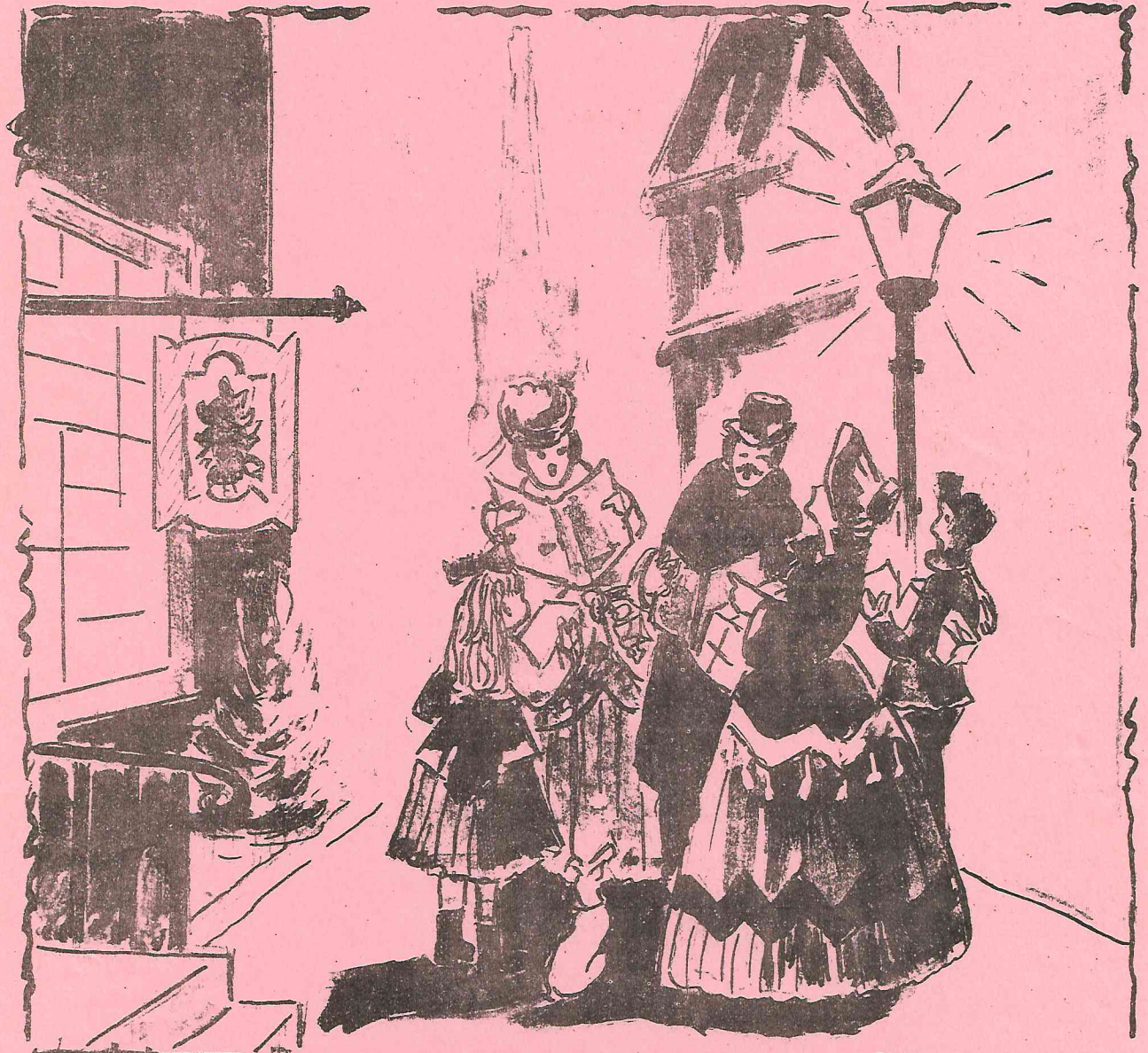


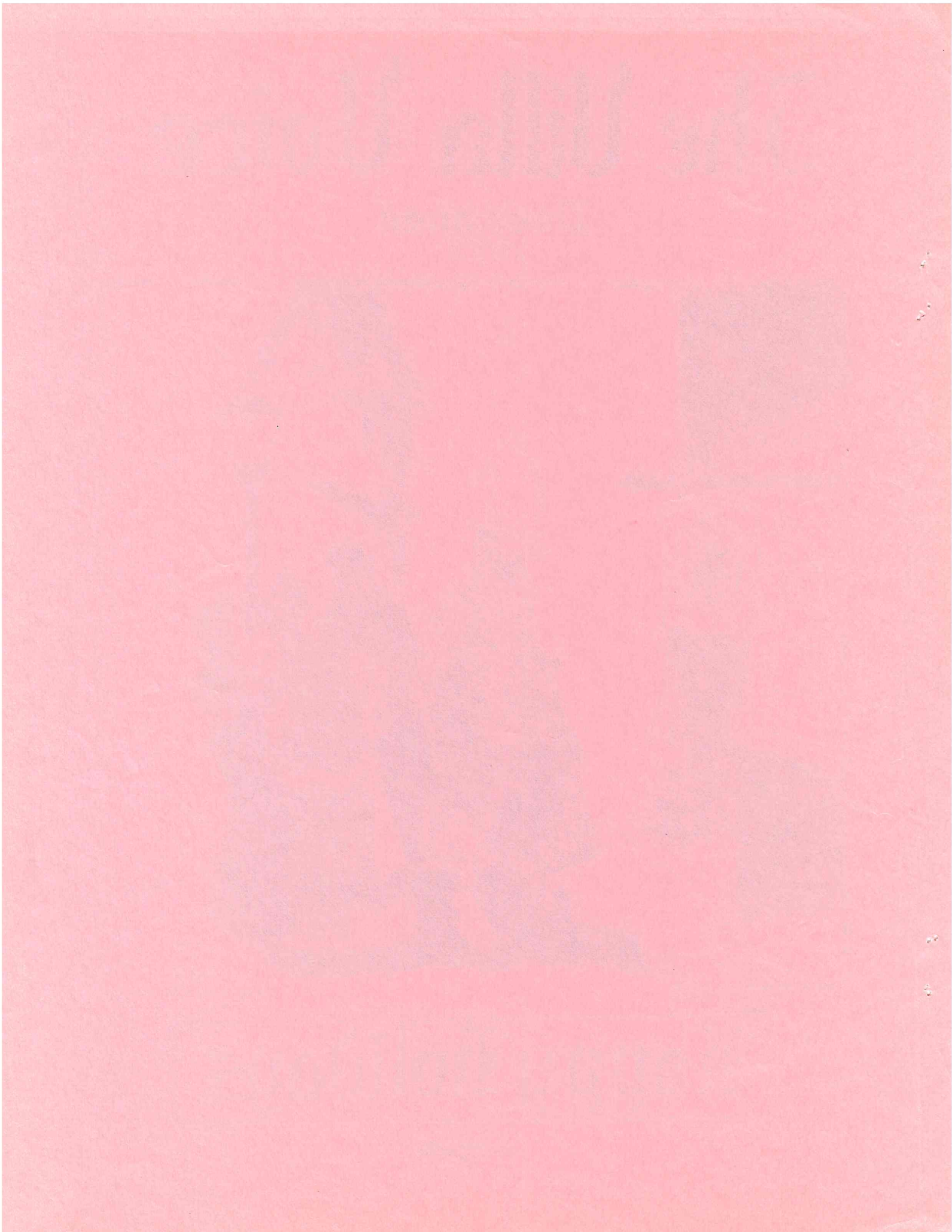
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