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President's Message

No report received.

Book Club

On October 17 at 7:00 p.m. we will meet at Suzanne Schaefer's home in South Lyon to discuss "Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral" by Kris Radish.

Other books suggested for reading were "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova and "Sing Them Home" by Stephanie Kallos. 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.

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 Tri-V picnic was held on Sunday, July 17th at Gunnar Mettela Park in Wixom. In all 35 adults and 14 children attended this event. As most of July went this year, it was a sweltering hot day with temperatures pushing 100 degrees. Most guests arrived at noon, with a potluck lunch at 1:00. The food was very good as always. The little ones enjoyed jumping in the bounce house for a few minutes at a time before the heat started to caused fatigue. After lunch the kids enjoyed such games as the penny hunt, a water race, a water balloon toss and a candy scramble. After the kids games were finished, several kids were seen "swimming" in the water tubs to stay cool.

The kid's games were followed by the women's chipping contest which was won by Michelle Trachsel. Karlyn Gies finished 2nd and Tracey Katcherian finished 3rd. The men also did some chipping. George Hoffman won for the men followed by Cal Cashman and Bill Trachsel Sr.. Many of the adults also participated in an egg toss which was won by Matt VanHollebeke and Bill Trachsel. Karlyn Gies and Jeff Trachsel finished a close second.

Thanks to everyone who brave the heat to enjoy some good food and good fun. Thanks to Cal for bringing the fans, at least they provided a bit of a breeze. Thanks to my committee, Tim Gies, Matt Hoffman, and Mike Lardin for all their help getting things set up. Enjoy the rest of your summer.
William Trachsel

2011Tri V Golf League

The Tri V golf league wrapped up on August 15th with 1st half winner Mike Trachsel taking on Dave Burke who won the 2nd half. The match was decided late in the round with Mike taking the victory and the 2011 Championship. Congratulations to Mike for the win and Dave for the late charge in 2nd half that got him into the playoff. We will be discussing using a 100% handicap for next year at the upcoming meetings and would like feedback at that time. If you have any other suggestions that would help get more full time golfers for next year please let us know. Thanks to Dave for keeping the sheets and getting the prize money sorted out in time to pass out at the golf weekend while I was out of town.
Committee: Jay Trachsel, Dave Burke

Final Golf

No report was received.

Tri-V Steak Roast

Sunday August 28, 2011

The 2011 annual steak roast was held on Sunday August 28th at the Gunnar Mettala Park in Wixom at the main pavilion covered shelter.

The committee arrived at 1:00 pm, arranged the picnic tables, shucked the corn, prepared the fire pits for the corn and steaks and set up snacks and food on the serving tables.

The club members and their guests started arriving around 2:30. Socializing and cocktails began soon after our guests arrived. At about 4pm Brett Barnes led us in prayer and then we began enjoying New York Strip steaks, corn on the cob and coleslaw.

Dave Burke planned a bocce ball tournament that lasted about 1-1/2 hours. Brian Trachsel and Matt VanHollebeke won the bocce ball tournament the committee awarded each with 5 Michigan lottery tickets, neither one of them won any money. The members that did not play bocce ball played cards. The tournament was a big hit; most members did not leave until about 6:30 pm.

We had 38 people in attendance 35 members 3 guests Judy Lardin's Mother and Christine Hoffman's Mother and Father. The weather was perfect about 74 degrees sunny with low humidity.

The committee did a great job.

Committee: Chairman Tim & Karlyn Gies
Jerry & Barb Gies
Dennis & Marlene Wutka
Dave & Kim Burke
Bill & Shirley Suchner
Special Thanks to Jeff Trachsel who ordered the steaks and Nick Angelosanto who volunteered to grill the steaks.

Pinochle

Ready or not Pinochle begins on October 1st. There are some new wrinkles to the rules this year. There may still be some minor changes but here is the current version. The initial schedule is also included.

TRI-V PINOCHLE 2011-2012

Pinochle for the season will start on Saturday, October 1. 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 9, 2011, 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 9th 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.

