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ATTITUDE

Do you remember the TV show where the detective would say "Just the facts, ma'ma. I need to know the facts." Sound familiar?

Well, it was brought to my mind recently in an unusual way. My aunt and I went to visit my mother at the nursing home where she lives well cared for at the age of 94.

There was a program starting in a few minutes and we decided to stay longer. The gist of it was that in any situation our attitude is much more important than the facts. They said we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We can't change the past, said Mr. Swindal or the inevitable but we can be able to determine our attitude. Take a deep breath and try to do just that.

Just to let you know, the program was not all so serious. We played catch with many small bright breen balls, tossing them all over to the others. Only those who said something positive could keep the ball they caught. Lots of laughter and fun. We each went home with one or two.

Wanted to share this with you.

Sincerely,  
Josephine Gentile

Sr. Beverly wants to thank all of the people who helped stuff envelopes for St. Francis church. You are really "angels".

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PINOCHLE WINNERS

March 2

|                |     |        |
|----------------|-----|--------|
| Vera Kozak     | 575 | \$2.50 |
| Jennie Cellura | 567 | 2.00   |
| E. DeFlorentis | 542 | 1.50   |
| Andy Sivoran   | 527 | 1.00   |
| Thelma Lilje   | 522 | 1.00   |

March 9

|                 |     |      |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| Jennie Cellura  | 529 | 2.00 |
| Andy Sivoran    | 511 | 1.75 |
| Marcie Stianche | 507 | 1.25 |
| Thelma Olsen    | 496 | 1.00 |

March 16

|                 |     |      |
|-----------------|-----|------|
| Howard Barnes   | 585 | 2.00 |
| Mary Blasko     | 575 | 1.75 |
| Thelma Olsen    | 546 | 1.25 |
| Marcie Stianche | 541 | 1.00 |

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WEDNESDAY CARD PLAYER WINNERS

The winners on March 4th, were Marcie Stianche, Jennie Cellura, Howard Barnes, Mary Blasko, Eddie Mark and Helen Balutis.

The winners on March 18 were Mary Blasko, Thelma Lilje, Evelyn DeFlorentis, Vera Kozak, Jennie Cellura and Marcie Stianche.

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TO SISTER BEVERLY

The residents of Villa Serena want to extend to you our deepest sympathy on the recent death of your father.

We all know you will miss him very much but just feel contentment in knowing that he is now at peace and no longer in pain.

Our prayers are with you at this time.

Villa Serena Residents

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VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

