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President's Message

“back to school” ads are all over the TV, radio, and papers. That can mean only one thing; summer is nearly over. While the weather hasn't been the best this summer, it still beats winter. I will remain in denial about summer being almost over for at least one more week, then begin planning for the new school year.

The golf league wrapped up this week. The championship matches were played on Monday at Hickory Hills. I emerged as the “A flight” champion just edging out my father. In the “B flight” Nick Angelosanto took care of his opponent Mike Lewandowski. Thanks Dave and Jay for another great season. Please check for my new address before sending me the trophy and oversized check.

The end of the golf season also means final golf in Gaylord. This typically involves many guys driving to a remote lodge in a far off land, playing golf all day, eating a good healthy dinner, then going to bed early. Don't worry ladies, we are always well mannered and very responsible. Thanks to Jeff Trachsel, Steve Trachsel, and Geoff Steinhaur for organizing this weekend getaway. It should be a great time!

This year's Tri-V picnic was a huge success. The turnout for this event was exceptional, the food was fantastic, and the weather was glorious. Great job Terry, John L., and Dave for putting everything together.

Regular club meetings start again on Wednesday, September 11 at Walker's Speakeasy at 6:30. Hope to see everyone there.

Tri-V Wives Meeting

The wives' meeting will be held on August 21st at the home of Sherry Kuhr at 7 pm. All women of Tri-V are invited to attend.

GIRL'S WEEKEND

The Girl's Weekend is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 to Wednesday September 25. We will be attending a fall flower festival at the Frederick Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We will leave by car at 9:00am on Tuesday and should arrive in Grand Rapids 2 hours later. After lunch we will attend the tours and a Tram ride through the Garden spending most of Tuesday at the garden. I will follow later with some details about the expense.

We will return on Wednesday after a leisurely morning breakfast. Again, questions? Please contact Jacqui. 248-349-7359 For those of you who love gardening this trip should be a must.

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be Monday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Sherry Kuhr's home. Book we will be discussing is "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear. All women of Tri-V are invited to join us in discussing any of these books. Please let us know if you have a book that you would recommend for reading.

Tri-V Final Golf

August 16th-18th

We have 28 golfers signed up and paid for the weekend of the 16-18th in Gaylord. Friday's golf will be at The Lakes with first tee time at 12:30 P.M. We will be playing a 2 man scramble. Please be at the golf course by 11:45 A.M., so we can get everybody set up with team and foursomes. We will be having a steak dinner at Ray's Motel after golf is done that day. Geoff, Steve and John have the prize money set up and this will be paid out each night during dinner. Friday night after dinner the top 7 golfers will draft teams for the Saturday 4 man scramble at Elk Ridge in Atlanta, Michigan. It's about a 45 minute drive for Saturday's golf and the first tee time is 10:30 A.M. so we need to start leaving about 9:15. Dinner will be at Ray's again on Saturday with Hamburgers and Hot dogs. Also breakfast each morning at Ray's. Sunday will be at the Pines Golf Course. All we need now is good weather for the weekend. Look forward to seeing everybody and bring your A game for the weekend. Your Committee: Jeff, Geoff, Steve and John

Tri-V Picnic

Saturday, July 13th was a perfect day as it was sunny with very little breeze and not too hot. Eighteen members and one perspective family showed up for a total of 45 adults and 29 children. There was plenty of food for everyone. Goodie bags were given to the children. After eating, John Lardin was in charge of the coin scramble for children age 4 and under. Not so sure shredded paper was better than sand. Just ask Terry. Dave Burke was in charge of the older kids games. The potato sack race was won by Jayden Anderson; second place was cousin, Chloe Loftus. Hidden shoe race was won by Chloe and second place went to Raven Peoples. The balloon toss was won by team Jayden Anderson and Logan Faulkner, 2nd place Ian Trachsel and Levon Trachsel. Water relay was won by Jayden and Chloe; second place Alayna Anderson and Conor Lofus. The adult chipping contest for women was won by Debbie Anderson Loftus (a non-golfer) with the closest to the center of the ring. Michelle Trachsel also won a prize for having 2 balls in the ring. The men's contest was won by John Mackson the only one to get a ball in the circle. Heritage park was a perfect place for the picnic with the large open game area, and the closeness of the play area and splash park. A big thank you to the committee and their wives for making the picnic so successful. Committee: Terry Connolly & Ellie, John Lardin & Judy, and Dave Burke & Kim

Steak Roast

The Annual Steak Roast is going to be held August 31st 2013, at Gunnar Mettala Park located at 645 Mettala Road in the City of Wixom, this is the same park that we have had the steak roast in the past.

