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Tri-V Umph
February 2012

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President's Message

Well it's already February and we still haven't had that bad of a winter (Hope that doesn't jinx this month). This has been really nice. Just wish I had the guts to go golfing on those 50 degree days. I would like to congratulate the council on a well thought up and well put together council party it was very original and lots of fun. We have a meeting on the 8th of this month I hope to see you there.

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

MARCH

Trachsel (Jeff)

Cashman

Trachsel, B

Trachsel, M/Martinisi, K

Angelosanto, N

Barnes

Stress

Schaefer

Romas/ Mackson, R

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.

PINOCHLE AT THE SCHAEFERS

We were delighted to host February Pinochle at our home on the 4th. Our guests included Ken & Katie, Brian & Jane Trachsel, Nick & Victoria, Robyn Mackson, Jeff Trachsel, Karen Thrift, Mike Trachsel, Kristin Martinisi, and Romas. We had a great assortment of yummy food to choose from and enjoyed it all. The women ruled that night with Jane 32 1/2 points, Karen 31 points, Vicki, then Katie. Go girls!!!!!! The scores ranged from 32 1/2 to 8 points. I believe a man had the 8 points not to mention any names. We loved hosting such a fun loving group for the evening. Maybe our dog was not friendly but we love you all just the same. We are working on teaching the dog better manners.

Florida Pinochle

Three players had double pinochle here in Florida Lee Anderson, Tim Gies and John Lardin. We had ten couples playing. Bill and Onallee Trachsel, Gies, Kuhr, Lardin, Anderson, Geri Ruetenik, Hoffman, Plocharczyk, Cashman and Connolly. Twelve of us met for dinner at the restaurant at Del Tura before cards started. As usual everyone had a wonderful time and caught up with everyone's lives. We also

called up to the house that was playing cards in Michigan. The following are the scores for the night.
 First place George Hoffman - 35, Bob Kuhr - 27 1/2, Lee Anderson - 26 1/2, John Lardin - 23 1/2.

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	23.5			120.0		
\$ Jane Trachsel	22.0	Z	24.5	C	23.0	16.0	32.5	A		118.0	1	
\$ Victoria Angelosanto	23.5	B	26.5	A	18.0	19.5	26.0	C		113.5		
\$ Karlyn Gies	15.5		20.0		24.0	B	28.5	A	21.0	109.0		
\$ Tim Gies	20.5	D	22.0		23.5	C	22.0	B	16.5	104.5	1	1
\$ Jeff Trachsel	22.5	C	6.5	@	30.5	A	26.0	C	18.0	103.5		
\$ Judy Lardin	28.0	A	12.0		19.0		21.0		22.0	102.0	1	
\$ Terry Connolly	19.5		16.5		21.0		24.5	B	19.0	100.5		
\$ Karen Thrift	18.5		6.5	@	22.0	Z	22.5	D	31.0	100.5		
\$ John Lardin	22.5	C	17.5		18.5		17.5		23.5	99.5	1	
\$ Jack Schaefer	9.0	@	26.0	B	24.0	W	11.5		22.5	93.0		
\$ Mike Trachsel	16.0		19.5		24.0	W	13.0		20.5	93.0		
\$ Lynne Barnes	9.0	@	18.0		25.0	A	29.0	A	8.0	89.0		
\$ Robyn Mackson	22.0	Z	10.0		23.5	D	14.5		18.5	88.5		
\$ Cal Cashman	9.0	@	22.5		14.0		20.5		20.0	86.0		
\$ Jan Cashman	9.0	@	24.0	C	15.5		18.0		16.5	83.0		
\$ Ken Stress	9.0	@	15.0		16.0		26.5	B	14.0	80.5		
\$ Bob Kuhr			20.5	D	19.0		13.0		27.5	80.0		
\$ Ellie Connolly	17.0		6.5		14.5		19.0	C	20.0	77.0		
\$ Nick Angelosanto	16.0		23.0	D	12.0		15.0		8.0	74.0		
\$ Kate Stress	9.0	@	8.0		18.0		11.5		25.0	71.5		
\$ Brett Barnes	9.0	@	21.0		15.0		17.0	D	8.0	70.0		
\$ Jacqui Schaefer	9.0	@	15.0		14.0		12.5		14.0	64.5		
\$ Marlene Wutka	12.5		20.5		29.0					62.0		
\$ Onallee Trachsel	20.5					18.5	Y	21.0		60.0		
\$ Dennis Wutka	12.5		21.0		25.0					58.5		
\$ Romas Bliudzius			24.5	B	14.5				18.0	57.0		
\$ George Hoffman						18.5	Y	35.0	A	53.5		
\$ Sherry Kuhr					21.5		11.5		19.0	52.0		
\$ William Trachsel	25.5	A				14.0		12.5		52.0	1	
\$ Geri Ruetnik						29.0		22.5		51.5		
\$ Kristan Martinisi						27.0	A	17.5		44.5		
\$ Lee Anderson						15.0		26.5	C	41.5	1	
\$ Peggy Hoffman						17.5		19.5		37.0		
\$ Jerry Gies	25.5									25.5		
\$ Ken Plocharczyk								23.0		23.0		
\$ Walt Christensen				22.0	Z					22.0		
\$ Diane Plocharczyk								19.0		19.0		
\$ Bobbie - Geri's friend								19.0		19.0		
\$ Marian Anderson								13.0		13.0		
\$ Barb Gies	9.0									9.0		
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Final Pinochle 2012