NEW RULE

6. **The Final Prizes will be based on 5 scores not 6 as in the past. The Committee will assume that your lowest month is the one you would like to drop. If you drop for instance October, you would drop all of your October results including any prizes won (i.e. double pinochle). If you choose to drop a month other than you lowest point total, it is your responsibility to notify Ken Stress.**
7. 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.
8. Guests who cannot play MUST give three days notice to Brian Trachsel or will be responsible for their night's expense (\$3.00 per person to the host). Please notify Brian (248) 656-7677, **NOT** the host, to get a sub. Absent players will receive the lowest score from all the homes playing that month. **That absent score can be the score you drop.**
9. 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.

NEW RULE

10. **This year the committee will also allow those of you who will be in Florida to play. The Florida Pinochle should be the same night that we play in Michigan and must include at least 2 tables. Non-member guests may be used to get the proper number of players. All scores and money must be sent to Ken Stress.**

OCTOBER

Trachsel (B)

Trachsel, Jeff
Stress
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R
Angelosanto, N
Lardin, J

Connolly

Gies, T
Gies, J
Wutka
Barnes
Cashman

NOVEMBER

Lardin (J)

Stress
Gies, T
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R
Angelosanto, N
Trachsel, Jeff
Cashman

Kuhr

Trachsel, B
Gies, J
Wutka
Schaefer
Barnes
Connolly

DECEMBER

Barnes

Wutka
Trachsel, B
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R
Gies, J
Cashman
Schaefer

Angelosanto (N)

Lardin
Gies, T
Stress
Trachsel, Jeff
Connolly
Kuhr

JANUARY

Schaefer

Trachsel, B
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R
Angelosanto, N
Trachsel, Jeff
Kuhr

Gies (T)

Barnes
Stress
Connolly
Cashman

FEBRUARY

Cashman

Trachsel, B
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R
Angelosanto, N
Trachsel, Jeff

Barnes
Stress
Schaefer

MARCH

Trachsel (Jeff)

Cashman
Trachsel, B
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R
Angelosanto, N
Barnes
Stress
Schaefer

Trifles

From the Schaefers

Jacqui Schaefer's knee replacement is over and the rehab will continue for weeks. Going into the operation I was very anxious and scared, but thank goodness God took over and all went well. This entire experience has been a true education for me and tested my faith in God. The doctors offer a patient a video of the operation, doesn't that sound like great viewing. My video will never make it home and if it does it will collect lots and lots of dust.

From J. Lardin

The end of August, first part of September, found the Lardins, (especially Judy) busy, busy, busy. It started with John going to Final Golf and Judy driving to her Mom's in Illinois for the weekend. John followed Final Golf by flying down to Illinois on Monday and they were able to convince Judy's Mom to come back to Michigan with them. She had not been away from home since her health incident when in Florida in 2009. Judy's sister and her sister's girlfriend came up on Thursday and they drove her Mom back to Illinois on Labor Day Sunday. All went well with her Mom making the trip. Then the fun started for Judy being the Grandma she is. While Judy's Mom was here Judy watched Alyssa, Mike and Bev's little one, since Bev had to start school and the day care Alyssa goes to does not start until the students start school. Judy spent the night at Mike and Bevs on Labor Day night to get the two boys, Ben and Nick, off to school the first day. She followed that by watching Alyssa again, Dante, Brian and Gina's son overnight, and trips to Canada, visit Helen Ryan and the afternoon with Jacqui Schaefer. Judy and John now have to make their plans for Christine's birthday in Corpus Christi Texas the first week of October. John's bucket list still includes a trip to Akron Ohio to visit his cousin this year. Not sure when this will happen but John tells Judy "It will!"

