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Tri-V Umph
December 2012

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President's Message

It's already December I can't believe it. Kali is finally past her first trimester and is starting to feel better. The November Social was great good job committee. The Children's Christmas Party is the 16th I hope to see everyone there. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from both Kali and I.

Tri-V Wives Xmas Luncheon

ALL Women associated with Tri-V are invited to join us at Rocky's Restaurant of Northville, 41122 W. Seven Mile Rd., Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30 pm. for our Women's Christmas Lunch. We will have an optional gift exchange with a suggested \$15 cost. Separate checks will be provided. We have scheduled a weekend lunch in the hopes that our working Tri-V friends will be able to join us. Please RSVP to Judy (734) 261-1391 or Vickie (734) 522-5366.

Book Club

The next Book Club discussion will be held on Jan. 21, 2013 at the home of Sherry Kuhr at 7:00 p.m. Book to be discussed is "Defending Jacob" by William Landay.

Pinochle

December Schedule

HOST: Unknown

HOST: B. Trachsel

Connolly
Cashman
N. Angelosanto
Lardin
Romas/Robyn

M. Trachsel
J. Trachsel
Stress
Schaefer

2012-13 TRI-V PINOCHLE STANDINGS								TOTAL		
								POINTS		
S = Sub \$ = Paid Point \$										
	10/6/2012		11/3/2012		12/1/2012		1/5/2013	2/2/2013	3/2/2013	
\$	= Paid Points									
\$	Jane Trachsel	18.5		31.5	A	32.5	A			82.5
\$	Terry Connolly	15.0		26.0	C	30.5	C			71.5
\$	Jack Schaefer	24.0	E	27.0	B	16.5				67.5
\$	Nick Angelosanto	23.5		23.5	Y3	17.0				64.0
\$	Jeff Trachsel	23.5		11.0	@	25.0				59.5
\$	Romas Bliudzius	25.5	C	14.5		19.5				59.5
\$	Ken Stress	19.0		22.5	p	17.0				58.5
\$	Brian Trachsel	24.5	D	23.5	Y3	9.0				57.0
\$	Judy Lardin	15.0		20.0		21.0				56.0
\$	Karlyn Gies	28.0	A	18.5		9.0	@			55.5
\$	John Lardin	19.5		22.0		13.5				55.0
\$	George Hoffman			22.5		32.0	B			54.5
\$	Bob Kuhr	12.0		20.0		20.5				52.5
\$	Robyn Mackson	16.0		18.5		18.0				52.5
\$	Mike Trachsel	11.0	@	22.5		18.5				52.0
\$	Cal Cashman	22.0		21.0		9.0	@			52.0
\$	Tim Gies	26.0	B	17.0		9.0	@			52.0
\$	Sherry Kuhr	21.0		11.0	@	19.5				51.5
\$	Victoria Angelosanto	12.5		17.0		19.5				49.0
\$	Jacqui Schaefer	11.0		23.5	Y3	14.5	p			49.0
\$	Kate Stress	16.5		13.0		18.0				47.5
\$	Ellie Connolly	11.0	@	19.0		16.0				46.0
\$	Kristan Martinisi	11.0	@	19.0		16.0				46.0
\$	Karen Thrift	16.5		11.0	@	15.0				42.5
\$	Jan Cashman	12.0		20.5		9.0	@			41.5
\$	Brett Barnes					29.0	D			29.0
\$	Lynne Barnes					28.5	Ep			28.5
\$	Peggy Hoffman			11.0		15.5				26.5
\$	Jerry Gies	17.5	p							17.5
S	Marilyn Meyers	15.0								15.0
\$	Barb Gies	13.5								13.5
\$ MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY MONTHLY PLAYERS										
\$S 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, E = Fifth Place Winners		
p = Double Pinochle, r = Round House										
V = Tie for First. W = Tie for Second, X = Tie for Third, Y = Tie for Fourth, Z = Tie for Fifth										
Y3 = 3 way tie for Fourth										
The symbol @ stands for absent. This is the lowest score from all houses.										

