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Tri-V Umph
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President's Message

The weather is getting colder and the leaves are changing colors and falling. The days are getting shorter and soon we will change our clocks back an hour. I can't believe stores are already putting out Christmas displays. I miss summer already! We had our first night of Pinochle for the year last month. I had a nice time as always but my cards sure were terrible. They have to improve this month, don't they? I sure hope so or it's going to be a long season. Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Mike

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be on Wednesday, November 10 at the home of Irene Bliudzius at 7:00 p.m. Book we are discussing is "A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrich. If time permits, we may also discuss "The Girl with a Dragon Tattoo": by Steig Larsson.

Wives Meeting

Tri-V Wives meeting will be held on Wednesday Nov. 17, at 7p.m. at Judy Lardin's home.

TRI-V WIVES Christmas Dinner

All women of Tri-v are invited, this includes spouses, significant others, fiancées, daughters (21 years or older) to the Tri-V Wives Christmas dinner. It will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at Sophia's Restaurant, 38259 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. They specialize in Greek & Italian foods, and there is something for everyone. We will meet at 5:30 for cocktails, dinner at approximately 6:00pm. Please contact Sherry Kuhr 248-888-9335, rpkuhr@aol.com, or Peggy Hoffman 248-349-3702, mihoffman@peoplepc.com no later than December 10th.

Fall Stag Event

Date: Sunday, November 14, 1 pm- 4 pm **Location:** Snookers Pool N Pub , Livonia, Schoolcraft and Inkster Road. We will have a pool tournament and for those that are interested, we will have darts as well. There will be football on TV. Pool will be covered, also snacks as well. Cash bar and if you want

something to eat other than apps you will have to buy. This should be a fun and I look forward to this event. Thanks, Eric Hoffman

TRI-V PINOCHLE 2010-2011

Pinochle for the season started on Saturday, October 2nd. We will again be playing in individual homes. Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per regular player is to be paid to Ken Stress by the November 10, 2010 Men's Club meeting night. \$3.00 prize money will be collected from any subs that might be playing at the homes. NO PRIZE MONEY will be distributed at the homes during the year. ALL PRIZE MONEY will be paid at Final Pinochle. The following are the rules for this year.

1. Each host will receive tallies and schedules. Hosts will number the tallies. Each player draws a numbered tally. All players will draw from the same group of tallies regardless of gender. Your partner may be a man or woman. The number of your tally will coincide with the schedule. The schedule provides information on partners and tables. Each player will play six games.
2. Reneges should always be corrected if possible. If unable to correct and the bidding team is guilty, the bidder is set. If the renege is not made by the bidding team, then the bid is automatically made if unable to correct.
3. Make sure your name is on the tally. Put your partner's number on the tally in the space provided. This is for checking scores if necessary.
4. Eighteen (\$18.00) per person for prize money will be collected by Ken Stress No later than the November 2nd Men's Club meeting.
5. All players, including substitutes will be eligible for yearly prizes. Subs MUST decide if they will be included in the prize money BEFORE the beginning of play and then pay \$3.00 to the host. The host will give this money to the committee. If the sub does not pay \$3.00 BEFORE play begins he will not be eligible for yearly prizes.
6. If a hand is opened, re-bidding is allowed. Bidding ends when three (3) passes have been made AFTER the last bid. If you pass, you may re-enter the bidding. For example, you may wish to give your partner a meld bid, if he bids after you have already passed.
7. Guests who cannot play MUST give three days notice to Nick Angelosanto or will be responsible for their night's expense (\$3.00 per person to the host). Please notify Nick (734) 522-5366, **NOT** the host to get you a sub. Absent players will receive the lowest score from all the homes playing that month. Not a combined score, but the lowest score.
8. Starting time is 6:30 p.m. unless notified by the host. The host will collect and keep \$3.00 per guest. The host provides cards, ice and snacks. Guest are to bring their own drinks and a dish to share for the evening.

