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December 2010

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President's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving spent with family and friends. I enjoyed having a few days off of work and a wonderful meal with my family at my parent's house. The food was great, but I ate too much.

In November we had a stag event at Snooker's in Livonia. It was a fun afternoon spent playing pool and watching football. We are now halfway through the Pinochle season. My cards have been pretty good the last two months, hopefully this continues in the remaining months. This month I am looking forward to our Children's Christmas Party. I'm sure it will be a great time as always!

I'd like to wish you all a truly Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year full of peace and Joy.

Mike

Book Club

The next Book Club Discussion will be at Sherry Kuhr's on Monday, December 13. Book to be discussed is "Hotel on Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford.

We did not discuss "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Steig Larsson--will discuss at a later date.

Other suggested books are: "The Blue Orchard" by Jackson Taylor, "White Out" by Ken Follett, "Garden Spells" by Sarah Addision Allen

Wives Meeting

TRI-V WIVES -- TIME CHANGE

The next monthly meeting will be at Blondie Forsyth's on January 18, 2011. **Please note the time of the meeting will change to 1:00 pm.** It was decided that lunch would be pizza and everyone attending would chip in to pay for the pizza. The time change will be for the months of January,

February, March, and April. Discussion will be held to determine if the meeting time should become permanent.

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.

TRI-V CLUB BY-LAW PROPOSED CHANGE

Per TRI-V Club Constitution, Article VII, Section 2, the following proposal to change the TRI-V Club By-Laws:

Article IV, Item 2 as currently reads:

All members eligible to vote may cast a vote by absentee ballot. It is the responsibility of the member to request an absentee ballot.

Proposed change to Article IV, Item 2 to read:

All members eligible to vote and unable to attend the March meeting may cast their vote by absentee ballot. It is the responsibility of the member to request an absentee ballot from the election committee. He may request to receive the ballot electronically or by US Mail. It is the member's responsibility to return the ballot to the election committee by US Mail.

TRI-V PINOCHLE 2010-2011

January Pinochle is the **SECOND Saturday, Jan. 8**

Hosts are Cashman and Connolly

Thanks, Nick

December pinochle at the Barnes'

---well, I can say the people (Kuhrs, Macksons, Connollys, Wutkas, and Cashmans) were great, the food was also great! The cards---now that was another story for most of us! The cards were not too generous for most of us but a few managed to eek out a good score. Brett was high with 30 1/2, Sherry was second with 29 1/2 and Cal was third with 24 1/2 (the rest won't be talked about). It was a very fun night and we loved having everyone over to share the night!

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	1/8/2011	2/5/2011	3/5/2011			
X = 2 Way tie for Third									
V = 3 Way tie for First									
= Paid Points									
Jeff Trachsel	33.5 A	15.0	28.0 W				76.5	1	
Jane Trachsel	21.0	36.0 A	18.5				75.5		
Victoria Angelosanto	23.0 D	19.5	31.5 A				74.0		
Robyn Mackson	24.0 C	29.5 C	20.5 D				74.0	2	
Jack Schaefer	22.5 D	21.5	28.0 W				72.0		
Mike Trachsel	14.0	30.5 B	23.5				68.0	1	
Dion Angelosanto	32.5 A	14.0	19.5				66.0	1	
Jason Osborne	20.5	23.0 D	22.5 B				66.0	1	
Nick Angelosanto	22.0	23.5 D	18.5				64.0	1	
Brian Trachsel	30.0 B	9.0	25.0				64.0		
S Dennis Wutka	15.5	25.5	20.5				61.5		
SS John Lardin	21.5	16.5	23.0 A				61.0		
S Jan Cashman	25.0 C	19.5	16.0				60.5		
S Blondie Forsyth	14.0	23.5	18.5				56.0		
S Cal Cashman	17.0	11.5	24.5 C				53.0		
SS George Hoffman	28.0 B	24.0 C					52.0		
SS Tim Gies		25.0 B	26.5 D				51.5		
S Marlene Wutka	21.5	21.0	8.0				50.5		
S Brett Barnes	13.0 @	6.5 @	30.5 A				50.0		
S Jacqui Schaefer	15.5	20.5	14.0				50.0		
S Annemarie Angelosanto	15.5	17.0	15.5				48.0		
SS Sherry Kuhr		17.5	29.5 B				47.0		
SS Peggy Hoffman	18.0	28.5 A					46.5		
S John Mackson	13.0 @	21.5	7.0 @				41.5		
SS Judy Lardin	14.5	11.0	15.0				40.5		
S April Osborne	14.0	6.5	20.0 D				40.5		1
S Karen Thrift	15.5	17.0	7.0				39.5		
SS Terry Connolly	19.5		17.0				36.5		
SS Bob Kuhr		15.5	17.5				33.0		
S Lynne Barnes	13.0 @	6.5 @	12.5				32.0		
SS Ken Stress		18.0	13.0				31.0		
SS Ellie Connolly	14.0		16.5				30.5		
SS Kate Stress		13.5	16.0				29.5		
S Delores McMillan	13.0		15.5				28.5		
S Barb Gies		26.5					26.5		
SS Karlyn Gies		10.5	13.0				23.5		
SS Romas Bliudzius			22.0 C				22.0		
S Mike Lardin			19.0				19.0		
S Sean Mackson			19.0				19.0		
S Geoff Steinhauer			19.0				19.0		
S Jerry Gies		18.5					18.5		
S Bev Lardin			18.5				18.5		
S Matt VanHollebeke			18.5				18.5		
S Sherry Steinhauer							0.0		

