

# THE MASON DIXON HERALD

## NEWSLETTER OF THE MASON-DIXON



**Discoverys**

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GLEND A M. ANGUS, EDITOR

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I'm back.... Well it's strange to be returning to replace John Ricciardi again....but it happened at our meeting at Lazydays during the 2017 SE Regional. We held

elections and here are the results:

- President – Dick Tracy
- Vice President – Marshall Godwin
- Treasurer – Helen Blackwell
- Secretary – Vacant ( will someone please step up for this one?)
- Rally Masters – Zane & Sue Murphy and Larry and Sue Runge

I want to thank John Ricciardi for his fine stewardship this past two years and wish he and Alice a well-earned rest as they continue their travels.

The really big news is our chapter's taking on the duties of putting on the 2018 SE Regional. All of you should have by now received an email from Marshall Godwin outlining the jobs we have and still need to fill to ensure a rousing success of what will kick off the 20th Anniversary Year of DOAI!!! Marshall has volunteered to take on the herculean task as Rally Master and we all need to get behind him and pitch in to fill the various necessary jobs. My most sincere thanks to those who have already signed up. For everyone else, we need to strive for 100% Mason Dixon member participation in the Regional which will begin on Sun-

day, January 28th. Departure day on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Marshall has already started some fantastic plans to make this Anniversary Regional a huge and enjoyable event but he cannot do it alone!

Lastly we have our next Mason Dixon Rally coming up on June 7th to June 11th at AMERICAMP RV RESORT 11322 Air Park Road, Ashland, VA 23005 Phone: 804-798-5298

ARRIVE: Wednesday, June 7, 2017  
DEPART: Sunday, June 11, 2017  
EARLY ARRIVAL: Monday, June 5, 2017 and Tuesday, June 6, 2017

We really need to have as many Mason Dixon Chapter members at this rally as possible so to allow us to do some specific planning on the 2018 SE Regional as well as have a great time together! Please clear your calendar for it and let's make it a great Chapter Rally! See everyone there!

*Dick Tracy*  
**Dick Tracy**  
President  
Mason-Dixon Discoverys

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

*Mason-Dixon Spring Rally*  
*"Virginia is for Lovers"*  
Ashland, VA  
7-11 June 2017  
(early arrival—5 June)

*DOAI National Rally*  
Shawnee, OK  
9-14 Oct 2017

*DOAI Southeast Region*  
*"Still Crazy after all these Years"*  
Lazy Days RV Resort  
Seffner, FL  
28 Jan—3 Feb 2018

### OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**  
DICK TRACY

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
MARSHALL GODWIN

**SECRETARY**  
VACANT

**TREASURER**  
HELEN BLACKWELL

**WAGON MASTER**  
ZANE & SUE MURPHY

**ASST WAGON MASTER**  
LARRY & PAT RUNGE

# DOAI Southeast Region Rally



The Mason-Dixons were well represented at the DOAI National Rally in Bath, NY in September and we all had a good time at a great rally. Thanks to everyone involved in putting this rally together.

The Mason-Dixons just finalized updating our By-Laws and Standing Rules. I want to thank all of the officers for their input, it made the job so much easier and with a better outcome.

After our "Rally" at the SE Region Rally, we plan to have our second rally in Virginia, at the AMERICAMP RV RESORT in Ashland Virginia, May 7 – 11, 2017. If you are in the area (Richmond area) join us. All of the information will be on the DOAI web site in the Mason-Dixon Discoverys chapter section.

Finally, this will be my last report. My term as President is over and it's time to hand over the reins to someone new. It has been a pleasure serving the Mason-Dixon Discoverys as President and an honor to represent them at the National and Regional DOAI rallies.

Safe travels to all.

John Ricciardi  
Past President  
Mason-Dixon Discoverys



## January 24, 2017 Mason-Dixon Discoverys Chapter Meeting—Lazy Days

The meeting was called to order by President John Ricciardi. John thanked all those who have supported him during his tenure as Chapter President.

John then announced elections for chapter officers for 2017. He advised that it is important that the chapter grow by adding new “younger” members and encouraged all to work at recruiting new members.

