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Tri-V Umph
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President's Message

October has come and gone which reminds me I have to throw the pumpkins away which are rotting on my front porch. We had a cold and rainy Halloween night, which made for a very brief evening of Trick-or-treating for the kids. The kids still had fun despite coming home wet and cold. Since our last meeting, we had two Tri-V events. The October stag event was held at "The Drive in" in Clawson. We played some simulated golf at Pebble Beach. Eight members and one perspective attended the event. We played a two man scramble with some small side bets. Although the accuracy of the computer was a bit off at times, it was nice to be able to swing the club and enjoy a round of "golf" in October. The November social was held last weekend. The group went to Plymouth to see the Plymouth Whalers take on the Windsor Spitfires in minor league hockey. The group met for dinner at Ruby Tuesdays then headed to the area to watch the game. The Whalers ended up losing to the Spits in a shootout. Although I could not personally attend, it sounds as if a good time was had by all. Our meeting is this Wednesday. If I don't see you there, have a safe and happy November.

[William Trachsel](#)

Proposed by-law change.

Tri-V members. I would like to propose the following by-law change at our October Meeting. Below I have listed the original language and the proposed changes to Section 3 #2 by-law.

(ORIGINAL LANGUAGE)
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In order to change a by-law the changes must be proposed at meeting and will then be voted on at the following meeting (Article 7 section 2). Please feel free to contact me trach1s@hotmail.com or (586)850-0161 if you have questions or comments you would like addressed at Octobers meeting.

Thank you,
Steve Trachsel

Tri-V Wives Meeting

The January 2014 meeting for the Tri-V Wives will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Jacqui Schaefer. All women of Tri-V are invited to join us.

Book Club

The next book club discussion will be held at the home of Jacqui Schaefer November 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Book we will be discussing is "The Sweetness of Tears" by Nafisa Haji. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

Other books recommended are:

"A Nun in the Closet" by Dorothy Gilman
"The Light Between Oceans" by M. L. Stedman

Pinochle

The pinochle season has begun 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

TRI-V PINOCHLE 2013-2014

October Florida Pinochle

Three Tri-V members and one sub couple played pinochle on October 12th. Onallee Trachsel had two double pinochles and George Hoffman had one. All three couples will be regulars for this years competition. First place was Tim Gies with 28 and second Onallee Trachsel with 27 1/2. Watch out northern group. Next month we plan to play on the regular first Saturday of the month.

November Pinochle at J. Trachsels

We had the honor of hosting the Kuhrs, Cashmans, Angelosantos and the Lardins for a night of cards. Bob Kuhr came up the winner of the night with a score of 34, followed by Karen with 27.5 and John in 3rd place with a score of 22.5. We had a great time socializing and munching on the great food.

December's Schedule

Host: C. Cashman

November Social

Ten members, one prospective, and twelve guests attended the November social on Saturday, November 9. We were also honored to share in Ben Trachsel's big day. He not only saw his first hockey game, but he had his first haircut that day. Looking good Ben! We started off the evening at Ruby Tuesdays with a marathon two-hour dinner. We then proceeded across Beck Road to the Compuware Arena to see the Plymouth Whalers hockey team take on their dreaded rivals, the Windsor Spitfire. The game was hotly contested with the usual animosity necessary in this sport. Oh, the inhumanity of it all! Unfortunately, the Spitfire prevailed in a shootout resulting in a final score of 4 to 3. All we can say is, "That's no way to decide a hockey game; why don't they just flip a coin?"

The Committee (Cal, Romas, and Bob)

Men's Stag Event

The 2013 Tri-V Men's Stag event was held October 25th at "The Drive-In" golf simulator in Clawson, MI. Eight Tri-V members participated in playing golf in the video simulators, as we played a two-man scramble format. There were also side bets, including skins, closest to the pin for par threes, and longest drive. Each member enjoyed craft beers and a great dinner menu from the adjoining Black Lotus brewery. Unfortunately one of the three simulators was not working, which prevented us from playing a three team, three-man scramble format. However after bowing out, Brian was able to marvel at our excellent golfing while kicking back and relaxing with a cold beverage. Golfing in the simulator was an interesting experience, having never done so personally. The computer can display statistics after each shot including yardage, club head speed, and club path. The simulator was however, very forgiving, as I witnessed several shank shots register as straight down the middle for a surprisingly high amount of yardage. Of course, all my shots were perfect and any mistakes were clearly the fault of the simulator. This notion was mutual among many other golfers. The short game was where the simulator really struggled and was quite finicky, with short chip shots going way too long or short, seemingly at random. Furthermore the putting feature was disabled, causing the computer to simulate any putt outside of ten feet, which of course didn't cause any complaining when a putt was missed by the computer. I just want to point out that I always make 40' putts, so the simulator was completely accurate. The big winners of the day were Jeff and Jay, who won the scramble with a score of four strokes under. Mike and Steve took home the only greenie, Cal and I (Dave) won the longest drives, and skins were largely split amongst all teams. Overall I had a good time, and I hope each member did as well. Thanks to everyone who attended, I appreciate your support! Your committee, David Burke, Jack Schaefer, Ken Stress

