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### **President's Message**

Well summer's gone. I know that bowling started for some of Tri-V, good luck with that long season. I would like to congratulate Jeff Trachsel on the marriage of his Daughter earlier this month. We started our meetings this month. They are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Walkers in Redford for those of you whom might have forgot. Pinochle starts this month and we have the October Stag. Also, I will be making up committee assignments after the meeting this month so if there is a committee that you would like to be on let me know I will TRY to get you on it. No promises.

### **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.

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

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

December - TBD

## **Wives' Outing**

Girl's Trip to Frankenmuth

September twentieth, fifteen of us met at the Exit restaurant in Birch Run. The shopping started immediately in the gift shop. We had a very enjoyable lunch. Our next stop was the SILENT NIGHT CHAPEL across the parking lot from Bronners. The chapel is a replica of the chapel in Austria where Silent Night was first sung. It was a moving experience.

Then we checked out the new Christmas items at Bronners. We began straggling over to check in at the impressive Bavarian Inn. Again, more shopping was done at the Inn's gift shop.

We gathered for conversation and light snacks until it was time for our dinner show. We enjoyed the famous family style chicken dinner which also included smoked pork chops. We had October fest entertainment while we ate. Then came the "Lucy" show. It was an unusual but entertaining performance with a little mime, slap- stick, singing, and a good skit.

We met in the morning for a light breakfast. At 9:30a the stores on Main St. opened. You never saw a group disperse so fast. Many of us converged on one particular store depleting the stock of fall colored scarves. Jewelry was also purchased. After all the shopping it was time for lunch. We were not disappointed with the selections.

All in all it was a great experience. We especially want to thank all our wonderful drivers Jane, Karlyn, Judy, and Peggy. Also, those of us with our canes appreciated the consideration and assistance given to us. What a loving caring group. Your committee, Jacqui & Ellie

## **Tri V Stag Party**

Saturday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

We are going to be a part of history as we watch the inaugural college coaching debut of our own John Mackson. His U of M Dearborn Wolves will be taking on the Indiana University-South Bend Titans. The game starts at 7:00pm and we will meet for dinner at 5:00pm at Baily's Pub and Grill. Baily's is located at 22091 Michigan Ave. Dearborn Mi. ( between South Military and Evergreen) The cost of tickets is \$5.00 which depending on the turn out will be paid for out of the stag budget. Dinner will be your cost. Lets help get John's college coaching career off to a great start so if you have not already done so please let me know ASAP if you plan on attending both the dinner and the game. e-mail me at [trachseljay@att.net](mailto:trachseljay@att.net) with your intentions for this event.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is located at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI 48128. The university is located just west of the Southfield Freeway and just north of Michigan Ave. The Field House/Ice Arena is located on the southern part of campus just before the entrance to the Henry Ford Estate. Parking is available in front of or behind the building.

## **2011 November Social**

Are you the type that likes to take pictures?  
Are you the type that laughs at others when they make fools of themselves?  
Are you the type that likes to think of new things?  
Are you the type that likes to be part of a team?  
Are you someone that lives near Detroit?  
Are you a member of a friend of a member of someone in Tri-V?  
Are you male?  
Are you female?

If you can you at least answer yes to any of the questions posed above, you need to join us the afternoon of November 12th. We are going to participate in hijinks and hilarity for all who attend. Starting at 4:00PM we will meet and group people into teams that will embark on a journey in and around Detroit like no other. A photo scavenger hunt.

Each team will be given a list of items to attempt to take photos and be scored on. Then we will all meet to have a pizza, salad and breadstick dinner to socialize and determine the winners. There will be prizes awarded and fun had by all. There will be additional communications made to determine location, participation and ability to take photos.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

The Committee

If there are questions, please call Matt Hoffman at 248-515-7037

## **Save the Date**

I know it is almost 80 degrees outside, but the calendar is telling us that it is almost Christmas. Save the date we will be having our 2011 Christmas extravaganza on December 10th. Filled with food, games, and friends. More details to follow.

