

Loyalty  
Cooperation  
Friendship

Tri-V Umph  
January 2012

President- M. Van Hollenbeke-734-765-2555  
V. President-Bill Trachsel-734-658-7115

Sec.-D. Angelosanto-734-422-3501  
Treas.-M. Trachsel-586-484-0836

### **President's Message**

Happy New Year Tri-V. I hope everyone had as good of a December as we did. Man, 2011 sure flew by with all the weddings and new babies it sure made for a good one. The children's Christmas party went great all the children looked happy to see Santa and some of the dads, uncles and grandpas with their fantasy football. The committee did a great job. Well it's the start of 2012 and hopefully it will be another great one in Tri-V. To start it out we have the meeting on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> and then the council party on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone there. Well at least those of us not lucky enough to be in Florida for the next 3-5 months.

### **COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

The nomination and election of three new Council Members will take place at the March, 2012, meeting. In accordance with the TRI-V Club By-Laws, Article IV, Officers, "A five year history of officers and council members shall be furnished to all voting members in January." Attached you will find the last 5 year history of officers as well as a history of terms served as officers and council members. Please save the list and review it before the March meeting so you can prepare to nominate members for the three council seats. Please keep in mind that our By-Laws require a minimum of **four** candidates to be nominated before the election can be held. If four people do not volunteer for the positions a secret ballot shall be taken to nominate the required minimum number of candidates. Your Committee: Cal Cashman, Chairman Brian Trachsel and Romas Bliudzius

### **Book Club**

The next book club discussion will be held at Victoria Angelosanto's on Feb. 6, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Book to be discussed is "Isle of Palms" by Dorothea Benton Frank.

Another book suggested is "The Betrayal" by Helen Dunmore.

## **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.

### **Pinochle**

#### **FEBRUARY**

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

#### **MARCH**

Trachsel (Jeff)  
Cashman  
Trachsel, B  
Trachsel, M/Mackson, R  
Angelosanto, N  
Barnes  
Stress  
Schaefer  
Romas

**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.**

### **JANUARY PINOCHLE AT THE CASHMANS**

We were happy to host January Pinochle at our home on January 7, 2012. Our guests included Ken & Katie Stress, Brian & Jane Trachsel, Judy Lardin, Victoria Angelosanto, Robyn Mackson, Jeff Trachsel, Karen Thrift, Mike Trachsel and Kristin Martinisi. We had a great assortment of food to choose from and we enjoyed it all. While we played cards we also had the Lions & Saints game on so we were happy for awhile until the Lions started losing. Then the game was not so much fun. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Kristin Martinisi with 27 points (she only learned to play this game 3 days before/someone is a good teacher), 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Ken Stress with 26.5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Jeff Trachsel with 26 points and 4<sup>th</sup> place was Karen Thrift with 22.5 points. The other scores ranged from 21 points to 11.5 points. There were no double pinochles or roundhouses. We enjoyed hosting such a fun group and want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

