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Tri-V Umph
May 2013

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President's Message

Ok, spring has finally arrived and it is great. Kali is in her 8th month now and is ready for Stella to arrive. We had Final Pinochle on April 20th and it was great. Fun games and friends always make for a great time. Good job committee! Just a reminder that we have a break in the meetings until September 11th, but we have Open House on May 11th. Hope to see you there.

2013 TRI-V ELECTIONS

The TRI-V elections were held on Wednesday March 13, 2013.

The officer elections went as follows:

Bill Trachsel	President
Steve Trachsel	Vice President
Mike Trachsel	Treasurer
Matt VanHollebeke	Secretary

After the officers' election we had the election for three openings on the council. Elected for a two year term is Dion Angelosanto, Bob Kuhr and Ken Stress.

This completes the 2013-2015 officer and council elections.

Please note that most of the offices were filled by volunteers. Thanks for stepping up for your club.

Your Election Committee: Cal Cashman, Chairman, Romas Bliudzius and Ken Stress

Tri-V Wives Meeting

No formal meeting will be held this month. All women of Tri-V are invited to the May 18th Luncheon.

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karlyn Gies. Book we are discussing is "All the Flowers in Shanghai" by Duncan Jepson.

The following month on Tuesday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. we will be discussing "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese at the home of Suzanne Schaefer.

All are invited to join us and discuss the book.

Other books recommended are:

"Calling Me Home" by Julie Kilber

"The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri

Ladies' May Dinner

Saturday, May 18th

We will all be enjoying a lunch together at The Parthenon, located at 40380 Grand River in Novi. 12:30 is happy hour with lunch at 1:00. We will be ordering our own request off the menu. If the weather permits we may be able to sit and enjoy our meals on the patio. Please contact Jacqui if attending. schaeferjack@ymail.com or 248-349-7359 or 248-515-7830. We would love to see you young moms attend.

Final Pinochle - 2013

Final Pinochle was held on Saturday, April 20th at Leon's of Wixom. There were 17 members and 16 guests in attendance. Dinner was served with a choice of lemon chicken, pork chops, salmon, or ribs. After dinner, Brian Trachsel handed out the prize money from our pinochle season. Unfortunately, Jane Trachsel was not present to accept her first place plaque. Apparently she couldn't resist the urge to take her winnings to the casinos in Indiana. We then divided up into six tables to play a card game called Salad. Sherry and I were taught this game while visiting the Clingermans in South Carolina. After some instructional difficulties, it seemed that most people enjoyed the game. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners (lowest score) at each table. A "grand prize" was awarded to the lowest overall score (Negative 20) garnered by George Hoffman. His prize was a salad bowl and tongs sprinkled with some greenbacks. A booby prize was also given to the highest score (Plus 700) rung up by Jack Schaefer. Hopefully his prize, a head of lettuce, will encourage him to work on his salad skills. Thanks to Ken Stess for doing all the follow-up to get people signed up, to Geoff Steinhauer for taking care of the finances at the restaurant, and for Sherry for tending to all the things I would have forgotten to do. Respectfully, Bob Kuhr

May Open House

Saturday, May 11, 2013, Brentwood Golf Course, 1450 Havenwood , White Lake, MI. There will be a shotgun start between 8:30 and 9:00. Prices are the same as last year, golf, cart, dinner and all prize money for \$70.00. You may invite Family members and friends that you would like to introduce to Tri-V. Please let me know by April 30. Chairperson Nick Angelosanto (734) 522-5366 or victoriadominic@yahoo.com, Cal Cashman, Jack Schaefer

2013 Anniversary Party

Due to scheduling conflicts we are changing the date for the 2013 Anniversary Party to Friday June 21st.

The event will be held at the AMVETS hall on 1217 S. Merriman Rd. Westland, MI 48186. We need your help. For this year's anniversary party we would like to recreate some of the old Tri-V pantomime shows. The committee is looking for volunteers to act out skits. These skits could be acted live at the anniversary party or pre-recorded and played during the anniversary party. You can choose your skit. Consider something from Laurel & Hardy, Abbott & Costello or the Three Stooges or one of the old radio programs. Ever hear of the Shadow or Amos & Andy? Need help with material? Contact Steve Trachsel or Robin Mackson. This could be a lot of fun to work on with a small group as well as a lot of fun at the party. If you are willing to act out a scene, please contact Steve Trachsel trach1s@hotmail.com or (586)850-0161 with your skit idea and group member's names.

