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Tri-V Umph  
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### **President's Message**

It's hard to believe that 2014 is nearing its end. Turning the clocks back only delays the inevitable; the days will soon be too short to be of any use to anyone. Many of our part time Michigianians have already headed to warmer climates, I can't say I blame them. Hopefully everyone traveling south experiences safe travels. Those of us remaining here will find ways to entertain ourselves. Like bowling, feather bowling, and live entertainment. The men's bowling league, which seems enough like a Tri-V event, is going very well especially for the elder Tri-V based team. They are in first place and have been there for quite some time. I think it's safe to say at this point that they will most certainly win the first half. The October stag event was a lot of fun. The men did some feather bowling at the Cadieux Cafe. It was especially fun since my team won. The November social will be happening next weekend. We will be going to see a play at Schoolcraft College on November 15th. Finally, just when you thought the election was behind us, we will be voting once again. This time we will be voting on one additional council member to take Ken's place. We will vote at the November meeting on Tuesday. Please try to be there, it is your civic duty.

### **Tri-V Wives Meeting**

Please note that the Tri-V Wives Club meetings are now scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm. (no longer in the evenings) All of the women who attended the July swim voted for this day change. All women of Tri-V members are invited to join us. Next meeting is December 6th - Ladies Luncheon at Champs 11AM

### **Book Club**

The next book club discussion will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the home of Sherry Kuhr at 12:30 p.m. Book we will be discussing is "Me Before You" by Jojo Moyes.

Other books suggested are:

"The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd  
"The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton

All women of Tri-V are invited to join us in these discussions. As always we welcome recommendations of books which you think we would enjoy.

## **Ladies Christmas Luncheon**

Saturday, December 6th, at 11:00am we will be meeting at CHAMPPS Americana at 19470 Haggerty Rd. All ladies are invited for a kick off for the holiday season. We have a private room and will be ordering off the menu. A \$15.00 gift exchange is our tradition. We want to see all the Tri-V ladies there for the closing of another great year of sharing memories. Your committee Jane Trachsel, Peggy Hoffman, and Jacqui Schaefer 248-349-7359

## **November Social**

We have purchased **your tickets** for the November Social at the Schoolcraft College Theatre for November 15 at 8:00 p.m. We have reservations at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill for 6:00 p.m. It is located at 20420 Haggerty Road, south of 8 Mile on the east side, just south of Trader Joes. The dinner will be all you can eat pizza, salad, breadsticks, feta bread, pasta, and wings, including soft beverages. The price is \$15.49 per person. With tax and tip it should be about \$20 per person. I need to give the restaurant a firm count three days before the event, so please respond to me to confirm that you will be joining us for dinner before the play.

Blessings,  
Bob Kuhr

## **Tri V October Stag night**

The Tri V October stag party was held at the Caduix café on Friday October 24. We had 11 people show up for dinner around 5:30pm and 2 more came for the feather bowling. We collected \$10 to cover to cost of the lane for 2 hours (\$80dollars) and prize money. Everyone drew cards to determine the 3 teams and we played four 20 minute games per team. The teams were:

Team 1- Cal, Romas , Jay, Dave and Mike

Team 2- Nick, Bernard (Romas's son), Brian and Bill

Team 3- Ryan, Jeff T., John and Steve

Team 2 dominated and won all 4 of their games and winning the prize money (\$50) divided up between them. Team 3 had 1 win and a tie and bringing up the rear was team 1 with 1 tie and 3 losses.

The evening was fun with lots of good food, drink and comradery.

Your committee: Jay Trachsel, Dave Burke

## **Children's Xmas Party**

Children's Christmas Party will be Dec. 14, 2014 at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena. Mark your calendars. More information as we get closer.

## **Pinochle**

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

## **Pinochle Hosts**

December Hosts:

R. Kuhr

R. Bliudzius/G. Steinhauer

J. Mackson

C. Cashman

J. Trachsel

J. Schaefer

Bill Trachsel

M. Trachsel

N. Angelosanto

Brian Trachsel

J. Lardin

K. Stress

## **November Pinochle at the Cashman's**

We enjoyed hosting Pinochle at our house Saturday evening. Our group consisted of Bill & Onallee Trachsel, Brian & Jane Trachsel and Jack & Jacqui Schaefer. We started the evening enjoying all the great snacks everyone brought. We had a nice variety which included swedish meatballs with sauce, deviled eggs, vegetable spring rolls, cowboy salsa with chips, various cheeses with crackers, chips, brownies and graham cracker pecan bar. The cards were good for most of the players and the scores are as follows: Cal 27, Onallee 26, Jane 24 ½, Jan 23 ½, Brian 22 ½, Bill 19, Jacqui 19 and Jack 11 ½. We had a lot of laughs throughout the evening and was sorry to see it end. Thanks to everyone for making it a fun evening. Cal & Jan



leave on Easter Sunday with the thought of no one would be traveling while John wants to wait until the middle of the week after Easter.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pinochle (6:30 pm)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wives Mtg  
Jacqui Schaefer home (1 pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
Drakeshire Lanes(6 pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Social  
Schoolcraft College(8 pm)

