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### **President's Message**

It's hard to believe that December is here already. As always the schedule starts to fill up with parties, visits from friends and family, and shopping excursions to find that perfect gift. The annual Tri-V Christmas party will be next weekend. Once again we will be ice skating at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena followed by a visit from Santa. I'm sure all the little ones will enjoy that.

December also marks the end of the first half of bowling. The elder Tri-V team featuring Eric Hoffman has locked up first place and can now turn on sandbag mode for the second half. Congratulations to those guys. Congratulations are also in order for Mike Trachsel who bowled his first 300 game on November 25. That effort was immediately followed by Matt VanHollebeke's 298 game and Eric Hoffman's 299 the next week. Great bowling guys!

In closing, I would like to extend warm Christmas wishes to the club from my family to all of your families. May your holiday be peaceful and filled with joy. Merry Christmas everyone.

### **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 women of Tri-V members are invited to join us. Next meeting is January 7th - Onallee Trachsel 1pm

### **Book Club**

The next book club discussion will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at the home of Suzanne Schaefer at 1:00 p.m. Book we will be discussing is "The Other Daughter" by Lisa Gardner

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.

## **November Social**

On Saturday November 15 eleven Tri-V members/wives gathered at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill on Haggerty Road where we stuffed ourselves with salad, pasta, wings, and pizza. From there we proceeded to Schoolcraft College Theater where we were joined by two additional Tri-V couples. There we were entertained with a performance of Neil Simon's "The Star Spangled Girl". It was a modest play, with only three actors set in the 1960s. It started out rather slowly, but as the quirky characters developed, it became more amusing. Needless to say, with two young men and an "All American Southern Girl", a love triangle soon erupted (kind of a well worn plot). Of course it all worked out to its logical conclusion by Act 3, and I think the play was generally enjoyed. Bob Kuhr

## **Children's Xmas Party**

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Open Skate: 2:00 pm to 3:20 pm.

Skates can be rented (\$2.30 a pair) or bring your own.

Families will pay for skating (we are getting resident rates)

Adults: \$4.95

Children: \$4.45

Activities will be planned for those who are not skating.

Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon (at Farmington Rd.) Livonia

Pizza and Pop will be provided. Please bring 1 dozen cookies to share.

If cookies have peanuts – please mark.

A nominal fee will be charged for the party.

Pizza will be out between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. (This should alleviate any congestion.)

Santa will be arriving (approx. 3:45 pm) and passing out wonderful gifts provided by the parents. Cost of gifts should be approximately \$15 and wrapped packages clearly marked with the child's first and last name.

Please RSVP how many adults and children are attending to Nick (734) 522-5366 or [victoriadominic@yahoo.com](mailto:victoriadominic@yahoo.com) By Sunday, Dec. 7 AT THE LATEST.

## **Pinochle Hosts**

January Hosts:

Will be sending out an email as soon as I get the list.

2014-15 TRI-V PINOCHLE STANDINGS										TOTAL	FINAL	Double	Round
December Results										POINTS	POINTS	Pinochle	House
S = Sub \$ = Paid Point \$													
\$ = Paid Points	10/4/2014		11/1/2014		12/6/2014		1/3/2015		2/7/2015		3/7/2015		
\$ Onallee Trachsel	27.0	A	26.0	B	21.5							74.5	74.5
\$ Victoria Angelosanto	20.0	E	21.0		26.0	W3						67.0	41.0
\$ Cal Cashman	19.0		27.0	A	20.5							66.5	66.5
\$ Ken Stress	26.0	B	11.5	@	26.0	W3						63.5	37.5
\$ Jacqui Schaefer	18.5		19.0		25.0	E						62.5	62.5
\$ Jan Cashman	16.5		23.5	E	22.0							62.0	62.0
\$ Judy Lardin	18.0		15.0		26.0	W3						59.0	59.0
\$ Brian Trachsel	21.5	Xp	22.5		14.0							58.0	58.0
\$ John Lardin	21.5	X	15.0		19.5							56.0	56.0
\$ Romas Bliudzius	18.5		19.0		18.0							55.5	55.5
\$ Jane Trachsel	12.5		24.5	C	17.0							54.0	54.0
\$ Jack Schaefer	10.5		11.5		29.5	A						51.5	51.5
\$ Mike Trachsel	19.0		11.5	@	20.5							51.0	51.0
\$ Jeff Trachsel	10.5	@	21.0		19.0	p						50.5	50.5
\$ Nick Angelosanto	13.5		19.5		17.0	p						50.0	50.0
\$ Karen Thrift	10.5	@	24.0	D	14.0							48.5	48.5
\$ William Trachsel	12.5		19.0		14.5							46.0	46.0
\$ Kristan Trachsel	16.5		11.5	@	8.5							36.5	28.0
\$ Geri Ruetnik	30.5											30.5	30.5
\$ Peggy Hoffman					24.0							24.0	24.0
\$ Kate Stress	11.5		11.5	@		@						23.0	23.0
\$ George Hoffman					21.0							21.0	21.0
\$ John Mackson					19.0							19.0	19.0
\$ Bob Kuhr					18.5							18.5	18.5
\$ Walt Christenson			13.5									13.5	13.5
\$ Robyn Mackson					13.0							13.0	13.0
\$ Sherry Kuhr					6.0							6.0	0.0
<b>\$ MEANS POINT MONIES ARE PAID BY MONTHLY PLAYERS</b> <b>\$\$ MEANS POINT MONIES 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 W3 = 3 way tie for Second, Z3 = 3 way tie for Fifth 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.													