Pinochle at the Lardins'

The Committee did not know if they would need two houses for December Pinochle and fortunately they did and Judy and John Lardin were fortunate enough to be able to host the event. It was a beautiful evening with no weather related problems. There seemed to be a lot of food though when the evening was done, very few leftovers. Guest included the Connolly's, Angelosanto's, Stress's, Robyn Mackson, Romas Bliudzius, Karen Thrift and Jeff Trachsel. High point getters for the night were Terry Connolly with 30.5 points, Jeff Trachsel with 25 points and Judy Lardin with 21 points. John Lardin brought up the rear with a whopping 13.5 points. After cards, all of us shared 40 minutes of conversation before heading home. Another successful evening with the TRI-V Family

Council Party

The Tri-V Council party will be held at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Saturday, January 19th. We will meet at the museum at 3:00 at the John R. entrance. Our visit will include a viewing of the special Faberge collection as well as access to the entire museum collection. Following the museum trip we will meet for dinner at The Traffic Jam and Snug restaurant which is located at 511 W. Canfield in Midtown Detroit (less than a mile from the museum). A sign up sheet will be passed around at the December meeting. If you are not at the December meeting, but would like to attend the council party, please call Bill at 734-658-7115 on or before January 3rd so we can get final counts to the DIA and the restaurant.

November Social

On November 17, twenty four members and wives traveled all the way over to Birmingham, MI to see the musical Sunset Boulevard at the Birmingham Village Players. This was a performance of the music of Francis Lloyd Weber. The reviews of those that attended were mixed. After the play we moved down the street to Pasquale's Family restaurant. There we were served a family style meal of relishes, salad, pasta and pizza. Coffee, tea and pop were included with a cash bar for those that needed something stronger after the play. After dinner we finished with cake for dessert. The reviews on the fellowship and the food were more universally positive than those for the play. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to those who attended.

Committee
Jack Schaefer
Tim Gies
Brian Trachsel

Children's Xmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 16, 12:30 to 3:30 pm at The Grand Parlour, in Garden City Historical Museum. 6221 Merriman Rd. Located on the west side of Merriman between Warren and Ford Rds. Please bring a wrapped \$10 to \$15 present with your child's name clearly marked for Santa to read on the gift. We are requesting one dozen cookies per family. They can be store bought or home made. Put a note on them if peanuts are part of the ingredients. Lunch will be served. A minimal monetary

assessment will be collected. The children will be making photo ornaments and need a picture no larger than 2" by 2". Please RSVP how many adults and children ASAP to victoriadominic@yahoo.com or (734) 522-5366. Your committee: Bill Trachsel, Matt VanHollebeke and Chairman Nick Angelosanto.

Trifles

From the J. Lardins

Another month and once again Judy and John Lardin will be traveling. This time it is back to Corpus Christi TX to celebrate grandson Jacob's 6th birthday. They plan on leaving on Dec. 6th and return on Dec. 11th. This will be followed with the celebration of grandson Dante's 7th birthday. Both Jacob and Dante were born on Dec. 16th and fortunately the daughter-in-laws have been able to celebrate them on separate weekends allowing Judy and John to be there to celebrate them. While in Texas they will celebrate Christmas with Larry and Kim. We are happy to report that Judy did survive her week of watching two year old Alyssa for a week. She is tired but she did say "If necessary would do it again." Now we have to get ready for the three month to Florida as we will be leaving on Jan. 5th and be returning in April. As we get older the times between each Christmas gets shorter and shorter.

Christmas Greetings

As we are coming upon the Holidays, Sherry Kuhr wanted me to share this with you.

I Corinthians 13 – Christmas Version

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Loves doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Computerized games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure forever!

From the Lardins

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child we take time to reflect back on the last year. For so many of us it has been a tough year with the loss of some family member as well as the loss of members of the TRI-V Family. Let us be sure to take the time to remember those we have lost and think of all the good times we shared with them. The support we have received from the TRI-V Family in one way or another is a testament to the strength of the Family to one another. Our prayers and good wishes go out to all, for all to have a Joyous and Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

From the Schaefers

May we all experience a wonderful holiday season with abundant love, hope, and peace. As our families gather together near or far let us celebrate God's great love for us. Safe travels to all those who have miles to cover.

From the Angelosantos

As we get older we realize how important the lasting friendships we have made are. Thanks for sharing and caring. May your Christmas be beautiful and your New Year healthy.

From the Connollys

May every heart be filled with joy, every home be filled with love, and every life be filled with peace. Christmas blessings be with you and all your loved ones.