John announced that Dick Tracy had volunteered to take over as Chapter President unless there was anyone else willing to volunteer. Dick was elected by vote.

John announced that Marshall Godwin our current Vice President was willing to continue to serve as Vice President but asked if anyone else was willing to volunteer to be Vice President. The duties of Vice President were described. There being no volunteers Marshall was re-elected as Chapter Vice President

John then announced that Zane and Sue Murphy and Sue and Larry Runge will remain as Rally Masters.

John asked for volunteers to become Chapter Treasurer. There were none and Helen Blackwell was elected to remain as Chapter Treasurer.

John put out a call to ask someone to volunteer to be Chapter Secretary as outgoing Secretary, Maryanne Weinburg is stepping down due to personal reasons. There were no volunteers to become chapter secretary. That position is now vacant. Efforts will be made to recruit someone to fill that position.

DOAI National President, Ron Wacker was present and he pointed out that by holding our chapter meeting separately from the time of most of the other chapter meetings, which was done to accommodate the high number of members who are registered in both Blue Ridge And Mason Dixon chapters, that we may have lost an opportunity to gain more new members. We will do that differently at next year’s rally.

John then turned the meeting over to Dick Tracy, incoming President. Dick asked for a treasurer’s report and Helen gave that report (see attached) The chapter is in very good financial condition with a balance of over \$4,000. Dick then explained for the benefit of new members that the reason our chapter is financially strong is because we have received the benefit of proceeds of surplus funds remaining from SE Regional rallies that we have previously hosted.

Helen gave information on correspondence received. We have received a very nice note from Linda Zilinski thanking us for the chapter donation made to Wounded Warriors Foundation in the name of Lou Zilinski, Linda’s husband who passed away in last November. A second letter from Linda was read in which she included a \$50 donation to the club and offered her praises for the warm friendship that the Mason Dixon members had been to she and Lou.

Dick opened discussion on new business of Mason Dixon’s being the host for the 2018 SE Regional at Lazydays. Marshall Godwin has volunteered to be the Rally Master for that rally. Marshall gave information on the plans and work involved in hosting the SE regional and identified the positions that we must fill to make the rally a success. First and foremost is the position of Registrar and Treasurer. These duties may be combined. Dick offered that a National Rally checking account has been established and is in use for this current 2017 SE Regional and will be available for the 2018 rally. Deposits to this account may be made electronically thru use of cell phone to facilitate the process.

After much discussion, Pat Tracy volunteered to be the Registrar for the 2018 SE Regional.

Marshall went on to discuss his thoughts on the rally and suggested a possible theme would be Twenty Years and Still going Strong or something like that. The consensus was that such a theme would be good. We will have several other positions to fill and Marshall will be contacting individuals for their help. These would include things like Vendor, Goodie Bags and Decorations. We have received offers of assistance in putting on the rally by other chapters and we will call up on them as needed but want the key positions to be filled from the ranks of the Mason Dixons.

Helen discussed our next Mason Dixon Chapter rally. Our DOAI portion of the DOAI web page is being updated. After done please let Dick know if you see we need other changes.

(Dick Tracy)

**January 25, 2017 Mason-Dixon Meeting**  
**Secretary Report**

This meeting was held at Lazy Days Rally Park, Seffner Florida

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by President John Ricciardi

There was a short discussion about getting new people to run for office in the Mason-Dixons.

Everyone was reminded to pay their dues.

Treasurer Helen Blackwell read the Treasurer's report and an audit of the books was to be performed by members Alice Ricciardi and Jeanne Stewart. This audit was completed and approved.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President	Dick Tracy
Vice President	Marshal Godwin
Treasurer	Helen Blackwell
Secretary	MaryAnne Weinberg
Rally Masters	Zane & Sue Murphy and Larry and Pat Runge

The Newsletter Editor will be Glenda Angus

The 2018 DOAI Southeast Region Rally is to be hosted by the Mason-Dixons. Marshall Godwin will be Rally Master and Pat Tracy will be registrar. The dates are 1/28/18 to 2/3/18 and the cost will be \$405 per coach with 2 people.

There was a discussion about the upcoming Mason-Dixon rally 6/6/18/-6/11/18 at Americamps in Ashland, VA.

