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## **President's Message**

Happy New Year!

Hopefully everyone was able to enjoy the holidays with friends and family. Michelle and I were able to get away for a few days after Christmas and head down to Myrtle Beach. The weather was nice, the seafood was fresh, and the accommodations were awesome. Best of all, we came back without having to purchase a timeshare (long story). Since coming back from Myrtle Beach, it has snowed unmercifully. Michelle and I have shoveled the driveway and sidewalk at the house more times than we care to count. Oh well, at least it's a good start on my new year's resolution to get out of the house more.

If you are reading this from Florida, please send some sun and warmth our way. If you are reading this from Michigan, stay warm and safe.

William Trachsel

## **Council Party**

Rat Partei

Hallo,

Der Rat Partei wird am 18. Januar und dem Dakota Inn Ratskeller statt. Die Dakota Inn Detroit einzige authentische deutsche Bar und Restaurant. Die Teilnehmer werden an deutsche Lebensmittel, Cash-Bar mit 9 authentische Biere vom Fass und Live-Unterhaltung behandelt werden. Der Parkplatz wird von Sicherheitsleuten eingezäunt und überwacht, so Mercedes Benz werden sicher sein. Das Abendessen wird um 6:00 Uhr mit Live-Unterhaltung deutschen um 7:00 und 10:00 Uhr beginnen, wenn Sie sich entscheiden zu bleiben. Wir rechnen die Kosten auf weniger als zwanzig Dollar pro Person für das Abendessen. Wenn Sie an diesem Event zu planen, kontaktieren Sie Steve Trachsel oder Ihr Ratsmitglied wissen, so bald wie möglich [trach1s@hotmail.com](mailto:trach1s@hotmail.com) (586) 850-0161. Die Dakota Inn befindet sich in 17234 John R RD. in fabelhaften Detroit Michigan. Ich bin ein berliner.

## Council Party

Hello,

The council party will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> and the Dakota Inn Rathskeller. The Dakota Inn is Detroit's only authentic German Bar and Restaurant. Attendees will be treated to German foods, cash bar with 9 authentic beers on tap, and live entertainment. The parking lot is fenced and monitored by security guards so your Mercedes Benz will be safe. Dinner will begin at 6:00 with live German Entertainment at 7:00 and 10:00, if you choose to stay. We anticipate the cost to be less than twenty dollars per person for dinner. If you plan on attending this event please let Steve Trachsel or your council member know as soon as possible [trach1s@hotmail.com](mailto:trach1s@hotmail.com) (586)850-0161. The Dakota Inn is located at 17234 John R rd. in fabulous Detroit Michigan. I am a Jelly Donut

## **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. The February 2014 meeting for the Tri-V Wives will be held on Wednesday February 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Ellie Connolly.

## **Book Club**

There will be no book club information until the spring.

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## **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

## **Florida Pinochle**

Seven Tri-V members and one sub played on Saturday January 4th at one of the card rooms in Del Tura. Geri Ruetenik hosted.

Scores were as follows: Onallee Trachsel 26, Karlyn Gies 22 ½, Geri Ruetenik 21,  
Tim Gies 17 ½, George Hoffman 16 ½, Peg Hoffman 15, Bill Trachsel  
7, sub Pat Wagner 21 ½