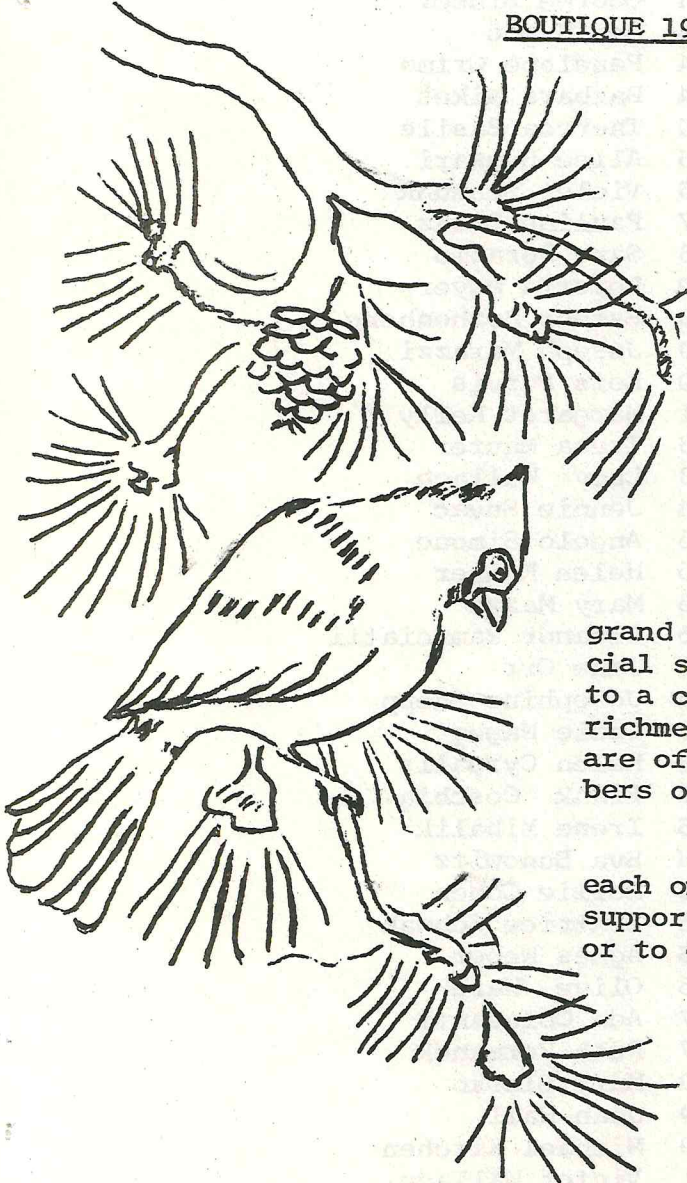
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BOUTIQUE 1977 -- SUPER SENSATIONAL