Please call or email John Mackson to let him know how many will be attending in your party, prior to August 27th, we want to make sure we will have enough steaks. John's phone number is 734- 564-7039 email coachjcm@yahoo.com. Please bring your own plates and silverware and what you are going to drink. The committee is planning dinner at 5 PM please arrive anytime after 3 PM. The committee is also asking anyone with a Bocci Ball game or corn hole game to bring it with them. We are planning to play both games that day. Any questions? please call Tim Gies 248-910-1886. Your Committee, Jerry Gies, John Mackson, Eric Hoffman, George Hoffman, Tim Gies Chairman

Trifles

From T. Gies

NOTICE:

Several people have been trying to get us on the phone and were not aware that we no longer have a land line in Michigan. Please ignore the Tri-V roster and use our cell phone numbers at all times. Sorry that some of you have been frustrated trying to reach us.

Tim cell 248-910-1886

Karlyn cell 248-910-1632

Trifle - Tim Gies is RETIRED !! As of May 31st Tim is retired but may feel he is just on vacation. June 15th we celebrated two family weddings. The Gies wedding brought out of town company to Michigan and was celebrated in Caseville Michigan, which is in the thumb area. We had a house rented there for four days and had a great visit. Then it was home to wash clothes and repack leaving on June 20th along with Tim's brother Dave and sister-in-law Sandie. We flew to Anchorage Alaska. Spent a week exploring the interior of Alaska. Had the best weather ever and got a full cloudless shot of Mt. McKinley which I guess is almost unheard of. We then joined a cruise for a week going down to Vancouver Canada, where we spent a couple of days. From there we went to Victoria, then ferried to Seattle Washington where we spent a couple of days. Picked up a rental car and traveled down the coast of Washington and Oregon arriving in San Francisco where we spent three days with Dave and Sandie's daughter Kathryn. Everything about the trip was wonderful, except living out of a suitcase for almost a month. We arrived home to an empty house as Curt and his family had moved into their new home while we were away. Also our daughter Lisa and her boys were here for a visit when we arrived home. We plan on seeing all of you before we travel back to our home in Florida sometime in early October.

From the Lardins

The month of July and first part of Aug. proved to be a busy, busy month for Judy Lardin. As many of you know she was the executor of her Mom's estate on her passing last Aug. She put her home in IL up for sale Sep. of last year and after three price reductions and extending the offer three times she finally received an acceptable offer on May 5th She was finally able to close on the house on July 26th as well as all the making the payments on the final bills. John says "She never had doubts that the sale would go through!" With the closing Judy thought now she could relax but circumstances have made it necessary for her to perform her grandmotherly duties and watch her grandchildren more than she thought but she does enjoy it. There will be a big break for her as she and John will be leaving on

Aug. 13th and returning on Aug. 17th for a trip to Idaho to visit her last surviving uncle on her Mom's side of the family. They will be joined in Idaho by four of Judy's cousins for a mini family gathering.

From the W. Trachsels

Michelle Trachsel has had a busy summer. On top of working, keeping up with the kids, moving into a new house, playing softball, volleyball, and golf, she has managed to find time to train for some pretty cool events. In June, she completed her first Tough Mudder in Brooklyn, Michigan. For those of you who have not heard of this before, the Tough Mudder is a 12 mile run. As if that weren't tough enough, there are 20 boot camp type obstacles to overcome. Some obstacles include jumping into ice water, climbing a 12 foot wall, crawling through a field of live electrical wires, and a 15 foot free fall into muddy water. Not only did she enjoy the Mudder, but she plans on doing it again next year. She is looking for some teammates to join her. If you are interested, let me know and I will get you the necessary information. In July she completed her 10th career triathlon. The "sprint" triathlon consists of a 500 meter swim, a 20 Kilometer (12.4 mile) bike ride, and a 5 Kilometer (3.1 mile) run. The "Tri-For-Life" which promotes organ donation awareness, has been held at Otter Lake near Flint for the last 4 years. Michelle has participated in this event all four years. This year she finished 3rd in her age group and took home a trophy. Michelle continues to train for upcoming events. She will be competing in two more triathlons this summer.