## TRI-V PINOCHLE 2013-2014

2013-14 TRI-V PINOCHLE STANDINGS							TOTAL	FINAL	Double	Round
December Results							POINTS	POINTS	Pinochle	House
S = Sub \$ = Paid Point \$										
= Paid Points	10/5/2013	11/2/2013	12/7/2013	1/4/2014	2/1/2014	3/1/2014				
Romas Bliudzius	13.5	40.5 A	28.5 B	28.5			111.0	111.0		
Robyn Mackson	29.5 Ap	21.5	23.5 p	31.0			105.5	105.5		
Jane Trachsel	23.5	30.0 D	27.5 Cp	21.5			102.5	102.5	1	
Bob Kuhr	24.0	34.0 B	23.5	20.5			102.0	102.0	2	
Onallee Trachsel	27.5 Dp	16.0	22.0	26.0			91.5	91.5	1	
Cal Cashman	27.0 E	12.0	22.5	23.0			84.5	84.5		
Brian Trachsel	15.5	22.5	25.5 D	20.5			84.0	84.0		
Mike Trachsel	21.5	21.5	19.5	17.0			79.5	79.5		
Gerí Ruetnik	22.5	9.5 @	24.0 E	21.0			77.0	77.0		
Karlyn Gies	16.0	23.5	14.5	22.5			76.5	76.5		
Nick Angelosanto	20.0	16.5	19.0	19.0			74.5	74.5		
Tim Gies	28.0 C	14.5	13.0	17.5			73.0	73.0		
Peggy Hoffman	13.0	27.0	16.5	15.0			71.5	71.5		
George Hoffman	17.0 p	14.5	22.0	16.5			70.0	70.0		
Jan Cashman	21.5	9.5	16.0	22.0			69.0	69.0		
Karen Thrift	13.0	27.5 E	14.0	14.5			69.0	69.0		
William Trachsel	23.0	17.0	20.5	7.0			67.5	67.5		
Jeff Trachsel	25.0	10.0	20.0	11.0			66.0	66.0	1	
John Lardin	15.5	22.5	20.5	7.0 @			65.5	65.5		
Ken Stress	10.0 @	31.5 C	6.0 @	14.0			61.5	61.5		
Judy Lardin	10.0	14.0	29.0 A	7.0 @			60.0	60.0		
Sherry Kuhr	14.0	17.5	12.0	14.5			58.0	58.0		
Jacqui Schaefer	13.5	17.5 p	15.0	12.0			58.0	58.0	1	
Jack Schaefer	15.5	17.0	15.0	10.0			57.5	57.5		
Victoria Angelosanto	10.0 @	17.0	6.0	23.0			56.0	56.0		
Kate Stress	10.0 @	14.5	6.0 @	19.0			49.5	49.5		
Kristan Trachsel	13.5	9.5 @	6.0 @	18.0			47.0	47.0		
Lynne Barnes	28.5 B						28.5	28.5		
Jim Buscher		21.5					21.5	21.5		
Pat Wagner				21.5			21.5	21.5		
Jay Trachsel		17.5					17.5	17.5		
Brett Barnes	15.0						15.0	15.0		
Bette Buscher		13.5					13.5	13.5		
<b>\$ MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY MONTHLY PLAYERS</b>										
<b>\$\$ MEANS POINT MONEYS ARE PAID BY SUBSTITUTES</b>										
<b>S MEANS SUBSTITUES - NO POINT MONEY</b>										
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.										
The symbol ? means members will play later in the month and results are incomplete.										

### January Pinochle at the Angelosantos

It was a fun time at the Angelosanto's home for pinochle. The only downside was John and Judy left early for their drive to Florida. That seems to be a very smart move as we have been shoveling snow all day. Upside – NO School! I know that made a lot of you smile. The high score was better for Vickie this month as she tied for high with Cal at 23. Having two tables isn't all bad as we got to socialize with everyone. A whole lot of delicious food was brought and shared by Jan & Cal Cashman, Ken & Kate Stress and Jack & Jacqui Schaefer.

## February 's Schedule

Host: Stress

Cashman

Trachsel, B.

Trachsel, M.

Angelosanto

Kuhr

Schaefer

Romas/Robyn

Jeff/Karen

## Christmas Greetings

We hope everyone enjoyed a Merry and Blessed Christmas, and we would like to wish our TRI-V family, a Healthy and Joyous New Year. **Kate and Ken Stress**

