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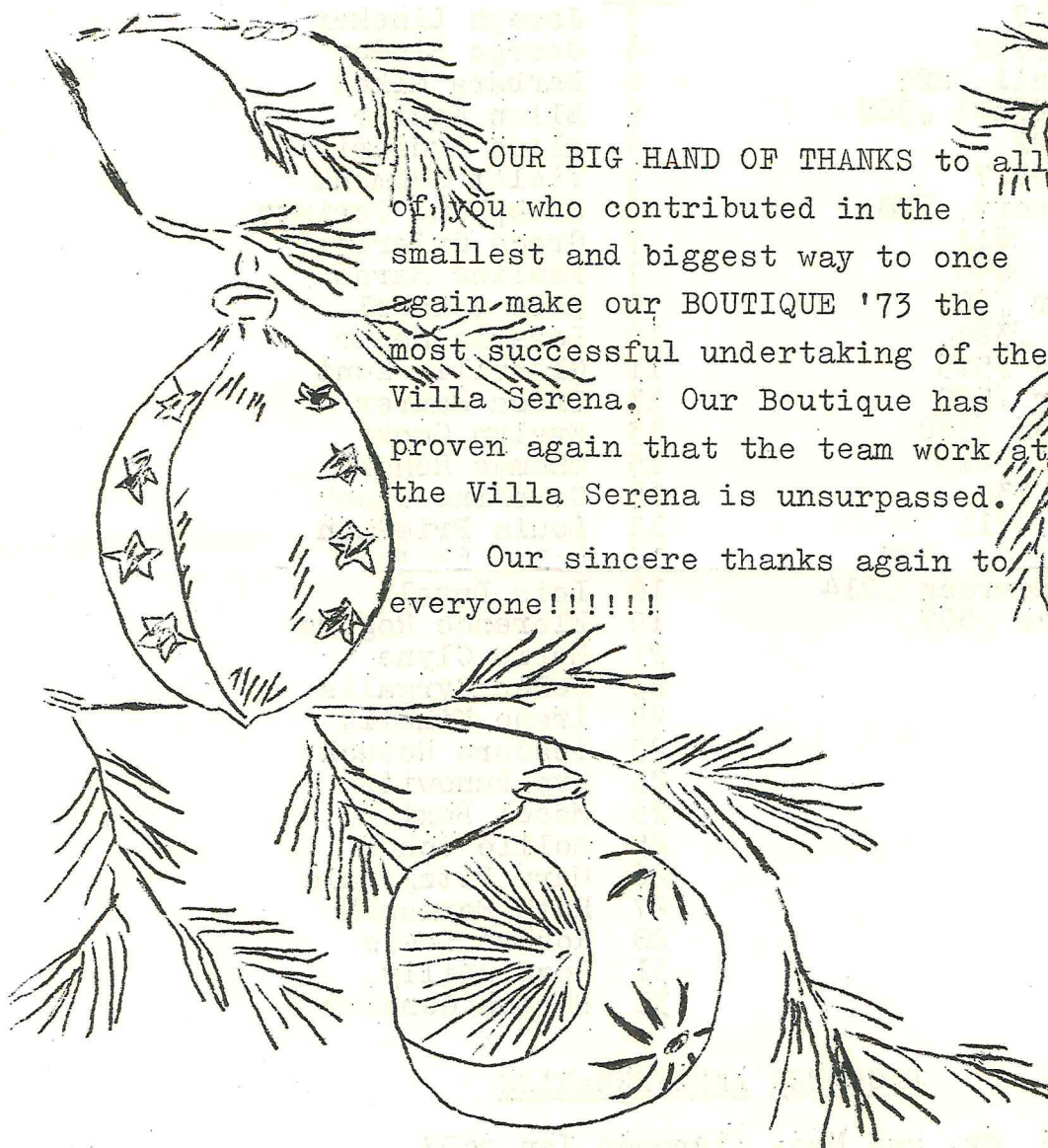


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OUR BIG HAND OF THANKS to all of you who contributed in the smallest and biggest way to once again make our BOUTIQUE '73 the most successful undertaking of the Villa Serena. Our Boutique has proven again that the team work at the Villa Serena is unsurpassed.

Our sincere thanks again to everyone!!!!!!