### **November Birthdays**

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

### **November Anniversaries**

- 11-23-?? John & Donna Clingerman

### **December**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies Xmas Luncheon (11 am)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Pinochle(6:30 pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg.  
Drakeshire Lanes(6 pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Childrens' Xmas Party  
Edgar Ice Arena

### **December Birthdays**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle Trachsel
- 14<sup>th</sup> Terry Connolly

### **December Anniversaries**

- None

## **MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2004 TRI-V UMPH**

Reading the November 2004 issue of TRI-V Umph it would appear that all were in good health. There were no reports of any members being in ill health though I am sure there were some but not reported. Most of the trifles pertained to members traveling. Kathie and Art Dushary spent four days at Crystal Mountain Resort doing the color tour around Leeland Peninsula and Sleeping Bear Dunes. They were able to visit Dorothy and Ray Suchner getting in a game of bridge then a round of golf on Monday before their return. Art Trachsel drove up to Hattiesburg MS for the wedding of his 20 year old granddaughter. His drive took him through Pensacola FL which was almost destroyed by Hurricane Ivan. Terry Dunham was in MI for a few days for business meetings. Sue was able to travel with him allowing time to visit with their daughter, Gretchen.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> Kim Lardin gave birth to their little "miracle" baby Christine in San Antonio TX. Judy and John were there for the birth. Kim lost two little ones in 2003 and we are happy to report that all are doing fine. Judy and John were there for the birth and Judy returned the end of November to help out. Before and after the birth Judy and John made a total of four trips to San Antonio. They are fortunate to have the flight benefits from John's time at Northwest Airlines. Mike Lardin was driving

around in his new red 2005 Mustang. TRI-V Wally Ball was scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Coliseum, Canton, the Wives Club Christmas Dinner was set for December 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Karlyn Gies, Farmington Hills, and the TRI-V November/December Event was a Holiday Event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Central United Methodist Church, Waterford, and the Girls Club Weekend July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Final Golf was held the weekend of August 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Gaylord MI. 33 members and guest played the Natural on Friday with George Hoffman and Jeff Trachsel in a tie for A Flight and Lee Anderson the winner in B Flight Matt VanHollebeke the winner in C Flight and Bob Wendt the winner in D Flight. They played Elk Ridge on Saturday and the scramble winners were the team of Jay Trachsel, Chuck Taylor, Matt VanHollebeke and Bill Trachsel Sr. They played Marsh Ridge on Sunday and the winners were the team of George Hoffman, Roy Lockhart and Dick Barnes.

## **MEMORIES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2009 TRI-V UMPH**

Ken Plocharczyk underwent cataract surgery on November 5<sup>th</sup> on his right eye and is scheduled to have the left eye done on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We ask you to remember Ken in your prayers for a complete recovery from the surgery. Jacquie and Jack Schaefer are thrilled to announce their son Mark who lives in Indiana is going to be a father in May. This will make number 5 grandchild for Jacquie and Jack. Bev and Mike Lardin are expecting their first child in June. There are currently two boys from Bev's previous marriage. This will make 11 grandchildren for Judy and John. Those traveling had Judy and John to Corpus Christi TX the middle of October to celebrate granddaughter's Christine 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and upon their return making plans to return to TX to celebrate grandsons Jacob birthday the first part of December then plans for the three month stay in Ft. Myers FL. Thanksgiving will be a full house at the Lardins with Judy's Mom, her sister and her sister's family coming in to celebrate the holiday. There will be a full house of 20 for dinner. Tim Gies will begin his easing into retirement starting January 1<sup>st</sup> when he goes on hourly pay and cuts his work load allowing him to spend time in Florida. The TRI-V Children's Christmas Party is set for December 6<sup>th</sup> at Maples Lanes Golf Club, Sterling Heights and the TRI-V Wives Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth Crossing, Plymouth. The TRI-V Council Party is set for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Novi Bowl, Novi, and the Florida Anniversary Party is scheduled for the first part of March at the Lazy Daze Boat Rental and Motel on the banks of the St. Johns River, Astor FL. Looking back at the 2009 memories and the announcement of Bev and Mike expecting the birth of Alyssa the following June brings back memories and we all know the effect it has had on Grandma Judy. This is another time of the year that we again create new memories. This is also the time that we can discuss our own memories from years past. With the Thanksgiving/Christmas Season arriving take the time to share those hidden memories. Share them with each other. You might be surprised when sharing with others some of the details that have been forgotten. Until we see you next month in print, the Good Lord Willing, take care of one another.