Although we don't like to sound like a blurb from a Madison Avenue public relations firm each year, the truth is, and it cannot be more reliably and happily told, that the Villa Serena Boutique 1977 was a super sensational success...the greatest, the best, the most successful of all the Villa Serena boutiques!!!!

It is through the dedicated efforts of each one of you who has contributed throughout the past year so generously with your time, talents, and in many instances cash donations, that we can all share in this wonderful feeling of grand accomplishment. The outstanding financial success of the Boutique 1977 contributes to a considerable degree to the continued enrichment of the variety of activities that are of enjoyment and benefit to all the members of the Villa Serena Citizen Center.

A very sincere and genuine thank you to each one of you for your tremendous aid and support in whatever way you were able to give or to do for the Boutique 1977.

To each of you may the coming holidays be joyful, happy, and beautiful....

Happy Hanukkah

Merry Christmas

and

A Joyous New Year

A birthday, an anniversary in this this special season....the Board of Trustees and the Villa Serena staff wish each of you the richest blessings of Christmastide and the Hanukkah season.

--Eileen Bentler

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Flower: Narcissus

Birthstone: Turquoise

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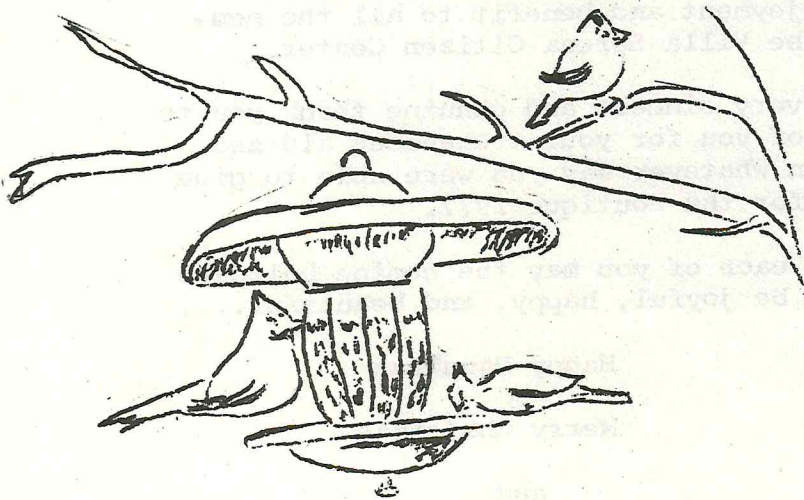
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- 8 Ralph Myslenski
- 8 Charles Blessing #624
- 12 Zara Joseph #732
- 16 Edna Carr #822
- 22 Ralph Keeler #324
- 23 Vendel Sarmir #334
- 25 Frank Vigneri #515
- 25 Laura Seibert #215
- 26 Leola Wenner #223
- 27 Ray Schneid #734
- 28 Matilda Katz #711
- 29 Joseph Czernicki #607
- 30 Catherine Henderson #214
- 31 Clara Schwarcz #507

Dec.