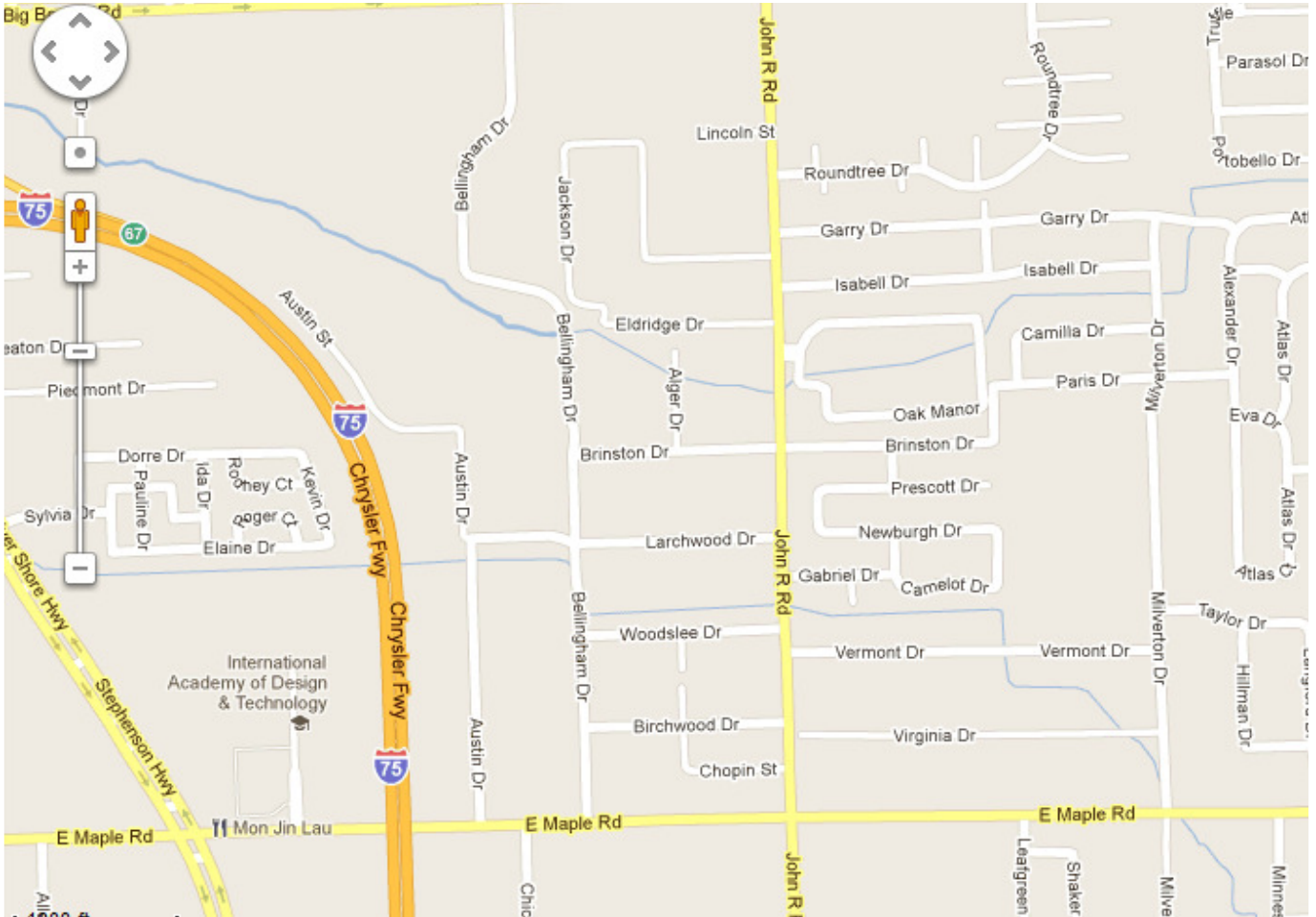
2011-12 TRI-V PINOCHLE STANDINGS										TOTAL	Double	Round	
										POINTS	Pinochle	House	
Y = 2 Way tie for Third		S = Sub		\$ = Paid Point \$									
V = 3 Way tie for First		W = tie for second		X = tie For third		Z = tie for fourth							
= Paid Points		10/1/2011	11/5/2011	12/3/2011	1/7/2012	2/4/2012	3/4/2012						
\$	Brian Trachsel	23.0	B	31.0	A	20.5	22.0					96.5	
\$	Karlyn Gies	15.5		20.0		24.0	B	28.5	A			88.0	
\$	Tim Gies	20.5	D	22.0		23.5	C	22.0	B			88.0	1
\$	Victoria Angelosanto	23.5	B	26.5	A	18.0		19.5				87.5	
\$	Jane Trachsel	22.0	Z	24.5	C	23.0		16.0				85.5	1
\$	Jeff Trachsel	22.5	C	6.5	@	30.5	A	26.0	C			85.5	
\$	Terry Connolly	19.5		16.5		21.0		24.5	B			81.5	
\$	Lynne Barnes	9.0	@	18.0		25.0	A	29.0	A			81.0	
\$	Judy Lardin	28.0	A	12.0		19.0		21.0				80.0	1
\$	John Lardin	22.5	C	17.5		18.5		17.5				76.0	
\$	Mike Trachsel	16.0		19.5		24.0	W	13.0				72.5	
\$	Jack Schaefer	9.0	@	26.0	B	24.0	W	11.5				70.5	
\$	Robyn Mackson	22.0	Z	10.0		23.5	D	14.5				70.0	
\$	Karen Thrift	18.5		6.5	@	22.0	Z	22.5	D			69.5	
\$	Jan Cashman	9.0	@	24.0	C	15.5		18.0				66.5	
\$	Ken Stress	9.0	@	15.0		16.0		26.5	B			66.5	
\$	Nick Angelosanto	16.0		23.0	D	12.0		15.0				66.0	
\$	Cal Cashman	9.0	@	22.5		14.0		20.5				66.0	
\$	Brett Barnes	9.0	@	21.0		15.0		17.0	D			62.0	
\$	Marlene Wutka	12.5		20.5		29.0						62.0	
\$	Dennis Wutka	12.5		21.0		25.0						58.5	
\$	Ellie Connolly	17.0		6.5		14.5		19.0	C			57.0	
\$	Bob Kuhr			20.5	D	19.0		13.0				52.5	
\$	Jacqui Schaefer	9.0	@	15.0		14.0		12.5				50.5	
\$	Kate Stress	9.0	@	8.0		18.0		11.5				46.5	
\$	William Trachsel	25.5	A					14.0				39.5	1
\$	Romas Bliudzius			24.5	B	14.5						39.0	
\$	Onallee Trachsel	20.5						18.5				39.0	
\$	Sherry Kuhr					21.5		11.5				33.0	
\$	Geri Ruetnik							29.0				29.0	
\$	Kristan Martinisi							27.0	A			27.0	
\$	Jerry Gies	25.5										25.5	
\$	Walt Christensen					22.0	Z					22.0	
\$	George Hoffman							18.5	Y			18.5	
\$	Peggy Hoffman							17.5				17.5	
\$	Lee Anderson							15.0				15.0	
\$	Barb Gies	9.0										9.0	
\$	MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY MONTHLY PLAYERS												
\$	MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY SUBSTITUTES												
\$	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.												