Saturday, April 21st

Palazzo di Bocce

4291S. Lapeer Road Orion, Michigan 48359

Telephone:248 371-9987

Tri-V Final Pinochle will have teams playing indoor Bocce Ball. We reserved 2 lanes for 3 hours. (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm) So arrive early. Courtside snacking "food" will be preordered by the committee. Regular Pinochle players are counted as attendees, all others must let the committee know if attending.

Cost: Food/Bocce & Gratuity \$15.00 approximately
Cash Bar for beverages

Committee: Romas Bliudzius, Jeff Trachsel and Dave Burke

Family Event

This year's "Family Event" will be a trip to Toledo, so everyone can partake in science and fun, at the **Imagination Station**. We are considering the trip for Sunday, March 25th or Sunday, April 1st depending on the consensus of the attendees. On April 1st, there is a special event offered called "EGGstreme Science", which is not available on March 25th. EGGstreme Science includes: "Cook" eggs in liquid nitrogen; "Suck" an egg into a jar; "Soak" eggs in vinegar and watch how they progress every day; "Squeeze" an egg without breaking it; {...}. However, April 1st is Palm Sunday. The cost should be minimal. Admission is \$7 for Kids and \$9 for Big Kids. Group rates are available for \$6 per Kid (little and big) as long as we can guarantee 15 people. Reservation must be made two weeks in advance for groups. Parking is available on the street and in parking lots for \$3 to \$8, depending on your choice. If you want more details on the Imagination Station, you can access the website at www.imaginationstationtoledo.org. Interested families should contact Cal Cashman (248-669-9209) or Ken Stress (248-528-1679) by Saturday, March 10, 2012. Email is acceptable, and be sure to specify the number of family members, and your preferred date.

Trifles

From J. Lardin

John Lardin and Nick Angelosanto had a successful drive down to Fl. leaving Mi. at 6:00 am on the 5th and driving until 9:30 pm south of Atlanta (one hour from the Florida-Georgia). They arrived in Ft. Myers Florida about 3:00 pm, unpacked, went grocery shopping and made plans for the rest of the week. They played a round of golf on Sun. afternoon and joined Lee Anderson and Tim Gies for a round on Tue. before Nick left for home on Wed. Judy flew down on Sat. afternoon and on Sun. afternoon was on the golf course and started making plans for the rest of the weeks. Judy renewed old acquaintances from previous years sharing stories since we left last April. Seemed like there was something going on almost every day, though at a much slower pace. On Fri., Jan. 20th, son Mike

