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December 2014**

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Chairman's Report

– John Veen

It's the early part of December as I compose this report and "Old Man Winter" has been here and left us some early snow. We have just survived the **first** snowfall of 2014 and I'm already wishing for an early Spring so I can take the Corvettes from under the covers, out of "mothballs," and out for a drive. Hopefully the weather will allow me to start them up and take them out for a spin to get rid of the winter cobwebs.

As I write this Chairman's Report, I cannot believe that it's the end of my second year as the Mason Dixon Chapter Chairman. Time really does fly by when you're having fun and I can say that the past two years really have been fun and that's why I'm looking forward to the serving as your Chapter Chairman for the next two years.

Before I recap the Chapter events of the past few months, I want to wish all Mason Dixon Chapter members the happiest holiday season and a happy and VERY healthy 2015!! As some of you know, the latter part of this year was somewhat challenging for me health-wise, so I take the last part of my previous sentence seriously. Please take good care of your selves in the coming winter months and stay healthy as we move forward into 2015. In 2015, I hope to see you at as many of the upcoming Mason Dixon Chapter events as your schedule allows. The Board of Directors and I will be developing the "2015 Chapter Calendar of Events" in the early part of the year so if you have any ideas and/or suggestions, please be sure to make your wishes known to the Board members or me.

Since my last report there have been a number of Chapter events I want to mention and recap.

- On September 20, the Chapter sponsored the "Road Tour and Luncheon at Longwood Gardens." Unfortunately, the number of participants was not very good but, on a personal note, the weather was absolutely fantastic for a nice ride in a Corvette and the weather also led to a VERY enjoyable day at a beautiful venue. If you have never been there, it's a place you REALLY need to visit.
- On October 11, the Chapter conducted a "practice judging" on Gus Tsamouras' beautiful maroon 1970 Corvette. All of the judges were impressed with Gus' Corvette as it had been judged at other NCRS events many years ago and Gus had the NCRS documentation (judging sheets, etc.) outlining the judging history. Gus plans to have his Corvette judged at the annual Mason Dixon Chapter Judging Meet in March, 2015 and he wanted to get a "baseline" of where the car was so that he could work on it over the winter. Everyone had a GREAT time and it is my hope, and also the hope of Rick Aleshire, the Chapter Judging Chairman, that other Chapter members follow this process so their Corvettes are ready for NCRS Chapter judging. The "practice judging" was followed by a luncheon at a local restaurant. As an aside, Gus' Corvette earned a Top Flight at the event and there is a picture of Gus' 1970 Corvette in this newsletter issue.