## Tri-V Council Party 2012

This year the council will be hosting an at home, blind bag, wine tasting event. Club members are invited to a wine tasting at the home of Steve and Amber Trachsel at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Each person in attendance is asked to bring one bottle of wine; couples bring two identical bottles for the rest of the club to sample. You may bring any type of wine you wish; red, white, rosé, or other. Please leave the price tag on the bottle or write down the cost. Not into wine? Bring any brand of cola for our blind cola taste test. Either way it promises to be a fun evening of socializing,

game playing, and camaraderie. The council will provide food for this event, but you are welcome to bring an appetizer to pair with your wine of choice. We hope to see you there. A signup sheet was passed around at the December meeting. If you were not at the meeting, but would like to attend this event please contact Bill (734)658-7115 or Steve (586)850-0161.

Check out the map below for directions to Steve's house.  
2082 Prescott  
Troy, MI 48083



## Trifles

### From J. Lardin

December was a busy month for the Lardins as we imagine it was for most. It started with a trip to Corpus Christi, Texas, to celebrate grandson Jacob's birthday. We left on Wed., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, and returned on Mon., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. John was able to get in one round of golf and this trip was one of the more relaxing Texas trips. Upon the return we celebrated grandson Dante's birthday on Sun., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Jacob and Dante both have the same birthday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, and their parents are pretty good about scheduling the celebration to allow the grandparents to celebrate with each family. On Tue, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Mike, Bev,

children and grandparents made a trip to Waterford to visit Santa Clause. On Wed., Dec. 21st, we were to grandson Steven's Christmas Musical Show then on Thur., Dec. 22nd, we were to granddaughter Bella and grandson Dante's Christmas Show at school. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Judy and John were with Mike's family, Christmas Day the whole family met at oldest son, John, home for a late breakfast. This was followed by Christmas Evening at Mike and Bev's home to watch their children open the gifts from Santa then on Mon., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, the Lardin clan met at son Brian's home to celebrate a family Christmas. Somehow Judy was able to get everything she needed to do so all was ready for the Holiday. The visit to Santa was different. The person that plays Santa really looks like he could be a Santa with mostly bald head, a full white beard and glasses. You tell Santa ahead the children's name, something about them, how good or bad they have been, and he does a great job of having the children actually believing he is Santa.

John packed up the car and he, along with Nick Angelosanto, left for Ft. Myers, Florida, on Thur., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00am making the drive to the south side of Atlanta, Georgia, and making the final leg of the trip Fri. Nick plans to stay with John for a week, returning to Michigan on Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Judy will be flying down to Ft. Myers on Sat., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. This will allow her a few extra days to get the Christmas things put away. She could not convince John to wait to leave.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **January**

Pinochle (6:30 pm)  
 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
     Walkers Speakeasy(6:30 pm)  
 28<sup>th</sup> Council Party  
     Steve Trachsel's Home (6 pm)

### **January Birthdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> Geo. Hoffman  
 17<sup>th</sup> Diane Plocharczyk  
 19<sup>th</sup> Marge Stock  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Geoff Steinhauer  
 27<sup>th</sup> Bob Kuhr  
 30<sup>th</sup> Jack Schaefer

### **January Anniversaries**

1-3-75 Tim & Karlyn Gies

### **February**

7<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Pinochle (6:30 pm)  
 6<sup>th</sup> Book Club  
     V. Angelosanto (7pm)  
 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
     Walkers Speakeasy(6:30 pm)