hooked Judy up with Skype and she was able to interact with Alyssa. When Alyssa saw "Grandma" she held her hands up and could not understand why Judy could not pick her up. When they disconnected Judy told John "Check the flights for the weekend." Bev and Mike were going out Sat. evening and Judy said "I need to go home and babysit" so she was on a plane Sat. morning at 11:30 and returned to Ft. Myers at 3:00 Mon. afternoon. Oldest son John will be coming down on Feb. 8th returning to Mi. on Feb. 13th then Bev, Mike that the grandchildren will be coming down on Feb. 17th returning back to Mi. on Feb. 24th. The first part of March Judy and John will be flying back to Mi. to celebrate Granddaughter Bella's birthday then back to Fl. until the first part of April when they will depart for Judy's Mom's home in Illinois to celebrate her Mom's 89th birthday and Easter and return to Mi. on the 9th. Tonight (Sat. Feb. 4th) there will be TRI-V pinochle in North Ft. Myers. There might be more playing here in Fl. than in Mi. with the Andersons, Cashmans, Connollys, Gies', Hoffmans, Kuhrs, Lardins, Trachsels and Geri Ruetenik plus a few other possibilities. Jan and Cal Cashman and Ellie and Terry Connolly arrived in Ft. Myers on Jan. 31st and Vickie and Nick Angelosanto will be arriving on Feb. 11th. The Connollys are in the same complex as the Lardins and will be here until the end of March while the Cashmans will be splitting their condo for the month of Feb. with the Angelosantos, the Cashmans the first half of the month and Angelosantos the remaining half of Feb. It is good to see members of the TRI-V Family down south in the winter months.

From Jim Delaney

I am tired of cooking, cleaning, shopping and being alone. I am now in assisted living. I moved last week and am very pleased with my new environment.

New address:

Cabot Cove
Room 356
455 Belcher Rd. South
Largo, FL 33771

My phone 727-712-3974 has not changed

I do **NOT** have email and internet any more.

Calendar of Events

February

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

February Birthdays

1st Eric Hoffman
2nd KEN STRESS
7th Romas Bliudzius
9th Tim Gies

March

3rd Pinochle (6:30 pm)
14th Men's Mtg
 Walkers Speakeasy(6:30 pm)

March Birthdays

3rd Victoria Angelosanto
4th TERRY DUNHAM & BARB GIES
8th Bill Suchner & Dick Barnes
17th Marlene Wutka

11th Babs Wagner & Amber Trachsel
13th Lynne Barnes
22nd Tom Untener
23rd Bonnie Untener
24th Sherry Kuhr
26th Esther Chamberlain
28th Helene Ryan

20th Ellie Connolly
28th John Clingerman
29th Bill Trachsel (young)
30th Cal Cashman
31st Art Dushary & Geri Ruetenik

February Anniversaries

NONE

March Anniversaries

3-22-03 Bill & Michelle Trachsel

MEMORIES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2002 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Ahhhh February. What a wonderful month, cold, windy, house bound, the only good thing is it seems like a short month and March will be here soon and the weather should be breaking. Like every other month though we are still praying for those less fortunate than most of us. Dorothy Suchner fell at Bok Tower in Florida on New Years Day while doing volunteer work and broke her left his and left arm. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance and had to wait a day until a doctor was available to see her. After setting the arm and putting a pin in the hip she remained in the hospital for two weeks. Pat Koewler had arthroscopy knee surgery the middle of January and Jim DeLanoy had cataract surgery on one eye in November and the other eye in December. Stan and Pat Reid's daughter, Denise Schmolz, I suffering from bone cancer and they are hoping to find a compatible donor. We ask you to remember all in your prayers. Art and Kathy Dushary became grandparents again when son Jason and his wife Michelle presented them with a baby girl, Katlyn Ann, on January 2nd and Art and Lorraine Trachsel became great grandparents on February 4th when their granddaughter, Crystal, presented with a baby girl. Robyn Angelosanto has been hired full time at Livonia Stevenson High School teaching history and psychology and Terry and Sue Dunham have finally settled into their new home in Tennessee. Those traveling included Ken and Diane Plocharczyk to Florida in January to visit friends and attend the Florida TRI-V Anniversary Party while Jay and Liz Trachsel were making plans to visit their daughter, Jayme, in Japan in March. Upon John Lardins return from the winter Florida golf extended weekend Judy and he will leave for a four day relaxing trip to Cancun Mexico. Judy returned from the Mexico trip on Friday in time to help co-host a wedding shower for newest daughter-in-law to be Gina and son Brian. John surprised her by having her Mom already here from Illinois for the shower and was further surprised when Kim and Larry also came in for the shower. Don and Gory Gasco finally sold their summer home in Sebewaing Michigan and have become year round residents in Florida. Pinochle standings through February play has Brian Trachsel in first place with 117 points, tied for second were Helen Ryan and Vickie Angelosanto in second place with 113 points and in fourth place Karlyn Gies with 112 points. The February Social was set for February 23rd at Compuware Sports Arena, Plymouth, with dinner and a hockey game and the 65th Anniversary Party was set for March 9th at the Maples Country Club, Novi. Final Pinochle was set for April 6th at Leon's Restaurant, Novi, and the TRI-V Picnic was set for July 14th at Rotary Park, Livonia. The Florida Anniversary Party was held in Venice Florida on January 14th with 31 in attendance for dinner and attend the play "Nonsense." Lastly the TRI-V Girls weekend was set for August 16 thru the 18th with trip to Stratford Ontario Canada to attend the theatre.