- 2 Mary Zingalie
- 3 Betty Farinacchi
- 4 George Binder
- 4 Ann Hudec
- 4 Penelope Grimm
- 4 Barbara Mikes
- 5 Theresa Basile
- 5 Alice Huusari
- 5 Violet Schmunk
- 7 Pauline Baraz
- 8 Sara Dorazio
- 10 Loretta Mayer
- 10 Esther Rothenberg
- 10 Joseph Marazzi
- 10 Lois Purvis
- 11 Margaret Kelly
- 13 Tresa Maurer
- 13 Lucy Wallace
- 14 Jennie Suvac
- 16 Angelo Simone
- 16 Helen Kahler
- 16 Mary Mazza
- 16 Eleanor Ramaciatti
- 18 Jane Orr
- 18 Josephine Shepp
- 18 Sadie Nager
- 23 Helen Cyrgalis
- 23 Frank Coschia
- 25 Irene Mihalik
- 25 Eva Bunowitz
- 25 Mollie Cohen
- 25 Beatrice Schwab
- 25 Agnes Weber
- 26 Olive Ware
- 27 Ada Colasanti
- 27 Ruth Formanek
- 29 Mary Blasko
- 29 Jean Hall
- 29 Michael Kitchen
- 31 Victor Wallace

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 11 Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gray
- Dec. 15 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maier
- Dec. 30 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cohen
- Dec. 27 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cohen



This year as in past years the Villa Serena will abound with the holiday spirit beginning early in December with the painting class decorating the windows and culminating on December 16th with our annual holiday dinner and party. List the special events on your December calendar. We know you won't want to miss a single one. We extend a cordial invitation to all our Villa Serena members to share with us in the enjoyment of these fine programs.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 5:00 p.m. DINNER
6:30 p.m. TREE DECORATING AND LIGHTING
7:30 p.m. BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY

This is one of our very special events during the holiday season. It is the night of our traditional tree decorating and lighting. When the lights are turned on and the tree so beautifully highlighted, there is truly felt a warm feeling of togetherness among all who are gathered to share in this rare moment.

After the tree lighting ceremony, we will gather in the Red Room for special greetings to our birthday and anniversary celebrants who are fortunate to have this wonderful month for their own. Special entertainment is planned with Mr. Woods and the Mayfield High School Melody Makers.

At 5:00 p.m. a good dinner of either baked fish or Swiss steak will be ready for you to savor before joining in the evening's festivities. Buy your dinner ticket in the office.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 5:00 p.m. ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER AND PARTY

With a superb dinner planned and the finest entertainment scheduled nobody will want to miss our holiday dinner and party. It is always an evening filled with superlatives in food, fun, and holiday joyousness. Many of our most favorite entertainers are coming to share the season's gaiety with us--Ada Koller, Sylvester Blue, Sammy Berk to name several...and maybe even a visit from Santa Claus! A dinner ticket at \$3.50 is a really super present to give yourself!

HOLIDAY SEASON COMES TO THE VILLA SERENA

DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE

December 1 Highland Road Baptist
December 8 Rev. James Foster
Mayfield United Methodist
December 15 Rev. Wendell Peterson
Holy Nativity Lutheran
December 22 Rev. Boyer Wild
Lyndhurst Baptist
December 29 Fr. Frank VanBergen
St. Clare

--Ann Tieleman

BUS FUND DONATIONS

Cash

\$10.00 Mr. and Mrs. A. Liedberg
\$ 5.00 Edward O'Donnell

Stamp Books

Mrs. Charles Ritchie
Bill Koptis
Edna Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latini (5)

Loose Stamps

Anna Dean
James Micale

DECEMBER BUS SCHEDULE

December 5 Richmond Mall
December 12 Mentor Mall
December 19 Severance Center
December 26 May Co. on Heights