Calendar of Events

September

- 12th Book Club
Irene Bliudzius (7 pm)
- 14th Men's Mtg.
Walker's Speakeasy (6:30 pm)
- 20th Wive's Outing
Frankenmuth

September Birthdays

- 8th Joyce Barnes
- 9th Shirley Suchner
- 12th Lee Anderson
- 16th Art Trachsel
- 26th Jane Trachsel &
Matt Hoffman

September Anniversaries

- 9-16-67 Bob & Sherry Kuhr
- 9-18-71 Geo. & Peg Hoffman
- 9-20-68 Art & Kathie Dushary
- 9-30-89 Cal & Janet Cashman

October

- 1st Pinochle begins
- 12th Men's Mtg
Walker's Speakeasy (6:30 pm)
- 17th Book Club
Suzanne Schaefer (7 pm)
- 19th Wive's Club
Marlene Wutka (7 pm)

October Birthdays

- 6th Robyn Mackson
- 8th Delores McMillan

October Anniversaries

- 10-19-68 Jack & Jacqui Schaefer
- 10-24-87 Brett & Lynne Barnes
- 10-25-58 Dennis & Marlene Wutka

LAST MONTH I THOUGHT I HAD AN EXTRA WEEK TO GET THE AUGUST MEMORIES IN THE TRI-V UMPH BECAUSE OF OUR PUBLISHER BEING ON VACATION. THIS MONTH WE HAVE THE AUGUST MEMORIES FROM 2001 AND 2006 PLUS THE SEPTEMBER MEMORIES FROM 2001 AND 2006. ENJOY!

MEMORIES FROM THE AUGUST 2001 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

As in the past we review those who were in need of our prayers. Onallee Trachsel had a hip replacement in July and came home the end of July but was having problems with her leg swelling and returned to the hospital emergency room. Test discovered there was nothing wrong and a pair of socks seemed to correct the problem. The most SERIOUS problem one was suffering was Terry Dunham who was having tooth troubles and was set for a root canal done on August 6th if the swelling and infection is cleared up. Dave Ruetenik continued to improve. He was talking like his old self again but still having problems swallowing and is still weak. Marian Anderson was kept busy assisting her Mom and Dad in their daily requirements as they are currently living at Grand Court in Novi, an assisted living facility. Marian was also surprised when her garden was nominated for the beautification award. The Schaefer Family returned took a cruise to the Western Caribbean the end of July while the Kuhr, Gies and Clingerman families went up to visit a mutual friends on Higgins Lake the first weekend of August. Cy and Dorothy Richeson finally arrived at their summer apartment in Northville and soon were visited by their daughter and her family from Ft. Knox KY. July was a busy month for the Dunham household with Sue's Mom and sister coming in from New York, Chris and

Nicole from Oregon and Gretchen from Michigan. The TRI-V Wives were ready for their weekend getaway to Ohio the middle of August while Final Golf was set for the Men the last weekend of August.

MEMORIES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2001 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Last month we reported on Onallee's hip surgery. We were glad to report that it was amazing that she could feel so well with so little pain after only two weeks and Peg Hoffman was scheduled for hip replacement October 1st. Marlene and Dennis Wutka had friends they have known for 60 plus years from their Knight of Columbus days up at their cottage for a week. The Lardin Household needed a scorecard to keep track of their August travels. It started with Judy and John to St. Louis, Mo then Judy for the Girls Weekend in Ohio followed by Larry and Kim arriving from San Antonio, TX for a week visit. Larry and Kim took off to visit Grandma in Il and on their return John, Larry and Brian left for Final Golf in Canada while Judy, Kim and Gina, Gina's Mom and John's sister playing havoc in Windsor. Mike Lardin was recently promoted to afternoon supervisor for custodians in the Plymouth-Canton School District. Bob and Peg Wendt spent the first week of September visiting their kids and grandchildren in Moscow Id and Art and Lorraine were returning to their Sarasota Fl home after Labor Day. George and Peg Hoffman tied a business and vacation trip to Southern Ca followed by the Labor Day weekend in Dayton Oh starting their effort to track their family genealogy. Eric Hoffman had been coaching freshman football at Novi High this fall but had to reduce his involvement as he started back to classes at Eastern Michigan while John Mackson had a new teaching position in Taylor teaching Science at both high schools. The annual Steak Roast was held August 11th with 59 attending. At the dinner Blondie and Fraser Forsyth were presented with a beautiful plaque in appreciation for all of the years they have hosted TRI-V at their home. The TRI-V Golf League finished the season. First half winners in "A" flight were Romas Bliudzius and Mick Trachsel and second half winner was Terry Connolly with Terry being the overall winner. In "B" flight Eric Hoffman was the first half winner and Bud Massoll was the second half winner with Bud winning the non-playoff as Eric Hoffman was unable to show for the match. There was an article on the TRI-V Wives Weekend at Dresden Ohio with 12 ladies enjoying the weekend at the Longaberger basket factory followed by stops on the way home at Marion Oh and Cary Oh.