Committee: Dominic Angelosanto, Brian Trachsel, Ken Stress

2010-11 TRI-V PINOCHLE STANDINGS

TOTAL Double Round
POINTS Pinochle House

	Y = 3 Way tie for Third			Z = Two way tie for fourth place			TOTAL POINTS	Double Pinochle	Round House	
	W = 2 way tie for second			S = Sub \$ = Paid Point \$						X = 2 way Tie For First
	10/2/2010	11/6/2010	12/4/2010	1//2011	2//2011	3//2011				
X = 2 Way tie for Third										
V = 3 Way tie for First										
\$ = Paid Points										
Jane Trachsel	21.0	36.0 A					57.0			
Robyn Mackson	24.0 C	29.5 C					53.5	1		
George Hoffman	28.0 B	24.0 C					52.0			
Jeff Trachsel	33.5 A	15.0					48.5	1		
Dion Angelosanto	32.5 A	14.0					46.5	1		
Peggy Hoffman	18.0	28.5 A					46.5			
Nick Angelosanto	22.0	23.5 D					45.5			
Jan Cashman	25.0 C	19.5					44.5			
Mike Trachsel	14.0	30.5 B					44.5	1		
Jack Schaefer	22.5 D	21.5					44.0			
Victoria Angelosanto	23.0 D	19.5					42.5			
Marlene Wutka	21.5	21.0					42.5			
Dennis Wutka	15.5	25.5					41.0			
Brian Trachsel	30.0 B	9.0					39.0			
John Lardin	21.5	16.5					38.0			
Blondie Forsyth	14.0	23.5					37.5			
April Osborne	14.0	23.0 D					37.0		1	
Jacqui Schaefer	15.5	20.5					36.0			
John Mackson	13.0 @	21.5					34.5			
Annemarie Angelosanto	15.5	17.0					32.5			
Karen Thrift	15.5	17.0					32.5			
Cal Cashman	17.0	11.5					28.5			
Jason Osborne	20.5	6.5					27.0			
Barb Gies		26.5					26.5			
Judy Lardin	14.5	11.0					25.5			
Tim Gies		25.0 B					25.0			
Terry Connolly	19.5						19.5			
Jerry Gies		18.5					18.5			
Ken Stress		18.0					18.0			
Sherry Kuhr		17.5					17.5			
Bob Kuhr		15.5					15.5			
Ellie Connolly	14.0						14.0			
Kate Stress		13.5					13.5			
Delores McMillan	13.0						13.0			
Karlyn Gies		10.5					10.5			
Brett Barnes							0.0			
Lynne Barnes							0.0			
Romas Bliudzius							0.0			
Bev Lardin							0.0			
Mike Lardin							0.0			
Geoff Steinhauer							0.0			
Sherry Steinhauer							0.0			
Matt VanHollebeke							0.0			

\$ MEANS POINT MONIES ARE PAID

S MEANS SUBSTITUES

A = First Place Winners B = Second Place Winners C = Third Place Winners D = Fourth Place Winners

The symbol @ stands for absent. This is the lowest score from all houses.

TRI-V PINOCHLE
SATURDAY, December 4, 2010

Hosts for December Pinochle are Brian & Jane Trachsel, Brett & Lynne Barnes and Mike & Bev Lardin.. As of this writing, which house you will be at has not been set. I will email that out as soon as I receive it.

Children's Xmas Party

The children's Xmas Party will be held on Dec. 12 at 1 pm, location is to be FB Wright, 9999 Mercier, Dearborn, Mi 48120. Please provide a gift for your child under \$10. Please contact Tim Gies if you plan to attend.

Trifles

From the J. Lardins

Once again Judy and John Lardin are on the go. They spent October 14th thru the 18th in Corpus Christi to celebrate Christine's sixth birthday. Upon their return John was able to clear his medical calendar to allow Judy to go to Illinois to spend time with her Mom and get some cleaning done. She left on Sunday, October 24th and returned on Saturday, October 30th. Their plans call for them to drive, though John would rather fly, to Illinois over Thanksgiving weekend to spend the holiday with the family. On their return they will again be heading to Corpus Christi in December to celebrate Jacobs fourth birthday which is December 16th. At this time they plan on celebrating it the weekend of the 11th so no definite plans when to leave. Son Larry just happens to have two weeks off then and he wants John to come down and stay long enough for them to get in AT LEAST two rounds of golf. While Judy and John are in Illinois for Thanksgiving plans now are for Gina, Bev, Mike and Brian along with the children to spend Thanksgiving in Battle Creek with Gina's Aunt Stevi along with the rest of Gina's family.