Calendar of Events

August

5, 12 Golf League
16-18th Men's Golf Weekend
31st Steak Roast
Gunnar Mettala Park (3pm)

August Birthdays

2nd Kathie Dushary
6th John Lardin
9th Matthew VanHollebeke
21st Katie Stress
28th John Mackson
29th Peg Hoffman

August Anniversaries

8-4-72 Jay & Liz Trachsel
8-4-07 Steve & Amber Trachsel
8-12-78 Jerry & Barb Gies
8-27-71 Terry & Sue Dunham

September

11th Men's Mtg.
Walkers Speakeasy (6:30 pm)
24th-25th Wives Weekend
Fredrick Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids

September Birthdays

8th Joyce Barnes
9th Shirley Suchner
12th Lee Anderson
16th Art Trachsel
26th Jane Trachsel
& Matt Hoffman

September Anniversaries

9-16-67 Bob & Sherry Kuhr
9-18-71 Geo & Peg Hoffman
9-20-68 Art & Kathie Dushary
9-30-89 Cal & Janet Cashman

MEMORIES FROM THE AUGUST 2003 ISSUE OF THE TRI-V UMPH

Lorraine Trachsel continues her gallant fight with much aid from hospices, friends, neighbors and family. We ask you to continue to remember her in your prayers. Dear Peg Wendt continues to have serious health problems. The beginning of July she was having problems breathing and went from Gratiot Hospital to the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio where she had open heart surgery to replace and micro valve, artery by-pass and surgical pulmonary vein isolated to cure arterial fibrillation. When she returned home she developed a high fever and was again rushed to the hospital and in on antibiotics used aggressively for 5 weeks to treat a virus of unknown origins. She is in need of all or prayer. Don Winters, one of the original five, now lives at an Independent Living Complex in Livonia. His granddaughters sold his home in FL, his car and his golf clubs and is always looking for visitors. On Aug. 1st Diane Plocharczyk was involved in a broadside accident when an auto pulled out in front of her and fortunately no one was hurt but much damage done to her car. Karlyn and Tim Gies are to become grandparents again when daughter Lisa and husband John are expecting their first child in Feb. Jacquie and Jack Schaefer became grandparents of twins when daughter, Sandra, gave birth in late July. The Steak Roast was set for Aug. 16th at Mayberry Sate Park and Final Golf set for Aug. 22nd then Feather Bowling on Nov. 8th at Cadieux Café, Detroit.

MEMORIES FROM THE AUGUST 2008 ISSUE OF THE TRI-V UMPH

Several members of the TRI-V Family were ailing and in need of our prayers this month. Art Trachsel continues to recover from his knee replacement surgery the first part of July. Terry Dunham's father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in New York. Terry in the meantime came down with TIA or mini stroke and continue suffering with the problem the middle of Aug. We ask all to continue to remember them in your prayers. Jan and Cal Cashman visited their son in San Diego CA the first part of June visiting all parts of the area while Judy and John Lardin made a trip to Corpus Christi TX to visit son, Larry, and family and help while he and Kim opened their family style restaurant. Shirley and Bill Suchner's planned trip on a paddlewheel boat from St. Paul MN to St. Louis MO was changed due to flooding on the upper Mississippi River and the trip started at Cincinnati OH instead. While on the "cruse" Bill came down with a 24 hour virus and Shirley caught one the next day. Not quite the trip they planned. John Lardin took delivery of his new Ford Flex (red box). He finally found a vehicle that gave him ample, leg and shoulder room. The Steak Roast was set for Aug. 9th at Mettala Park, Wixom and Final Golf set for the weekend of Aug. 16th. The TRI-V Family Picnic was held July 27th at Mettala Park, Wixom, with 55 adults and 26 children in attendance. Michelle and Jay Trachsel won the egg toss and Bill Suchner and Sherry Kuhr won the golf chipping contest. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. There was not a whole lot to report in the 2003 issue. We mentioned the new Flex John purchased in 2008, it lasted two years and he ended up with a 2011 the he currently drives. The first one was his first least and the three year lease had the mileage up in two years. We are now in what they call the "dog days" of summer though this has not been much of a summer with the temp going from 90s one week to the low 80s the next and a lot of rain. Next month we will be getting ready for the little ones to start school. Maybe now would be a good time to share the memories you went through when you started school, maybe the first time in grade school, junior high or high school. Were you nervous? Mom or dad wanted to walk you there but you thought as a first grader you were too old to have them walk with you? Perhaps now take the time to talk about those special days this summer you enjoyed as a family, the picnic, vacation out of town or the trip to an amusement park. Share these memories, don't let them pass. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.