Tri-V Final Golf

August 16th-18th

I have saved spots for 24 people at Ray's Retreat in Gaylord. Right now I only have 10 people that have sent in there deposit. I need 100.00 for the down payment. I've pushed it back to the 18th of May. I'm sending in the down payment on the 20th. If you plan on going please get your money in on time. The other 180.00 dollars will be due July 20th.

Jeff Trachsel, Chairman, Geoff Steinhauer, Steve Trachsel and John Mackson

Please send money to Jeff Trachsel

Tri-V Picnic

It will be Saturday July 13th at Heritage Park on Farmington Rd between 10 and 11 Mile roads. There is a splash park, playground equipment, nature center and has free parking.

Kids Xmas Party

The Children's Christmas party will be SUNDAY, DEC. 8 more info to follow.

Trifles

From the Kuhrs

Highlights of Our Southern Journey by Bob & Sherry

- Spending some relaxing days at Top of the World with the Dusharys after the long drive to Florida.
- Watching our grandchildren swim in the pool at the house we rented in Clermont Florida.
- Ea holding a python at Gatorland. She got the T-shirt with the picture to prove it.
- Seeing how fearless the kids are going down the slides at Wet 'n Wild and riding the roller coasters at Disney.
- Sharing the Star Wars ride at Hollywood Studios with the Angelosanto/Mackson clan. (What are the odds of that unplanned encounter?)
- Playing card and board games with the whole family (Bob, Sherry, Chris, Rob, Diana, Ea, and Trey).
- Spending some more relaxing days with the Clingermans at Sun City S.C. before our long drive back to Michigan.
- Going to a concert to hear the Lowcountry Community Concert Band, a 54-piece group in which John plays the French horn. The music was excellent!
- Counting the blessings we have in family and friends. God is good!

A few lowlights happened too:

- The loooong lines at all the Disney World parks.
- Sherry getting pink eye causing us to miss our planned visit to the Holy Land in Orlando.
- The loooong drive along I-95 from Orlando to South Carolina. (Everyone was headed north after Easter week.)

FOR ALL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS ON MOTHERS DAY

We have printed this before but feel it is worth repeating with all the new Mothers we have in TRI-V the last couple of years.

... And God Created A Mother

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, he was into his sixth day of overtime when the angel appeared and said "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one...Six pairs of hands? No Way!"

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes...one pair that sees through closed doors when she asks," "What are u kids doing in there?...Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know. And, of course, the ones here in the front that can look at a child who goofs up and says, "I understand and I love you." without so much as uttering a word..." The angel circled the model very slowly "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure.

"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise and dream," said the Creator. Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into the model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

“You’re a genius,” said the angel.
The Lord looked somber. “I didn’t put it there.”

Calendar of Events

MAY

6, 13, 20 Golf league
11th May Open House
Brentwood Golf Course (8:30 am)
18th Wives Spring Luncheon
The Parthenon (12:30 pm)

May Birthdays

1ST Nick Angelosanto & Jerry Gies
6th Onallee Trachsel
8th Karlyn Gies & Jan Cashman
14th Sherry Steinhauer
22nd Donna Clingerman
23rd Liz Trachsel
24th Susan Dunham
26th David Burke

May Anniversaries

5-6-69 Ken & Kate Stress
5-11-02 Geoff & Sherry Steinhauer
5-12-06 Matt & Christine Hoffman
5-14-71 Nick & Victoria Angelosanto
5-24-09 Dave & Kim Burke

June

3, 10, 17, 24 Golf league
4th Book Club
Karlyn Gies (7pm)
21st Anniversary Party
Amvets Hall

June Birthdays

8th Marilyn Myers
12th Jay Trachsel

June Anniversaries

6-4-94 Ken & Diane Plocharczyk
6-14-02 Dion & AnneMarie Angelosanto
6-22-68 Lee & Marian Anderson
6-23-01 John & Robyn Mackson
6-29-63 John & Judy Lardin
Tom & Bonnie Untener

MEMORIES FROM THE MAY 2003 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

It is no fun doing the Memories when you read of a Member or Spouse that has passed away. The month of May our prayers went out to Sophia Ayotte on the passing of our oldest member Nap on April 28th. He was only three weeks shy of his 100th birthday. Our prayers also went out to Ginny Massoll who was hospitalized, to Lorraine Trachsel for the continuing problems she was having with her legs and Vickie Angelosanto who was recovering from her misstep on a doormat and twisting and breaking two bones in her left foot. No cast or surgery was needed for Vickie but she did try to make a fashion statement wearing one slipper and one shoe. Gretchen Dunham, daughter of Suzie and Terry, was recovering from a passed kidney stone with four more stones left in the kidney. The doctors are hoping that the remaining stones are big enough to zap them. We welcomed two new Prospective Members in to the Club, Geoff Steinhauer and Nick Katcherian. The Club Initiation was set for June 1th at The Crystal Lounge, Dearborn Heights MI. Final pinochle was held at The Maples, Novi, with 48 members, spouses and guest attending. Once again we played Court Whist with Terry Connolly being the big winner with 209 points and Bob Kuhr second with 206 points. The Wives Weekend was set for August 8th to 10th at Saunder Village near Archbold OH. Final Golf was returning to Gaylord area the weekend