- On November 1 the Chapter sponsored the “Road Tour to the Simeone Foundation Auto Museum in Philadelphia. The museum is the home of one of the five 1963 Grand Sport Corvettes. The date was selected because the Grand Sport was supposed to be removed from the museum and driven as part of the museum “Demo Day.” Unfortunately, the weather was terrible but a hearty band of eight Mason Dixon Chapter member colleagues braved the weather for what turned out to be a VERY enjoyable day. Although the Grand Sport (car #12 and chassis #2) could not be removed from the museum because of the weather, it still was started and what a sound it was - absolutely ground shaking. In addition to the pleasant deafening experience, we also had the privilege of listening to a presentation by Doug Fehan, the Corvette Racing Program Manager. Doug provided a historical summary of the Corvette Racing Program and his involvement plus his thoughts on the future of the program and also on the C-7R Corvette. We were able to have a picture taken of the Grand Sport with Dr. Fred Simeone, the museum owner, Doug Fehan, and George Wintersteen, one of the early drivers and a former owner of the Grand Sport (who happened to attend Doug Fehan’s presentation) when it was raced. There is a picture in this issue of the newsletter. The hearty souls who endured the inclement weather met for lunch on the return trip home where we discussed the highlights of the day. All agreed it was an incredible experience and definitely well worth the trip!!!
- On November 2, a number of Chapter members joined the Bel Air Corvette Club on the road tour to the Wyncote Golf Club in Oxford, Pennsylvania for a Sunday brunch. This year there were some new Chapter members who participated and they stated that they had a GREAT time. If you haven’t experienced this road tour you need to put it on your calendar for 2015. Every year the road tour has approximately 25 to 30 various year Corvettes driving down the road - it is quite an experience and also very eye-catching - don’t miss it next year!!!
- Finally, on November 15 the Annual Fall Dinner General Membership Meeting was held at Liberatore’s Restaurant in Timonium, Maryland. Although the meeting was a lively event, as it usually is, on a personal note I was saddened because of the retirement of three members from their Board of Directors positions. In the event that you did not attend the dinner meeting, I again thank Eileen Lesser for her many years where she served as the Chapter Recording Secretary. Steve Lesser also retired after serving many years as the Social Activities Chairman. Together Eileen and Steve served in these positions for approximately 30 years and they deserve our gratitude for their service. Finally, Juliet Page retired from her position as Chapter Webmistress, also after many years in the position. All three have donated endless hours to the Chapter so if you see them at Chapter events, please be sure to thank them for their valuable time and service to the Mason Dixon Chapter. As a means of refreshing your memories, the three new Board members are as follows: Ed Levine, Recording Secretary, Glenn Gitschier, Social Activities Chairman, and Gus Tsamouras and Tim Davis who will serve as Webmaster co-Chairmen.

Before I move on to discuss plans for 2015, again I want to express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Mason Dixon Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication since I assumed the position of Chapter Chairman. The Board of Directors could not have accomplished what we have over the past two years without working together and I thank the Board members for their assistance and guidance.

Starting in January, 2015, the Board of Directors and I will begin work on the “2015 Chapter Calendar of Events.” As I have mentioned numerous times before, we don’t want to change the schedule just for the sake of changing and I believe the 2014 Calendar of Events reflected that. As always, **if you have any suggestions for events in 2015, please contact any Board member or me. My e-Mail address is jsveen01@comcast.net.** For information about the various things on which the Board of Directors is working, please be sure to review the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes that are distributed via e-Mail following every meeting. I believe you will see some interesting topics we are discussing.

Again, please accept my best wishes to you and your family for a VERY happy holiday season and please remember to “Save the Wave.”

Sincerely,
John Veen, Chapter Chairman
Mason Dixon Chapter, NCRS

Vice Chairman’s Report
– Jim Buckley

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

Well as the season to drive our Corvettes seems to wind down, it seems as if the B.O.D. has some road trips in the pipeline. At the Fall Dinner meeting John Veen suggested a road trip to the A.A.C.A. Museum for their Cars and Christmas program. They will have a vintage bicycle display and the Cammack Tucker exhibit, model trains, the original taxi from the holiday classic "It's A Wonderful Life". The other usual cars and buses will be there too. Also a trip up Route 1 to the Longwood Garden's holiday display was also mentioned.

If you are not comfortable taking your Corvette to these events, please drive something else, so you do not miss our events. Please come out and travel along with us. Best to all.

Yours truly, Vice-chairman Jim

Treasurer's Report
- Len Maiolatesi

Our checking account balance as of 11/24/14 is \$14,564.30. Thanks. Len

Recording Secretary’s Report
- Eileen Lesser

Minutes of the Fall General Membership Meeting
Mason-Dixon Chapter of the N.C.R.S.
at Liberatore’s Ristorante, Timonium, MD
Saturday, November 15, 2014

Attendance: Approximately 60 members attended the Fall dinner meeting.

Chairman's Report: After a lovely dinner, John Veen began the meeting by introducing the current Board members as well as the new Board members. John announced that Eileen Lesser, Steve Lesser, and Juliet Page had resigned from their positions as Secretary, Social Activities Chairman, and Webmistress respectively. John mentioned that Eileen had served as Secretary for approximately 17 years, Steve had served for approximately 15 years, and Juliet for approximately 12 years. John thanked them for their many years of service to the Mason Dixon Chapter. In addition, John introduced Ed Levine as the new Recording Secretary, Glenn Gitschier as the new Social Activities Chairman, and Gus Tsamouras and Tim Davis as the new webmasters.

