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### **President's Message**

Well it's been a very busy month for a lot of us. Let me just thank everyone who came to my wedding I hope you all had a great time. I know I did. I would also like to congratulate Steve and Amber on the birth of the new baby girl Delaney and also Karen on the marriage of her daughter. I think that's it for June. This month we have the picnic witch is always a good time. Hope to see you there

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Our congratulations go out to our President Matt VanHollebeke and Kali on their marriage in June. We pray for your continued happiness.



Tri-V would like to congratulate Bill & Onallee Trachsel on 66 years of marriage. Bill & Onallee were married on July 14, 1945. They have five children, 9 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren with 2 more due in August. Bill joined Tri-V in 1946.

## **Book Club**

On August 15 at 7 pm we will meet at Jacqui Schaefer's home to discuss "The Blue Orchard" by Jackson Taylor.

September 12 at 7:00 p.m. we will be discussing the book "Whiteout" by Ken Follett at the home of Irene Bliudzius.

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 Wives Club**

All women of Tri-V are invited to the following meetings. The meetings are held at member's homes once a month with the exception of the May dinner, July swim, and Christmas dinner. We have a short meeting and then play three rounds of Tri-V pinochle. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and we are usually done between 9:30 and 10:00 pm.

July 20 - Tri-V Wives swim at Onallee Trachsel's, arrive any time after 3:00 p.m.

August 17 - Tri-V Wives meeting at Jacqui Schaefer's

September 20 - Frankenmuth outing

October 19 - Tri-V Wives meeting at Marlene Wutka's

November 16 - Tri-V Wives meeting at Victoria Angelosanto's

December - TBD

## **Tri-V Picnic**

The Annual Tri-V picnic will be held on Sunday, July 17th at Gunner Mettala 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!

## **Hole in One**

Congrats to Dave Burke on his hole in one Monday at golf and perhaps an equally impressive quarter drop into the shot glass at the VFW after golf.

## **Final Golf**

The 2011 final golf weekend will be held August 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> at Ray's Retreat in Gaylord <http://www.raysretreatcountryinn.com/>. The weekend will include 3 rounds of golf with a cart, large cash prizes, breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning, and dinner Friday and Saturday. The cost for the weekend will be less expensive than we previously expected. The total cost will be \$260.00 with your final payment due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are playing Wilderness Valley on Friday. Tee times begin at 12:00 noon. Directions can be found online at <http://www.blackforestgolf.com/>. You may check into your room before you golf if you choose to do so. Please enjoy your breakfast at Big Boy on the way up north but leave plenty of extra time. Saturday we will play the Black Forest at 10:00 am and Sunday we will play Marsh Ridge <http://www.marshridge.com/golf/proto/marshridge/> at 9:30 am. We could still use a few extra golfers to fill out some of our groupings so if you would like to attend and you have not sent a deposit yet please contact the committee as soon as possible so we can add you to our final numbers. We will be doing rooms and groupings very soon. If you have a preference on who you would like to room with please discuss this with a committee member and if you know someone who would like to attend the weekend contact me asap. These spots will be on a first come first serve basis.

Your Final golf committee Steven Trachsel (trach1s@hotmail.com, (586) 850-0161), Lee Anderson, Geoff Steinhauer, Romus Bliudzius

## **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

## **Newest Arrival**



Steve and Amber are proud to announce the newest addition to the Trachsel clan. Delaney Jane Trachsel arrived June 14, at 9:02 a.m. She weighted 8lbs, 11oz and was 22 inches long. According to Grandparents, Brian and Jane, she is just adorable. Congratulations to Steve and Amber, Brian and Jane and Great grandparents, Bill and Onallee.

## **John Mackson - Head Coach - 1st Season**

John Mackson will be entering his first season as Head Coach of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Men's Basketball team. Coach Mackson comes to the Wolves from Taylor Kennedy High School in Taylor, MI. Coach Mackson was the Head Coach at Kennedy for five seasons where he led his Kennedy teams to unprecedented success. In his five seasons at Kennedy he compiled a 74-40 record. In the last three seasons Macksons' teams were 53-19. They won their league twice and finished runner-up last season after losing 9 seniors. In 2010 he led the Eagles to the school's only Regional Championship and Quarterfinal appearance as well as setting the schools' high water mark

for victories in a season with 21. Following that season Mackson was chosen as the Region 1 High School Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and was selected as the Metro Coach of the Year by the Detroit Free Press. This season he lead the Eagles to the school's first ever back to back District Championships. For the third season in a row he was selected as the Downriver Boys Basketball Coach of the Year by the News Herald.

