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President's Message

It's July and holy smokes it's hot. I would like to congratulate the anniversary committee for doing a great job. The dinner was a blast and the show the next day was very good. Steve did a great job as the MC. The picnic is July 15th I hope to see you all there.

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.

The annual July swim is July 18th and will be held at the home of Blondie Forsythe at 2 pm. The pool is open. Please bring your own drinks and a snack to share. Dinner will be around 5 pm with Salad, dessert and rolls served.

Book Club

The July book club discussion will be held at the home of Karlyn Gies on July 9 at 7 pm. Book we will be discussing is "Sister" by Rosamund Lupton. The next book we will be discussing is "Our Kind of Traitor" by John LeCarre. Time and place TBD. Another book that was mentioned to read was "16 Lighthouse Road" (Cedar Cove Series #1) by Debbie Macomber.

Club Roster

For several months I have been asking our publisher for a new Club Roster. The last one we have was published in Dec. 2011. Keep in mind it is not her responsibility to publish the roster though she does out of the kindness of her heart. The last response when I asked at the Anniversary Party was "I would be more than happy to publish a current roster but no one sends me new or corrected information." Hey there was never even an article published after the election as to who the three new Council Members were. I am asking everyone to take the time to check the roster they have in their

possession. Check out your information that is published. Most common changes that have to be made are the e-mail address or the work phone number or the cell phone number. Let's make an honest effort to let her know the current status of everyone and get an up to date Club Roster. Her e-mail address is sierra1151@aol.com. Thanks John Lardin

75th Anniversary Party

It was a pleasure to spend time with so many of you this last weekend as we celebrated 75 years of the Tri-V club. I would like to thank the members of the committee that did an outstanding job of making sure that all of the thoughts and ideas were carried off with no issue. Thank you Cal, Tim, Steve, Dave and Brett. I would also like to express a thank you to some other members of the club that play such a vital role in our celebrating the past. Without them, the memory boards and photo books would have never been made, the videos would have never been captured or seen and the club memories and supplies would never have made it to the party. Therefore, special thanks to Nick (Vicki) – photos and 50/50, John (Judy) - photos, Jeff (Karen) – paper, George (Peggy) – property and Mike – projector. I also want to express a special thank you to ALL of our members for their photos and memories in the paper. With all of this being said, the 75th anniversary party is behind us and we look forward to another event and more memories in the making as we take the club into the future. As the committee chairman of this year's event I would like to make a couple of suggestions for moving forward. The 50/50 was a great boost for the event and should be continued. Another observation is that there does seem to be a need to take our more current memories and put them together for the future of the club. We have come a long way and are going to go a long way, having a committee to archive and keep our memories is one that is only going to get more important. I do not know what this would look like, however, I do have some ideas and I feel it is something that we can all think about and as we move forward can possibly take some action on. It is all of our responsibilities to keep the club going and we are standing on the shoulders of giants that have done this prior. I say we honor them and this club by putting some concentrated thought on how to do this going forward.

Happy Anniversary
Matt Hoffman

From the Dominic Angelosantos

While transferring the old VHS tapes to DVD we had a chance to reminisce about the people who made Tri-V possible. Some of those people we've never met and actually had no idea who they were. One thing we noticed was the fun they were having. We wish the oldest tapes had sound, so we could hear what was so funny. Tri-V has been a lot of things to us and fun is near the top. We, also, look back the last two years and when thinking of Tri-V we think of support. The club has been there when a kind word and a hug were especially needed. When we reflect over all the years we've been involved an even larger theme emerges. That is one of friendship. We thank you friends and wish you all a very happy wonderful 75th Anniversary. P.S. We would like to add that the Anniversary committee did a wonderful job. It was obvious that the younger generation knew what the spirit of Tri-V was and incorporated it into the evening. When we see a pantomime show we'll know that Tri-V has come full circle. Love to you all

Annual Tri-V Family Picnic

When: July 15

Time: 12 pm to 7 pm
Lunch is at 1 pm

Where: Clintonwood Park
6000 Clarkston Road
Clarkston, Mi 48348

North Pavillion

Please let Brian, Jay, or Jeff Trachsel know whether you will be attending and what you are dish you are bringing. We also need to know how many people you will have attending. I need a good count of all children attending. The park has a Water Spray Park so make sure to bring the kid's bathing suits. The charge is \$4.00 but the club will pick up most of this cost. That is why we need a good count of children attending.