The Board of Trustees and the Villa Serena staff extend birthday and anniversary greetings to each of you and a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all. May your year ahead be filled with good health and all of your hearts' desires.
--Eileen Bentler

DECEMBER FLOWER: Narcissus

DECEMBER BIRTHSTONE: Turquoise

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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1 Roy Welke #617
12 Zara Joseph #732
13 Cecile Marshall #229
15 Katherine DePenti #302
16 Edna Carr #822
17 Lulu Sarver #227
20 Marion Davenport #628
20 Mary Johnson #611
21 Robert Klein #830
22 Albert Wagner #305
22 Ralph Keeler #324
23 Lucy Conforte #515
23 Vendel Sarmir #530
25 Margaret Stwan #510
25 Laura Seibert #215
27 Ray Schneid #734
28 Matilda Katz #711
29 Joseph Czernicki #607
30 Catherine Henderson #214
31 Clara Schwarcz #507

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3 Joseph Lineker
4 George Binder
4 Barbara Mikes
5 Ellen Kohler
5 Alice Huusari
5 Violet Schmunk
6 Josephine Christy
7 Grace Guthrie
7 Pauline Baraz
9 Rose Schoenl
10 Loretta Mayer
11 Glenville Kent
13 Tresa Maurer
13 Evelyn Cook
15 Thomas Rehor
15 Caroline Wisch
15 Louis Friedman
16 Helen Kahler
18 Lois Duval
19 Florence Rogers
21 Marie Clyne
23 Helen Cyrgalis
25 Irene Mihalik
25 Isadore Robuck
25 Eva Bunowitz
25 Mabel Baxter
25 Mollie Cohen
26 Mary Fitzgerald
27 Ruth Formanek
28 Robert Lewis
31 Rose Reilly
31 Bertha Gensler

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 13 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jan #407
Dec. 11 Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gray
Dec. 30 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cohen

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IN FULL SWING AT THE VILLA SERENA.

Our Christmas season is always a very special time, a time for rejoicing and giving thanks for the graces of the past year. We have listed below our holiday program for you and would recommend that you not miss any of the activities planned for this happy month. We hope you will truly enjoy all of the wonderful entertainment arranged for you.

Friday, December 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Our traditional yearly "Tree Decorating Get Together." We will decorate our tree and have our official tree lighting ceremony, midst the singing of Christmas carols by the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Recreation Center.

Wednesday, December 12th, 8:00 p.m.

We have a marvelous BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY to look forward to this month with the professional folk singer and guitarist Elaine Bernie to be here at the Villa Serena to entertain us. A special night for some very important people--let's not forget to red-letter this day on our calendars.

Wednesday, December 19th, 4:00 p.m.

We are very pleased to welcome to the Villa Serena the Oakville School Brownie Group #1847. Their beautiful caroling voices will certainly help to give us that good feeling that the holiday season is with us and that all is right with the world.

Friday, December 21st, 5:00 p.m.

This evening promises to be a really beautiful memorable CHRISTMAS PARTY. It will be an evening that starts with good food and ends with a fabulous array of stars (our very favorite ones) who will be on stage at the Villa Serena this night to entertain us.

The dinner hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$3.00 per person. Sneak preview of the entertainment: Sylvester Blue, Ruth Ann Harmon, Mike Jacobs, Ada Koller -- and more....

HILLCREST'S VOLUNTEERS DINNER

A group of Hillcrest Hospital volunteers from the Villa Serena attended their fifth recognition dinner in appreciation for a job well done and to make special presentations to the ones with the most hours. Special awards of jeweled pins were presented to eight with one thousand hours or over. One volunteer was given special recognition for her 2,073 hours. All in all the 230 adult volunteers worked 32,000 hours during the year. Quite a lot of savings for the hospital.

The special guest for the evening was none other than Jim Doney who edits "Adventure Road" on channel eight. His program has won many awards. He is also a lecturer and world traveler. Mr. Doney showed us some very interesting and beautiful films of Stockholm and Copenhagen.

It was certainly a lovely evening quite well spent, and we who attended enjoyed it very much and felt good that we have a small part in doing our bit for Hillcrest Hospital which is greatly appreciated. --Edith Madge

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The Men's Club meeting on November 13th with 34 members present was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Five members with birthdays and two members with anniversaries in November furnished the members with refreshments. Cards and pool were the final events of a most enjoyable evening. --Lad Cimler

1973 THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our Thanksgiving Day celebration on Sunday, November 18, was really a very special occasion when many many senior citizens gathered together for a luscious dinner with all the trimmings and to give thanks for our daily blessings. The cuisine was prepared by our very own Evelyn Baker and Sandy Sailor, who did a tremendous job, and served with elegance by those wonderful dedicated ladies of the Villa Serena--Kate Bloomer, Barbara Delfs, Emma Kling, and volunteer mother and daughter team, Karen and Carol Kozell, who always come to the rescue, and Mr. Chesler's daughter, Barbara, and her friends, Marty and Sharon. Helen Burns and Kathryn Ewing helped set the tables.

The entertainment for the evening was hilarious. Joe Kaster with his brogue and crazy balloon games in which many participated caused bedlam. His band which was picked from the audience had everybody in hysterics. His orchestral instruments were all homemade, and you can imagine the quality of the music. Well, they say laughter is the best medicine, and I'm sure many forgot their ailments with this performance!