Tri-V Wives Christmas Luncheon

All women of Tri-V are invited to our Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at Ginopolis Bar-B-Q Smokehouse on December 11th at 1pm. Ginopolis is located on the NW Corner of 12 Mile Rd and Middlebelt (27815 Middlebelt Farmington Hills). Bring a gift to exchange for around \$15. Questions: Call Sherry Kuhr 248-888-9335 or Ellie Connolly 248-473-8414

Kids Xmas Party

Children's Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013. 1:30 to 4:30 pm at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon St, Livonia, MI 48154. Lyndon is between Five Mile and I-96 (Schoolcraft Rd.) Lyndon is the first light north of I-96. The ice rink is west of Farmington Rd.

We have a room reserved for socializing SKATING IS OPTIONAL!!!!!!!!!!

Open Skating between 2 pm & 3 pm.

Cost for skating:

Adults \$4.85

Child \$4.35

Seniors \$3.25

Skate rental is an addition \$2.25

Skating will not be covered by the budget.

We will have lunch AFTER 3pm. Please bring 1 dozen cookies per family to share.

Santa will arrive AFTER lunch. Santa will distribute wrapped gifts brought by the family for each child. Make sure to clearly write your child's name for Santa to read.

We are expecting a nominal fee to be assessed per family. Please keep the price of gifts reasonable, preferably under \$15.00.

Please notify Nick (734) 522-5366, Brian (248) 656-7677, or Jay (734) 261-4647 BEFORE Dec. 1 with a count of how many adults and children will attend.

Trifles

From the Lardins

The trip to Texas in Oct. for Judy and John Lardin to celebrate granddaughter's Christine ninth birthday went well. Son Larry has a new job which includes a company vehicle so this was the first time that we had access to an automobile in all the years we have been going there. The weather was once again on the miserable with the high in the low 90s and the humidity in the high 80% but we did survive. We will be heading back to TX the middle of Dec. to celebrate grandson's Jacob 7th birthday. We have received confirmation for the condo in FL for the coming winter. We will once again be in the same complex. Our plans are to leave after Jan. pinochle on Sunday, the 5th, and return on April 14th.

From S. Suchner

As of Saturday, Nov. 2nd, I will be leaving Westland and moving to Abbey Park, 28413 Abbey Lane, Apt. 254, New Hudson, Mi., 48165 Phone: 248-264-6599. I am making this move so I will be close to my Son who lives in South Lyon. If you're in my neighborhood, stop by and say "Hello.

From the T. Unteners

My daughter Elizabeth gave birth Fri, 11/1 (2 weeks early) to Beau Thomas Armstrong, my 1st genetic grandchild (I have 5 step grandchildren). Spent all day Sat in airports & planes to get to Calif, here til 11/12. All is well!

From the Plocharczyks



Brother Kirk Trachsel visited Ken and Diane Plocharczyk and father Art Trachsel in early November. We kept telling him to come this summer, but his delay allowed him to experience some early Gladwin snow! His plane was even delayed in Minneapolis as it had to be de-iced. We had a wonderful time together, sharing so many memories and Kirk was able to spend quality time with Dad. The assisted living facility where Dad lives had a wonderful Veterans Day celebration which we all attended.