MONTH OF APRIL, 1998

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

NO DINNER - GOOD FRIDAY  
HAPPY EASTER & PASSOVER  
FROM THE KITCHEN CREW

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

SPECIAL PASSOVER DINNER

WINE  
Matzo Ball Soup  
Baked Chicken  
Vegetable  
Dessert

\$7.50 per person

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

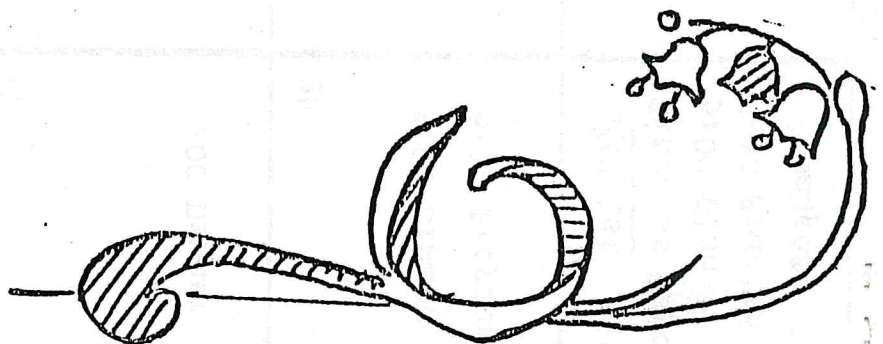
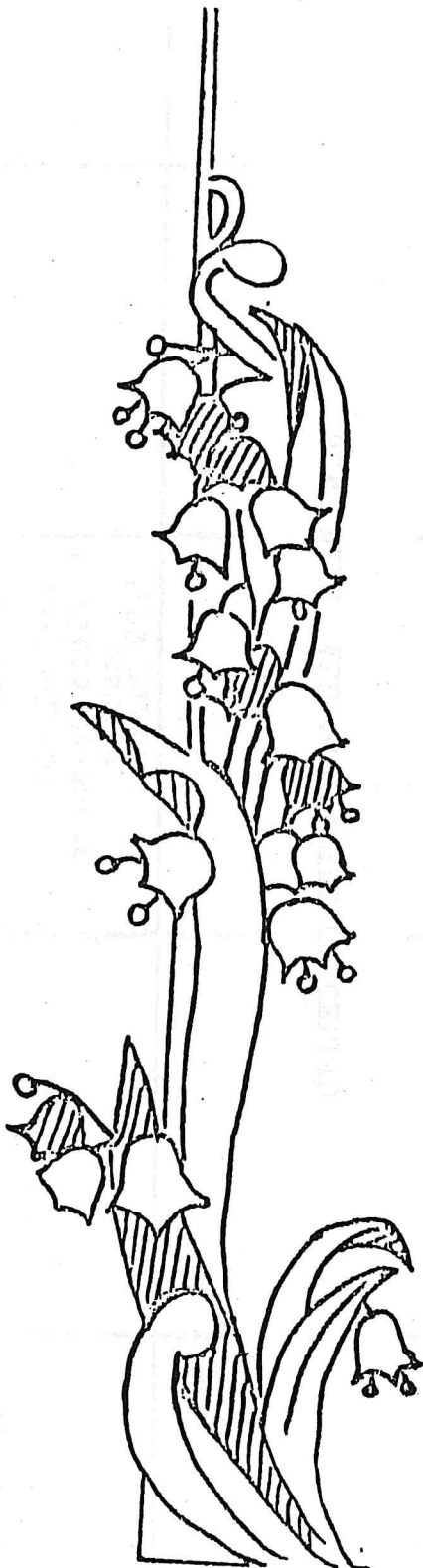
Choice of Baked Fish or  
Brisket of Beef  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Dessert

\$6.50 per person

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

Choice of Baked Chicken  
or Baked Fish  
Rice Dish  
Vegetable  
Dessert

\$7.00 per person



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

HOLY WEEK ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED

|   |  |  |    |  |                     |
|---|--|--|----|--|---------------------|
|   |  | 1<br>1:30-2:30<br>Exercise<br>10:30-12:00<br>Blood Pressure<br>testing<br>7:00 Cards |    |  | 3<br>3:00 Communion |
| 6   | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10   |                     |
| 13<br>9:30-12:30<br>Ceramics                  | 14<br>9:00-12:00<br>Sewing<br>3:30 Rosary                    | 15<br>1:30-2:30<br>Exercise  | 16 | 17<br>5:00 Dinner  |                     |
| 6:30 Pinochle                                 | 7:00 Game night  | 7:00 Cards   |    |  |                     |
| 20<br>9:30-12:30<br>Ceramics                  | 21<br>9:00-12:00<br>Sewing<br>3:30 Rosary                    | 22<br>1:30-2:30<br>Exercise  | 23 | 24<br>5:00 Dinner<br>6:30 Program                                  |                     |
| 6:30 pinochle                                 | 7:00 Game night  |  |    |  |                     |
| 27<br>9:30-12:30<br>Ceramics<br>6:30 Pinochle | 28<br>9:00-12:00<br>Sewing<br>3:30 Rosary<br>7:00 Game night | 29<br>1:30-2:30<br>Exercise  | 30 | MAY 1st<br>Cinco De Mayo<br>5:00 Dinner<br>6:30 Spanish<br>Dancers |                     |

V I L L A S E R E N A A C T I V I T I E S

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## CINCO DE MAYO - THE FIFTH OF MAY

The fifth of May is not Mexican Independence day, but it should be! And Cinco de Mayo is not an American holiday, but it should be.

After Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1821, it was in a rebellious, unstable state for years. In 1862 Napoleon III of France, who loathed and feared the United States, invaded Mexico. Napoleon III wanted to establish an Empire in Mexico as a response to growing American power..

The United States was fighting its own Civil War and could not assist its Spanish neighbors. In the Battle of Puebla, May 5, 1862, more than eight thousand French forces, undefeated in fifty years and with the finest "modern" equipment, were defeated by General Zaragoza's four thousand untrained Mexican Indians armed only with machetes. This victory kept the French from assisting the American Confederate Army. Later, Union forces were sent assist the Mexican Army.