MEMORIES FROM THE AUGUST 2006 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

It is not often but it feels good to be able to start the Memories each month with no known TRI-V Members being in need of our prayers. We were asked to remember in our prayers Nick Angelosanto's brother-in-law, Rick. The end of June a drunk driver ran a red light and broadsided Rick's car. He did not appear to have any major internal or head injuries but his memory is not the greatest now. He has been told that he will probably not regain all his strength and movement in his left hand. Fortunately he is right handed. We finally were able to report on the marriage of Matt and Christine Hoffman on May 12th in Cozumel Mexico. Congratulations to Tim and Karlyn Gies on the birth of granddaughter, Natalya, to daughter Tracey and son-in-law Nick Katcherian on July 15th. Ken and Diane Plocharczyk sold their home on Pine Lake in Linden Mi and will be moving Labor Day Weekend. With Jacqui Schaefer's recent retirement they have been on the run making trips to Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Las Vegas and to Northern Michigan. Jack is afraid he might have to go back to work to have some easy time. The remaining Trifles are about the Dunhams and Lardins. Sorry for the "boring" reading but each month we ask you to send articles to the Editor to include in the trifles and when so few do this is what you get. First the Dunham Family: It all starts with Susie Dunham flying in mid-May to New York to spend Mother's Day with her Mom. Six days later Sue returned home, repacked and Terry and Sue left for Houston driving non stop in their Ford Focus SVT for their niece's high school graduation (900 in the graduating class). 48 hours they were back on the road returning to Tennessee to repack and three days leaving for 12 days in Hawaii. Upon their return

from Hawaii Sue left for Lebanon Tennessee for a two day writer's conference. When she returned she had house guest for 10 days and after they left Sue and Terry hit the road in their motor home headed to New York. Chris flew in from Oregon and Gretchen drove in from Michigan. They spent a total of almost three weeks on the road with the last trip and are now planning on staying in Tennessee till the middle of August when Terry will drive up to Indiana to join fellow TRI-Vers for Final Golf. At the end of all this Susie had her first book signing on August 19th. The Lardin article was more about Judy and not as exciting as the Dunham's was. Judy's involved spending two weeks in San Antonio Texas helping Larry and Kim. Kim was due in December and had to have surgery in July because of her loss of fluid. Kim had to be off her feet for three weeks and went down to help out the family. They had a trip planned to Michigan the end of July and Larry, Kim, and almost two year old Christine returned with Judy to Michigan. A three flight resulted in a 15 hour flight because of mechanical problems in San Antonio. At the end of the trip Judy did say that Christine was in a better mood than the three adults. The 15 days Judy was in San Antonio she did a lot of running and Christine has learned all she had to say is "grandma" and Judy would come a running. All Judy could say when all was over was she was "pooped." While Larry and family was her from Texas John and Judy decided to have a mini type reunion. Son Brian came up with a "Christmas In July Celebration." They rented the shelter in Wixom that TRI-V uses for the picnic and steak roast and John and the families of his two sisters met to celebrate Christmas. 26 adults and 11 children were there for the celebration with only one family in Maryland unable to attend. There was an article on the TRI-V Picnic held on June 25th at Mettala Park in Wixom with 30 members in attendance with 42 more adult guests and 17 children. One of our largest turnouts (the children ranged in age from 3 months to 15 years) The Men's Stag Event was scheduled for the end of September. The evening would begin with dinner, location to be determined, and the Tiger-Kansas City Royal baseball game at Comerica Park.

