am very happy to report that they both were able to come to Urbanna, VA and join us for an afternoon and to stay for dinner at the National Rally. It was great to see them both. Louise still has a long way to go and Marshall is very short of breath with any exertion so they continue to need our prayers.

Sonny Blackwell also was at the National Rally even though he had very recently finished six weeks of radiation treatments, he is also preparing for a treatment for radiation seed treatment of his liver as well as having Mohs surgery on his ears.

Alice Ricciardi was very busy at the National Rally but still has a few more cancer treatments so remains in need of our prayers.

TREASURERS REPORT

The balance in the Mason-Dixon Account as of the end of October is \$4,577.61

DOAI RELATED INFORMATION –

As mentioned earlier there will be a Southeast Region Rally at Lazydays in Seffner, FL. This information is online at www.discoveryowners.com/nextrally.htm (follow the links on that page). If you have not registered for it and with Lazydays I urge you to do so as soon as possible.

If you have questions about that rally, please contact John Curtis, rally master, at jacurtis3@satx.rr.com “

As in past years we will hold a chapter meeting at that SE Regional rally as that rally is considered to be one of our chapter rallies. One agenda item will be discussion about the number of Mason Dixon chapter rallies to be held each year.

The **2014 National Rally** will be held at the Complex in Gillette, Wyoming starting on Tuesday August 26 and departure on Sunday August 31. Those who attended the National at Urbanna had the opportunity to see a presentation on the Complex at Gillette and what a fine facility it is and the great things to see and do when you attend the 2014 National.

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BIRTHDAYS

1 Jim Brown
5 Barbara Brady
5 Debbie Fowlkes
6 Richard Money
18 Thomas Hundley
23 Martha Hundley
26 Robert Angus

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Angelo & Shirley Pedro
6 John & Alice Ricciardi
19 Larry & Pat Runge

SEPTEMBER HUMOR

How children perceive their Grandparents

- 1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.**
- 2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"**
- 3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"**
- 4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"**

5. **My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.**
6. **A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."**
7. **I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"**
8. **When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."**
9. **When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised." Mine says I'm 4 to 6."**
10. **A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."**
11. **Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. It means carrying a child."**
12. **A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck. A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."**