## Trifles

### From the J. Lardins

December is such a busy month for all with the Holiday Season. For Judy and John Lardin it was no different. Christmas was celebrated on five different occasions for them. It all started with a trip to Corpus Christi TX to celebrate grandson Jacob's sixth birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec. and while there we celebrated Christmas with Kim and Larry and the family. On our return we celebrated grandson Dante, son of Gina and Brian, birthday that was the same day as Jacobs, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. We started the Christmas celebration in MI with Bev, Mike and the boys on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning as sons Ben and Nick were spending from 7 pm on Christmas Eve until 7 pm on Christmas Day with their Dad. On Christmas morning it was off to oldest son, John, for brunch and watch the grandsons open their gifts. On Sat. the 27<sup>th</sup> all met at Gina and Brian's home in South Lyon to exchange gifts the Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> John's sister and Judy's sister-in-law got together to celebrate Christmas and the New Year. Add to that dinner with different friends plus TRI-V Pinochle on Sat. Jan 4<sup>th</sup> then they will be leaving bright and early on the 5<sup>th</sup> for Ft. Myers FL. Of course we have all put up with the cold and snow. The plan is to arrive in Ft. Myers FL on the 6<sup>th</sup> and leaving FL for MI on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Granddaughter Isabella, daughter of Gina and Brian, birthday is March 5<sup>th</sup> and Judy and John plan on flying in to celebrate her birthday and flying back to FL. Speaking of snow John has told friends that he has seen more snow and shoveled more snow the last two times than he has the last six years. This is not counting the first snow Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> when he and Judy were in TX.

## Calendar of Events

### January

- 4<sup>th</sup> Pinochle
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wives' Mtg  
Schaefer Home (1pm)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
Walkers Speakeasy (6:30 pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Council Party  
Dakota Inn (6 pm)

### January Birthdays

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

### January Anniversaries

- 1-3-75 Tim & Karlyn Gies

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pinochle
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wives' Mtg  
Connolly Home (1pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
Walkers Speakeasy (6:30 pm)

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Eric Hoffman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Stress
- 7<sup>th</sup> Romas Bliudzius
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tim Gies
- 11<sup>th</sup> Amber Trachsel
- 13<sup>th</sup> Lynne Barnes
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tom Untener
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bonnie Untener
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sherry Kuhr
- 26<sup>th</sup> Esther Chamberlain
- 28<sup>th</sup> Helene Ryan

### February Anniversaries

- None

## **MEMORIES FROM THE JANUARY 2004 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH**

The start of another year and the start of another year of memories. In the first issue of the new year there were no reported illness' to the TRI-V Family though we still asked all to continue to pray for Lorraine Trachsel as she continues to recover from the hip surgery reported in last month's issue. Susie Dunham was trying to cope with the loss of their beloved dog Annie to a stroke on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Annie had just turned 15 in Oct. Susie and Terry's son Chris was a finalist in the poster contest for the Oregon County Fair which included \$100 and will be awarded \$500 if he wins the finals. Jan and Cal Cashman had a busy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They helped out at the Church Services at Orchard Methodist Church on Christmas Eve enjoying the candlelight service then stayed after and helped clean up and prepare for the midnight service. On Christmas morning they spend the day at Matt and Tina's home watching grandson Nicholas open gifts from Santa Clause then left for Ohio to spend the rest of the week with Jan's mother and brothers and their families. The first two weeks of Dec. Diane and Ken Plocharczyk traveled to Phoenix AZ for a business meeting and following the meeting went to Las Vegas NV to visit Diane's brother Kirk. Upon their return Kathie and Art Dushary along with Kate and Ken Stress visited Diane and Ken the weekend of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Gies Family started celebrating Christmas the Sat. before starting at the home of daughter Lisa and husband John and continuing through Christmas Day at their home and after that through New Years with the bridge club. One revolving door. Mike Lardin hosted a New Years Eve party at the home of Judy and John with the Angelosantos, Hoffmans, Schaefer and of course Mom and Dad. John Mackson was