Helen Blackwell read a thank you note from Linda Zilinski, then she read a second note from Linda Zilinski with a donation of \$50.00 to be applied to a Mason-Dixon rally.

*John Ricciardi*

John Ricciardi  
Past President  
Mason-Dixon Discoverys

# 2016 Annual Financial Report

## MASON-DIXON DIXCOVERYS/SOUTHEAST REGION/DOAI 2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING BALANCE – 01/01/2016 \$4401.22

### INCOME:

DUES \$343.00

RALLY FEES (GUESTS & SOBs) 30.00

RALLY RAFFLES AND 50/50 278.00

### ITEMIZED OTHER INCOME:

Mason-Dixon Clothing Sales 523.71

TOTAL INCOME \$1174.71

### EXPENSES:

RALLY EXPENSES \$570.93

### ITEMIZED OTHER EXPENSES:

Mason-Dixon Clothing 536.65

Donations 200.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1307.58

ENDING BALANCE – 12/31/2016 \$4268.35



Signed  
Helen Blackwell  
Treasurer

# Monthly Financial Report

MASON-DIXON CHAPTER/DOAI  
MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY 31, 2017

Opening Balance January 01, 2017 \$4268.35

**Deposits:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/04	Check from Linda Zilinski to be used for Spring 2017 Club rally	\$50.00
	2017 Dues for Newbury	<u>\$12.00</u>
		\$62.00
01/30	Shirt purchase for Arnold -	\$20.00
	2017 dues @ \$12 for Angus, Stewart, & Riccardi	\$36.00
	2017 new members-Bennett-\$12, Pinkerton-\$11=\$23	<u>79.00</u>
	Total Deposits	\$141.00

Checks

None

Balance as of January 31, 2017 \$4409.35

Signed

Helen Blackwell

Treasurer

Mason-Dixon Discoverys

# Monthly Financial Report

MASON-DIXON CHAPTER/DOAI  
MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Opening Balance January 01, 2017 \$4184.35

**Deposits:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/08	2018 Dues for R. Money	<u>\$12.00</u>
	Total Receipts	\$12.00

Checks

None

Balance as of February 28, 2017 \$4421.35

Signed  
Helen Blackwell  
Treasurer  
Mason-Dixon Discoverys

# Member happenings

Elizabeth Deal's sister passed away suddenly over the weekend (8 March). The funeral was 9 March. Helen Blackwell sent a card from our Discoverys club. Our prayers are with Elizabeth and Bob. (Helen Blackwell)

Dick Tracy spoke with Debbie Fowlkes. She and Robert "Bob" are no longer together. However, he still owns his Discovery. His dues are paid through 2016(?) so he is still a member of Mason-Dixon. His email has changed to: bdfowlkes@verizon.net. Please update your membership roster. (Dick Tracy)

Larry Weinberg is having Hip Surgery on 3 April. He was hospitalized last week with aspiration pneumonia after an endoscopy. It was treated and he is fine now. We look forward to seeing Larry and Mary Anne in Virginia.

Welcome to New Members Bob and Betty Arnold from Norfolk, Virginia.

I would like to complete a new Membership Booklet for members with photos. Please provide me a digital photo thru email if possible of yourself and your spouse. I have some photos but not of all members, particularly new members. See an example of the Godwin's for the type needed. Waist up is fine. Thanks Glenda

Congratulations to our birthday and anniversary participants for January, February and March.



## Food for the Road

### Recipes

#### Apple Crisp Delight

6-8 apples (pare and slice--I slice in eighths)  
 1/2 cup butter (or margarine)  
 1 cup sugar  
 3/4 cup flour  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Place apples in a greased, glass baking dish. (If apples are very dry, a bit of water may be placed in bottom of baking dish.) All other ingredients should be mixed together, almost as a pie crust. Press mixture on top of apples. Bake at approximately 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes (however brown and crispy you'd like!)

That's it! This is so good, you may consider making two. I serve it with real whipped cream on top.