From the Kuhrs

It's time for singing, shopping, cooking and visiting with friends and family. We are grateful for the gifts of friendship we have received from our Tri-V friends over the years. God has blessed us with two sons, a daughter-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren. But the best gift God gave us was His son, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate this month. We pray that God will bless you during this season and though out the coming year. **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and have a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** too!

From the W. Trachsel

Greetings from Florida! We want to wish each TRI- V family a wonderful holiday season. We have so many great memories of the many happenings of so many years. We think of the many young ones in the club now and think of the fun time it will be. Our thoughts are with you for Healthy and Happy New Year. Merry Christmas!!!!

From the Stresses

Once again the holiday season is upon us, another year is at its end. We have much to be grateful for. 2012 brought us our beautiful granddaughter Reagan and our grandson is now eight years old. Our families are doing well and good health has blessed us. In all, it has been a wonderful year filled with love and laughter of family and dear friends. We wish our TRI-V family a Merry Christmas, and continued Joy and Blessings in the New Year.

From Shirley Suchner

Christmas will be here soon so I wanted to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Last year was a hard year as I lost "my Bill" but life goes on and I am thankful that he is with the Lord. I am going to leave Florida the end of March and return to Michigan permanently. I will live in my Westland home until I find another Senior Housing near my son, Bill. I have enjoyed it here at Water's Edge - but it's time to move. Have a great Christmas, and I'll see you all in the Spring.

From J. Trachsels

We would like wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a HAPPY and Safe New Year. Hope to see everyone during the Holiday season.

From the Cashmans

We would like to take this time to wish all of our TRI-V friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization and the friendships that we have come to know and love mean the entire world to us. We look forward to all the activities that are planned throughout the year and always try to attend as many as possible. Thanks to all the committees for their dedicated work.

From the Plocharczyks

Christmas Greetings to our Tri-V friends and family. May the miracle of Christ's birth fill your hearts with joy and peace - now and throughout the coming year. We love you and miss you.

Calendar of Events

December

- 1st Pinochle
- 3rd Book Club
 J.Lardins (7pm)
- 12th Men's Mtg.
 Walker's Speakeasy (6:30pm)
- 15th Wive's Xmas Luncheon
 Rocky's Restaurant (12:30pm)
- 16th Children's Xmas Party
 Grand Parlour (12:30pm)

December Birthdays

- 1st Michelle Trchsel
- 14th Terry Connolly

December Anniversaries

January

- 5th Pinochle
- 9th Men's Mtg.
 Walker's Speakeasy (6:30pm)
- 19th Council Party
 DIA (3pm)
- 21st Book Club
 Sherry Kuhr(7pm)

January Birthdays

- 2nd George Hoffman
- 17th Diane Plocharczyk
- 23rd Geoff Steinhauer
- 27th Bob Kuhr
- 30th Jack Schaefer

January Anniversaries

- 1-3-75 Tim & Karlyn Gies

MEMORIES FROM THE DECEMBER 2002 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

This issue was one of the larger issues in the last year with more trifles than any other issue. As usual we had members of the TRI-V Family in need of our prayers. We start with Bill Suchner who has to have a cancerous tumor removed from his neck and will delay his and Shirley's trip to FL for at least two months. Bob Wendt had a scare as he had blood clots in his legs and had him in the hospital for four days. The scar that Judy Lardin had on her nose that we thought been caused from her glasses was diagnosed as a skin cancer. The ulcer was removed in the Drs. Office and the cancer removed. She did not have to have any radiation or chemo. Lorraine Trachsel was diagnosed with lung cancer and was to begin radiation for 15 days followed by chemo to work on the problem in her lung. Bill Trachsel suffered a stroke on Dec. 3rd and fortunately the only medication being prescribed was aspirin and physical therapy. For all of the above we continued to pray for their complete recovery. There was another article in the "So You Will Know Them Better" series, this one furnished by Bud Massoll as well as the train trip across Canada taken by the Bill Suchners and Wendts in Oct. Those traveling included Tim and Karlyn Gies to South Carolina over the Thanksgiving Holiday, Terry and Susie Dunham to Myrtle Beach in their motorhome, Brett and Lynn Barnes and kids spent Thanksgiving on board the Majesty of the Seas, Judy and Mike Lardin to Illinois on Thanksgiving evening to spend the weekend with her Mom and Dad and the Schaefer family traveling to upper MI to their cabin with the entire family for Thanksgiving and deer hunting. Details were furnished for the TRI-V January Social to be an evening of curling at Roseland Golf and Curling Club, Windsor, and the Anniversary Party on March 15th.