## **Pinochle**

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Lardin (J)**

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

#### **Gies (T)**

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

**2011-12 TRI-V PINOCHLE STANDINGS**

**TOTAL**    **Double**    **Round**  
**POINTS**    **Pinochle**    **House**

Y = 2 Way tie for Third V = 3 Way tie for First = Paid Points	S = Sub    \$ = Paid Point \$				X = tie For third			Z = tie for fourth	
	10/1/2011	11/5/2011	12/3/2011	1/7/2012	2/4/2012	3/4/2012			
Judy Lardin	28.0 A						28.0		
S Jerry Gies	25.5						25.5		
\$\$ William Trachsel	25.5 A						25.5	1	
Victoria Angelosanto	23.5 B						23.5		
Brian Trachsel	23.0 B						23.0		
John Lardin	22.5 C						22.5		
Jeff Trachsel	22.5 C						22.5		
Robyn Mackson	22.0 Z						22.0		
Jane Trachsel	22.0 Z						22.0		
Tim Gies	20.5 D						20.5		1
\$\$ Onallee Trachsel	20.5						20.5		
Terry Connolly	19.5						19.5		
Karen Thrift	18.5						18.5		
Ellie Connolly	17.0						17.0		
Nick Angelosanto	16.0						16.0		
Mike Trachsel	16.0						16.0		
Karlynn Gies	15.5						15.5		
S Dennis Wutka	12.5						12.5		
\$\$ Marlene Wutka	12.5						12.5		
S Barb Gies	9.0						9.0		
Kate Stress	9.0 @						9.0		
Ken Stress	9.0 @						9.0		
Brett Barnes	9.0 @						9.0		
Lynne Barnes	9.0 @						9.0		
Cal Cashman	9.0 @						9.0		
Jan Cashman	9.0 @						9.0		
Bob Kuhr	9.0 @						9.0		
Sherry Kuhr	9.0 @						9.0		
Jack Schaefer	9.0 @						9.0		
Jacqui Schaefer	9.0 @						9.0		

\$ MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY MONTHLY PLAYERS

\$\$ MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY SUBSTITUTES

S MEANS SUBSTITUES - NO POINT MONEY

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.

**Trifles**

**From the Schaefers**

Update on Jacqui's knee surgery. My appointment was this morning with the surgeon and he does not want to see me for a year. That makes me elated but I am far from home free. I still have rehab two times a week and he is determined to have me skipping leaving his office. This is actually where the hard work starts I am realizing. Thanks for all your concerns and cards and calls.

You have been a wonderful support group

### **From J. Lardin**

We ask the TRI-V Family to remember in your prayers Beverly Schneider, aunt of Bev Lardin. She suffered a stroke on September 20<sup>th</sup> at her home in Indiana. She is now at home slowly recovering and still having some issues. Bev and Mike have gone down to assist the family every other weekend. While they were gone Grandma Judy ended watching Alyssa for the weekend. Judy has survived each weekend and is still able to keep up with Alyssa. Judy and John Lardin will be leaving on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, for Corpus Christi Texas to celebrate granddaughters Christine seventh birthday. They will return on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. John and Larry are hoping to get in one round of golf. With the weather and Larry's work schedule they have not been able to play golf for almost two years. With their return from Texas there is talk of them making another trip to Illinois to visit her Mom. Judy does not want to fly so John suggested that perhaps Judy might drive down on Saturday or Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> and John to fly down on Tuesday or Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> and they would drive back together on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Judy has finally needed to put some money into her 2002 Ford Explorer. She has finally hit the 47,000 mile mark and had to replace the four tires and all brakes and rotors. Her auto start also needed some minor work. Judy had thoughts of getting a new car but after thinking three months in the garage while in Florida plus car payments against the Explorer being more than paid for does not make economic sense to trade. Final decision was to keep.

Judy and John Lardin were at Caesars Casino in Windsor on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, along with Connollys, Andersons and Brian Trachsels when Judy got a call from son Mike. He had not been feeling good for a couple days and was having pains in his chest and left arm/shoulder along with his color not looking good. He drove himself to Urgent Care and they ran some test and could not find anything but did take him to St. Joes, Ann Arbor, by ambulance to ER Observation and additional test. He stayed overnight and had a stress test done the following morning. After the test the Doctor asked him if he was a runner and Mike told him no and asked why. He told him all his test results were good, cholesterol was 143 and hit triglycerides were 89, oxygen level 89% and his cardiac risk 3.5 and they consider at risk to be 4.9. He had an echocardiogram before and after the stress test and the results were the same. They could not believe that he was a smoker. They told him to quit smoking and less caffeine (too much coffee and Mountain Dew). They thought it could be stress or anxiety. He is to follow up with a visit to his primary physician. Mike will probably be upset with Dad for sharing this with you but he could use some prayers, as we all could at one time or another. Mike did put a scare into Mom and Dad but they are overjoyed of the results.