POOL NEWS

A very competitive and surprising finish to our pool tournament as we begin our final weeks ending December 15th. Our banquet will be in January at the Villa Serena.
--Lad Cimler

UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NEWS

Hi Friends. Got a nice day trip planned for you on Thursday, December 8th. We are going on a tour through the G.M. automobile plant in Lordstown. You'll see the building of automobiles; should be interesting. We ride a special train through the plant, no walking. Then, to complete the day, we'll visit one of Ohio's largest discount houses where you can do your Christmas shopping. You may buy lunch at the plant cafeteria before the tour. We'll stop at McDonald's on the way home. Bus leaves the Villa at 9:00 a.m. Total cost for the day--\$8.50. Please sign up early. Call 461-2457.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Rudy Freed

"Tackle your trouble a day at a time. There will always be enough to last the rest of your life."

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR
MR. CHESLER

Can you imagine an event taking place at the Villa Serena without Mr. Chesler's knowledge or approval? Well, it happened Sunday afternoon, the 20th of November. Mary Calogero, as usual, planned a fun time for all; she had prepared a program of music, dancing, and presentation of gifts, both comic and appropriate, for the new "senior citizen"--Mr. Chesler.

Starting the affair was the reading of an amusing poem written by Edith Madge and dedicated to Mr. Chesler. Then Mary brought in a large decorated basket with many beautifully wrapped gifts (Eileen Bentler was the purchaser)--each with a clever note stressing age and rest and cures for ailments that might appear as the years creep up. Eileen's clever notes on each package were funny and appropriate. Included in the gifts were many membership cards to "senior citizen's activities. Mr. Chesler entered into the spirit and thoroughly enjoyed the situation he found himself in--not by choice!

Usually a birthday cake is in evidence but not at this party! Twenty-four men with chef hats came in, each bearing a birthday cake, which was placed on a decorated three tiered table. Each cake had a lighted sparkler on top and when a signal from Mary started "Happy Birthday"--it was a beautiful sight to see.

After more music by Norman Kanuth, Dee Kanuth, Dale Krupa, and Billy Kaye, we all were entertained to a sit-down refreshment hour, including all the cakes.

(continued next column)

AUDREY CAIN--NEW CERAMICS TEACHER
IS INTERVIEWED

Audrey Cain, a native Clevelander, is our new very capable and popular ceramics teacher. A former student at the Cleveland Institute of Art she has been an enthusiastic participant at seminars at the California Institute of Ceramics, attending classes in the process of glazing. Last year Audrey attended the Fairmount Art Center for courses in pottery. Married to Henry Cain, an employee of Beachwood Board of Education, she is the very "young" mother of Eydie, 21 years of age, whose profession is dog grooming, David, 19 years of age, a member of the U.S. Air Force, Frank, 10 years of age, still a student. Audrey tells us that she is delighted to be a part of the Villa Serena family, and has received warm cooperation from all of her students, including the folks from Musicians Towers who attend classes here on Wednesday. Plans are to make lovely pieces of art work for each holiday and the class will be happy to take orders for lamps, Christmas trees and any other item that might strike your fancy. Drop into the activities room any Monday or Wednesday and meet this very nice lady whose talents are multiple.

--Eileen Bentler

SURPRISE PARTY (continued)

Congratulations, Mr. Chesler, and thank you from all of us for making the accommodations at the Villa so fitting for a fun afternoon on your Big Birthday in 1977.

--Irene McDonough

Glad to hear that so many of our friends are home from the hospital--John Fekete, Ann Picozzi, Lillian Maurer, Mae Cimler, Hilda Van Dame, and Rose Checel. The very best of our good wishes for a healthy happy holiday season.

Warm wishes for a quick return home to Florence Brown who is in the hospital.

Congratulations to card party winners-- Ethel Blakeney, Kathryn Ewing, Ellen Guarnieri, Minnie Prokop, Barbara Delfs, and Bessie Warner. On another card playing night the winners were: Rose Checel, Mae Brazis, Barbara Delfs, Katherine Aaronson, Ellen Guarnieri, and Anne Skigen.