## **TRI-V ELECTION**

At the February 2015 TRI-V Club meeting we will have nominations for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. At the March 2015 meeting we will have the election for the above offices and follow that for three Council Seats. In the January 2015 issue of the Umph the officer history of Active members and the five year history of officers will be included. Please take the time to print out and review all so you will be well prepared for the nomination process in February.

Jay Trachsel  
Chairman,  
Election Committee

## **Council Party**

The council party will be held on Saturday, January 24th in downtown Rochester, Michigan (Nice Area). Tri-V members wishing to attend this adult only gathering will be treated to the Rochester Fire and Ice Festival. Ice sculptures will adorn the streets of Downtown Rochester throughout the weekend festival. Winter activities and fun things to do will include: snow shoeing, cross country skiing, ice skating, the giant tube sled hill, ice fishing, ice carving, carriage rides, light show, concerts and dog sled demos with free rides. Fireworks are a huge part of Fire & Ice – you can check out the fireworks show on Saturday night at 8pm. Fire and Ice will feature a beer tent and many food trucks as part of the Fire & Ice Taste fest. The Official schedule for the event has not been released, so expect that we will meet downtown as a group for dinner between 5 and 6. More details will be released in the January Tri-V paper.

## **Calling List**

I am attaching the calling list to this month's paper. Please look over your contact information and make sure it is correct. If any changes need to be made contact Steve Trachsel ([trach1s@hotmail.com](mailto:trach1s@hotmail.com)).

## **Trifles**

### **From the Lardins**

Judy and John Lardin enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday with son Larry and his family making it here for the week. Larry, Kim, Christine and Jacob arrived on Sat., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and returned on Fri., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. The grandkids, Christine nine and Jacob going to be seven had never seen snow and were expecting some. Unfortunately the snow came down on Fri. after they had left to return to Corpus Christi TX. The kids did enjoy playing in a few piles that were still around when they arrived. The stay included a trip to Frankenmuth and through the Wayne County Light Fest in Hines Park. Judy and John will be leaving on Fri., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and returning back home on Mon., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be going to Corpus Christi TX to celebrate grandson's Jacob 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. Upon their return they will be celebrating Christmas and getting ready to go to FL with the current plans to leave on Sun., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> and returning o/a April 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Greetings**

### **From the Cashmans**

We want to wish our dearest TRI-V friends a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We have many good memories of 2014 which include celebrating a 13th birthday with a grandson in January, going to Ft. Meyers, FL for the month of February, selling our rental house of 25 years in March, golfing the summer away with friends, celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary in Hawaii and also visiting with our children and grandchildren in California and Arizona during our trip going and coming from Hawaii, Cal celebrating his 60th year of deer hunting, spending Thanksgiving with our daughter and family from Tennessee and awaiting the coming of the Christmas season with family and friends and of course attending all the many TRI-V activities throughout the year. It will be hard to say goodbye to 2014 but we will look forward to making more memories in 2015 with our TRI-V friends and family. We have been truly blessed and know that none of this could have happened without our savior Jesus Christ working in our lives. Merry Christmas and Love to All