In gratitude, thousands of Mexicans crossed the border after Pearl Harbor to join the U.S. Armed Forces. As recently as the Persian Gulf War, Mexicans flooded American Consulates with phone calls, trying to join another war for America.

Mexicans, you see, never forget who their friends are, and neither do Americans. That's why Cinco de Mayo is such a party, we celebrate freedom and liberty - two ideals we share.

Cinco de Mayo has become more of a Chicano (Mexican-American) holiday than a Mexican one. People of Mexican descent in the United States celebrate with music, dance and parades.

Join us Friday, May 1 at the Villa Serena for our First Ever Cinco de Mayo celebration. With a fine dinner and Spanish Dancers, we're going to have a grand time!

MARDI GRAS AT THE VILLA SERENA

What a night - so many happy faces! Our committes sure do know how to throw a party! From the beautiful tables to the wonderful food and the great clean-up crew and then those who dressed for the occasion sure added a lot to the evening. More of us should get into the spirit of things to make you feel young again and bring back great memories. You see, we aren't getting older at The Villa, we are just GETTING BETTER!

Bert Morehart

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Our St. Patricks Day party was sure a hit with everyone! The fine corned beef and cabbage dinner with Special Beverage had us right in the mood for The Irish Murphy Dancers. Thirty-three terrific young people sure showed "the right stuff" with a great dance program. Did you know they got awards for Best Unit and Best Children's Unit at Cleveland's St. Patricks Day Parade? And you saw it all at The Villa Serena!

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WHO'S ON OUR BLOCK?

She's lived here at the Villa, happily for twentyseven years. Yes, in 1971 Mabelle Heidy came to live at Villa Serena.

Mabelle or "Heidy", as her friends call her, was born in Cleveland in 1904. She went to grade school at Immaculate Conception and high school at Ursuline Academy. <sup>49</sup>

Heidy has two wonderful children, seven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. She has been widowed twice.

Heidy worked for the Retail Merchandise Board for thirty-four years and retired at age sixtyfive. Soon after that, a friend at the Consumer Credit Consulting Service asked Heidy and seventeen years later she retired a second time at age eightytwo!

When I first came to the Villa five years ago, I met Heidy - a very bright lady with beautiful white hair and beautiful skin and a very pleasant personality. Looking so young at the age of ninetyfour she says is because "we at The Villa have nothing to worry about".

Bert Morehart

LETS PLAY BOCCI !!!!!

You know the Bocci season is almost here when all the members of The Italian Sons and Daughters begin their league playing in the evenings.

The Villa Serena residents are invited to use the Bocci courts at any time they wish during the day. We have purchased Bocci balls for residents to use and would like to form a few teams. Ladies too!

If you would like to play or would play if you had some instruction, let us know. We have all the equipment and potential instructors you will need. Come use the courts and enjoy many fun times.

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MOVIE NIGHT

Come to the movies! You will love the movie we have selected. Come down to the Red Room SUNDAY April 26 at 6:30 P.M. to see Jack Lemon and Walter Mattau starring in OUT TO SEA. You'll get some nice "belly laughs".

LOOKING FOR GARDENERS

Each Spring the Villa Serena "puts her make-up on" with lovely bright flowers all around the building. A very dedicated corps of volunteers sets out the plants, waters and weeds the beds. This year I'm hoping more assistance is offered. Could each floor form a group of gardeners and maintain their own area for the season? Think of the fun and fresh air!

Also, any persons wishing to memorialize a loved one may do so with a tax deductible donation to our Flower Fund.

If you're intrested in either volunteering or donating, please stop in Cathy's office or call the Villa Serena office.



HEALTHMATE OF BEACHWOOD

provides as a community service, FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 10:30 A.M. to 12 noon for Villa Serena residents.



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BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY DANCE!

What could be a nicer way to celebrate your birthday or anniversary than to come to dinner at the Villa Serena and dance to the music and songs of ED & GILDA CIFANI. We just love them, they go together like ice cream and apple pie.

Mark the date on your calendars right now before you forget!!! The date is FRIDAY, APRIL 24th.