In Len Maiolatesi's absence, John told the members that Len sends out e-mails reminding members to pay their Mason Dixon dues and NCRS National sends out e-mails when it is time to pay your National dues. Mason Dixon dues have remained at \$35 per year and National dues have increased to \$45 per year.

John also asked for a show of hands for 2 road tours to either Longwood Gardens or to the AACA Museum. These road tours would be conducted between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. There was a larger interest shown for the road tour to the AACA Museum and more information about the road tour will be e-Mailed via the Yahoo Group system.

John summarized the 2014 calendar of events and mentioned that some events were better attended than others but that overall participation during 2014 was pretty good. John asked members to contact him or members of the Board of Directors if there were any events or activities which members would like to attend which would help when we plan the 2015 Chapter "Calendar of Events."

John mentioned that there was a new NCRS National President. His name is Mike Ingham and is from California. John mentioned that the previous NCRS National president had to resign due to personal and health issues and could no longer continue. John was confident that NCRS is in good hands under Mike's direction.

Vice-Chairman's Report: Jim Buckley explained that Mason Dixon is up-to-date with all the necessary NCRS paperwork and thanked everyone for their help. He received our new banner with the 2013 award on it and told the membership that there is a good chance that we will also receive "Chapter of the Year" award once again.

Treasurer's Report: In Len Maiolatesi's absence, Eileen announced that there is now approximately \$14,145 in the Chapter treasury.

Membership Report: In Len Maiolatesi's absence, Eileen announced that there are currently 104 members in the Mason-Dixon Chapter.

Webmistress Report: In Juliet Page's absence, Eileen announced that the website and calendar are up-to-date. Juliet will be in touch with Gus Tsamouras and Tim Davis about how to handle our website as she will be stepping down from her position at the end of the calendar year.

Judging Chairman's Report: Rick Aleshire announced that our next judging will be held on March 29, 2015 at Ron Adams Chevrolet. Rick announced that NCRS has a new website, and all Mason Dixon

members should log in to this website. Website address is: www.ncrs.org/ National Corvette Restorers' Society

Secretary's Report: Eileen Lesser announced that she and Steve will be stepping down from their positions at the end of the current calendar year, and Glenn Gitschier will take over as Social Activities Chairman and Ed Levine will take over as Secretary. She thanked everyone who helped make her job so enjoyable over the last 17 years, and wished the entire membership a happy and healthy holiday season.

Social Activities Chairman's Report: Steve Lesser thanked everyone for all their help over the last 15 years as Social Activities Chairman. Steve went on to give out door prizes courtesy of Reliable-Churchill Liquors, Al Knoch Interiors, Zip Products, Rod Kraft from Meguiar's, Ron Fellows, Dana Forrester, Griot's Garage, Vette Vues, Vol Vettes of Tennessee, Autophile Ancestry, Criswell Chevrolet, JBA Chevrolet, MidAmerica Motorworks, Corvette Central, etc.

Good and Welfare:

- Congratulations to Fred and Pat Mullauer on their new home in Delaware;
- Get well wishes to Ed Ranier after his hip surgery;
- Happy Birthday wishes to Lynn Mattingly and Eileen Lesser;
- Welcome prospective members, Laura Peterson, Ross and Jennifer Sober, and say hello to Harold and Franzine Henderson, as well as Rita and George Frizzell.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Lesser

Recording Secretary

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Membership Chairman's Report

- Len Maiolatesi

We currently have 104 members (30 Lifetime, 13 Multi-year, 61 Annual). Please remember to pay your National NCRS and Mason Dixon Chapter dues before your membership expires. **REMEMBER** - You must be a current member of NCRS to remain a member of Mason Dixon. Thanks. Len