\$ MEANS POINT MONIES ARE PAID BY MONTHLY PLAYERS

SS MEANS POINT MONIES ARE PAID BY SUBSTITUTES

S MEANS SUBSTITUES - NO POINT MONEY

Children's Xmas Party

The children's Xmas Party will be held on Dec. 12th 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. The committee needs to know the final count by Dec 7th at the meeting or before.

The committee is planning to have a couple of crafts for the kids to do. There is going to be pizza and pop that is going to be served between 1:15-1:30PM. If you have a plate of cookies that you want to share with the group please bring them. Karlyn bought a couple of tubs of cookie dough that she is planning on baking and bringing to the party. And I have been told by a very good friend of Bob Kuhr that Santa is planning to be at the party to hand out gifts that Santa has.

Looking forward to seeing you all Dec 12th

Your Committee:

Tim Gies

Jason Osborne

Geoff Steinhauer

Winter Event

The winter event will be held Sunday February 27th 2011 at the Cadieux cafe from 5 to 7pm. Enjoy an evening of feather bowling and partying. Come one, come all.

Jack

Our Trip to Albania and Rome – Bob & Sherry

We departed for Albania on September 15th to begin our three-week stay with Rob and his family at their home inside the Castle of Kruje. Some of the highlights of our stay were:

- Trey's 3rd birthday party with all of his pre-school classmates.
- Visiting the ancient Grecian ruins at Apolonia in southern Albania.
- Riding a cable car to the top of a mountain outside of Tirana. Don't ask Sherry about this one; she never did open her eyes.
- Visiting the town of Pritina in Kosovo. It is a very scenic town. Too bad it rained all day, which made the ride home through the fog-covered mountains a nail biting experience.
- Dining on eels on the shores of Lake Skodra.
- Listening to Ea and Trey converse in Albanian. Fortunately they still speak English to Memaw and Pa.
- Getting pinkeye that Ea brought home from school.

On October 7th we flew to Rome and spent eight days there at a hotel just west of the Tiber River. Highlights of what we saw there were: the Coliseum, Palatine Hill, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Vatican Museum, Catacombs, St. Peter's Basilica, and too many other gorgeous churches to list. Rome is a fascinating city with so much to see. Even with an eight-day stay, we did not get to everything that we wanted. We also sandwiched in a day trip to see the ruins at Pompeii.



Congratulations to Matt & Christine Hoffman

On Tuesday, 11/23/10 at 7:02PM, Matt and Christine's son Timothy James was born. He is 8 lbs and 8.5 oz and 21 inches long. All are doing well. Proud Grandparents are Geo. & Peg Hoffman.

Trifles

From the J. Lardins

The month of October and November was an exciting and busy month for Judy and John Lardin. It started with John's first colonoscopy, followed by the discovery of an invasive polyp leading to another colonoscopy and surgery to remove eight inches of John's colon that had cancer. The surgery took place on November 12th and was successfully done laparoscopically with full removal of the cancer and the lymph nodes and liver being completely free of cancer. They "kicked" him out of the hospital early on the 16th with the only restriction being no golf for six weeks. Judy and John were able to fly to Illinois on November 23rd to spend Thanksgiving with her Mom and returned home on November 21st. They will be flying to Texas to celebrate grandson Jacob's fourth birthday the weekend of December 11th and arriving home in time to celebrate grandson Dante's sixth birthday the weekend of December 18th. Throw in the Holiday Season followed by their getting ready for three months in Florida and Judy is worried if there are enough days to get all done. Judy is still having some issues of being away from all the grandchildren for three months but John has assured her that it is only 30 minutes to the airport in Fort Myers and she can make as many trips as she feels necessary back to Michigan in the cold and snow. Those flight benefits sure come in handy.

From the Reuteniks

Jeri would like to announce that she has been given a clean bill of health.