In his time at Kennedy Mackson also served as JV Basketball coach, Head Girls Basketball coach and Varsity boys track coach. Prior to going to Kennedy he did a short stint as an assistant coach at Oakland Community College and was an assistant Varsity and middle school basketball coach in Williamston. He is the latest in a long line of basketball coaches in his family. His mother Joan, served as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach at Pinconning High School in Pinconning, Michigan from 1996-2001. His grandfather John Benington was head coach at Michigan State University from 1965-1969 and also served as head coach at St. Louis University and Drake University.

Coach Mackson graduated from Michigan State University in the Spring of 2000. He has a Bachelor of Science in Earth Science and a minor in Psychology. He completed the Teacher Education program at MSU in 2001 and has been teaching science at Kennedy for ten years. In 2007 he received his Masters in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College. He currently lives in Westland with his wife Robyn, and their three children Dominic, Madison, and Anthony.

## **Bev Lardin**

Bev Lardin attended college on a soccer scholarship at a small college near Kansas City, Missouri. Their team went undefeated and won the league championship. Bev was just informed that in October her team will be inducted into their College Hall of Fame. This will be the first girl's team to be so inducted. Congratulations Bev.

## **Trifles**

### **From the J. Lardins**

The last several weeks for Judy Lardin have been one wild ride. Judy and John celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June and John continues to be amazed at all Judy continues to do. It all started with Judy having cataract surgery on her one eye June 16<sup>th</sup>. Two weeks later, on June 30<sup>th</sup>, she had cataract surgery on her other eye. She followed that on July 3<sup>rd</sup> by joining Bev, Mike and the grandchildren for a 3 day weekend at Kalahari Water Park in Sandusky Ohio. Judy's main job was being a nanny for granddaughter Alyssa. They returned from Ohio on July 5<sup>th</sup> when Mike, Bev and the family left the following day for ten days in Naples Florida with Bev's Dad. Judy left on July 7<sup>th</sup> for Illinois to spend some time with her Mom returning on July 10<sup>th</sup>. She just keeps on going, going and fortunately the successful surgery has improved her vision over 100%. She will know in a couple of weeks what form of glasses she will still need but best thing as she says is "I can see!"

We are happy to report that Jacqui Schaefer is finally going to have the knee surgery she should have had long time ago. She has her appointment the end of August with the same Dr. that has done surgery on John Lardin, Terry Connolly, Ellie Connolly, Lee Anderson and Mike Lardin. John says all of us should go with her for encouragement and not allow her to have second thoughts. Though it will be a while until she has the surgery we ask all to start praying for her complete recover.

### **From the Plocharczyks & A. Trachsel**

Art Trachsel is settling in nicely in his apartment at The Brook assisted living facility in Gladwin. He's actually gained 11 pounds since moving back to Michigan! Several TriV friends have stopped in for a visit if they were traveling up north and some have phoned to say hi. Ken and Diane are near by (12 miles from their home) and enjoy having him so close. It's a big change from Sarasota but he enjoys visits at our lake house and seeing the sights around Gladwin. Diane Plocharczyk finally feels retired (it's also an adjustment!) Having joined a golf league and taking art classes - both of which were put on hold while working. Just plain enjoying life. Ken and Diane have been busy with landscaping projects, boating, and golf. The days fly by especially in summer.

### **From the Dunhams**

Things are quiet down here in Tennessee. We're still dealing with whatever is going on with Gretchen's health and have more doctor appointments lined up through July. A possible visit to the Mayo Clinic is still in the background at this point and I'm hoping that by the time summer has simmered down, we'll either be making arrangements to go or have some concrete answers from her doctors up here. Terry has been feeling better since the doctor gave him some sleeping medication last week. He took it for three nights and on the fourth morning was the old Terry once more. Talkative in the morning, feeling good and active. Then he didn't take it one night and we've started all over again from scratch. Don't ask us why... He's as much of a mystery as Gretchen. The only medical crap going on with me is my old knees. (Gosh, we're sounding like the old-timers of Tri-V. Oh, yeah - we *are* the old-timers!) I'm doing exercises now for them and hope I can keep putting off arthroscopic surgery for the left one. Some good news for us is that Ter and I are going to be able to get away for a little bit this summer. The Two-Jacks are coming down the end of July to stay with Gretchen so we can go up to Indiana and help celebrate a friend's 80th birthday. We are grateful for this opportunity and will enjoy visiting our friends in Indiana and then visiting with the Schaefers when we get back home. It's a win-win situation all around. We are very excited about the end of July getting here. We're also going to be able to travel to South Carolina for my cousin's 50th birthday celebration in September. Our son is flying in to help us celebrate our 40th anniversary in August and is going to stay for a couple of weeks. We'll also celebrate Chris' 38th birthday which he'll have the beginning of August. Maybe we'll do Christmas all over again, too. Gretchen was asking for a "do-over" because she was very sick this past Christmas while Chris was here. We might be having Christmas in August, as well. Why not? Terry is playing in a senior golf league every Wednesday which starts at 7am in the summer because of the heat. He's the youngster and plays with southern gentlemen who are in their 80's. One had a hole-in-one just a few weeks ago. It wasn't his first. Ter also plays poker with some guys in the neighborhood once a month. He won a dollar last night! We can eat again this week! I'm still in my writing group, joined Weight Watchers as a repeat offender, and we both are very involved in the American Red Cross and our church where we run the church library. Lol It still cracks me up when I say that. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I'd find a place so special that I think of it as my second home. God blesses the late bloomers to His house with more blessings than you can imagine. I can't imagine these last few years without Him. I'd be locked away someplace. Hoping to get up to some Tri-V Activity someday when Gretchen is able to travel. She'd love to get back to Michigan to see her friends up there. It's going to happen. Blessings and Laughter to you all.