Judging Chairman's Report - Rick Aleshire

Well, in the area of judging, Mason Dixon did not have much happening, as Fall months tend to be very busy for everyone getting children back to school and so forth. There were a couple of surrounding chapter meets that Mason Dixon members supported either through judging or having their car judged. There were a number of Chapter members who "practice-judged" Gus Tsamouras 1970 in preparation for the Spring judging meet in March 2015. Finally, a number of brave Mason Dixon members traveled to the Simeone Museum in Philadelphia, PA. See some pictures following for both events.



Gus Tsamouras and his 1970 "Practice Judging"





Mason Dixon Chapter and Grand Sport #2

Social Activities Chairman's Report

- Steve Lesser

2014 was a very exciting and active year for Mason Dixon NCRS. We had luncheons, cruises, dinners, donations to the Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, road tour to Friendly Farms, a brunch in Pennsylvania, and lots of fun events. I met some of our members at Hunt Valley's "Coffee and Cars" on Saturday mornings and at Marley Station in Glen Burnie in the evenings. All the events were lots of fun.

This will be my last report as I turn over the reins to Glenn Gitschier. Glenn is a very capable, competent, conscientious and hard-working Mason Dixon member. I am sure that all the events that he plans will be successful ones and lots of fun.

Eileen and I want to wish all of our Mason Dixon members a Healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! Looking forward to seeing all of you in the spring. Be on the lookout for the January/February 2015 calendar.

Historian's Report

- Jerry Blumenthal

Folks, we really do need everyone's help here! This is for everyone to enjoy the past history of our Chapter. If you have any pictures, stories, etc. to share with us all, please let Jerry or any of the BOD know.

CHECK IT
Gary Seymour
NCRS #7140

I have lots of excuses....I assumed, I thought I checked, I was sure I did, I am getting old, too many distractions, this is proof dementia is setting in... just to name a few. This is a story I should not tell, but maybe this will help others.

During 1993 I completely disassembled the first Corvette I ever owned to perform a total body-off restoration on. It is a precious gem I have owned three times and will never sell again. I bagged and tagged everything. In 1994, I had its original 327/350 motor professionally rebuilt and dynoed. Then I dropped the ball on the restoration for many years and the motor was filled full of oil and put under my workbench. Five years ago I got the ball rolling again, and finally this past summer I mounted the whole driveline to the rolling frame. The oil was drained out of the motor at that time.



Gary posing with 21-year project

Then life got in the way, and I did not touch the project for three months. On November 7th, I decided I would start the motor. After setting up all the temporary wiring and cooling, I hit the starter. It started, but oh what a clatter! I shut it down and started it again....still clattered. Started it a third time...same thing. Sounded like no oil to the heads. I was sure I had put fresh oil in a few months ago. I remember

using my drill tool in the distributor hole but now remembered I did not get any oil to the heads. Guess I forgot that little detail!!

I remember I had checked the dipstick several times over the three months I was doing nothing to the car and it showed oil on the dipstick. Did not make sense. I pulled the drain plug on the oil pan and out came the oil...all one pint of it...if that. Now I was thinking how did this happen? Was I really that stupid? Must be! Like a seasoned restorer I thought: Accept it, get over it, move on and see what damage was done. I put five quarts of oil in and started it again. The heads pumped up immediately and it sounded good. But, I still was concerned I may have damaged the motor.



Oil drained from pan after first start attempt...no wonder it clattered loudly, it was screaming for help!



Temporary wiring and cooling for test start up – what a relief!

So it sat from November 7th until today, November 30th. I changed the oil and filter and seeing nothing unusual there, I started it again and held my breath. Wow, it ran smooth and sweet. I let it warm up, revved it up, idled it down to nothing. Wow, it ran like a Swiss watch. Maybe I dodged a bullet? I guess time and use will prove that either way.