MEMORIES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2007 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Our Dear Peg Wendt continues to have health problems and we continue to pray for her daily. We reported last month that Peg was in the hospital and now Bob was ready to take her home and she had another set back and remains in the hospital. Bob insist he is going to take her home next time to take care of her. We were also praying for Barb Gies' father who was in the hospital and had emergency surgery the first part of February. Barb and Jerry had returned to Michigan to be with her Dad and while here Jerry had to undergo surgery on his foot as he tore a tendon on the top of his foot. We ask you to remember them in your prayers! John and Donna Clingerman have finalized their plans to visit daughter, Becky, who is serving in the Peace Corps in Africa. Before leaving Donna spend a week in California with daughter Julie helping her plan the expected wedding in June. Ryan Trachsel, son of Jeff, will be leaving for Iraq in early March and we ask all to pray that God will look after Ryan. Bob and Sherry Kuhr are excited about becoming grandparents again. Daughter-in-law Diana is due the middle of September, hopefully before Bob and Sherry leave for a trip to Greece the end of September. Judy and John Lardin were having house guest for two months as Brian, Gina and the two little ones, Bella and Dante, were moving in while they were waiting for their new home to be completed in South Lyon. The count so far for the 70th TRI-V Anniversary Party in Cadillac the weekend of June 22 through the 24 was up to 65 and all that are planning on attending are urged to complete their reservations. Final Pinochle was set for April 14th at Madonna University, Livonia. The Florida winter golf trip for the "guys" seemed to change the last few years. This year was no exception. We used to leave on Thursday evening to start play on Friday morning and were playing 36 holes on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and 18 on Monday before we returned home. That switched to leaving early on Thursday to be able to play 18 on Thursday afternoon followed by the previously mentioned scheduled. That switched to leaving Wednesday evening so we would not have to worry about missing a tee time on Thursday morning because of possible flight delays, weather, etc. Since most of us were taking off work on Wednesday we decided then to leave Wednesday morning, giving us time to set things up at the condo and get a good nights sleep before playing golf on Thursday morning. As we aged the schedule went to 18 holes on Thursday, 18 holes Friday morning with 18 hole scramble on Friday afternoon, 18 holes on Saturday and on Sunday 18 holes in the morning followed by 18 hole scramble on Sunday afternoon the 18 Monday morning before returning home. As we "matured" we finally settled for just 18 holes per day with a later tee time so we would not have to "rush" (not get up as early) in the morning. This year we got smart and after playing the 18 holes on Monday six of us were met by our "brides" to spend another week in Florida to recuperate. Pinochle standings thru February play had Sherry Kuhr in first place with 119 points, Lynne Barnes in second place with 116 points and Cal Cashman in third place with 114 points. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. Have you noticed that the ten year memories seem more than in the five year memories? Some times each month you read about the same people. This happens because these people took the time to share their happenings with fellow Club members through the TRI-V Umph. No need to feel like you are "gloating" or being embarrassed to tell us what is happening. This is our life line with the rest of the Members. Please, please take the time to share your happenings with the rest of the Members. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, continue to take care of one another.