Congratulations to pinochle tournament players--

May Luke	702	\$3.50
Charlotte Bohacek	682	2.50
E. Doermer	670	2.00
C. Brazis	669	1.50

Ann Tieleman	705	3.00
Joe Rak	673	2.50
Hilda Griffen	670	2.00
Lucille Sherwood	662	1.50

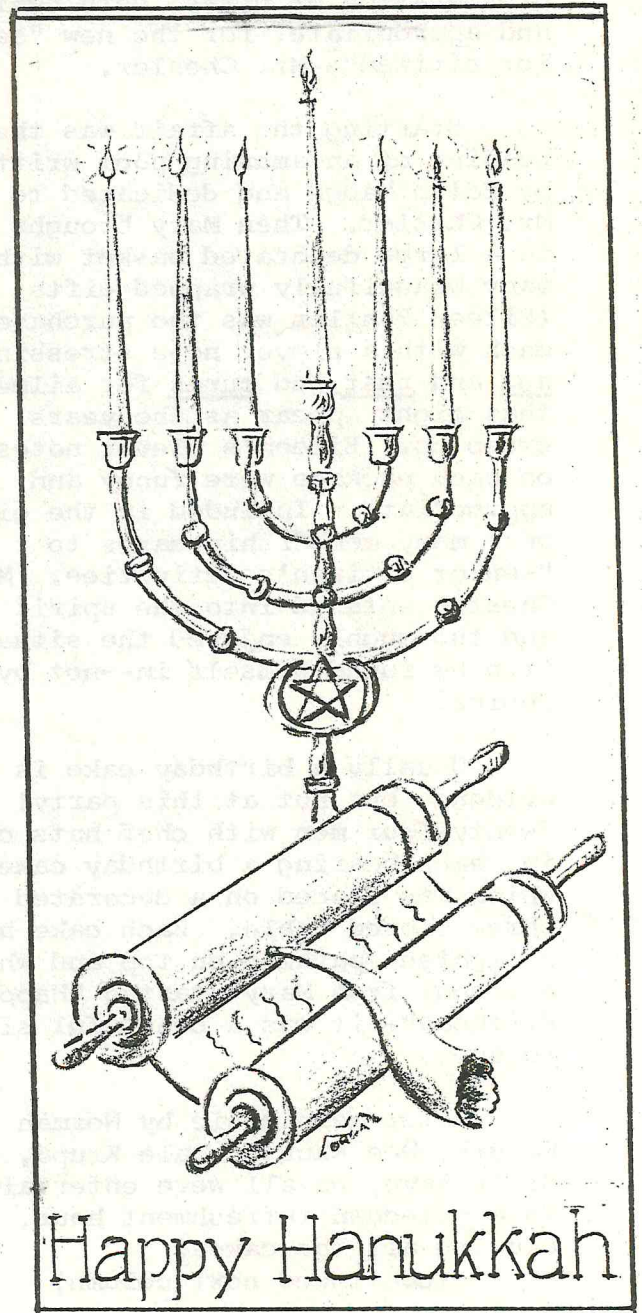
The VILLA VOICE and its readers extend sincere sympathy to the families of

Harold Hough
William Skaryd

Our sincere sympathy, too, to Helen Latsko on the death of her brother.

Thanks very much to those who have been donating books to our library --Leona Smith, Ruth Ostrawski, John Smola, Margaret Baldwin, and Elizabeth Koches.

Our thanks to Lad Cimler for creating the attractive dinner posters each month.



LOOKING BACK AT OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY

It was Halloween eve night and all through the Villa the witches and goblins were making merry as many fun seeking smiling faces attended the succulent barbecued rib dinner.

The Villa was again bursting at the seams as we were being entertained by a musical group consisting of Jerry Piller playing accordion, Jack Upson on sax, Frank Soria, drums, and of course who else but our piano strummer, Sammy Berk.

Our surprise performer for this evening and a great charmer was sweet vivacious, Miss Michelle. She is a nine year old wonder who captured the hearts of the audience. She had previously performed in the popular musical, "The King and I," and sang many of its numbers. Wow, what a firecracker!

The evening ended with "yum yummy" doughnuts that everybody enjoyed, a real Halloween treat!
--Edith Madge

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO THE VILLA SERENA

Warm welcoming greetings are extended to the following new members of the Villa Serena Senior Citizen Center:

- Jane Wood
- Mary Morrison
- Ann McHugh
- Dorothy Pappa
- Dorothy Tubmon
- Anna Smith
- Elizabeth Bodmar
- Walter Soffer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Sunday, November 6th, another birthday-anniversary party was celebrated at the Villa Serena. It was quite a popular month for birthdays, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Latsko and Mr. and Mrs. John Fekete were celebrating their anniversaries.