This is my fourth body-off restoration. I always keep a diary of work, purchases and time spent. I thought I had become good at keeping track of restoration details. It is my habit to put a tag on items that have not been filled with oil...but I certainly failed this time.

My story is a good example of how dragging out a restoration could be costly and add more time to a project. The message here is to stay focused, give your highest attention to the expensive things you are working on and don't assume you did something...check it! AND check it again!!

1985



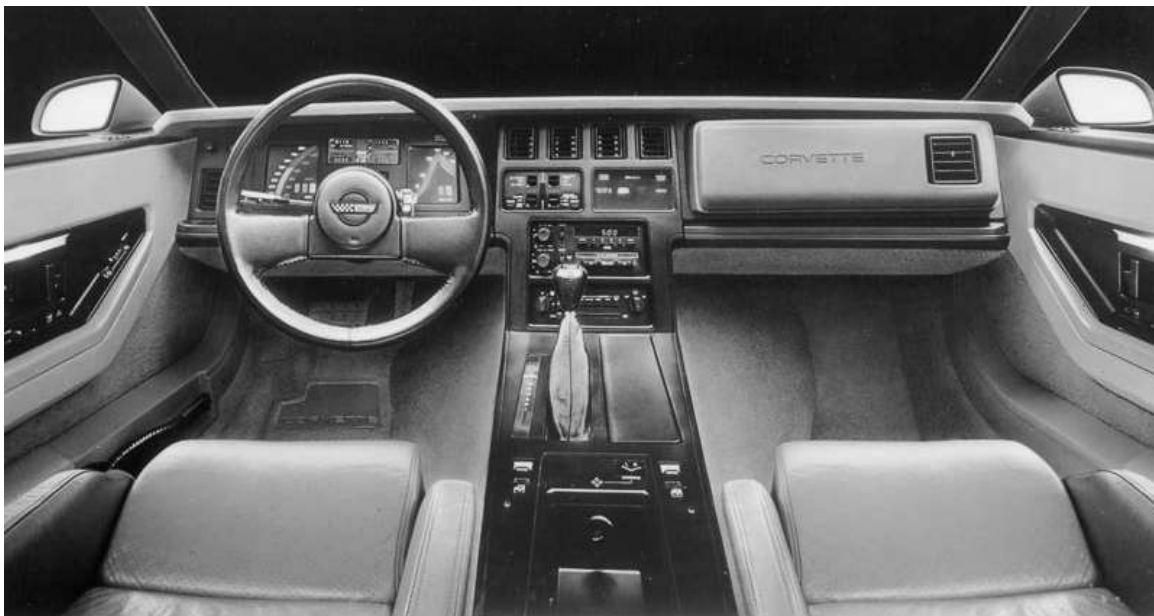
1985 GM Photo

All the Corvette news for 1985 was under the hood. The "Cross-Fire Injection" of 1984 (and 1982) fame was gone as was the label on the side molding. A real no-compromise fuel injection system, not seen on a Corvette since 1965, took its place. It was a Bosch designed and built system and was the source of significant improvements in power (was 205 hp, now 230 hp) and fuel economy. A "Tuned Port Injection" badge appeared on the side of the Vette to go along with the new engine. The red and silver paint colors were changed slightly to make them more attractive.

Chevrolet listened to the customers who told them that the C4 Corvette's ride was too harsh and lowered spring rates so being transported via Corvette was that much less punishing. The more compliant suspension also meant fewer rattles and squeaks. The Performance Handling Package option (Z51; \$470.00) saw reduced spring rates but anti-sway bar diameters were increased to keep that handling edge. The Z51 handling package now included 9.5-inch wheels all around, with Delco-Bilstein gas-charged shock absorbers, thicker stabilizer bars and a heavy-duty cooling system.