From the B. Suchners

We are moving on the 15th of December.
Our new address for the Winter months is:

10 Grove Ave. West
Box E-8
Lake Wales, Fl. 33853
Phone: 863-678-6849

From J. Trachsel & K. Thrift

Well November was quite an interesting month for Karen and I. First Karen had knee replacement surgery on Nov. 12. She was diagnosed with blue bones. The first the doctor has ever seen. It was determined that it is due to some medication that she has been on. After the doctor's research, it was found to be only the 2nd case ever recorded. She is doing well. The second week of her recovery found us again at the hospital having her checked for blood clots. None were found. Two days later, I awoke Karen at 3:30 in the morning and asked to her call 911 as I was having severe chest pressure. Away we went again to the hospital. I was diagnosed with a 95 % blockage of the right coronary artery and

had 3 stents inserted. Hopefully we are now on the mend. We would like to thank everyone for the cards and support that we have received. Special Thanks to Jacqui Schafer for the dish of wonderful lasagna and to Marilyn Myers for the Banana Nut Bread. It's great to know that we have friends we can count on when times are hard. Karen would like to especially thank all Jeff's brothers and sisters who sat with her at the hospital. It made a very hard time a lot easier.

From the T. Gies

Tim and Karlyn Gies celebrated Christmas the Saturday after Thanksgiving, as daughter, Lisa and her family was in town from Pennsylvania. They arrived on Wednesday. Of course Grandpa Tim took anyone who was willing down to the parade and of course it did not rain. Friday the whole group went bowling in the afternoon, the first time for many of the group. On Saturday all the kids and grandkids went to the Hands on Museum in Ann Arbor, then back for group photos, the Christmas pageant, opening of gifts (finally) and a great dinner. It was a wonderful time.

Christmas Greetings

Again we'd like to take advantage of the club paper in wishing all of our Tri-V friends both old, and new a very "Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous" New Year. Bill & Shirley Suchner

We wish all of you much peace and happiness this season. May the love of our Lord, as revealed through His birth, fill your hearts now and in the year to come. Bob & Sherry Kuhr

Seems we have heard of so much illness, surgeries, hurting and heartache this past year from people around us and the world in general we start to wonder what is going on? Then we pick up the phone and call someone in our family or Tri-V, go to church or to Bible study, have the kids and grandkids over and we realize that we may not avoid the pain in this life but we have each one of you to support us as we walk our way through the tough times and to keep us focused on the good in our life. We feel so blessed by God to have each and every one of you. Our lives are filled with joy because of you, no matter what is going on. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to the New Year with you. Love, Tim and Karlyn

May we all experience the true message of the holidays and cherish the moments of family being together. Safe travels to all those who have miles to cover. Love and Hugs, Jack and Jacqui

Holiday Greetings to all our friends and their families. It's that special time of year that prompts us to send cards and messages to those we wish to stay in touch with. While writing each one, it gives us time to remember happenings of the past. Memories. It's nice that we can take them with us where ever we go. Our list with Tri-V is endless We are happy that we have been a part of this wonderful group for the past 65 years. Bill has been a member that long but did many activities with the club before he became a member. Again we wish, all of you, good health, happiness, and a very special Holiday!!! Bill & Onallee Trachsel

In the quiet moments of the Christmas Season, may you find peace and joy for you and your family. Dennis & Marlene Wutka

To all of my Tri-Vers, I hope you will have meaningful holidays and 2011 filled with better times for all of us. God bless all of you. Art Trachsel

We wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas. We hope that you will embrace the real Christmas Story. Brian & Jane Trachsel

We wish all our TRI-V family a very safe and Merry Christmas. May your New Year be filled with happiness and love! Merry Christmas! Love, Brett, Lynne, Corey and Jenna

We would like to wish our TRI-V family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. 2010 certainly did fly by in a flash and many memories were made. We feel very blessed to be a part of this wonderful family of friends and look forward to all the happenings and events in 2011. Love to All Cal & Jan

We wish all our TriV friends and family a wonderful Christmas and New Year. For those who are ill or recovering, we pray for a return to health. For those concerned about the economy, we pray for jobs and job security. And for all of us - peace on earth - good will toward men. Ken and Diane Plocharczyk

We've had an exciting year of watching our girls grow! We are so happy we are able to do this with such an amazing group of people too. We feel blessed to be a part of Tri-V and wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love, Geoff, Sherry, Kayla and Alyssa Steinhauer

Happy Holidays to One and All. This was a very good year for the Stress family. We're all well and grateful for all our many blessings. We wish you all good health and God's continued Blessings for the coming year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Kate and Ken Stress

Wishing you and your families JOY and PEACE today and everyday. Nick and Victoria Angelosanto

"May Christ come to you this Christmas with a gift of love, the blessing of hope, and the promise of peace." Terry and Ellie Connolly

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, Karen and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Friends that have become family is what Tri-V is to us. Jeff & Karen

May warm hearts and happy moments make your Christmas joyful and bright. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Blondie Forsyth

Calendar of Events

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)

