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Tri-V Umph
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President's Message

No report from the President this month as he was too busy getting married!!!!
The TRI-V Family would like to congratulate Kali Ann Cates and Matt VanHollebeke on their marriage that took place on June 4, 2011, in Flat Rock, MI. We ask our Heavenly Father to bless their union and allow it to grow stronger each and every day and enjoy a future of joy and happiness.

In Memory

Don Winters passed away on May 26th. Don was the last of the original 5 members of Tri-V. As far as we know there is no memorial planned.

We also lost Member Dave Ruetenik (husband of Geri) who passed away of natural causes on Wednesday May 11th after a long illness.

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be on July 11 at Karlyn Gies' home. We will meet at 7:00 pm to discuss "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson.

On August 15 we will meet at Jacqui Schaefer's to discuss "The Blue Orchard" by Jackson Taylor.

Other book suggestions were "Moonlight Mile" by Dennis Lehane and "Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral" by Kris Radish.

All women of TRI-V are invited to discuss these books with us. If you have read a good book that you think would be great for discussion, let us know.

TRI-V GIRLS' MAY DINNER **MAY 18TH 2011**

The Tri-V Wives annual May dinner was held on Wednesday May 18th at the Bay Shore Grille on Walled Lake. Eighteen women attended. It was so good to see so many of the wives this year. The food was voted the best as was the service. We had a private room and the conversation was lively. Small gifts were passed out and everyone received a poem about friendship and how precious it is. We in Tri-V are well aware of how much our lives are made better by the friendships we have with our membership. Some of the women shared special moments they remember from Tri-V events and that got more conversation going. It was a great time of fellowship and we are all looking forward to the next event which will be in September. . A special thanks to Jan for finding such a great restaurant while I was out of town. We enjoyed hosting this event Jan Cashman and Karlyn Gies

Tri-V Wives Club

The wives club will meet at the home of Karlyn Gies on June 15 at 7 pm. Remember all women who have men in Tri-V are welcome to come to any event and our meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Tri-V Picnic

The Annual Tri-V picnic will be held on Sunday, July 17th at Gunner Mettela Park in Wixom. The picnic will start at 12:00. As always bring a dish to pass that will feed 15-20 people. All Tri-V families are welcome so be sure to invite your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. There will be games for the kids and the adults. Please bring your own place settings, silverware and beverages. Please contact Bill Trachsel at (734)658-7115 or billtrachsel@hotmail.com if you would like more information. Hope to see you there!

Final Golf

The 2011 final golf weekend will be held August 19th -21st at the luxurious Ray's Retreat Country Inn Spa and Resort. The weekend will include 3 rounds of golf with a cart, large cash prizes, breakfast provided by the world renowned chef Mike, and two delicious dinners cooked by the committee. The total cost for the weekend will be \$300.00 with a \$100.00 deposit due by June 19th and your final payment due by August 1st. Wow that's a great value. If you would like to attend this action packed weekend please contact a committee member by June 19th to reserve your spot. Your Final golf committee Steven Trachsel (trach1s@hotmail.com, (586) 850-0161), Lee Anderson, Geoff Steinhauer, Romus Bludzius

Tri-V Steak Roast

Sunday August 28, 2011

Gunnar Mettala Park, 645 Mettala Drive, Wixom, Michigan (entrance is on Maple Rd.) Dinner will be served at 4:00. Come earlier the committee will be there

LIFE IS LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE

Imagine nine cups filled with coffee. Some of the cups are elegant, very fragile looking, very expensive looking while others are plain, very simple looking very inexpensive even plastic. What we want is a cup of coffee but the elegant and expensive looking were gone first with the inexpensive plastic one being last.

Consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are the only the tools to hold and contain LIFE and the type of cup we have does not change the quality of life we live. Sometimes by concentrating only on the cup we fail to enjoy life.

Savor the coffee not the cup. The happiest people do not have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything. Live simply, speak kindly, care deeply, love generously.

The richest person is not the one who has the most but needs the least.