Please make sure that your bring place settings and drinks.

Just inside the entrance to the park, you will turn left and proceed to the end. The North Pavillion is beside the restrooms. We will have signs to direct you.

Please let us know if you are attending.

Committee: Jeff Trachsel 1 248 249 2921
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Jay Trachsel 1 734 261 4647

Steak Roast

The Steak Roast will be held on Saturday August 11, 2012 at the Gunnar Mettal Park in Wixom. Guests can arrive any time after 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at approximately 4:30 p.m. (earlier than previously published). Please remember to bring your own drinks, place settings, cups, and chairs.

After dinner we will be playing Corn Hole (aka Beanbag Toss).

Please notify Tim Gies ASAP if you are planning to attend or not.

Oh, I forgot to mention that we will be serving **STEAK!**

Final Golf

Final Golf this year will be August 17th - 19th. We will once again be staying at Ray's Retreat. At this point the plan is to play Marsh Ridge, The Pines, and Wilderness Valley. The total cost per person should be somewhere between \$250 and \$275. I will need a deposit of \$100 by July 1st so that I can reserve our spot. I have been promised great weather!! John Mackson

Ladies Getaway

SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8

All the ladies of TRI-V are invited to be a part of the get-a-way weekend In September. We will be going to the Holly, Hartland and Fenton areas For some fun, adventure and good times together.

We will be going to the Tyme Well Spent Tea House in Hartland for a luncheon, touring the beautiful gardens of Garden Park in Holly, enjoying The lovely surroundings of the Heavenly Scent Herb Farm and The Weed Lady plus several other delicious dining places in the area. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Fenton which has a beautiful heated pool and relaxing jacuzzi.

Please put these dates on your calendar for September and plan to get away for a few days with your friends.

I will reserve rooms at the hotel now but ask that you call the Holiday Inn At 810-714-7171 to put them in your name NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15th. There are rooms with two queens beds @ \$94.90 per night (tax included) which is a good rate for those who wish to share.

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY AUGUST 1st IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME. THANKS.

Your committee,

Jan Cashman 248-669-9209

Peg Hoffman 248-349-3702

Trifles

From the J. Lardins

Judy Lardin continues to be Grandma more and more with little Alyssa. She does not know when to say no and is a total joy to both Judy and John. There are times that Alyssa insist on Grandpa not Grandma doing things. She sure knows how to tire out Grandpa. Judy's Mom and sister along with her niece and great-niece made it to Mi to celebrate the graduation of son Johnnie's oldest, Brandon, from high school. The heat started to get to Mom and on her return was taken to the Drs where they removed a liter of fluid from behind her lungs. This is the same problem she had when she was in FL with Judy and John in 2009. They believe this was the problem of her having problems breathing along with 3 small holes in her heart. She is to go back to the Drs July 6th to see if the fluid has returned and Judy is planning on going to IL on July 10th to spend some time with her. Mom always sounds excited when Judy tells her she is coming to visit. The end of July Judy and John will have house guest from the Florida Condo they stay at in the winter. Cathy and Bill are involved in New York with the

Education Union and they are having their convention the end of June in Detroit and after the convention will be spending a "few" days with us. On August 10th Larry, Kim and grandkids are scheduled to visit the family here for 10 days so will be a busy time at the Lardin household.

From J. Trachsel

Karen and I just returned from a visit with Trevor (Karen's Son) in Florida. We got caught in Tropical Storm Debbie driving down. It rained the first 3 days we were there with his area receiving more than 30 inches of rain. At night we were serenaded by all the frogs and came to the drainage area by his apartment. They were so loud that you could not even hear to talk to one another. We went wine tasting in St. Augustine and shopped by the old fort. We even drove down to St. Pete to cheer on the Tigers. For those of you that we have not shared the good news with, Andrea and Steve (my daughter and son in law) are pregnant and due in January 2013.