MEMORIES FROM THE DECEMBER 2007 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

What a wonderful way to start the Christmas Issue of TRI-V Umph with no reported TRI-V family members in need of our prayers though I do imagine there might have been some. There were a few reported traveling the later part of Nov. and Dec. The Clingermans spent Thanksgiving in Mexico for their nephews wedding, Ken Plocharczyk to Las Vegas to lend a helping to his brother-in-law, Kirk Trachsel who was recovering from leg surgery and the Hoffman's and Bill Trachsels returning to MI for the Christmas holiday. Bob and Peg Wendt have decided to stay where they are and not go to a retirement home at this time as their health continues to be on the positive side. We had the details about the trip to Greece in late Sep. by the Kuhr and Tim, Jerry, Karlyn and Barb Gies. There were articles on the Florida TRI-V Anniversary Party on March 15th in Elton FL, the TRI-V Council Party to be held at Novi Bowl, Novi, on Jan. 26th and the TRI-V February Social a guided tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts on Feb. 23rd. We read about the November Social held Dec. 7th at the Palace of Auburn Hills attended by 15 members, 1 prospective and 16 friends to watch the Pistons play the Chicago Bulls and the Children's Christmas Party and pinochle hosted by the Schaefer's. Pinochle standings through Dec. play had Jeff Trachsel in first place with 77.5 points, Jacqui Schaefer in second place with 73 points and Kate Stress in third place with 68.5 points. This wraps up another trip down Memory Lane. This has been a special year for the TRI-V Family. I cannot remember in all my years as a Club member so many of us suffering both Club losses as well as personal family member losses. For all we have to be thankful for the support and love shared with the TRI-V Family. I think the highlight of the memories was the trip by Terry and Sue Dunham to Myrtle Beach in their motor home. They had been told that a Jeep was a good vehicle for towing and part way through the trip they vehicle broke down and had to be left for repair part through the trip. In 2002 we had 20 Christmas greetings and in 2007 we had 22 Christmas greetings. This has been about average but could be more. It does not take much effort to send a greeting. How will 2012 be? One cannot help as we watch our children and grandchildren open their gifts how it was when they were small and the excitement when they received that "special" gift they asked Santa for and were fortunate to receive. Take the time this year to share

these memories, take pictures or movies to share in the future with the family. Most important do not let the precious moments disappear as they happen. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tri-V Committee Assignments for 2013

Month	Event/Committee	Budgeted	Budget '11	Chairman	Committee
J	Council Party	X	\$200	Vice President	Council
M	Family Event	X	\$140	Matt H.	Jeff T. Ryan T. Dale H.
A	Final Pinochle	X	\$100	Bob K.	Romas B. Geoff S. Ken S.
M	Open house			Nick A.	Cal C. Jack S.
J	Initiation/ Stag			Brian T.	Tim G.
J	Anniversary Party	X	\$500	Steve T.	Lee A. Jack S. John M. Jay T.
J	Picnic	X	\$200	Terry C.	Brett B. John L. Dave B.
A	Steak Roast	X	\$250	Tim G.	Jerry G. John M. Eric H. George H.
A	Final Golf			Jeff T.	Steve T. Geoff S. John L.
O	October Stag	X	\$50	Dave B.	Jack S. Ken S.
N	November Social	X	\$100	Cal C.	Bob. K. Romas B.
D	Children's Christmas Party	X	\$150	Nick A.	Jay T. Matt H. Brian T.
*	Florida Anniversary				
*	Newsletter	X	\$400	Jeff T.	John L.
*	Pinochle		-	Ken S.	Brian T.
*	Golf		-	Jay T.	Dave B.
*	Bowling/Other		-	Steve T.	Jeff T.
*	Nominations		-	Cal C.	Romas B. Ken S.
*	Membership		-	Jay T.	Bob K.
*	Property		-	George H.	
*	Audit		-	John M.	Brian T.