Greetings from the Clingermans

We've had quite the eventful summer and fall. We're in our new house, most of the boxes are unpacked, even got one car in the garage! Definitely was a HOT summer here in South Carolina so 80 degrees feels really good right now (October 25). In October we went to the National Storytelling Festival in Tennessee and then drove to Traverse City to see our daughter and son-in-law. The weather was perfect and the trees were gorgeous. Not sure if we'll get any color down here. There is so much to do around here it's hard to choose. Our community has about 100 clubs, we've got Hilton Head Island, Beaufort, Savannah, and even Charleston is only 90 minutes away. Festivals every weekend. So many restaurants! I've heard it's a rule that we have to eat out 3 times a week. Tim and Karlyn are here now, staying with Tim's brother for a couple of weeks so I'm sure we'll test out some more restaurants and golf courses. We're looking forward to March when half of TriV is in Florida. We'll drive over to see everyone and attend the Southern Anniversary Party. Anyone know when it's going to be held? We hope everyone is well and that winter is kind to you. Tee hee. We miss all of you!

From the Wutka's

On Sunday Sept 26 our bus trip started in Redford at 6:00 A.M. with 44 people. Enroute to Connecticut & Rhode Island, we stopped for the evening near Scranton Pa. at the Sleep Inn. The next morning we headed for Fox Woods Resort & Casinos in Con. we arrived about 2:30 p.m. Our rooms were assigned for three nights at TwoTrees Inn at the Fox Woods. We did not stay in the Casinos, we were shuttled to Rain Tree Casino, which is one of 4 Casinos (MGM, Grand Paquse and the Great Cedar) in Fox Woods. On Tuesday we went to Newport, R.I. for the day. We did some shopping and at

1P.M. our tour guide came aboard and gave us a 3 hour tour. We seen the church where J.F.K. and Jackie were married and also the 7500 seat tennis court which is situated right in the center of town, in the mall. The court is all GRASS. A lot of history in Newport and a lot of wealth. One of the mansions, called Rosecliff, had some 70 rooms and was only used during the summer months for 4 to 6 weeks. One of the beautiful homes we toured was the Marble home. The tour continued through town and along the ocean for 14 miles, just a terrific tour! Our tour guide was a native of Newport and even went to J.F.K.'s wedding when he was 14 years old. He was friends with Jackie's step brother. He was a terrific tour guide, just full of little tid bits about the Newport area. Even if your not a gambler, the resort has a Fox theatre and ball room plus their own Hotels. The Fox Woods Complex is really large and has a lot to offer tourists. This was our 6th fun trip with Diamond Tours. And as on every trip we have a "401k" at the casinos. If you wanted to participate in a pool, we each gave \$20 dollars to our tour director and they played the \$1.00 slots. We didn't win much (\$20) plus we got back the \$20 that we started with. One year we won \$10,000 on one of the trips. That's seems to be the only way the Wutka's can win, somebody else playing with our money. Next year we'll try it again.

From the Dion Angelosantos

So in saying good by to summer, Ann was stung by a bee, the only problem is that she is allergic. The doctor was able to call a prescription in to save us a trip to the hospital, which is normally the case. the kids around all new to run, apparently Ann decided not to show no fear for a change and paid the price. Her luck didn't fair any better while brining in the fall weather. For those who don't know, Ann hates cold weather and is usually cold unless its about 75 degrees plus. So on a cold wet gloomy saturday morning, Ann braved the cold to stand on the sidelines of Isabelle's soccer game. There was some complaining, shivering and wet soggy shoes, but as a trooper she staid for her daughters sake. Isabelle on the other hand watched summer go out while playing with friends and enjoying the start of pre-school (big girl school to her). She is making new friends and can't wait to be able to go every day. on her first day of school, she wasn't even half way down the long hallway before turning around and looking at her mother and saying "you can leave now". so much for worrying about her adjusting to a new school. Now that cold wet nasty soccer morning, Isabelle was all smiles while playing in the rain and mud. Dad meanwhile was standing on the side lines damp and cold, reminiscing of his days playing soccer on those gloomy days and thinking those were some of the best days to play. I only wish i had my cleats to play along side her. I have been unable to enjoy much of the weather (good or bad) since mid summer. We are running a short staff at work and the work load is trenendous and some of us have even been working seven days a week. They pay looks good but it takes it toll on free time and much needed sleep.