### **February Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Eric Hoffman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> KEN STRESS  
 7<sup>th</sup> Romas Bliudzius  
 9<sup>th</sup> Tim Gies  
 11<sup>th</sup> Babs Wagner & Amber Trachsel  
 13<sup>th</sup> Lynne Barnes  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Tom Untener  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Bonnie Untener  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sherry Kuhr  
 26<sup>th</sup> Esther Chamberlain  
 28<sup>th</sup> Helene Ryan

### **February Anniversaries**

NONE

## **MEMORIES FROM THE JANUARY 2002 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH**

We started off the first issue of the new year having to ask our prayers for the family of Peg Burd who passes away on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Peg was the wife of deceased club member Bill and had resided in Lake Forest Illinois for many years. Nick and Vickie Angelosanto spend a week in Arizona in December visiting Vickie's mom, two sisters, brother and their families while son Dion has bought a home in Garden City and was in the process of doing some remodeling to be able to move in after the wedding in June. Jim Trachsel, son of Jay and Liz, graduated from Central Michigan University in December and has taken a job with Consumer Energy starting in January. The "guys" making the trip to Florida for their February Golf Outing included Nick Angelosanto, Brian, Mike and John Lardin, Jack Schaefer and Terry Dunham. Upon their return Judy and John Lardin will be making a four day trip to Cancun as Judy continues her recovery from the foot surgery she had in December. Terry and Sue Dunham continued to attempt to make final decisions on their new home for lights, cabinet handles, etc. As in most cases the final decision requires days and patience to complete. Rumor has it that Romas Bliudzius got married in November. John and Donna Clingerman had a busy December. They went to Raleigh North Carolina to see their daughter, Becky, graduate from North Carolina State with a BS in Environmental Sciences-Ecology Concentration. From there they went to Ecuador where their other daughter, Julie, is in the Peace Corp. The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for TRI-V was scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> with dinner at the Maples Country Club, Novi, and the Winter Event was set for an evening of dinner and a hockey game at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. The November Social for 2002 had been set already with an afternoon of feather bowling at the Cadieux Café on November 17<sup>th</sup>. There were 15 women gathered at the home of Vickie Angelosanto for their annual Christmas dinner. Pinochle scores through December play had Karlyn Gies in first place with 76 points, Brian Trachsel in second place with 73 points and Tim Gies in third place with 71 points.

## **MEMORIES FROM THE JANUARY 2007 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH**

Peg Wendt came home from the nursing home on January 3<sup>rd</sup> hoping that Bob would be able to take care of her. She was unable to walk and it was found that she had a broken ankle. A removable cast was placed on her foot but unfortunately she had to return to the nursing home. Once again we asked for your prayers for Peg. She has suffered so much the last few years. We shared with fellow members our travels over the Christmas/New Year Holiday as well as upcoming travels. John and Donna Clingerman spend Christmas in San Francisco California with John's brother while Cal and Jan Cashman spent Christmas with their two daughters and their family in Franklin Tennessee. Art Trachsel flew up to Gulfport Mississippi to spend time with Lorraine's family while George and Peg Hoffman returned to Michigan for the holidays visiting friends and family on the way in Dayton and Cincinnati Ohio. Judy and John Lardin were leaving the beginning of January for San Antonio Texas to see their newest grandson, Jacob, born to Larry and Kim on December 16<sup>th</sup>. They planned on staying a week, maybe longer if Judy's services were needed. There were articles on December Pinochle hosted by Jack and Jacqui Schaefer, Tim and Karlyn Gies and Nick and Vickie Angelosanto. There were articles on the upcoming Council Party on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Palazzo di Bocce for indoor bocce ball, Auburn Hills, and the Winter Event on February 11<sup>th</sup> with feather bowling at the Cadieux Café, Detroit. The Children's Christmas Party was held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Madonna University. There were 62 in attendance, 43 adults, 16 children and three babies. Pinochle scores through January play had Vickie Angelosanto in first place with 99.5 points, Judy Lardin in second place with 96 points and Jan Cashman and Brian Trachsel tied for third place with 95 points. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. Each month we had the recurring article for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in June at Cadillac Michigan. For five years Judy and John Lardin have been juggling their trip to Texas to celebrate Jacob's birthday as Brian and Gina's son, Dante, has the same birthday though he is two years older. Fortunately Kim and Larry have been good at celebrating the birthdays at different times

allowing John and Judy to be there. Hopefully as you read the memories each month you might be able to remember if u made the event or how u did in pinochle as u look at the leaders. Speaking of pinochle have u noticed each month that there is usually one person who is in the top three? Now we are making the memories that hopefully someone will read about in five or ten years. This will not happen unless you take the time to let our editor aware for them to be published each month. If we are on the computer putting something on face book then please, please take the time to send the information to the editor. Not everyone has or looks at face book. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, continue to look after one another.