December

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12th Men's Mtg. (6:30 pm)
Walker's Speakeasy
18th Wives' Club Mtg.
Blondie Forsyth (1 pm)

December Birthdays

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

January Birthdays

2nd Geo. Hoffman
17th Diane Plocharczyk
19th Marge Stock
23rd Geoff Steinhauer
27th Bob Kuhr
30th Jack Schaefer

December Anniversaries

None

January Anniversaries

1-3-75 Tim & Karlyn Gies

MEMORIES FROM THE DECEMBER 2000 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

The December 2000 issue of the TRI-V Umph was a good one, filled with Christmas greetings and the only illnesses to report on was Pat Foley who was recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on his right hand in early November. Karlyn Gies was in Russia with Curt completing the adoption of her new grandchildren. Judy Lardins Mom and Dad missed their first Thanksgiving in 35 years in Michigan with Judy, John and the boys. It was understandable as her Mom won a trip to Maui Hawaii and was there for Thanksgiving week. Judy in turn spent the first weekend in December in Illinois doing Christmas shopping with her Mom. Pat Reid enjoyed a week vacation also in Hawaii in early November while Terry and Sue Dunham will be traveling the day after Christmas to Oregon to visit their son who they haven't seen in a year. Fraser and Blondie Forsyth were traveling the middle of December to spend Christmas with their daughter, Barb, and her family in Texas, returning on December 27th. Sophie Ayotte enjoyed and extended weekend in Syracuse, NY visiting her daughter, Pat, and more time with her first great-grandson, Danny. Finally Ken and Diane Plocharczyk were flying down to Biloxi, Miss. to eventually meet with Art and Lorraine in Hattiesburg, Miss. to spend the Christmas Holiday. The Club was having a Family Christmas Brunch/Concert on December 17th with the brunch at the Timber Wolf Restaurant, Redford, followed by the Concert at Ward Church, Novi. The Wives of TRI-V were having their annual Christmas Dinner on December 20th at Amanteas' Restaurant, Garden City. The Florida Anniversary Party was set for February 8, 2001, in Hudson Fl. Pinochle standings through December play had Peg Hoffman in first place with 75.5 points followed by Jacqui Schaefer in second with 68 points and Sophie Ayotte in third place with 65 points.

MEMORIES FROM THE DECEMBER 2005 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Unlike 2000 there were several members of the TRI-V Family and extended family in need of our prayers. First there was Susie Martin, wife of Curt, who endured a difficult pregnancy being on bed rest for a total of 11 weeks and then to Little Ava who weighed in at 2lbs. 8ozs. Our prayers also went out to Vickie Battel, mother of Vickie Angelosanto, who had surgery the first part of December to correct a problem she was having when swallowing. The two Suchner boys, Ray and Bill were also having their problems. Ray was going for an MRI for tremors and weakness in his legs while Bill was having back problems. Finally there was Susie Dunham recovering from a "procedure" to repair some torn hibiscus. To all we prayed for complete recovery. Brett Barnes and family spend the Holiday in Florida on a four night cruise while Judy and John Lardin and the boys spend Thanksgiving weekend with her Mom and Dad in Illinois. Jenna Barnes, daughter of Brett and Lynn, came in first in the K of C Spelling Bee the

end of November and was advancing to the finals in Dearborn competing against other K of C Councils from metro Detroit while Bill Trachsel won the President's Cup Golf Tournament in Del Tura. The November Social was a night at Compuware Arena watching a hockey game between Plymouth Whalers and the Peterborough Petes. The game was preceded by a dinner at Ginapolis on the Ice. There were 19 Club members and guest in attendance. The TRI-V Council Party was set for January 14, 2006, and consisted in an evening of curling and card playing preceded by dinner in Windsor Canada. The Florida Anniversary Party was set for the weekend of January 13, 2006, at Clearwater, Fl. Pinochle standings through December play had Lynn Barnes in first place with 72.5 points followed by Tim Gies in second place with 68 points and George Hoffman in third place with 67 points. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. Unfortunately there is not a lot to exciting things to make our memory kick in. There were 32 Christmas greetings in the 2000 issue of Tri-V Umph and 28 greetings in the 2005 issue of TRI-V Umph. Hopefully this year there will be more with most of us having access electronically to the Editor. Christmas time is such a special time for all of us. To most of the children it is a time to share gifts and see if Santa brought that special present that they tried so hard to be good to receive. As we age the special time advances to sharing the birth of the Jesus on Christmas Day and our family members and friends. Please take the time this year to share those memories you have of 10, 15, 20 years ago of how we spend Christmas. I remember getting my first bike and electric train. Take the time to watch the little ones, whether they are your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren open those gifts and the look of excitement on their faces and think back when it was their mom or dad you watched. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful Family. Until next month when we meet you in print, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another and have a blessed and joyous Christmas.