Without a question the "Belle of the Ball," was Mss. Viola Ferguson who was celebrating her 93rd!

The entertainment for this special evening was quite unique. Harriet and Eli Rosenberg, our very dear friends, presented a musical program, "Here's Show Business." This group is sponsored by the Council of Jewish Women.

It was a great performance. well delivered with many nostalgic tunes that brought back memories. Mrs. Rosenberg was producer, director, and piano accompanist.

Another happy episode filed in the "book of life" of the Villa Serena. Look forward to many more!

--Edith Madge

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Cover: Verne Morgan

KITCHEN KORNER

CHOCOLATE NUT BARS

1/2 cup broken nut meats
2 tbs. butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 ounces bitter chocolate
1/2 tsp. vanilla or other
 flavoring
1/2 cup milk
1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder

Melt butter and chocolate, add sugar, milk and unbeaten egg. Mix well; add flavoring; add flour mixed with baking powder and a pinch of salt. Mix all together, add broken nut meats and bake in greased pan about 30 minutes in a moderate oven. When done, cut into oblong bars with a sharp knife, and remove at once from baking pan.

--Amelia Nagy

MELTAWAY SHORTBREAD

Cream together:
1 stick butter
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
3 tablespoons sugar
2 scant cups flour
1 cup flaked coconut (angel type, preferably)
Roll it into two rolls, wrap them in waxed paper, and chill until you can slice them neatly--an hour and a half in the freezer compartment. Bake on an ungreased cooky sheet at 375 degrees for twenty minutes--until they're a very light brown--then dip in powdered sugar.

SWEET POTATOES

5 canned sweet potatoes
2 unpeeled oranges
salt, pepper
butter
brown sugar
1/2 cup honey

Cut the potatoes deftly into inch-thick slices. Slice the unpeeled oranges very thin. Then alternate thin layers in a casserole dish like this: potatoes, orange slices, salt pepper, dots of butter, two tablespoons of brown sugar. Pour the honey over the top and bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for forty-five minutes.

Serves 4-6.

TURKEY DIVAN

6 good-sized slices of turkey
1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
 (thinned slightly with
 2 tablespoons sherry and
 a little cream)
1 pkg. frozen broccoli, cooked
grated Parmesan cheese

Put about one fourth of the soup mixture in a buttered casserole. Put the broccoli in, cover it with slices of turkey meat, and pour on the rest of the sauce. Sprinkle the Parmesan generously on top and bake at 350 degrees, uncovered, for about twenty minutes.