From the Dusharys

We have sold our home after having it for sale off and on for the past four years. Closing with immediate occupancy was on June 15th. The closing was unbelievably quick. Maybe that's the way it is with a cash deal. We arrived at our home in Ocala on the 17th. Fortunately, some of our lake friends were able to help us with the move. We brought home what our car would handle. One of our neighbors had a trailer that we filled and stored at another neighbor's pole barn. Sometime in September they will bring down the trailer to our community at On Top Of the World (OTOW). Unfortunately, we had to cancel our plans to attend the 75th anniversary gathering.

In mid-July we will travel to Idaho to visit Kathie's brother and sister (Pat & Maggie) for ten days. Pat and his wife, Maryanne, plan to retire this fall and will move to OTOW when they sell their home in Moscow, Idaho. Next summer we plan to come back to the Detroit area and rent a place for a couple of months. We don't have a place yet, but would appreciate any suggestions.

Our mailing address is:

9085 SW 96th Lane, unit B
Ocala, FL 34481

From the Connollys

June 9th -18th we traveled via coach with the Livonia Travel club. We stopped in Auburn, NY then on through Vermont to New Hampshire. We spent the night here at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel. It was a luxurious hotel with a magnificent view of mountains and streams. Next stop was Bethel Maine where we went on a Moose Safari at Grafton State Park. Yes we did see the moose. Day 4 we toured the Bumpus Mine in the morning, and then on to Bangor Maine where we saw Lumberjack Tina's show. Day 5 we were on our way to Arcadia Nation Park; home of the tallest mountain in the U. S. Atlantic Coast. We had free time to shop in Bar Harbor followed by a Lobster boat Cruise. That was the only day it rained, but since we were on an enclosed boat, it didn't bother us. That night we enjoyed a lobster bake at the hotel. We did enjoy a lot of fresh, most delicious seafood dinners on the trip including Maine shrimp, cod, scrod, large sized mussels, haddock, scallops and of course lobster. Day 6 We went on a three hour whale watch cruise in Boothbay Harbor. We were not disappointed. Day 7 We visited a Maritime Museum, and then toured a modern ship building yard at Bath Iron Works. Day 8 it was on to Kennebunkport, Maine, where we drove by George Bush's compound. In the afternoon we were in Boston. We had several step on guides in the different cities who pointed out all the historical sites. We followed Paul Revere's Freedom trail. Day 9 we started the journey home stopping for the night in Clarion Pa. This was our first trip to the northeast. We were overwhelmed with the beauty of the country. Maine's main industry is tourism. Most people come in the winter to ski.

From the Dominic Angelosantos

Each month goes by with us thinking that there are no trifles to write. The ordinary things we do we just repeat again and again, but lo and behold this month is different. Nick retired (well kind of) after 42 years with F.B. Wright Co. F.B.W. had a wonderful farewell lunch with lots of we'll miss you, tears and hugs. That was quite an honor, because this is the first retirement party the company has ever hosted. But that was a week ago and Nick already has a new occupation. He is sharing the delivery business with me. We haven't settled into a routine, but hope to figure out soon (or later, since we have lots of time). Nick's dad still needs plenty of attention, so we are sharing the daily visits, also. It's beginning to look like I'm going into semi-retirement with Nick. So wish us luck as we have no idea what we will be doing next week. Hugs, Victoria

From Marian Anderson

Attached to this newsletter is the flyer for a Trip to Branson, Missouri in November if anyone is interested.

Calendar of Events

July

2nd Men's Golf
Hickory Hills
9th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills
15th Tri-V Family Picnic
Clintonwood Park (12 pm)
16th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills
18th Wives' Mtg.
23rd Men's Golf
Hickory Hills
30th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills

July Birthdays

4TH DION ANGELOSANTO
21st Michael Trachsel

July Anniversaries

7-14-45 Bill & Onallee Trachsel
7-17-65 Terry & Ellie Connolly

August

6th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills
11th Steak Roast
Gunnar Mettal Park (3pm)
13th Men's Golf
Hickory Hills
17th-19th Men's Final Golf

August Birthdays

2ND KATHIE DUSHARY
6th John Lardin
9th Matt VanHollenbeke
21st Katie Stress
28th John Mackson
29th Peg Hoffman

August Anniversaries

8-4-72 Jay & Liz Trachsel
8-4-09 Steve & Amber Trachsel
8-12-78 Jerry & Barb Gies
8-27-71 Terry & Sue Dunham
8-31-51 Dick & Joyce Barnes