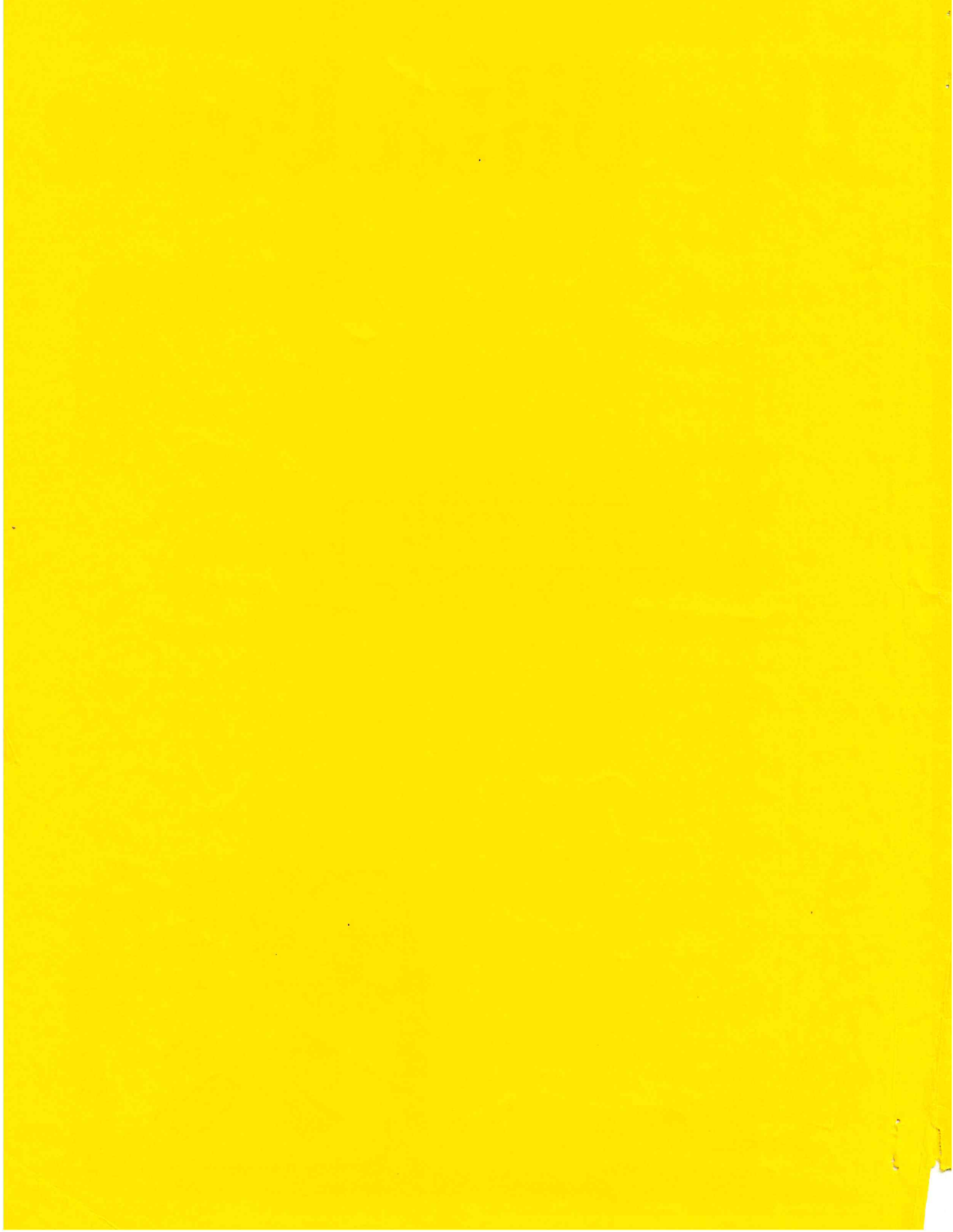
As usual we must ask you to let us know when purchasing tickets in order to get a discounted dinner!!

Make a special note now of our First Ever Cinco de Mayo (Fifth of May) Celebration to be held FRIDAY, MAY 1ST. We are pleased to have performing Libby Lubinger of the Fairmont Spanish Dance Troup and her dancers. It's going to be a very special evening!

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