Trifles

From the J. Lardins

Judy and John Lardin left for Corpus Christi Texas on Wednesday, May 18th and returned on Monday, May 23rd. While in Texas they attended the graduation of Granddaughter, Christine, from kindergarten. The weather in Texas was miserable. Each day the temperature was 90 or close to 90 and the humidity was 90% or higher. Saturday the humidity was so bad that just closing your hand, making a fist then opening it up your palm was wet. No fun and no golf. The return flight from Houston to Detroit was affected by the storms in Detroit. Our plane circled Metro because of the storm for over 30 minutes then had to be diverted to Grand Rapids for fuel as the "low fuel" light went on. We sat on the tarmac in Grand Rapids for 45 minutes before leaving as the tower had to find a "slot" for us to fit into to land in Detroit. The bottom line: we were scheduled to arrive in Detroit at 6:15pm and arrived at 10:00pm. A long day. On Friday, May 27th, Judy and John attended the graduation of Grandson Dante, the youngest son of Gina and Brian, from kindergarten at St. Edith in Livonia. It is hard to believe how old and big these two are. How fortunate we are to have Christine and Dante in our lives. Come June 1st we will be celebrating Judy's granddaughter Alyssa first birthday. After four boys Alyssa is Judy's little girl and she is nice enough to share here with Bev and Mike. After getting new glasses a year ago then six months later needing John's help to pass the renewal of her drivers' license in January, the eye Doctor decided that it was time for Judy Lardin to have cataract surgery. One eye will be done on June 16th at Garden City Hospital and the other eye done on June 30th at Garden City Hospital. Depending on her recovery from the first procedure, there is a chance that the second eye will be done on June 23. Judy is hoping that the surgery will allow her to only need reading glasses. John says she

has truly reached "senior" status as she will be running around with a pair of glasses on a chain around her neck.

From J. Trachsel

On June 4th, Karen and I attended the graduation of Karen's Granddaughter, Kali. She is the 3rd grandchild. On June 14th, she will be leaving for a job down at Cedar Point for the summer. On June 10th, her Grandson John leaves for training in California. He is to be deployed with the Marines to Afghanistan late in December or January. Also June 10, her youngest daughter, Nicole is getting married. So far June has been a busy month for us.

From the Dusharys

We are pleased to announce the birth of our 5th grandchild. Jason & Michelle now have their third child, little Madilyn Anne, who arrived on May 11th. Madi was a petite 7 pounds, 19 inches. I'm told she already has more hair than me. We plan on seeing her on the 17th when we return from Ocala.

From Art Trachsel

As of Wednesday, May 18, Art Trachsel will be moving into assisted living in Gladwin. His new address is

Art Trachsel

The Brook

1201 W. Cedar Ave.

Apartment B12

Gladwin MI 48624

new phone# 989-387-2033

He will be only 12 miles away from Ken and Diane's house in Gladwin

From Helene Ryan

Helene has moved to a new address.

She doesn't have a phone, but would like cards and letters.

Mrs. Helene Ryan

Imperial Health Care Center

Room 338

26505 Powers Ave

Dearborn Heights MI 48125

Calendar of Events

June

6th Men's Golf

Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

13th Men's Golf

Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

15th Wives Club

Karlyn Gies (7 pm)

20th Men's Golf

Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

July

11th Men's Golf

Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

11th Book Club

Karlyn Gies (7 pm)

17th Annual Picnic

Gunnar Mettala Park (12 pm)

18th Men's Golf

Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

27th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

20th Wives Club Swim
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25th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

June Birthdays

2nd Jim Delanoy
8th Marilyn Myers
12th Jay Trachsel
14th Virginia Buckley

July Birthdays

4th Dion Angelosanto
21st Michael Trachsel

June Anniversaries

6-4-94 Ken & Diane Plocharczyk
6-5-48 Bill & Shirley Suchner
6-14-02 Dion & AnnMarie Angelosanto
6-21-08 Mike & Bev Lardin
6-22-68 Lee & Marion Anderson
6-23-01 John & Robyn Mackson
6-29-63 John & Judy Lardin &
Tom & Bonnie Untener

July Anniversaries

7-14-45 Bill & Onallee Trachsel
7-17-65 Terry & Ellie Connolly

MEMORIES FROM THE JUNE 2001 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