### **From the Cashmans**

We just returned from a 5 day trip to the Smokey Mountains with Dennis & Marlene Wutka, Don & Peggy Navigato( our Wixom friends) and the Redford Seniors. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the activities. We left Redford on Monday morning, September 26 at 8am on a nice luxury bus called the "Magic Carpet Ride". What a nice and easy way to go on a trip. We stopped several times on our way down and ate at Cracker Barrel restaurants a little more than we would like to admit. We arrived at the Baymont Inn in Kodak, Tennessee around 8pm and was glad to be at our destination. Several of us got together later and enjoyed some wine and snacks and good conversation. The week was filled with great shows including variety, comedy and music, site seeing and food, food, food. There is some great talent in them thar hills!!! We arrived back in Redford on Friday evening around 7:30pm tired but so happy we went. The Smokey Mountain area is so scenic and well worth the trip.

### **From the Plocharczyks**

Kirk Trachsel recently came to Michigan to visit father Art Trachsel and Ken and Diane Plocharczyk in Gladwin. It was also Art Trachsel's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday! and for the first time in many years they were all together to celebrate. Art is doing well, settled into his assisted living apartment, playing bingo, wii bowling and is the resident expert on all things sports especially the Detroit Tigers.



### **From the Wutkas**

The Wutka's annual trip with the Redford Township Seniors This was our 8th trip with this group. We invited Cal & Jan Cashman to join us and they invited a nice couple from Multi-Lakes Gun Club, Donald & Peggy with them, very enjoyable people. We have traveled through and to many states with this senior group. This trip really brought home to me how much I love God and Country. We saw 6 shows and every show, as you travelers would know, especially in the South, stressed God & Country. They play the marching music from the different services and ask any veterans in the house to stand and take an applause, it really makes you proud to experience that. At most shows when they called for our brothers and sisters from W.W. II to stand it seemed like just a handful stood, that's what caught my attention. they are the Greatest Generation, especially of the military, and we are losing them by the hundreds almost daily. I'm a Korean veteran, 1952-1955, and there were a few W.W. II vets in our company. Being only 17 at the time I just accepted them as what we called them "lifers", guys who were making a career in the service. I wish I would have had more conversation with them. About all I remember of them, is they saw battle in the Pacific theatre. That's when I first heard the saying, "freedom is not free". Let's try harder, to honor them while those that are still here know that we appreciate all their efforts. Well, anyway the trip to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge TN. was great, the shows were great, the weather was great, the travelers were great and there was too much to eat.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **October**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
(Walker's Speakeasy 7 pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Book Club  
(Suzanne Schaefer's Home 7 pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wive's Mtg.  
(Marlene Wutka's Home 7 pm)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Tri-V Stag  
(Baily's Pub & Grill 5 pm)  
(U of M Dearborn 7 pm)

### **November**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Pinochle (6:30 pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
(Walker's Speakeasy 7 pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Social (4 pm)
- 16 Wive's Mtg.  
( Vickie Angelosanto's home 7 pm)