MEMORIES FROM THE JULY 2002 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Art and Lorraine Trachsel had to cancel their planned trip to MI due to Lorraine suffering with spinal stenosis. She was scheduled for a series of 3 steroid injections in the spine to give her some relief. Don and Dory Gasco are enjoying their first summer in FL. Don is progressing from his stroke each day and still uses a cane for walking. All continue to pray for Lorraine's and Don's recovery. Susie Dunham celebrated her 50th birthday in TN with family who came from all corners of America (Oregon, Mich. and New York) to harass her while seven TRI-V couples, Jerry and Barb Gies, Tim and Karlyn Gies, Clingermans, Connollys, Hoffmans, Koewlers and Kuhrs left July 17th for a two week tour of Switzerland, Austria and Germany. The Trachsel clan plus the Kuhrs and Angelosantos went to Punderson State Park in Ohio the week of July 4th for their annual family vacation. Judy and John Lardin continued their travels to San Antonio TX to visit Larry and Kim for a week and on their return flew to IL to join Mike to visit Judy's Mom and Dad and returning to MI on July 6th. Tracy Gies, daughter of Tim and Karlyn, became engaged the end of June to Nick Katcherian and their wedding is set for June 7, 2003. The girl's book club is reading their 23rd book this month since they started. Many thought they would never get a book read in a month. They meet the following month to discuss and express their views of the previous read book and suggestions for the following month book to read. The Club continued to accept suggestions for a Tue. Winter Event to replace bowling and the Steak Roast was set for Aug. 10th at Mayberry State Park, Novi.

MEMORIES FROM THE JULY 2007 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

We reported last month on the heart attack suffered by Kirk Trachsel, son of Art and brother of Diane Plocharczyk. The update was printed in the July issue and bottom line is Kirk has successfully come through the life threatening surgery. All or our prayers seem to have paid off. Robyn Mackson has decided to train for a marathon that is scheduled for Oct. 28th in Grand Rapids Mi. Judy Lardin continued to travel this time to Corpus Christi TX to help Larry and Kim watch the grandkids while Kim's grandfather had emergency heart surgery. The surgery was successful and upon her return she and Mike were headed to Illinois to visit Mom/Grandma for five days and Mike to do a few things around the house for Grandma. Tim and Karlyn Gies became grandparents again when daughter Lisa gave birth to baby Andrew on July 3rd. There was an article on the TRI-V 70th Anniversary Party held the weekend of June 22nd through the 24th. at McGuire's in Cadillac Mi. There were also five Anniversary Party Thank You from Club members. The Steak Roast was set for Aug. 4th at Gunnar Mettalla Park, Wixom with dinner scheduled for 4:00 PM. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. The girl's book club is still going strong and continues to read and review a book each month and as of June 2012 have read 125 books. Did Robyn Mackson ever continue her training and run in the marathon at Grand Rapids in 2007? Summer has arrived in earnest. Now is the time to sit back and reminisce of previous summers. Maybe it was the trip down the Detroit River on the Boblo boat or that night at Edgewater Park? Perhaps it was a family trip to Kensington Metro Park for a swim and picnic or the warm evenings we would just "hang" out with our friends and share a laugh. These are memories that once in a while we have to share so we do not loose them completely. I know sitting here on the 4th, we were the ones with the swimming pool and the family would be here to share the good times with Mom, Dad and all the grandchildren. Things we do now will be the memories we share down the road. Until we meet you in print next, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another. We make every attempt to correct any mistakes made in previous memory article. Last month we asked you to remember Ken Plocharczyk in your prayers. It should have said Kirk Trachsel though I am sure Ken Plocharczyk can use our prayers also.

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Day 5: Today, after a Continental Breakfast, you'll start your day with the incredible BRETT FAMILY SHOW. You are in for a real treat when you meet this fabulous family with their distinctive blend of talents. Later, you'll sit down to a three-course meal onboard the famous SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE where you will be treated to a spectacular show as you cruise on the pristine waters of Table Rock Lake.

Day 6: Have Breakfast before you depart Branson and head for an exciting Casino in St. Louis. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: After enjoying Breakfast, you'll depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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