enjoying his new car to replace the old one that was totaled as reported in last month's TRI-V Umph. Robyn and John spend the New Years up north at the cabin of John's parents. The Feb. Social was scheduled for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Putting Edge Glow in the Dark Mini Golf at Fountain Walk Shopping Center, Novi, with golf and dinner. The TRI-V Anniversary party was scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Maples of Novi, Novi, and Men's Final Golf was set for the weekend of Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Gaylord MI. There was an article submitted by Dec. pinochle host Mike Lardin and Matt VanHollebeke with Geoff Steinhauer coming in first with 32 points, Sherry Steinhauer coming in second with 29.5 points and Mike Lardin coming in third 21.5 points. Also hosting and submitting an article was Donna and John Clingerman with John coming in first with 27 points, Leo Fanos coming in second with 24.5 points and Tim Gies **coming in third with 22 points. Pinochle standings through Jan. play as adjusted had Sherry** Kuhr in first place (98 actual points) with 114.1 adjusted points and Robyn Mackson (97.5 actual points) and Brian Trachsel (94 actual points) tied for second with 113.3 adjusted points followed by Jane Trachsel (94.5 actual points) with 112.4 adjusted points.

### **MEMORIES FROM THE JANUARY 2009 ISSUE OF TRI-V UMPH**

We were fortunate to start out the New Year with no reported illnesses in the TRI-V Family. We did have one scare when Bud Massoll fell the first weekend of Jan. and was thought to have broken his arm. Fortunately he did not break anything but is bruised. For those who might be ailing we ask you to remember them in your prayers. Speaking of accidents Barb and Jerry Gies had an accident on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> when he hit a curb in downtown Detroit and blew out three tires. They were rescued by Karlyn and Tim Gies. They were forced to postpone their flight to FL for a week. Bill and Shirley Suchner along with Peg and Bob Wendt spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Kathie and Art Dushary's home in Ocala FL while Diane and Ken Plocharczyk Christmas in FL visiting Art. The three of them drove over to North Fort Myers to spend Christmas Day and dinner with Onallee and Bill and lunch with Geri and Dave Ruetenik. Jan and Cal Cashman flew to AZ over the Thanksgiving holiday to be with their daughter Kathy and family. From there they drove to Laughton and Las Vegas NV enjoying the sights of the strip and Hoover Dam. After their arrival back in MI they decided to leave Christmas morning for OH to celebrate Christmas Day with Jan's mother and family returning on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> to prepare for New Years Eve. Donna and John Clingerman had a wonderful Christmas as both of their girls; their spouses and the grand dog were their guest for 11 days while Judy and John Lardin spend the first week of Dec. in Corpus Christi TX celebrating the second birthday of grandson Jacob's second birthday as well as an early Christmas. The TRI-V Council Party is scheduled for Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at Cranberries Café, Goodrich, to have a Murder Mystery Dinner. The Winter Event is scheduled for Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Detroit Science Center, Detroit, and will include hands on activities and scientific theater shows. Bev and Mike Lardin hosted pinochle in Jan. and the winners were Mike coming in first place with 32.5 points, John Clingerman coming in second place with 26 points and Lynn Barnes coming in third place with 25.5 points. Judy and John Lardin also hosted pinochle in Jan. and the winners there were Jane Trachsel coming in first place with 27.5 points, Jeff Trachsel coming in second place with 22.5 points and Brian Trachsel coming in third place with 21 points. Pinochle standings through Jan. play had Robyn Mackson in first place with 112 points, John Mackson in second place with 97.5 points and John Clingerman in third place with 93 points. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. We hear how pinochle is in trouble. In 2004 we had four houses hosting with 24 people playing and in 2009 we had three houses hosting with 21 people playing. This year we have two houses hosting in Jan. 20 people playing plus another 5 people playing in FL. The numbers are not that much different as we have gained a few players but lost a few. Unfortunately we have not picked up many new players and in the next couple of years could be in real trouble as bowling was and had to be disbanded with no TRI-V Bowling league though there are a few TRI-V members bowling in a league. Somehow the Club needs an infusion of new members to keep all going. If not we will have a lot of memories to share of the things we used to do. We have to keep participating in the activities to make the Club stay strong.

Think of those past events that have become our memories and all do their part to help make the new memories. Until we see you in print next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.