### **October Birthdays**

6<sup>th</sup> Robyn Mackson  
8<sup>th</sup> Delores McMillan

### **November Birthdays**

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

### **October Anniversaries**

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

### **November Anniversaries**

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

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

This was the first issue of the TRI-V UMPH published since that tragic September 11, 2001, attack on our country. Our prayers are needed for all those that lost their lives in this tragedy. We are also asked to remember those less fortunate who were suffering and recovering from various ills. Club members mourned the passing of Veda Henry, wife of original member Jack, from a brain aneurysm. Peggy Burd was hospitalized for seven weeks with a type of pulmonary fibrosis and was on oxygen support for 24 hours a day. Nick Angelosanto had another nerve block done on his back at Providence Pain Center in hope of some relief from the pain he has been suffering for several years. Dave Ruetenik had his rotator cuff shoulder surgery and came home feeling really the best he has in a long time. Last but not least Peg Hoffman was home recovering from her successful hip replacement. There was an article updating us on Becky and Julie Clingerman, daughters of John and Donna Clingerman, on their schooling (Becky) and Peace Corps duties in Ecuador (Julie). Glenn and Marge Stock spent most of August in Tennessee with family while Pat and Lou Koewler spent time in Minneapolis visiting family. Vickie Battel, mother of Vickie Angelosanto, returned to Arizona after spending the summer with Nick and Vickie. John Mackson along with teaching at Taylor Schools is an assistant basketball coach at Oakland Community College, Orchard Lake Campus. Vickie Angelosanto, Annemarie Angelosanto and Madeline (Anne's Mom) were selected to have their vehicle inspected on their return from Canada. It seems that Customs had a tip that the three ladies were trying to smuggle in cannolis from Canada. There was an article about Bill and Shirley Suchner trip to China in early September. The TRI-V Picnic was held at Mayberry State Park with 57 TRI-V members and their families attending. Final Pinochle was held at Oakwood in Grand Bend Canada with 17 club members and guest attending.



## MEMORIES FROM THE OCTOBER 2006 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Once again our prayers were needed for members of the TRI-V Family. Ray Suchner, our founder, underwent a procedure where they put two stints in to the valves of his heart. Jim DeLanoy was diagnosed with Merkel cell carcinoma, an aggressive skin cancer, on his left cheek, just in front of his ear lobe. Since it was discovered early the doctors were able to remove it and this was followed by 32 radiation therapy treatments. Nick Angelosanto's Mother was again in the hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. She has had repeated stays at the hospital this year for the same thing. John Lardin had both knees replaced and was up sitting in a chair that afternoon following surgery. Two days later they had him walking with a walker and the following day had him going up one and down one step. Art Trachsel's stepson, Ron Doeblor, was diagnosed with shingles the day before his oldest daughter gave birth to his first granddaughter and Art's second great granddaughter. Kaylie Snow, granddaughter of Jack and Jacqui Schaefer, and Christine Lardin, granddaughter of John and Judy Lardin, were both hit by a car in the same week. Kaylie was hit at the Meijer parking lot and Christine was hit by a car that jumped the curb, hit a stop sign then left the scene. Fortunately both the girls were not seriously hurt. Other news shared was Cy and Dorothy Richeson attending the wedding of their granddaughter in Brighton, Mike Lardin successfully passed the certification test for Low Pressure Boiler Operator for the Plymouth-Canton Schools, Judy and John Lardin, George and Peg Hoffman, Jack Schaefer and John's brother-in-law spent a couple of days in Indiana, site of final golf, playing some golf, Ken and Diane Plocharczyk in the process of buying a lake front lot in Sugar Springs development near West Branch and John and Judy Lardin spending a week in Texas visiting Larry and family. While Bill and Shirley Suchner were headed to Lorton VA and the Amtrak Auto Train to take them and their car to Florida the end of October Vickie Battel, mother of Vickie Angelosanto remained in Michigan braving the cooler temperatures. Vickie's sister, Marihelen, is coming to Michigan the day after Thanksgiving for the weekend and takes Mom back with her to Arizona. Dennis and Marlene Wutka spend a week in Branson MO with 57 others from the Redford Seniors. John Mackson has been promoted to head coach of the boy's varsity basketball team at Kennedy High School in Taylor. Final Golf was held at Kendallville In with 29 members and two guests attending the weekend. There was an article with final cost for the 70<sup>th</sup> TRI-V Club Anniversary Party to be held at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac Mi the weekend of June 23, 2007. This brings us to the end of another trip down memory lane. Thinking back to final golf in 2001, Nick Angelosanto had to pull out of golf because his back was acting up and Lee Anderson also had to pull out of Sunday as he came down with something on Saturday night and could not play. Ten years later, unfortunately, Nick still has some problems with his back. Ten years John Mackson promoted to a basketball coaching job, five years John Mackson promoted to a basket ball coaching job, five years later (2011) John Mackson again promoted to a basketball coaching. Will there be different coaching job in 2016? As we read these memories, never forget those who are mentioned and are no longer with us. Though gone they can still use our prayers that they will continue to have eternal peace and will also continue to look down on us and be a part of that pillar of strength we all can use. Continue to cherish our memories. Take the time to keep us informed via the TRI-V UMPH newsletter so five and ten years from now we will be sharing what become current memories. Continue to take care of one another until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing.