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Tri-V Umph
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President's Message

First I would like to apologize for writing that our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. Turns out they are on the second Wednesday of the month. They are at Walkers Speak Easy in Redford at 6:30pm. Sorry. I hope everyone had fun at John Mackson's College coaching debut for U of M Dearborn. (GO Wolves) The committee has a great event set up for this month. Hope to see you there.

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be held at Judy Lardin's on Monday, December 5. The book to be discussed is "The Girl She Used to Be" by David Cristofano. Other books that were discussed to be read are the following:

"The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins
"Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay
"The Pajama Girls of Lambert Square" by Rosina Lippi
"The Dakota Series" by Debbie Macomber
"Gift From the Sea" by Ann Morrow Lindbergh

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.

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

Ladies Christmas Dinner

Join the women on Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00 pm at BRAVO! Cucina Italiana, 1770 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152. This restaurant is located at Six Mile and Haggerty. All women of Tri-V are invited. We will have an optional gift exchange. Gifts should be \$10 to \$15 in value and wrapped with no names. If you would like to join up please RSVP to Dolores McMillan 313-538-8995

Tri V Stag Party

Saturday Oct. 29th

The Tri V stag night was held on Saturday October 29th. 10 members and 1 guest met for dinner at Baileys Pub and Grill in Dearborn at 5:00pm. From there went drove to U of M Dearborn to watch John Mackson make his college coaching debut for the U of M Wolves against Indiana University South Bend. The game was close through the first half as the Wolves built an early lead only to watch it disappear with an Indiana charge midway through the half. An injury to one of the Wolves top defenders early in the 2nd half hurt as Indiana pulled away to a 73 to 55 win, denying John a win in his 1st game as college coach. The Wolves are a young team with 10 sophmore or freshmen players and it will be interesting to see how this team grows and improves throughout the season. The budget was \$100 and each member was given \$10 to go toward their meal and game tickets. In attendance were: Tim Gies, Bob Kuhr, Nick Angelosanto, Romas Bluidizuis + guest, Geoff Stienhauer, Dave Burke, Jay, Brian, Steve and Mike Trachsel. Committee: Jay Trachsel, Tim Gies

2011 November Social

Starting at 4:00PM on Dec. 13, 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

EDITOR'S NOTE: If I do not receive a written article, it is not my responsibility to copy off a web site for the paper!!!

KID'S XMAS PARTY

We will be having our 2011 Christmas extravaganza on December 10th. Filled with food, games, and friends. **No other details were received!!!**

Pinochle

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
Barnes
Stress
Connolly
Cashman
Gies

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

Remember if you want to be in the prize money you need to pay your \$18.00 before the start of play on the third month. Don't wait send your check to Ken Stress now so you don't forget.

I did not receive the standings sheet for pinochle.

NOVEMBER PINOCHLE AT THE LARDINS

Judy and John Lardin had the enjoyment of hosting November TRI-V Pinochle. Guest were Vickie and Nick Angelosanto, Romas Bliudzius, Jan and Cal Cashman, Bob Kuhr, Robyn Mackson, Kate and Ken Stress and Michael Trachsel. The food ranged from veggies and fresh fruit to pizza, meatballs and tuna and crab raps with plenty left over. Like every month the cards were warm for some and cold for most. High for the evening was Vickie with 26.5 points, followed by Romas with 24.5 points, Jan with 24 points and Nick with 23 points. When asked "Were the cards that bad?" and the only answer I could come up with was "I guess I had six bad partners!" The importance of the evening was twelve TRI-V members being able to share an evening of enjoyment with each other, sharing stories about our family members with each other. Looking forward to hosting again next season.

Trifles

From the Dusharys

Our younger son, Adam, is the head chef at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. He decided to enter the chili cook-off contest (first time) this year and came in first in the restaurant category. I pulled the article below off the internet. He's happy and we're happy for him.

The 16th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Show was held on Sunday, October 9th in downtown Plymouth, MI - the biggest Chili Event of the year! The estimated 20,000 chili and bike fans ate 86 different chilies in The Gathering along with 15 restaurants in Kellogg Park serving up their best chili. Over 50,000 chili samples were enjoyed. A ***GREAT*** CHILI DAY!

And the Winners are...

Best Booth: Leo Buk - Nuclear Chili - Trenton, MI

People's Choice: Ron Smith - Motor City Harley Chili - Novi, MI

Salsa 1st Place: Bill Donovan - Donovan's Code 3 Chili - Cincinnati, OH

Chili Verde 1st Place: Richard Chauvin - South of the Border Chili - Windsor Ont.

Red Chili 1st Place: Diane Lentz - Belle Breezing Bordello Chili - Nicholasville, KY

Restaurant Chili Challenge

People's Choice: Picnic Basket Marketplace - Plymouth, MI

Best Judged: Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center - Plymouth, MI

From J. Lardin

Judy and John Lardin had a successful trip to Corpus Christi Texas the beginning of October to celebrate granddaughters Christine's seventh birthday. Though it was still pretty humid the overall temperature was bearable. They will be returning the first part of December to celebrate grandsons Jacob fifth birthday. In between the two trips to Texas, Judy and John will be going to Illinois to spend Thanksgiving with Judy's mom and family. Plans are for Judy to leave on Saturday or Sunday and for John to follow down on Tuesday with Bev and Mike and the three grandchildren. Bev and Mike will be returning on Saturday, making a stop in Indiana to visit her Aunt who suffered the stroke in October and Judy and John will come back on Sunday. Speaking of Mike all is well after the scare we had last month. The tests are completed and his numbers were all good. The Drs could not believe that Mike was a smoker and a heavy caffeine user (coffee and Mountain Dew). Speaking of Drs. it is always nice to receive good news. The heart doctor saw John and gave him a clean bill of health, all arteries are in good shape (John had a heart attack in May 2009 with no surgery required) and also had his colonoscopy checkup and they found two new polyps that they believe are 99.9% benign (John had eight inches of his colon removed a year ago) but will know more in a week. Judy had her yearly (plus three months) physical and the Dr. found a heart murmur. This is the first exam she has with the new Dr. (same one as John has been going to for years) and he ordered an echocardiogram just in case. Judy is not worried as she knew years ago she had this as well as her mother and sister having one. The final straw was John who was diagnosed with an impeached nerve in his shoulder. He has been suffering with it all summer and thought it might be his rotor cuff. God forbid for him to go to the Dr. during the summer and be told he could not play golf. That would be like the end of the world coming. The Dr. gave him a steroid shot in his shoulder and told him to ice it three times a day and do four exercises three times a day and if not better in two weeks to come back and see him. The jury is still out on this one.

From the Kuhrs

Sherry, Chris, and I departed for Munich on September 13 to visit Rob and his family. They have a nice apartment in the Olympic Village, which was constructed for the 1972 Summer Games. It is a great setting with shops, churches, parks, and an underground train station within short walking distances. It was only a 10-minute trip on the U3 to Marienplatz, which is the heart of Munich. Can you spell Glockenspiel?

Highlights of our time there were:

- Utilizing the fantastic public transportation system. Detroit, take note.
- Lunch in the garden of the Hofbrau House. Oom-pa-pa!
- Drinking three liters of Hacker Pshor (established in 1414) beer at October Fest with my sons and a few thousand other singing and dancing fools. Thankfully we didn't have to drive home.
- Touring the Science and Technical Museum. It looked like the Germans invented everything!
- Walking through the vast English Gardens with Chris and having lunch in the outdoor beer garden. Good German potato salad.
- All the lavishly decorated churches.
- The beautiful gardens at the Nymphenburg Palace.
- Visiting the historic town of Augsburg, a 45-minute train ride from Munich. There we toured the Fuggier, the first subsidized housing project founded in the 16th century. It is still in operation today. They still charge the same rent per year as when it was founded. It was originally one guilder per year, which was about two weeks pay. Today that translates to one euro per year.

- The Saturday morning that Rob served us a traditional Bavarian breakfast of white sausage, pretzels, and wheat beer.
- Assembling puzzles with Trey and hearing him say, "Good job pa".
- Picking up Ea after school and riding the bus home with her. Guess who carried her oversized backpack.
- Watching Harry Potter with Ea and Trey. As much as they tried to explain it to me, I just didn't get it.
- Watching the Tigger Movie at least five times. That one I got! Your friends can be like your family. Who are the Poohs, the Eeyores, the Rabbits, the Owls, the Piglets, and the Roos in your lives?

Lowlights of our trip were:

- My falling down the spiral staircase at Rob's apartment and breaking two fingers. Ouch!
- Knowing that it will be a long time before we are with our grandkids as we departed for home on October 4th.

From Blondie Forsyth

I would like to thank Tri-V for all the beautiful sympathy cards and calls sent to me and my family after the death of my Granddaughter, Jamie. Also a big thank you to Victoria for her delicious casserole. Thank you to Judy, Babs and Jacqui for visiting and just talking while we ate Jacqui's homemade vegetable soup and the dessert they brought. Jamie ha a new kidney and pancreas transplant four years ago and seemed to be fine. She was in a transplant hospital in Texas got 5 weeks fighting an infection. The doctors said she was a fighter, but the end came on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011. We will miss her, but she is in a better place and not in pain. Please keep Barb in your prayers. She lost her husband 1 ½ years ago and now her daughter. Thanks, all of you!!!!

Calendar of Events

November

- 5th Pinochle (6:30 pm)
- 9th Men's Mtg.
(Walker's Speakeasy 6:30 pm)
- 13th November Social (4 pm)
- 16 Wive's Mtg.
(Vickie Angelosanto's home 7 pm)

November Birthdays

- 5th Jacqui Schaefer
- 6th Dennis Wutka
- 8th Ken Plocharczyk &
Kim Burke
- 10th Brett Barnes
- 21st Jason Osborne
- 23rd Jeff Trachsel
- 24th Karen Thrift &
Blondie Forsyth

December

- 3rd Pinochle (6:30 pm)
- 5th Book Club (J. Lardin's home 7 pm)
- 10th Kids Xmas Party
- 14th Ladies Xmas Dinner
(Bravo 1 pm)
- 14th Men's Mtg.
(Walker's Speakeasy 6:30 pm)
- 16th Wives Mtg.
(V. Angelosanto's home 7 pm)

December Birthdays

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

26th Bill Trachsel
29th Christine Hoffman

November Anniversaries

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

December Anniversaries

None

MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2001 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Our prayers were needed for Bill Jesse who passed out while at pinochle at the Andersons and was diagnosed in need of a pace maker that was implanted and he is recovering at home and to Dennis Wutka on the loss of his sister, Monica, at the young age of 58 from a stroke suffered October 1st.

There were no other reports of any other TRI-V Family Members having health problems.

Dennis Wutka had partial knee replacement surgery the first part of October. Members on the move included Nick and Vickie Angelosanto going to Arizona to visit Vickie's mom and family, Judy, John and Mike Lardin going to San Antonio Texas to visit son/brother Larry and family, Pat and Lou Koewler to Minnesota to visit their sons and family and Jack and Jacqui Schaefer to Indiana to visit Terry and Sue Dunham. Terry and Ellie Connolly made a loong trip started out in Oregon to visit family and concluded the trip to Washington DC while Cal and Jan Cashman celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary with a trip to Lake Tahoe Nevada the end of September. There were articles on October Pinochle at the Andersons and November Pinochle at the Lardins as well as the Glow-Golf-October Social Event at Fox Hills with 18 in attendance. Following glow golf there was fish dinner and that was followed by five games of euchre. The TRI-V Fall event was set for November 16th at Northville Downs in Northville and the TRI-V Wives Club Christmas Dinner was scheduled for December 5th at the home of Vickie Angelosanto. Pinochle standings for the month of October had Helen Ryan in first place with 33 points, Brian Trachsel in second place with 30 points and Bonnie Untener in third place with 27 points.

MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2006 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

It is always hard when putting the memories together when you have to start out with the passing of a TRI-V Member or its family. This month we mourned the loss of Jim Buckley who passed away on November 1st and to Lee and Marian Anderson on the loss of Lee's Mother on November 5th. She was 96 and had fallen on November 4th and broke her pelvis. There were several Club members that were in need of our prayers. We start out with Peg Wendt who suffered a T.I.A. mini stroke in late October, Bud Massoll who had knee replacement the end of October, Karen Thrift who was having arthroscopic surgery on her knee, Lu Wagner who fell and broke his hip in late October and John Lardin who was recovering from total knee replacement on both knees in October. Don and Dory Gasco moved to an assisted living complex at Cyprus Gardens in Boynton Beach Florida after years at Briny Breezes. After four evacuations last year at Briny Breezes they new it was time to make the move. The only one doing any traveling that we were aware of was Art Trachsel go to Bill and Onallee Trachsel's for Thanksgiving weekend. The Children's Christmas Party was set for December 17th at Madonna University, Livonia, and the Wives Club Christmas Dinner was scheduled for December 21st at Jacqui Schaefer's Home. Another article was published for the 70th Anniversary Party to take place the weekend of June 22nd through June 24 in Cadillac at McGuire's Resort. There were articles on October Pinochle hosted by the Lardins and Wutkas. Pinochle standings through November play had

Judy Lardin in first place with 52.5 points, Jan Cashman in second place with 51.5 points and Peg Hoffman in third place with 51 points. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. Last month we talked about Lee Anderson missing the final day of final golf in 2001 because of a mysterious illness. The results are in and Lee suffered from gall stones and was having surgery on November 7th for removal of his gall bladder. The Connollys returned from their West Coast – East Coast Summer in time for Ellie to have Bunion surgery and will be retiring from Ameritech in January of 2002. Next month we will have the memories from our December, Christmas, Issue of TRI-V Umph. As you read this copy take the time **NOW** to send your Christmas greeting for 2011. Since most of us get the TRI-V Umph electronically, you are on the computer reading or downloading it anyway so don't put it off. Get the greeting in now. It would be nice to see 45 or 50 greetings in this year's issue. While you are sending the Christmas greeting take the time to also send a little bloop (trifle) also to include in the December issue. It is not that hard to do. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.