MEMORIES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2006 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Our prayers went out to Susie Dunham and her family on the sudden loss of her September 8th in New York. She had been ill with pulmonary fibrosis for about a year but her passing was unexpected as her heart just stopped. Last month we reported on the accident to Nick Angelosanto's brother-in-law Rick. We are happy to tell you that he has moved out of rehab to Nick's parent's home in Livonia. He is slowly walking with a cane. Unfortunately he doesn't expect to have full use of his left hand ever again. We ask u to continue to remember him in your prayers. Upon Art Trachsel's return to Florida he had a scare with chest pains and thought he was having a heart attack. Test showed he was suffering some internal bleeding and was given an endoscope and found the bleeding had stopped. He can no longer have coffee or chocolate and has to avoid spicy foods and fatty foods. Onallee Trachsel had been traveling to the Infectious Diseases Center for IV therapy every day for a couple of weeks and will continue the therapy down in Florida. This was necessary when it was discovered that she had contracted ecoili from her hip replacement in July. Tim and Karlyn Gies traveled to New York for Tim's work the first week of September and on his return ended up in the emergency room with a kidney stone. He stayed home from work the next day and fortunately was able to pass the stone. Finally after a year of waiting John Lardin was having knee surgery the first part of October on both knees. The latest visit and x-rays show that in two of three spots the knee is bone against bone in both knees plus there is a piece of bone floating in the right knee. The doctor told John "In a month you will be moving pretty good." There was a lot of good news also in the September issue. Mike and John Lardin made a trip to Kendallville In for a couple days of golf before Final Golf. Then the first part of September Judy was making a trip to Illinois for a family reunion. On her return, Judy and John, Peg and George Hoffman, Jack Schaefer and JUDY'S SISTER-IN-LAWS husband will be making a trip to Kendallville In for a couple days of golf. Bob and Sherry Kuhrs son, Rob, and wife Diana and granddaughter Ea returned the middle of September from their fur week visit to Albania. Tim and

Karlyn had their daughter, Lisa; husband John and little Jacob in from Pennsylvania over the Labor Day weekend to help celebrate the baptism of Tracey and Nick's daughter Natalya. Finally two TRI-V Couples are expecting little ones. John and Robyn Mackson were expecting their second addition while Geoff and Sherry Steinhauer their first little one. There was an article with the final arrangements for the 70th Anniversary Party to be held the weekend of June 22-23, 2007 at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac Michigan. The Steak Roast was held at Gunnar Mettala Park in Wixom with 22 Club Members and 21 guests in attendance. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. Some months a lot to look back on while other months not much. We reported on Onallee's hip surgery and who would think that 2011 she would be having hip surgery again. Who would have thought when John Lardin had both knees replaced at the same time that the following February he would be playing 36 holes of golf in Florida for five days on the guys winter trip to Florida. We read of Mike Lardins promotion in 2001 and nine years later he is a certified boiler operator for the Plymouth-Canton Schools and in charge of his own school. It would be a pleasure to be able to write in future articles about the good fortunes of fellow Club Members. (Like maybe Nick Angelosantos pending retirement next year the end of May?) The TRI-V UMPH is our lifeline for TRI-V. This is our way of letting all what is going on in TRI-V as far as dates and locations. Keep in mind that our Constitution and By-Laws require all Members to be notified of upcoming events. Notification of upcoming events in the newsletter suffices notification. Let us as Committee Chairmen notify of upcoming events through this avenue as well as the results of the event by furnishing an article upon completion of the event. These articles that are submitted as well as articles for the trifles column are what make the Memory Column possible. Keep in mind that what we do today is the memory of tomorrow. Share those memories with each other. Until next month when we see you in print, the Good Lord willing, take care of each other.