

THE MASON-DIXON HERALD

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Well Spring is finally here but the storms, rain and tornados just keep on coming! I certainly hope that this finds all of you safe and warm and ready for another great year.

We had a very successful rally in Wilmington, NC with 11 coaches participating. Everyone had a great time and even the weather cooperated. The golfing was great. The two teams thoroughly enjoyed the day and the very fine course even though we had to drive our carts on pathways all around the many fine homes that are located throughout the course. The fishing trip was a total bust as far as catch went but the weather was fine and the time on the water was fun. The food at the restaurants was really good and we even had the opportunity to observe a wedding on the beach that was held in sight of our group as we dined.

A short business meeting was held during the rally. Due to some extenuating circumstances the nominations committee had not been able to develop a slate of officers to be voted on at the rally however discussions were held concerning the elections as it was voted and agreed on to extend the current officers for another year.

We were especially pleased to have Hank and Eileen Hayden attend the rally and to see that Hank was certainly doing well in his battle with cancer and reporting that the prognosis seemed positive. It certainly didn't impact his golf game! We all wish him continued success.

Dick

Below is a photo of everyone taken the evening of our pot luck held at the Wilmington KOA campground.

Our 2014 Rally Schedule

Our last 2014 rally will be in **October, at Fort Whaley CG in Whaleyville, MD.** hosted by Marilyn and Jim Brown assisted by Bob & Elizabeth Deal. The rally will **start on Wednesday October 8th, with early arrival on Tuesday the 7th. Departure will be on Sunday October 12th.** More information on this will be forthcoming in a couple of months.

Prayer Concerns

John Ricciardi reported that **Alice** has finished her maintenance Chemo and the doctor said she was **CANCER FREE**. They thank everyone for all the prayers.

Hank Hayden continues to undergo a lengthy series of treatments for cancer. He continues his blog set up on Caring Bridge. As reported last month, in order to use the site you will have to open an account with Caring Bridge. The site is not a spam concern and is easy to do and you may find it a useful site for other people as well. . You may access it using this link: www.caringbridge.org/visit/hankhaden

TREASURERS REPORT

The balance in the Mason-Dixon Account as of the end of April is \$4,633.41

DOAI RELATED INFORMATION –

The **2014 National Rally will be held at the Complex in Gillette, Wyoming** the last week in August, starting on ***Tuesday August 26 and departure on Sunday August 31***. Those who attended the National at Urbanna, VA had the opportunity to see a presentation on the Complex at Gillette and what a fine facility it is. Based on comments heard at the SE Regional and at Wilmington, it seems like we may have a nice sized group of Mason Dixons going to Gillette!

Member News:

John & Alice Ricciardi have already started their trek to a new summer challenge and John has provided the following comments to let all of us know of their adventure. I know some of us are envious of them. I have asked John to provide continued updates as to their adventure.

“Alice and I will be working at **Mt. Rainer National Park** this summer. We are now in the state of Washington ready to set up camp at our designated site just outside the park. Alice will be working at the Paradise Gift Shop and I will be driving a shuttle/delivery van. Unfortunately will will not be able to make any of the Mason-Dixon rallies or even the DOAI National. We will be here until the middle of October and hopefully get out before the snow return