From the Dunham's Aunt Clara

So, did ya'll think we'd move to Mars? Well, sometimes it feels like we live on Mars with everything that's been going on. I'm gonna keep it short and sweet, though. Can't bore ya'll to tears with Twitter-talk. What's up with that Twitter stuff anyway? Who the heck cares if you had sushi for lunch and you really liked it? Get a life! Talk to the twit you're with instead of Twittering to people who really don't give a snot.

Ya'll probably want to know about Gretchen. Well, the family is going to another specialist at the end of October for the malabsorption and malnutrition which seems to be the culprit with all the muscle wasting and weakness along with the bone disease. Seems as though the gut isn't doing its job and her body isn't being fed the nutrients taken in by eating. Meanwhile Gretchen is taking beautiful photographs and loading them on the internet: <http://www.redbubble.com/people/ingfocus/art> Go on in and take a look around. You can order some pretty dang nice greeting cards on there, too.

Terry and Susie are keeping busy. Ter is playing golf with the old-timers on Wednesdays and will play up until the week before Thanksgiving. Ya gotta love the south! Both are busy with the American Red Cross and Journey Church business. They've started a library at church and also sell books approved

by the pastor. Hahahaha yeah, that's all true! Who'd a thunk it, huh? Susie's writing group is starting up again and she's hoping she remembers how to write. It's been a long time...

That'll do for now. Please keep that Gretchen girl in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless ~ Aunt Clara

From Jeff Trachsel

Jeff would like to announce the engagement of his Daughter, Andrea, to Steve Novak. As of now they are looking at a September of 2011 wedding.

NOTE FROM J. LARDIN

All are aware that almost every month and at every meeting I mention about the lack of articles which affects the interest as well as the size of the TRI-V Umph. Karen spends a lot of cramped time to put the Newsletter together making the deadline and publication about a three day window. All are reading this now on the computer or have downloaded it and are reading. Most of us spend enough time on the computer. It might be doing billing, playing games or face book. As you should be aware next month, the December Issue of TRI-V Umph is the issue when we ask you to share a Christmas greeting with your fellow members. DON'T WAIT UNTIL SHE ASK FOR THEM. TAKE THE TIME NOW, YES NOW, TO SEND HERE A CHRISTMAS GREETING. It does not have to be long or composed in a special. Just a simple "Merry Christmas TRI-V Family" would be that you made the effort to do so.

Calendar of Events

November

6th Pinochle
10th Book Club
10th Men's Mtg. (6:30 pm)
Walker's Speakeasy
14th Fall Stag
Snookers Pool N Pub (1-4 pm)
17th Wive's Club Mtg. (7 pm)

December

4th Pinochle
8th Men's Mtg. (6:30 pm)
Walker's Speakeasy
12th Children's Xmas Party
FB Wright (1 pm)
15th Wives' Xmas Dinner
Sophia's Restaurant (5:30 pm)

November Birthdays

5th Jacqui Schaefer
6th Dennis Wutka
8th Ken Plocharczyk & Kim Burke
10th Brett Barnes
21st Jason Osborne
23rd Jeff Trachsel
24th Blondie Forsyth & Karen Thrift
26th William Trachsel
29th Christine Hoffman