### **From the Plocharczyks**

Greetings from Gladwin! Today is Sunday 11/16 and we had our first measurable snow fall of about 1 inch. Hope this isn't a sign that we're in for a long, snowy, cold winter. This past Friday, Ken had left rotator cuff surgery done in Midland. The surgery went well, but the rotator cuff was badly torn and he also had a lot of arthritic bony fragments removed. We've been told he'll be in a sling for 4-5 weeks followed by about 8 week's physical therapy. He's not a happy camper. The previous week my Dad, Art Trachsel, was hospitalized for 4 days with congestive heart failure. He's back at The Brook Assisted Living in Gladwin feeling much better, although he's being closely monitored. Our holiday season will be on the quiet side, but hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I'll also take this time to wish each of you a blessed Christmas – filled with peace, love and hope at Christmas and in the coming year.

### **From the Schaefer**

Christmas Greetings from the Schaefer household. We pray for many blessings and peacefulness at this busy time of the year. May we all remember how fortunate we are to have one another. Family gatherings are the biggest of our blessings may we all remember and cherish each moment.

### **From the Jay Trachsels**

This time of year can feel rushed and hectic as we try to prepare for the holidays but keep your sights on the reason we are celebrating. Enjoy the time with family and friends during this special time. Liz and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy Happy New Year.

### **From Jeff Trachsel & Karen Thrift**

Wishing everyone a HAPPY and safe Christmas and a wonderful NEW YEAR. I know Karen and I are looking forward to the New Year as we will be adding to our family by 2 in early spring. What a great way to start the New Year. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Children's Christmas Party

### **From the Lardins**

As we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Christ, let us take the time to reflect back on all that has happened to us the past year. We are most thankful for being a member of the TRI-V Family. God has been good to our family and to TRI-V. Let us remember to thank him. To our TRI-V Family we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### **From the Ryan Trachsels**

We would like to wish everyone in Tri –V a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to the New Year and the addition of our 2<sup>nd</sup> child this May. May everyone have a safe Holiday during all your travels.

### **From the Barnes**

To all our TRI-V family we wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with Joy, Health, Love, Peace and Happiness! As we have truly been blessed. We haven't been involved as much as we once were with my business start up taking some weekend time, but I'm loving every bit of my "hobby". Catching up... Corey landed well at GE Aviation as a Data Modeler, Lynne loving the class and kids she's teaching and Jenna finishing up with CMU early (one year from now) as a Microscopy Major. Keeping busy and enjoying the gift of life HE has given. Happy Birthday Jesus! May all HIS blessings grace each and every one of you.....Merry Christmas to all! Love ya! Brett, Lynne, Corey, Jenna

### **From the Connollys**

May the birth of the Christ child bring his peace, love and happiness to all.

**From the George Hoffmans**

We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years

**From the Gies**

Merry Christmas from the Gies's from sunny Florida. Karlyn and I were up in Michigan for a week at Thanksgiving. Lisa and Tracey's family both traveled up and we had four wonderful days with all of the kids and grandkids. We actually celebrated Christmas with them as has been our tradition for several years. We wish all of our Tri-V family a safe and blessed Christmas.

**From the Kuhrs**

Merry Christmas! May God Bless you as much as He has blessed us by the friendships we have made in Tri-V. And may you have a Happy New Year!

Love you all!!!

**From Marilyn Myers**

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO from Marilyn Myers. Sorry I don't get to participate in many activities, but certainly have MANY, MANY wonderful memories!

**From the VanHollebekes**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Tri-V from Matt, Kali, and Stella VanHollebeke

**From the Mike Trachsels**

Wishing our friends & family peace, love and laughter this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

**From Shirley Suchner**

I will not be sending any Christmas Cards this year but I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I was in the Tri-v Club for over 60 years and enjoyed every minute of it. I am now in Senior Housing in New Hudson, Mi. Happy Holiday to you all.

**From the Dominic Angelosantos**

Hi Friends,

We love this Tri-V tradition as it gives us an opportunity to wish you all the best that life has to offer. We did a very long Christmas letter last year, when we gave a wrap up of our year. That was a very busy year with our adult children and grandchildren moving into new homes. It appears the moves were positive and all are happy. The children are busy with new friends in new neighborhoods and schools. With soccer, football, baseball, dance, gymnastics and as of this week, skating we are enjoying the benefits of being sideline grandparents. Last year Nick's 90 year old dad had just gone through some serious medical conditions, but since has been healthy and shows no signs of slowing down. He is looking forward to a one week trip to California with Vickie to visit his younger sister in January. If we are successful in our search for a two bedroom rental in Fort Myers we will take him with us on a month vacation in February. If our rental search is unsuccessful Nick may fly down for one or two weeks to get in some golf. Nick is supposed to be retired, but as most know he has taken over Vickie's deliveries. He may have the title of retired, but Vickie is happily reaping the benefits. As the Tri-V tradition continues, we wish you a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year.