Calendar of Events

November

- 2nd Pinochle
- 9th November Social
Ruby Tuesday (4:45 pm)
- 13th Men's Meeting
Walkers Speakeasy (6:30 pm)
- 26th Book Club
Schaefer Home (7pm)

November Birthdays

- 5th Jacqui Schaefer
- 8th Ken Plocharczyk &
Kim Burke
- 10th Brett Barnes
- 23rd Jeff Trachsel
- 24th Blondie Forsyth &
Karen Thrift
- 26th Bill Trachsel (Senior)
- 29th Christine Hoffman

November Anniversaries

11-23-?? John & Donna Clingerman

December

- 7th Pinochle
- 8th Kids Xmas Party
Edgar Ice Arena (1:30pm)
- 11th Wives' Xmas Luncheon
Ginopolis (1pm)
- 11th Men's Mtg
Walkers Speakeasy (6:30 pm)

December Birthdays

- 1st Michelle Trachsel
- 14th Terry Connolly

October Anniversaries

MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2003 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

Most members of the TRI-V Family in need of our prayers were on the positive side. Terry Connolly had knee replacement surgery on Nov. 11th and looks like everything went well. Lorraine Trachsel continues to stay active within her limitations. She tires easily but knows enough to rest when she needs it. Ray Suchner was hospitalized briefly in early Nov. when his sugar count got too low and he passed out. He is home now feeling better. Bob Wendt is recovering nicely from his gallbladder surgery on Oct. 27th. Peg Wendt is scheduled to be released from the nursing home on Nov. 11th and be returning home. Susie Dunham is recovering well from cataract surgery that she had on Oct. 7th. To all we wish you have a successful recovery. TRI-V members reporting on travels included Susie and Terry Dunham to Tunica MS for a long weekend the beginning of Nov. Diane Plocharczyk will be in New Jersey for three days beginning Nov. 10th and then in Phoenix AZ the first week of Dec. Peg and George Hoffman were able to make a week vacation to the East Coast during a recent business trip to Boston while Jan and Cal Cashman celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on Sept. 30th by taking a Canada/New England cruise on the Golden Princess. Upcoming events included wallyball on Nov. 17th in Livonia, the TRI-V Wives Christmas Dinner on Wed., Dec. 17th at Ellie Connolly's in Farmington Hills and a Christmas Carols and Winter Music on Dec. 13th at Northville High School. There were articles on pinochle hosted by Angelosanto's and the Hoffman's. Results of the TRI-V Road Rally held on Oct. 11th results were published with 33 participants and the winners were Jane, Liz, Brian and Jay Trachsel. This year was the first try at having pinochle handicapped to try to even out the playing field. The first months standings had Brian Trachsel in first place with 31.5 points, Sherry Kuhr and Tom Untener tied for second place with 31 points and Bud Massoll and Karlyn Gies tied for fourth place with 29 points.

MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2008 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH

We are happy that once again the TRI-V Family though in need of our prayers were in pretty good health. Don Winters, one of the original five, was doing well since he moved to Manoogian Mansion Nursing Home, Livonia and is always looking for visitors. Ken Plocharczyk was scheduled for foot surgery on Nov. 14th to remove a buildup of calcium. Terry Dunham continues to recover from his episode that started in early June with some unbalanced issues. He is scheduled to see an inner ear specialist in early Dec. Those traveling included Terry Dunham to Colorado on a consulting job and a five day trip to Branson MO by the Anderson's, Connolly's, Lardin's and Schaefer's by train. Five shows and five days of fun, fun while Donna and John Clingerman spent the weekend of Oct. 4th in Jonesborough TN to the National Storyteller's Festival. Upon Judy and Johns return from the Branson trip they left the next day for Corpus Christi TX to celebrate granddaughter's Christine fourth birthday. Karlyn and Tim Gies were celebrating the birth of their newest grandson, Andre, born to daughter Tracey Katcherian on Oct. 26th. The TRI-V Wives Christmas Party was set for Dec. 17th at the House of Ing, Farmington Hills and the Children's Christmas Party was set for Dec. 7th at the Colonial Acres Clubhouse, South Lyon. There was an article on Feather Bowling at the Cadieux Café, Detroit, on Oct. 18th attended by 24 people. There were articles on pinochle hosted by the Cashmans, Clingermans and Wutkas. The pinochle standings after two months of play had Robyn Mackson in first place with 64.5 points, Vickie Angelosanto in second place with 57.5 points and Bud Massoll in third place with 52.5 points. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. Back in Nov. 2003, I wrote almost all of us have a computer and are on it enough to send a note to Tim and Karlyn about what might be happening. Not many are willing to take the few minutes to pass the info onto fellow TRI-V members. It is getting to the point that we do not get articles from the pinochle host each month or Club Events. It

is also hard to believe that Judy and John Lardin are the only members of TRI-V that leave home to visit someone. Hopefully the new Members and Prospective Members will get in the habit NOW to submit articles about their happenings.

My point? Ten years later it has not changed. Let's not forget the memories that we cherish as an important part of our lives and let our activities become a part of our TRI-V Memories. Until next month when we meet in print, the Good Lord Willing, take care of each other.