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President's Message

September has to be one of my favorite months of the year. I know, as a teacher, just the mention of the word September is supposed to send a shudder down my spine. But, there is a certain level of excitement surrounding the beginning of school. The kids are well rested and usually ready to learn. The teachers are well rested and ready to teach. There is a feeling of hope and anticipation in the air. That good feeling usually lasts until October.

It also helps that September is the beginning of football season. Those feelings of hope and anticipation I described above can be seen in Lions fans everywhere. And usually that good feeling lasts until October as well.

The Tri-V club had a busy summer as well. The golf league enjoyed probably its finest season in five years. In case you missed last month's issue, I emerged as the A flight champion. Final golf in Gaylord in mid August went off without a hitch. Everyone there had a great time. The committee put in a lot of hours setting things up before hand, and that hard work paid off. Thanks again to the final golf committee of Jeff T, Geoff S, Steve T, and of course John M.

The Tri-V picnic was held on August 31st in Wixom. 33 people attended the event. I was not able to attend the event, but hopefully everyone had a good time. thanks to Tim G for his planning and preparation for the last event of the summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 at Walker's Speakeasy.

[William Trachsel](#)



Happy Birthday Art!!!!

On September 16, Art Trachsel will celebrate his 93rd Birthday. Art is the oldest living member of Tri-V. He joined Tri-V in September of 1939. If you would like to wish Art a Happy Birthday his address is: The Brook, 1201 W. Cedar Ave. Apt. B12, Gladwin, Mi. 48624

Tri-V Wives Meeting

The meeting in September will be held at the Tri-V Wives outing in Grand Rapids. The October meeting will be October 16 at the home of Barb Gies at 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: The new starting time of 1:00 p.m.

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 9:00 am 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 held at the Tri-V Wives outing in Grand Rapids.

All can join in the discussion. The book we will be discussing is "Betrayal of Trust" by J. A. Jance.

2013 Tri V Golf Season

The Tri V regular golf season wrapped up on Monday 8-12 with a playoff of the 1st and 2nd half winners. The "A" flight had a father and son match Jay going against Bill. In the "B" flight 1st half winner Mike Lewindowski went go against Nick Angelosanto who won the 2nd half convincingly. Bill and Nick both dominated their matches and won the league championship handily. Congratulations to Bill and Nick for a fine season. Congratulations also to Mike and Jay for winning the 1st half for their flights.

The season was well attended with 14 regular golfers in prize money. Most nights we had 3 to 4 groups which is the best turn out we have had in years and we only had 1 rain out despite all the rain in the area this year. Dave and I would like thank all the golfers this year for a successful season and hope to have everyone back next year.

Attached is the final pay sheet out for the season.

Committee: Jay Trachsel, Dave Burke

Tri-V Final Golf

August 16th-18th

We had another great weekend up in Gaylord for final golf. Everybody liked the courses that we selected but thought Saturday was a long day driving over to Atlanta to play Elk Ridge. If we play Elk Ridge next year we will look into playing that on Friday. We had 27 golfers on Friday at the Lakes Golf Course, than back to Ray's for a steak dinner cooked by Geoff with Ray's supplying the sides and dessert. The rest of the night was spent playing cards, corn hole and washers. Saturday we drove to Atlanta and played a 2 man scramble on one of the best courses in Michigan. Dinner of Hot Dogs and hamburgers followed at Ray's with another night of cards and games. Sunday we played a 4 man scramble at The Pines. You couldn't have asked for better weather than we had for the weekend and great time was enjoyed by all who attended. Ray' did a great job of setting up the courses for all 3 days. Next year has been booked at Ray's again for the weekend of August 15th-17th. Mark your calendar and we hope to have as good of a turn out next year as we did this year. Your Committee: Jeff, Geoff, Steve, John



Friday, September 6, 16 women of Tri-V met to celebrate Shirley Suchner's birthday at Aubree's in Northville. We also celebrated the super senior women of Tri-V who have been great friends, mentors, and role models for all of us in Tri-V. These wonderful women have provided countless hours of counseling for all of us.

Pictured in back row are Marilyn Myers, and Shirley Suchner; front row from left to right are Onallee Trachsel, Dolores McMillan and Blondie Forsyth.

Steak Roast

The 2013 Steak Roast was again held at Gunnar Mettala Park in Wixom on August 31st. The traditional steak, salad, corn, rolls, tomatoes, and cake for dessert was served. We had 33 in attendance. The day was perfect for the event we ate at 5 pm everyone seemed to have a good time talking and laughing with other club members.

TRI-V PINOCHLE 2013-2014

Pinochle for the season will start on Saturday, October 5. We will again be playing in individual homes. Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per regular player is to be paid to Ken Stress by the November 13, 2013, Men's Club meeting night. \$3.00 prize money will be collected from any subs that might be playing at the homes. NO PRIZE MONEY will be distributed at the homes during the year. ALL PRIZE MONEY will be paid at Final Pinochle. The following are the rules for this year.