1985 GM Photo





1985 Interior – GM Photo

The 1985 interior was the same as 1984 except that the instrument panel display was updated for improved readability. At some point in the 1985 production run, the overdrive defeat switch was moved from the console to the shifter. The sport seat was available in leather along with cloth. Note the emergency brake handle location, in the door sill below the driver's left knee. It had been part of the center console in the C3 and the new location was a departure from the sports car roots.

OPTIONS

RPO	Description	Production	Price
	Sports Seats, cloth	5,661 (14.25%)	\$625
AG9	Power Driver Seat	37,856 (95.29%)	\$215
AQ9	Sports Seats, leather	n/a	\$1,025
AR9	Base Seats, leather	n/a	\$400
AU3	Power Door Locks	38,294 (96.39%)	\$170
CC3	Removable Transparent Roof Panel	28,143 (70.84%)	\$595
D84	Two-Tone Paint	6,033 (15.19%)	\$428
FG3	Delco-Bilstein Shock Absorbers	9,333 (23.49%)	\$189
G92	Performance Axle Ratio	5,447 (13.71%)	\$22
K34	Cruise Control	38,369 (96.58%)	\$185
MM4	4-Speed Manual Transmission	9,576 (24.10%)	n/a
NN5	California Emission Requirements	6,583 (16.57%)	\$99
UL5	Radio Delete	172 (0.43%)	n/a
UM6	AM-FM Stereo Cassette	2,958 (7.45%)	\$122
UN8	AM-FM Stereo, Citizens Band	16 (0.04%)	\$215
UU8	Stereo System, Delco-Bose	35,998 (90.61%)	\$895
V08	Heavy-Duty Cooling	17,539 (44.15%)	\$225
Z51	Performance Handling Package	14,802 (37.26%)	\$470
Z6A	Rear Window + Side Mirror Defoggers	37,720 (94.94%)	\$160

Total Production: 39,729

Coupe: 39,729 (100.00%) - Serial numbers: 1G1YY07x7F5100001 to 1G1YY07x7F5139729

Notes: Base Corvette Coupe with 350 cu. in. 230 hp engine with automatic transmission: \$16,258.52.

VIN SUFFIX:

ZDF: 350 CUBIC INCH, 230 HORSEPOWER, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

ZJB: 350 CUBIC INCH, 230 HORSEPOWER, MANUAL TRANSMISSION

ZJC: EXPORT

ZJJ: 350 CUBIC INCH, 230 HORSEPOWER, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, ENGINE OIL COOLER

ZFJ: 350 CUBIC INCH, 205 HORSEPOWER, MANUAL TRANSMISSION, ENGINE OIL COOLER

ENGINE BLOCK NUMBER: 14010207: ALL **HEAD NUMBER:** 462624: ALL

Colors

Code	Exterior	Quantity	Interior	Wheels
13	Silver Metallic	1,752 (4.41%)	Graphite / Medium Gray	Alloy
13 /	Silver / Gray	2,170 (5.46%)	Graphite / Medium Gray	Alloy
18	Medium Gray Metallic	2,519 (6.34%)	Graphite / Medium Gray	Alloy
20	Light Blue Metallic	1,021 (2.57%)	Medium Blue	Alloy
20 /	Light Blue / Medium Blue	1,470 (3.70%)	Medium Blue	Alloy
23	Medium Blue Metallic	2,041 (5.14%)	Medium Blue	Alloy
40	White	4,455 (11.21%)	Carmine / Graphite / Saddle / Medium Blue / Medium Green	Alloy
41	Black	7,603 (19.14%)	Carmine / Graphite / Saddle / Medium Green	Alloy
53	Gold Metallic	1,411 (3.55%)	Saddle	Alloy
63	Light Bronze Metallic	1,440 (3.62%)	Bronze	Alloy
63 /	Light Bronze / Dark Bronz	2,393 (6.02%)	Bronze	Alloy
66	Dark Bronze Metallic	1,030 (2.59%)	Bronze	Alloy
81	Bright Red	10,424 (26.24%)	Carmine / Graphite / Saddle / Medium Green	Alloy

Komedy Korner

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

When little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "And she turned into a telephone pole!"