**From the Stresses**

This is the time of year, we especially think about, and treasure our family and friends. We feel so blessed, to have so many wonderful people in our lives. So, we are wishing all our TRI-V families, the Merriest of Christmas's, and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

### **From the Dunhams**

Merry Christmas to all our Tri-V friends. Distance separates us but memories often bring smiles to our faces. May your Christmas season hold moments of peace, prayer, celebration, laughter and stillness for reflection. Enjoy this very special time of year. In love and friendship.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **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
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ladies Book Club  
Suzanne Schaefer (1pm)

### **December Birthdays**

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

### **December Anniversaries**

None

### **January**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pinochle (6:30 pm)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Ladies Mtg. (1pm)  
Onallee Trachsel
- 13<sup>th</sup> Men's Mtg  
Drakeshire Lanes(6 pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Council Party

### **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

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

As the Holiday Season arrives we were asked to remember in our prayers one of our original member. Don Gasco was in the hospital in late Nov. having a pacemaker installed. Don had just turned 90 in Oct. There were several members of the TRI-V family sharing additions to the Family. Marian and Lee Anderson became grandparents again on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> when son Brian and his wife gave birth to a little boy, Ellie and Terry Connolly became grandparents again on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> when son Chris and his wife gave birth to a little girl, Olivia, and Vickie and Nick Angelosanto will become grandparents in May when daughter Robyn is due. Congratulations to all the parents and grandparents. Reports of those traveling in Nov. and Dec. included Peg and Bob Wendt returning to FL for the winter, Art Trachsel to North Fort Myers to spend Thanksgiving with Onallee and Bill, Judy and John Lardin to San Antonio TX

the first middle of Dec., Vickie and Nick Angelosanto to AZ for a week the middle of Dec. and Karlyn and Tim Gies to Italy the first part of Nov. Lee Anderson has taken a contract position with Visteon in Spain for several months and Marian is going to join him during the month of Jan. Karlyn Gies had a fender bender on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> as she stopped suddenly and the woman behind her couldn't. Fortunately no one was hurt. There were articles on the Nov. Pinochle hosted by the Cashmans, Clingermans and Wukas. Wallyball was scheduled for Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Coliseum, the Florida get together scheduled for Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in the "Winter Haven, Lake Wales area and The Anniversary Party scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Maples of Novi, Novi.

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

Please remember in your prayers Bob Wendt. His health continues to deteriorate. He is unable to do anything on his own and spends most of his time sleeping. His pain medicine has been increased regularly and is in hospice care. Those traveling were Art Trachsel to North Fort Myers for Thanksgiving and Judy and John Lardin to Corpus Christi TX the first part of Dec. This trip for Art and Judy and John has become regularity for this time of the year. Peg and George Hoffman made it home for the holidays. While here Peg will have minor foot surgery and the return to FL has not been determined. There were articles on pinochle hosted by the Connollys and Wutkas. Through the Dec. play in first place was Nick Angelosanto with 75 points, Roman Bliudzius in second place with 74.5 points and Vickie Angelosanto in third place with 69 points. The TRI-V Wives Christmas Dinner was set for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth Crossings, Plymouth; the TRI-V Council Party was set for Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Novi Bowl, Novi, and the Florida TRI-V Anniversary Party for March 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> at Lazy Daze in FL. This wraps up another trip down memory lane. This being the last one of the year, take the time to think back all that has happened with you, your family and the TRI-V Family in 2014. Perhaps there is someone who has lost a loved one this year, remember them, pray for them. Was there a special event you or your family was involved in? Take the time to share it with each other. These being the Holiday Season take the time to share those memories we grew up with. As we see each other start with "Remember when" and go from there. It might be a previous Christmas or just something that happened last Feb. or March. Just take the time to share the memories. Do not let the good or unfortunate thing just fade away. It is all part of what has made us what we are both as individuals and family. Until we see you next month, the Good Lord willing, take care of one another.