Thus we began this year's holiday season with a prayer of thanksgiving for another wonderful year at the Villa. --Edith Madge

CHRISTMAS BEAUTY AT THE
VILLA SERENA

Remember the beauty of our windows at Halloween done by the wonderful people in Mr. Yeager's art class? Well, be watching every day because pretty soon they will be back again to paint our windows for the Christmas season, and what's more they seem to enjoy doing it--and if that is not enough Nan Rood and her Merry Christmas helpers will be adding our usual decorations and putting the sparkling touch all over.

The Villa Serena is certainly going to be a lovely place to see at Christmas time. Invite your family and friends over for a holiday visit and proudly show off the Christmas spirit that will be prevailing around our home at the Villa Serena. Let's all make this an especially wonderful time of the year by adding to the beauty created by our art class and Nan and her helpers by doing something beautiful for one another or saying something nice to someone whom you may not have talked to very much during the year. Start by mending old friendships that have been allowed to fall by the wayside. Maybe a kind word will make you even better friends than before --anyway it's worth a try!

The Villa Serena is a beautiful home for all of us. We have beautiful people all around us. Let's make everyone who comes through our doors welcome. What a wonderful way to pay tribute to this holiday season when Christians and non-Christians unite in Hanukkah and Christmas at a time when we can all spread joy to one another.

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CHRISTMAS BEAUTY (continued
from previous column)

Our art class is certainly doing its share; let's all do ours.

May we wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!

DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE
Thursday, 10:00 A.M.

Dec. 6 Rev. Ronald L. Hoover
Highland Road Baptist

Dec. 13 Rev. B. James
Epiphany Reformed
Episcopal

Dec. 20 Rev. Paul Meister
Hillcrest Baptist

Dec. 27 Rev. H. B. Wild
Lyndhurst Baptist

OUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning Monday, December 24th, there will be no daytime activities at the Villa Serena until Monday, January 7th, when we will resume our regular schedule of classes.

We are endeavoring to give all of our personnel an opportunity to enjoy the holiday season. They will all see you again next year.

Leisure: the time you spend on lots of jobs you don't get paid for.
A.C.W.

UP AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS

We've heard of several Villa Serena people traveling these past several weeks: Helen Sigman and Clara Colson were touring Texas and New Orleans for two weeks; Dorothy Khaner is visiting her daughters in Dayton and Mattoon, Ill. and will be gone about a month; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Freed are traveling in California, Ellen Guarnieri is vacationing in Florida for the winter and Joe Martin is visiting his daughter in Philadelphia.

Congratulations to Joe and Eileen Bentler who welcomed their third grandson, Patrick Bernard to their midst. Mae and Fern Luke announced a great-grandson arrival in their family. Best of all good wishes to the newly born.

It was very pleasant to see Mr. Frank Petrone attending one of our Thursday morning devotional services.

Hospitalized during this past month were Anne Gallagher, Kay Minor, Gus Sulzer, Gladys Crawford, Warrene Rash, Len Shoemaker, and Helen Brennan. All of our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The VILLA VOICE staff had a pre-Thanksgiving get together (formally a "Tea" but we really drank coffee.) Several of the staff members brought the most luscious goodies for all of us to sample--and we all really enjoyed the sampling. (Check the cake recipe for this month on page 8!) We were all very glad to welcome Anna Puhalla back to our staff meetings. She was much missed during her recent illness.

Recuperating from recent illnesses are Helene Hanson, Matilda Katz, Hazel Barrett, Ida Roberts, and Fred Horne. We hope that by the time they read this, they are feeling much better. We wish them well!!

We had lucky card party winners this past month: Rose Chicel, Eileen Bentler, Lynn Zeigler, Sarah Welke, Delia Hansen, and Laura Seibert.

The VILLA VOICE and its readers extend sincere sympathy to the families of

Ben Begelman
Ursala Paynick

Our sympathy too is extended to Jessie Cantlebury on the death of her sister; to Helen Sulzer who also lost her sister; to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Voorhies on the death of their grandson; and to Elizabeth Doyle on the death of her nephew.

Many thanks to Len Shoemaker for his donation of books to the library.

!!!BOUTIQUE PRIZE WINNERS!!!

- First Prize: Marjorie Gordon
 - Second Prize: Emma Tullio
 - Third Prize: Jennette Walker
 - Fourth Prize: Marie Schmalz
- *****

Adolph Loretitich has moved to the Euclid Beach Villa.

UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NEWS

With everyone singing "Oh What a Beautiful morning," 43 happy travelers left the Villa in the early morning of Nov. 7th just in time to see the sun rise in the east. After a short stop for refreshments we arrived at Niagra Falls. As always, even if you have been there before, it's a wondrous sight. After touring the Falls area, we toured the Welland Canal and were in luck to see a big ship going through the locks. After lunch and some shopping it was time to start back. We had an appointment at Peen Shore winery located in Pennsylvania. We had the pleasure of tasting several kinds of wine as well as cheese. A good time was had by all and business was good! We arrived back at the Villa under a starlit sky--a beautiful ending to a beautiful day.

So many of my travel friends have asked me to set up a trip to Hawaii. I am happy to announce arrangements are being made for a three week tour--last two weeks in February and first week in March: first three days in San Francisco, next ten days in Honolulu. The last week will be optional. You may visit friends in the Los Angeles area or stay with the group. We'll be visiting San Diego. Our hotel will be Queen Mary--world famous ocean liner now a permanent hotel. After seeing the sights along the coast, we'll fly to fabulous Las Vegas for 4 days and 3 nights. We'll have a dinner show each night seeing and hearing all the great stars. If this sounds interesting, just send me a card or call 461-2457. Complete details will be sent to you.

Yours in friendship,
Rudolf Freed
Villa Serena, Apt. 618

HAPPY DAY FOR
MR. AND MRS. CHESLER

We are happy to hear of the coming marriage of Ellen Joy Chesler to Matthew Mallow on December 30th in New York City. Matthew is a practicing attorney in New York and Ellen has been teaching at Hunter College and working on her doctorate at Columbia University. Many many good wishes to this young couple and may the senior Cheslers enjoy the wedding festivities and New Year's Eve on Times Square!

Remember our Boutique Shop will be open from now until Christmas.
Don't miss this marvelous opportunity for some lovely gift buying!

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Look for a special announcement sometime in December for information about our New Year's Eve Party. Great plans are now being formed to make this a great evening of fun for you and your friends.

"The less men think the more they talk."

DECEMBER 1973 DINNER MENU

Friday, December 7th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Liver and Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad
Dessert

Friday, December 14th

PICK-N-PAY DINNER

Friday, December 21st

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Choice of Baked Ham
with Raisin Sauce
or
1/2 Baked Chicken
with Gravy
Potatoes au graten
Harvard Beets
Jello Salad
Surprise Christmas Dessert

Cost: \$3.00 per person

(Those of you who have already
purchased Christmas dinner
tickets, please stop in the
office and indicate your dinner
choice.)

On behalf of the Kitchen Staff, may we wish
all of you a Blessed Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,
and a Happy "and sober" New Year!!!

DONATIONS FOR THE BUS FUND

Stamp Books

3/2 Josephine Yurka

CASH

\$5.00 Mrs. L. R. Emmons
2.00 Roberta Evans
2.00 Ralph Keeler

Loose Stamps

Charlotte Sadowsky
Ralph Keeler
Bertha Gensler
Mrs. Clarence Jan

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Our November birthday and anniversary get together on Wednesday, November 7th, brought a deluge of happy celebrants to our Villa Center. They were greeted at the door by Joseph Bentler and John Berger, our gracious ushers for the evening. There were many November birthdays. Those celebrating their anniversaries were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latini, 47 yrs. married, Mr. and Mrs. Lad Cimler 50, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schwarcz 37, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klein 53. Many healthy and happy years ahead to all of them.

As usual we had a great evening of entertainment in Eli and Harriet Rosenberg, Ida Grimm, Florence Wasserman and Ruth Elgard, the accompanist on the piano. They were really funny and had the audience roaring with laughter. Surely a very talented group. The singing and their funny antics were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Refreshments were served and thus another memorable evening for everyone.

--Edith Madge

"Often while someone is explaining and complaining why something can't be done, someone else does it."

G.H.C.

Dear Santa,

Won't you please reach into that big magic bag and leave a few gifts under our tree. For our Board members and our staff all of the good things of life that they so richly deserve; for our teachers and instructors the deep satisfaction of a job well done; for each of our volunteers real happiness in their work; for our I.S.D.A. and many other friends success in every venture; for the members of our Senior Citizen's group the health and wherewith to join us often and for each of us lucky residents of the Villa Serena --?? Santa what more can we ask for--we have everything.

Gratefully, all of us,
Eileen Bentler

POOL NEWS

The Men's Pool Tournament is going into the last month of play which ends December 20th. It has been highly contested and competitive by each player and the leaders are beginning to feel the pressure. Watch for results in the January issue of the Villa Serena.

--Lad Cimler

A BABE IS BORN

A host of angels glad tidings bring,
A savior is born to be our king,
And lo there was a shining light,
To show the shepherds the way
by night,
And there in swaddling clothes
he lay,
A babe so sweet on a bid of hay,
The Christ Child lies in the
manger still,
Bringing peace, new hope and
good will. --Edith Madge

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and your family for the evening
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FOOT NOTES

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