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

HIGHER POWER

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But, there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

"Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his Mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon"

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

BEING THANKFUL

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable.

What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

TIME TO PRAY

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

"Yes, sir." the boy replied.

"And, do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked.

"No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the daytime"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

American-Yiddish Dictionary

JEWBILATION - Pride in finding out that one's favorite celebrity is Jewish.

TORAHFIED - Inability to remember one's lines at one's Bar or Bat mitzvah.

CHUTZPAPA - A father who wakes his wife at 4:00 AM so she can change the baby's diaper.

DISORIYENTA - When Aunt Sadie gets lost in a department store and strikes up a conversation with everyone she passes.

MISHPOCHAMARKS - The assorted lipstick and make-up stains found on one's face and collar after kissing all one's aunts and cousins at a reception.

ROSH HASHANANA - A rock 'n roll band from Brooklyn.

FEELAWFUL - Indigestion from eating Israeli street food.

KINDERSCHLEP - To transport other kids in your car besides yours.

OYVAYSMEAR - What one says when the cream cheese squeezes out of the bagel and falls on your clean pants.

JEWDO - A traditional form of self-defense based on talking one's way out of a tight spot.

Zen Judaism - Relinquishment will lead to calm and healing in your relationships. If that doesn't work, try small claims court.

Though only your skin, sinews, and bones remain, though your blood and flesh dry up and wither away, yet shall you meditate and not stir until you have attained full Enlightenment. But, first, a little nosh.

Accept misfortune as a blessing. Do not wish for perfect health or a life without problems. What would you talk about?

Be here now. Be someplace else later. Is that so complicated?

There is no escaping karma. In a previous life, you never called, you never wrote, you never visited. And whose fault was that?

The Torah says, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The Buddha says there is no "self." So, maybe you are off the hook. If there is no self, whose arthritis is this?

Wherever you go, there you are. Your luggage is another story.

Do not let children play contact sports Zen Judaism

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Do not let children play contact sports like football. These only lead to injuries and instill a violent, warlike nature. Encourage your child to play peaceful games, like "sports doctor."

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single "oy."

Up For Grabs

Three ministers are talking over lunch and before long find themselves discussing how much of the weekly offering is appropriate to keep and how much to give to the Lord.

The first minister says, "I just draw a line on the floor, put one foot on both sides, and throw the money into the air. Whatever lands on the right side of the line is God's and whatever lands on the left is mine."

The second minister notes that he uses a similar method, but "I use a small coffee table when I throw the money in the air and whatever lands on the table goes to the Lord and whatever lands on the floor is mine."

They both contemplate each other's answer and finally turn to the third minister who is sitting there without saying anything. "Well, how do you do it?" asks the first to the third.

"Well, I do as you both do and throw the money into the air, but I figure whatever the Lord wants, he'll grab, and I keep whatever hits the floor."

Letters from Little Boys to God

Dear God,

Why is Sunday School on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest. Tom L.

Dear God,

I went to this wedding on Sunday and they kissed right in the church! Is that O.K.? Neil

Dear God,

If you watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes. Mickey D.

Dear God,

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. Bruce

Dear God,

If you give me a genie lamp like in Aladdin, I will give you anything you want, except my money or my chess set. Raphael

Dear God,

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. Greg

Dear God,

Please send Dennis Clark to another camp this summer. Peter

Dear God,

You don't have to worry about me. I look both ways. Dean

Dear God,

Are you really invisible or is that just a trick? Doug

Dear God,

I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big but not with so much hair. Sam

Dear God,

I am American. What are you? Robert

Dear God,

If you didn't let the dinosaur become extinct, we wouldn't have this country. You did the right thing.
Jonathan

Dear God,

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.
Larry

Dear God,

I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well, I just want you to know that I am not saying that because you are God already. Charles

Dear God,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Thursday. That was cool!
Eugene