1. Each host will receive tallies and schedules. Hosts will number the tallies. Each player draws a numbered tally. All players will draw from the same group of tallies regardless of gender. Your partner may be a man or woman. The number of your tally will coincide with the schedule. The schedule provides information on partners and tables. Each player will play six games.
2. Reneges should always be corrected if possible. If unable to correct and the bidding team is guilty, the bidder is set. If the renege is not made by the bidding team, then the bid is automatically made if unable to correct.
3. Make sure your name is on the tally. Put your partner's number on the tally in the space provided. This is for checking scores if necessary.
4. Eighteen (\$18.00) per person for prize money will be collected by Ken Stress no later than the November 14th Men's Club meeting.
5. All players, including substitutes, will be eligible for yearly prizes. Subs MUST decide if they will be included in the prize money BEFORE the beginning of play and then pay \$3.00 to the host. The host will give this money to the committee. If the sub does not pay \$3.00 BEFORE, play begins he will not be eligible for yearly prizes.
6. The Final Prizes will be based on 5 scores not 6 as in the past. The committee will assume that your lowest month is the one you would like to drop. If you drop for instance October, you would drop all of your October results including any prizes won (i.e. double pinochle). If you choose to drop a month other than your lowest point total, it is your responsibility to notify Ken Stress. To be eligible to win the season ending top places, or to have your name on the trophy, you must declare yourself a regular and have paid the \$18.00 before the start of play of your 3rd month.
7. If a hand is opened, re-bidding is allowed. Bidding ends when three (3) passes have been made AFTER the last bid. If you pass, you may re-enter the bidding. For example, you may wish to give your partner a meld bid, if he bids after you have already passed.
8. Guests who cannot play MUST give three days notice to Brian Trachsel or will be responsible for their night's expense (\$3.00 per person to the host). Please notify Brian (248) 656-7677, **NOT** the host, to get a sub. Absent players will receive the lowest score from all the homes playing that month. **That absent score can be the score you drop.**
9. Starting time is 6:30 p.m. unless notified by the host. The host will collect and keep \$3.00 per guest. The host provides cards, ice and snacks. Guest are to bring their own drinks and a dish to share for the evening.
10. The committee will allow those of you who will be in Florida to play. The Florida Pinochle should be the same night that we play in Michigan and must include at least 2 tables. Non-member guests may be used to get the proper number of players. All scores and

money must be sent to Ken Stress.

11. This year we will pay 'Place Money' for the top five scores from all houses for each month (\$5 for 1st, \$4 2nd, \$3 3rd, \$2 4th, \$1 5th). We will also pay 'Place Money' for the five top finishers at the end of the season (\$15 for 1st, \$12, 2nd, \$9 3rd, \$6 4th, \$3 5th).

Good Luck to everyone.

Committee: Ken Stress, Brian Trachsel

Pinochle 2013-2014

OCTOBER HOST: John Lardin

B. Trachsel
R. Bliudzius/R. Mackson
M. Trachsel
Schaefer
N. Angelosanto

OCTOBER HOST: B. Kuhr

K. Stress
J. Gies
G. Ruetnik/J. Trachsel
C. Cashman
B. Barnes

NOVEMBER HOST: J. Trachsel

C. Cashman
J. Lardin
N. Angelosanto
B. Kuhr

NOVEMBER HOST: J. Schaefer

M. Trachsel
Romas/Robyn
B. Trachsel
K. Stress

DECEMBER HOST: C. Cashman

JANUARY HOST: Angelosanto

FEBRUARY HOST: K. Stress

MARCH HOST: B. Trachsel

The pinochle season is about to begin and the number of players continues to decrease. If we are going to continue to have pinochle as a Tri-V activity, we are going to have to keep the current players and introduce new players to the game. It seems that pinochle has gotten the bad reputation of being too competitive and of being difficult to learn. If you are playing this year, please show good sportsmanship. Let's help the newer players and be understanding when another player bids differently or plays differently than you do. We all make mistakes. Let's try to make pinochle less intimidating and more fun. Let's try to remember that the social part of the evening is more important than the winning or losing.

Brian Trachsel

Grandparents Day

With September being the month we celebrate Grandparents Day we send this of our Grandmas in TRI-V. Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. The child asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God replied, "Among the angels, I'll choose one for you. Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you." The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy." God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel the angel's love and be very happy." Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?" God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words that you will ever hear, and with much patience and care your angel will teach you how to speak." I've heard that on Earth there are bad people. Who will protect me?" God said, "Your angel will defend you even it means risking its life." At the moment there was much peace in heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now please tell me my angel's name." God replied, "Her name is not important. You will simple call her "GRANDMA."