### **From the T. Gies**

Lisa Sponsky daughter of Tim and Karlyn Gies traveled to Michigan from Pennsylvania with her two boys the week of June 17 to spend a week with their cousins. It was a great week with family dinners and trips to the zoo and playgrounds which the seven grandchildren and all adults really enjoyed. This

is a warm-up for the week vacation the whole family will be spending in a big house up in Caseville Michigan the last week in August.

Tim and Karlyn are getting a new neighbor - Dave and Kim Burke, who recently bought a home in the subdivision just south of the Gies's. Karlyn and granddaughter Ava stopped in on Friday July 8th to welcome them and found both fathers painting. Kim showed us around their beautiful new home complete with a swimming pool and a commons area with playground, walking trails and plenty of room for volleyball etc. They are expecting their first child in August. Great place to start a family.  
Congratulations Dave and Kim

Tim and Karlyn traveled up to Rainbow Lake to visit with Art and Kathy Dushary the weekend of the 4th. It was a beautiful weekend. I am hearing that many Tri-Vers are on the road visiting other Tri-Vers. Several having visited Art Trachsel including the Connolly's, Cashmans and Marilyn Myers. Bill and Onallee Trachsel and the Gies's will be visiting with Diane and Ken Plocharczyk and Art the last weekend in July. Art seems to be doing well in his new surroundings and of course enjoys the visits.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **July**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Golf  
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Book Club  
Karlyn Gies (7 pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic  
Gunnar Mettala Park (12 pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Men's Golf  
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Swim  
Onallee Trachsel's (3 pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Golf  
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)

### **July Birthdays**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Dion Angelosanto
- 21<sup>st</sup> Michael Trachsel

### **July Anniversaries**

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

### **August**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Golf  
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Golf  
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Men's Golf  
Hickory Hills (4:30 pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Book Club  
Jacqui Schaefer's (7 pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Mtg.  
Jacqui Schaefer's (7 pm)
- 19-21 Final Golf  
Ray's Retreat
- 28<sup>th</sup> Steak Roast  
Gunnar Mettala Park (4 pm)

### **August Birthdays**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathie Dushary
- 6<sup>th</sup> John Lardin
- 9<sup>th</sup> Matthew VanHollebeke
- 21<sup>st</sup> Katie Stress
- 28<sup>th</sup> John Mackson
- 29<sup>TH</sup> Peg Hoffman

### **August Anniversaries**

- 8-4-72 Jay & Liz Trachsel
- 8-4- Steve & Amber Trachsel
- 8-12-78 Jerry & Barb Gies

8-13- Jason & April Osborne  
8-27-71 Terry & Sue Dunham  
8-31-51 Dick & Joyce Barnes

## **MEMORIES FROM THE JULY 2001 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH**

This issue was only three pages so very little to write about. We were asked to pray for Lu Wagner who was struggling with macular degeneration in both eyes. He can no longer drive and reads with a magnifying glass. There were no others reported being in ill health.

In other news Don and Dory Gasco were putting their summer home on Saginaw Bay up for sale as they found it too hard to handle all the work involved in keeping up the Michigan home.

The steak roast was set for August 11<sup>th</sup> at Fraser's Acres. This was to be an historic event as after all these years it would be the last one held there. The Club is grateful to Blondie and Fraser for their hospitality and opening up their home for Club events. The first half of the golf season winners were Terry Connolly coming from behind to outscore Mike Trachsel for A Flight and new prospective Eric Hoffman winning the B Flight. Final golf was set for the weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup> at Oakwood Inn in Canada. The Wives Swim was set for July 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Blondie Forsyth and the Wives Weekend was set for August 17<sup>th</sup> at Longaberger's in Ohio.

I have no record or a copy of the TRI-V Umph being printed in July 2006. This will leave it up to your imagination to try to think what you might have been doing five years ago. All of us have to make a better effort of sharing our comings, goings and happenings so in the future we will not have an issue of TRI-V Umph like the July 2001 issue was. Most of what was reported above came from the President's Message. Now is the time of year that we are making new memories. Take the time to share the old ones with our family and friends. Don't let the good (and bad times) get lost forever. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care, look after one another.