December Birthdays

1st Michelle Trachsel
14th Terry Connolly
23rd April Osborne
24th Earl Tishler

November Anniversaries

11-20-05 Curt & Susanne Martin
11-23 John & Donna Clingerman

December Anniversaries

None

MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2000 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Our prayers went out to the Burd family on the passing of Bill. Bill and Peg resided in Illinois and had his own copy business. He had surgery in December, 1999, for a malignant brain tumor and suffered various physical and mental issues since the surgery. Veda Henry continued to recover from the pain she had been suffering after the doctors discovered her hip pain was caused from both arthritis and bursitis. Geri Ruetenik was cleared to leave for Florida the middle of November as she recovered from her bout with shingles while Sophie Ayotte was being plagued with carpal tunnel syndrome. Art Dushary had surgery on his shoulder after golf season was over and was recovering well while Dottie Wagner had female surgery after suffering discomfort in the groin area. Sue Dunham's foot was slowly getting better from the therapy she was having and last but not least loveable Pat Foley underwent successful cataract eye surgery the end of October and would undergo surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome on his right hand in the very near future. It was 10 years ago that Lee was doing some major remodeling on his home when he slipped on a 2x4 and ended up with a plastic cast on his ankle and the TRI-V and Holy Family Church families completing the process before the wedding of daughter Debbie. The Christmas Party for 2010 was arranged and hosted by Brett and Lynn Barnes with brunch at the Timber Wolf in Redford followed by the concert at Ward Church in Northville. The Newsletter also included articles on pinochle hosted by the Andersons, Forsyths and Wutkas. There was also the annual appeal for bowlers, both regular and subs, for the season as the league lost five bowlers that were regulars last year and only being able to pick up one new bowler for this year.

MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2005 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

In looking through the November issue there were no know illness to report on but the weather was a major item. Art Trachsels stepchildren rode out hurricane Katrina, a category four hurricane in Hattiesburg Mississippi while Bill and Onallee Trachsel left their home in North Fort Myers and went to Art's place in Sarasota to avoid the hurricane. Dave and Geri Ruetenik decided to stay in North Fort Myers to ride out the hurricane and only suffered minor damage at Del Tura though they did suffer a power outage for several days and Don and Dory Gasco went thru "hell" in the hurricane with major damage in their park. Goeff and Sherry Steinhauer went on a trip to the Bahamas the end of October to take part in their friends wedding and enjoyed beautiful weather for six of the seven days. George Hoffman shared his travels since his retirement on April 1st from Visteon going from Michigan to Ohio to Tennessee to Alaska to Florida and back to Michigan. Ken and Diane Plocharczyk tied together a business and pleasure trip to Milwaukee Wisconsin and opted to take the new ferry across Lake Michigan from Muskegon to Milwaukee instead of driving. Terry and Sue Dunham were making, hopefully, their final home move, this move about eight miles away from their current home to Franklin Tennessee. John and Donna Clingerman were headed to North Carolina to close on the sale of their home in Southport. Matt Hoffman was making one of his several job moves, this one to X-Cell Corporation, a paint supplier located in Southfield Michigan. Judy and John Lardin continued their travel benefits from Northwest (Delta now) with trips to San Antonio Texas, the end of October and plans to go back the first part of December with a trip to Judy's mom in Illinois. Joan Fischer and Marilyn Myers went to Mt. Pleasant the first part of November to join in the celebration of Betty Galloway's 90th birthday. Speaking of Marilyn this was the year that she posed nude for a calendar. Our congratulations went out to Curt and Susanne Martin on the birth of their daughter, Ava Alexis, on October 29th. The November Social was set for the Compuware Arena in Plymouth for a hockey game between the Whalers and Peterborough on the 26th with dinner optional. The Wives Club Christmas Dinner was to be at the home of Marian Anderson on December 8th with a planned gift exchange and hopefully an appearance by "Santa." The TRI-V Council Party was an evening of curling and cards at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club in Windsor Ontario including a buffet dinner. There was a report

on the TRI-V Stag Night of feather bowling at Cadieux Cafe attended by 17 members and the Alaska Trip of the Andersons, Schaefer, Unterners and Hoffmans. Pinochle standings for the first two months had Lynn Barnes in first place with 55.5 points, Ginny Massoll in second place with 50.5 points and Tim Gies in third place with 49.5 points. This wraps up another trip down Memory Lane. Are you puzzled about the Marilyn Myers nude calendar pose? You will have to ask her about that. You might remember John Lardin celebrating his 50th high school reunion in June. One of the classmate's father had film of the homecoming and football games. Copies were made available on DVD and some of the guys sat around watching them and bringing back memories of those we saw. A lot of laughs. We just celebrated Halloween. This was a great time to take the time to share past Halloween experiences. We can share what how we dressed, "tricks" we might have participated in and the total Halloween experience among ourselves as well as sharing them with our children and grandchildren. The important is to share our memories among each other. Don't let those memories be lost. Until we see you in print continue to take care of one another, the Good Lord willing.