of August 22nd through the 24th and Couples Golf Weekend was set for September 13th and 14th in Frankenmuth. Other TRI-V Members were coming or going or changing their life style in some way. Donna and John Clingerman spent a restful week visiting relatives in Virginia Beach and sitting on a sunny beach in North Carolina while Kathy Dushary was starting a new job at another insurance agency in Lansing. Jacqui and Jack Schaefer spent Easter at their daughters decorating her soon to be nursery with the twins due in August and Judy Lardin again used the Northwest Air Lines flight benefits to fly to Illinois to drive her Mom and Dad to Michigan for Ester and driving them back home then flying back to Detroit.

MEMORIES FROM THE MAY 2008 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

The month of May, 2008, issue of The TRI-V Umph was a more friendly issue to read as all seemed to be in good health. There were more articles about the different events than the comings and goings of Club Members. Bob and Peg Wendt had Bill and Shirley Suchner visiting them for a three day visit. Kathy and Art Dushary were getting their new home in Ocala FL fixed up for the following year while daughters, Carol, were moving to Vero Beach FL making both daughters close to Bob and Peg. This was Arts first year of full and has put his home in Michigan on the market. Andrea Trachsel, daughter of Jeff Trachsel had completed her studies at Schoolcraft College, Livonia, and was preparing to start the nursing program at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, in the fall. Son Ryan was in the California desert on training maneuvers for his sting back in Iraq. Final Pinochle was held on April 5th at the AM Vets Hall in Westland. There was an open bar and socializing followed with a buffet dinner then a TRI-V version of Jeopardy with the winning team comprised of Bud Massoll, Romas Bliudzius, Tom and Bonnie Untener, Terry and Ellie Connolly and Nick and Vickie Angelosanto. Upcoming listed events included May Open House at Gateway Golf Club, Romulus, on May 10th, the initiation of Steve Trachsel on June 6th at The Speakeasy, Dearborn Heights, the annual TRI-V Family Picnic on July 27th at Gunnar Mettala Park, Wixom, the annual TRI-V Steak Roast on August 9th also at Mettala Park, Wixom and lastly Final Golf the weekend of August 16th through August 18th at Kendallville IN. Other non TRI-V functions included a trip to Eastern Market on May 10th for flower day and lunch arranged by Marian Anderson, the Shower Of Love baby charity shower sponsored by Sophia Ayotte's daughter, Carolyn Haselwoo, on May 8th at Monaghan K of C, Livonia and a trip to Branson MO on America by rail with a group of fellow TRI-V members. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mother's Day. Speaking of Grandmothers they have to remember that they have to spoil their grandchildren. It's a grandparent's right and responsibility as well as a grandchild's expectation. Speaking of grandparents we all know the power of a strong handshake but remember that one of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather. Our children and grandchildren grow up so fast. We have memories of our childhood with our grandparents. Share these memories with our children and grandchildren. We take time to discuss the daily happenings going on in our lives, take the time to share some of the memories also. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.

Tri-V Committee Chairmen & Dates for 2013-2014

Month	Event/Committee	2013	2014	2013Chairman	2014 Chairman
J	Council Party			Vice President	Council
M	Family Event			Matt H.	
A	Final Pinochle			Bob K.	
M	Open house	5/11/2013		Nick A.	
J	Initiation/ Stag			Brian T.	
J	Anniversary Party	6/21/2013		Steve T.	
J	Picnic	7/13/2013		Terry C.	
A	Steak Roast			Tim G.	
A	Final Golf	8/16-8/18		Jeff T.	Jeff T.
O	October Stag			Dave B.	
N	November Social			Cal C.	
D	Children's Christmas Party	12/8/2013		Nick A.	
*	Florida Anniversary				
*	Newsletter			Jeff T.	Jeff T.
*	Pinochle			Ken S.	Brian T.
*	Golf			Jay T.	
*	Bowling/Other			Steve T.	
*	Nominations			Cal C.	
*	Membership			Jay T.	
*	Property			George H.	
*	Audit			John M.	