**MASON-DIXON DISCOVERYS**  
**“VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS” RALLY**  
**JUNE 7 -11, 2017**

**Co-Hosts – Sonny and Helen Blackwell & Larry and Mary Anne Weinberg**

**WHERE:** AMERICAMP RV RESORT  
11322 Air Park Road  
Ashland, VA 23005  
Phone: 804-798-5298

**ARRIVE:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017

**DEPART:** Sunday, June 11, 2017

**EARLY ARRIVAL:** Monday, June 5, 2017 and Tuesday, June 6, 2017

**COST:** \$35.00 per night

Call the campground directly. **TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE MASON-DIXON DISCOVERY RALLY WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION.** They do not require a deposit to hold your site.



The campground is conveniently located just off I95 at Exit 89 in Virginia. It is near the heart of the historic Richmond area. There are civil war battlefields nearby in Mechanicsville. Museums, wineries and breweries, shopping, great dining, golf, and flea markets, just to name a few of the things to do, are located in the area. Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, and Charlottesville are a one hour drive away.

**There is no Rally fee for Mason-Dixon members.**  
**There will be a fee of \$5.00 per person for non-members and guests.**

Please mark your calendars and make your reservations early as the campground books up quickly.

More information will be furnished as it becomes available.

# DOAI 26 January 2017



**(Left to right)**

**Row 1 :**

Betty Arnold, Glenda Angus, Helen Blackwell, Pat Tracy, Jean Money, Alice Ricciardi

**Row 2:**

Bob Arnold, Bob Angus, Marshall Godwin, Sonny Blackwell, Dick Tracy, Richard Money, John Ricciardi

Not Available for Photo: Larry & Pat Runge

# Registration



**Sonny Blackwell, Helen Blackwell & Diana Blaher, attended to registration for the DOAI Rally held in Seffner, Florida. Sonny and Helen are also active members in the Blue Ridge Discoverys.**

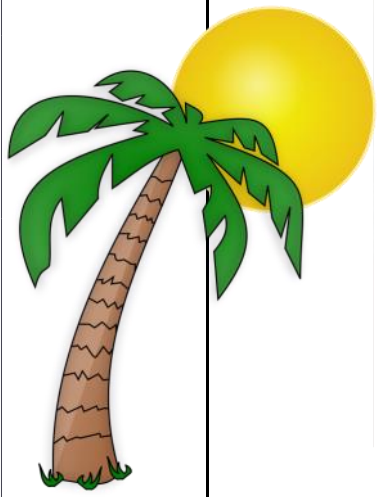


# Helping Hands



Retha Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Richard Money and Marshall Godwin.  
Richard was in charge of DOAI Golfing registration and Marshall Camp Discovery

Marshall  
Godwin



# Just for fun!

Just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me very attractive.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90 % of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross an ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll just see about that.

I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name. I saw it on her computer through my telescope last night.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-by.

You're not fat! You're just... easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

(Courtesy of John Ricciardi)



# PARAPROSDOKIANS

The definition of a paraprosdokian: "Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation." For example, "Where there's a will, I want to be in it," is a type of paraprosdokian.

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
  2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
  3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
  4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
  5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
  6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
  7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
  8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
  9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
  10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
  11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
  12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
  13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
  14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
  15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
  16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
  17. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
  18. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
  19. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
  20. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
  21. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
  22. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
  23. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
  24. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
  25. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
  26. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
  27. A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.
  28. Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were
  29. I always take life with a grain of salt. Plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.
  30. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
- Words of Wisdom: "The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese." ~ Jon Hammond

(Courtesy of Dick Tracy)



**MASON-DIXON DISCOVERYS CHAPTER MEMBER APPLICATION**

Thank you for joining the Mason-Dixon Discovery Chapter of DOAI. Membership is open to all DOAI members. Dues are \$12 a year prorated for \$1 a month for those joining in a month other than January.

Mail this application and your check (Made payable to Mason-Dixon Discoverys) to our treasurer listed below:

Helen Blackwell, Treasurer  
4473 Hobby Horse Court  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
(804) 356-9351  
helenZBlackwell@aol.com

Pilot's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co Pilot's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

DOAI Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (See Note 1)

Pilot's Birthday Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

Co Pilot's Birthday Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

Anniversary Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

**Note 1:** You must be a member of DOAI to join. If your DOAI application has been submitted but you have not yet received your member number, let me know and I will coordinate with the DOAI Membership Chairman.