The June 2001 issue of TRI-V Umph was very small, a total of four pages. Fortunately, if found Club Members and family in good health. Ray and Dorothy Suchner had moved to Traverse City permanently the middle of May. Dion Angelosanto and Annemarie Lipinski got engaged the middle of May with a June 2002 wedding planned. Betty Galloway became a proud grandmother with the birth of Jacob to Michael and Karen Galloway. With the birth of Michael it guaranteed the continuation of the Galloway name. Terry and Ellie Connolly became grandparents again with the birth of Brynna to Frank and Amy Connolly while Art and Lorraine became grandparents with the birth of their fifth grandchild. Onallee Trachsel was scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery the end of July and Dave Ruetenik received good news that the latest biopsy showed that the cancer cells were dead. The TRI-V Family Picnic was set for Sunday, July 1st, at Mayberry State Park, Novi, while the TRI-V Steak Roast was set for August 11th at Fraser's Acres. The Ladies Summer Get-Away was set for the weekend of August 17th at Longaberger Homestead, Newark Ohio.

MEMORIES FROM THE JUNE 2006 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

We were sad to report the passing of long time TRI-V Member Beecher Todd on June 2nd at the age of 90. He joined in the first election of new members in the fall of 1937. Bill Trachsel fell while taking a shower hurting his rotator cuff and wrist but fortunately noting broken while Onallee Trachsel was scheduled for hip replacement in late July. On the brighter side Bill and Shirley Suchner returned to Michigan via Amtrak's Auto Train and plane on returning to Florida in the fall the same way. Jacqui Schaefer finally retired and closed her in-home day care. Several TRI-V Members and their families

were traveling. Art Trachsel made a trip to Hattiesburg Mississippi the middle of June to visit Lorraine's families then on to Michigan to spend four weeks with Diane and Ken Plocharczyk and attend the Steak Roast in August. Jeff Trachsel and Karen were traveling to Florida for two weeks, then to Vegas for Karen's daughters wedding then to South Carolina for Ryan's graduation from US Marine boot camp while Tim Gies and family were traveling to the Kalahari Resort and Water Park in Sandusky Ohio. Also on the travel circuit was the Lardins. Starting with Judy and John to San Antonio Texas the first part of May, Judy returning May 28th with John joining her on May 31st and both returning June 3rd. This was followed with Judy and Mike going to Judy's Mom in Illinois June 27th with John joining them on June 29th and the three of them returning July 5th. In between the two trips Judy and John spend the weekend of June 16th at Niagara Falls Canada. This trip was a retirement, Mother's Day and father's Day gift from son Mike. The TRI-V Steak Roast was set for August 5th at Gunnar Mettalla Park, Wixom and details were published for Final Golf to be held the weekend of August 18th in Kendallville Indiana. The Children's Christmas Party was set for December 17th at Madonna University, Livonia. The Initiation dinner was held for Jerry Gies on June 9th at Walker's Speak Easy, Dearborn Heights, with 34 members in attendance for the event. Thirteen members did enjoy golf prior to the dinner at Gateway Golf Club, Romulus. This wraps up another trip down Memory Lane. It was good news to read about Dave Ruetenik's cancer results in 2001 but as I typed the info was saddened having just attended Dave's Memorial Service on his passing this year. It is not a misprint or misread as Onallee Trachsel did have hip surgery in both 2001 and 2006. Judy was asked back in 2006 how she was enjoying her retirement from Ford Motor Company and her response was "I don't know. I have not been home long enough to know what it is like." As these memories were typed I asked Judy how she was enjoying her retirement and her response was "I don't know. I have not been home or been too busy to know." As they say history repeats itself. I mentioned in 2001 about Betty Galloway and Terry and Ellie Connolly becoming grandparents. Might be fun to see how many grandchildren have been born to the TRI-V Family in the last 10 years. I know of one TRI-V Family Member who will try it and hopefully will let us know what she thinks the number is. Summer hopefully has arrived. Take the time some evening when enjoying the great weather to share your memories of previous summers. Don't let them get lost. Until nest month when we see you in print, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.