Trifles

From the Lardins

The trip we told you about last month to Idaho to visit Judy's uncle went well other than the weather being hot. Of the four days we were there the coolest of high temp was 95 while the remaining three days it was 100 with humidity. Not very pleasant. Five years ago Judy spend a week in Texas watching the two grandchildren and she was worn out after the week. She went overboard this time. With the teachers having to report to school the week before Labor Day and day care not starting until after Labor Day I guess Judy thought it was no big deal to watch three year old Alyssa. Well the five years added started to show about the third day but being the grandma Judy is she did survive the week. To add to it we are having some renovations done to the lower level so this has added to the stress level. Hopefully they should be done or almost done by the time you read this. Judy and John have to start to make plans for the trip to TX in Oct. to celebrate granddaughter Christine's birthday. As grandparents I am sure all of us can appreciate and thank The Man for blessing us with our wonderful grandchildren and making us available to help out as needed

From the Shirley Suchner

Hi everyone. **I NEED SOME HELP!!** Summer will soon be over and Winter will be upon us. I've been sitting here with my Cat thinking what am I going to do here in Westland during the winter? Most of my neighbors go to Florida. This will be my first winter back in Michigan in 25 years as I used to go to Florida. I have decided that I will move to Abby Park in Milford, Mi. for the winter (Senior Housing) from November to March. BUT I have a problem! The Abby is charging \$250 if my cat moves in with me. Does anyone know someone who would like a CAT for Free? She is black and white, 5 years old, been Vaccinated for Rabies. Declawed, Spayed, Potty Trained, Female. If you, or you know of anyone who would like her please give them my phone number. 734-261-0538. If I can't find a home for her, I'll have to return her to the Michigan Humane Society! THANKS

Calendar of Events

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

October

5th Pinochle Starts
9th Men's Mtg.
Walkers Speakeasy (6:30 pm)

October Birthdays

6th Robyn Mackson
8th Delores McMillan

October Anniversaries

10-19-68 Jack & Jacqui Schaefer
10-24-87 Brett & Lynne Barnes

MEMORIES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2003 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

For the last several months we are asked to remember Peg Wendt in our prayers as she has been suffering from different ailments. This month we have to report that the middle of Aug. her heart rate and blood pressure went way down which landed her in ICU. She had a pacemaker and a feeding tube inserted. Complications arouse from the bleeding tube and there was a puncture in her stomach. This was followed by a stroke and is now in a nursing home near Kathy and Art's home in MI. Peg Hoffman fell and broke her right arm the end of Aug. The result was a hairline crack that does cause some discomfort for her and for George. Please remember them in your prayers. 2003 was the year of the big blackout. The steak roast had to be cancelled in Aug. and was rescheduled for Mayberry State Park on Sep. 20th. Upcoming events also included a TRI-V Road Rally on Oct. 11th starting at Livonia Rotary Park and another try at Monster Mash Glow Ball golf on Oct. 25th

at Fox Hills Golf Club. Final Golf was held at Gaylord MI with 22 Members and five guests attending the three day weekend event while the Girls Weekend was at Sauder Village OH with 12 women enjoying the weekend. Winners of the TRI-V Golf League in "A" flight had Cal Cashman the winner of the first half and George Hoffman winning the second half with Cal the overall "A" flight winner. In "B" flight Tim Gies won the first half and Romas Bliudzius the second half winner and Romas the overall "B" flight winner.

MEMORIES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2008 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

September 2008 was one of the few months that there was good news in our newsletter. Karlyn and Tim Gies spend the Labor Day Weekend at the new home of Diane and Ken Plocharczyk. Judy Lardin spent time in TX watching the two grandchildren while son Larry was in the process of opening his restaurant in Corpus Christi along with the problems that Kim's brother-in-law was going through. The Steak Roast was held on Aug. 9th at Mettala Park, Wixom. There were 36 in attendance and the low turnout was blamed on the bad weather that was predicted. The Girls Weekend was an overnight trip on Aug. 15th in DeWitt attended by 12 of the ladies while Final Golf was the weekend of Aug. 16th-18th in Kendallville IN attended by 24 of the men. This wraps another trip down memory lane. As you can see there was not much to report. It was a slow month. How many remember the blackout of 2003? Have you thought of sharing it with each other and other family members? How did you handle it? Perhaps your children might enjoy what happened. Speaking of the children, now that school has started and we see all the little ones, our kids, grandkids and neighbor kids making that trip to school for the first days do you remember your first day at school or your own children's first day? These are some of the memories we should share with our children and I am sure that many will not remember their days back or will not believe what you tell them. Write them down in a book and along with any pictures you might have and maybe include anything you remember about your grandchildren going. We all have stories that turn into memories. Don't let them be lost. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.