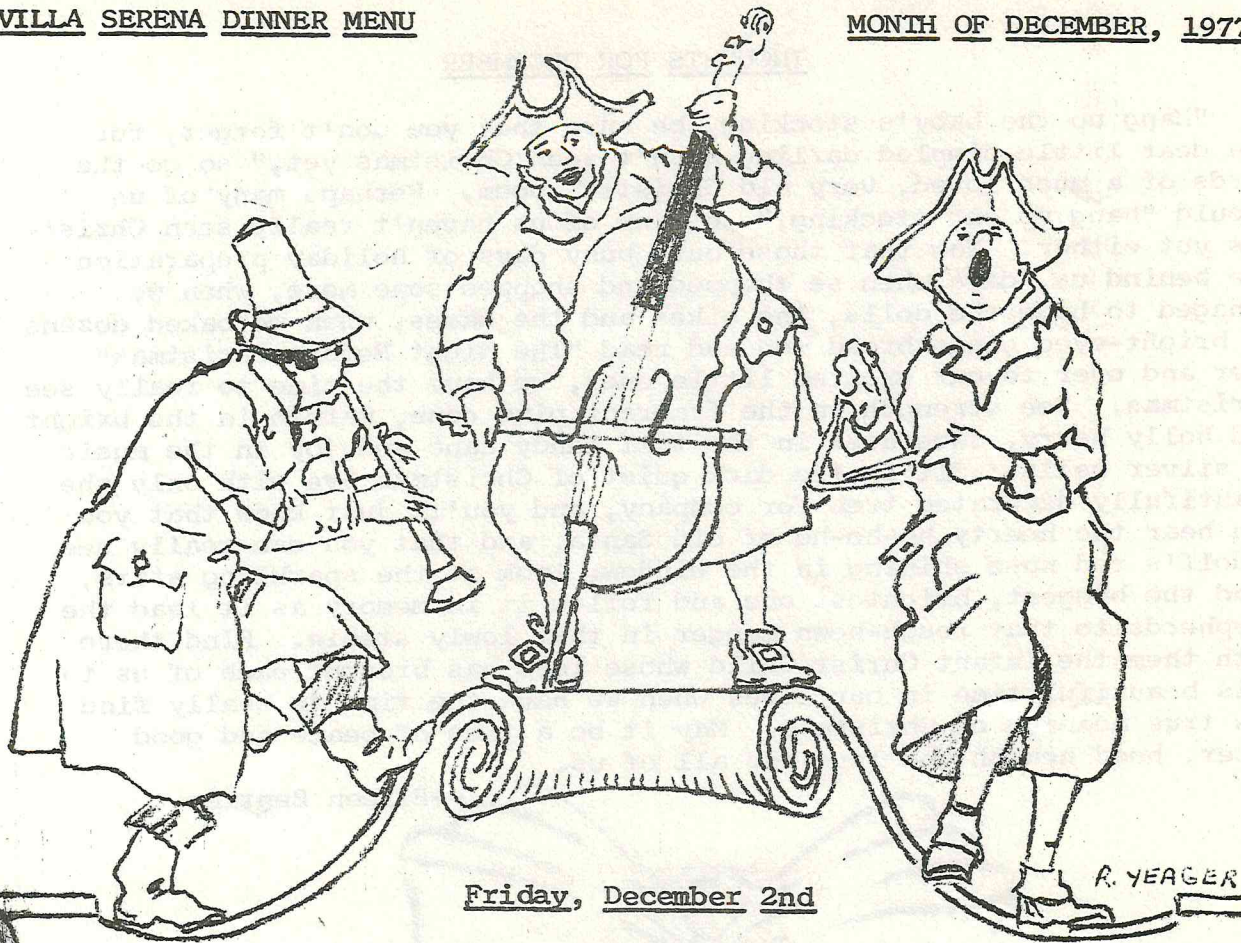
Serves 5-6.

THOUGHTS FOR DECEMBER

"Hang up the baby's stocking, be sure that you don't forget, for the dear little dimpled darling hasn't seen Christmas yet," so go the words of a much loved, very old Christmas poem. Perhaps many of us should "hang up our stocking," so many of us haven't really seen Christmas yet either. Now that those busy busy days of holiday preparation are behind us, days when we shopped and shopped some more, when we managed to hide the dolls, the bikes and the games, when we baked dozens of bright-eyed gingerbread men and read "The Night Before Christmas" over and over to our excited little ones, we have the time to really see Christmas. See strength in the fragrant pine cone, warmth in the bright red holly berry, sweetness in the tall candy cane and joy in the music of silver bells. Sit in the dark quiet of Christmas eve with only the beautifully decorated tree for company, and you'll just know that you can hear the hearty ho-ho-ho of old Santa, and that you can really see Rudolf's red nose shining in the window, look at the sparkling stars, find the biggest, brightest one and follow it in memory as it lead the shepherds to that rough-hewn manger in that lowly stable. Find there with them the infant Christ Child whose love has brought each of us to this beautiful time in our lives when we have the time to really find the true meaning of Christmas. May it be a time of peace and good cheer, good health and love for all of us.

--Eileen Bentler





Friday, December 2nd

Choice of Baked Fish
or Brisket or Roast Beef
Potatoes
Vegetable
Salad
Dessert

Friday, December 9th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Swiss Steak
Potatoes
Vegetable
Salad
Dessert

Friday, December 16th

HOLIDAY DINNER
(see story on page 3)
Cost per person: \$3.50

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Every Saturday Night at 8:00 p.m.: Game Night

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DETAILS ABOUT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Monday, December 19th, MUSIC APPRECIATION--Special

Christmas program--7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

	5	6	7	8	9
	10-12 Red Cross 9:30-12:30 Ceramics 3:30 Rosary	10-12 Cancer Vol. 10-12 Sewing 1-3 Sewing 8:00 Game Night	9:30-12:30 Ceramics 10-12 Craft Class 1-3 Craft Class 1:15-3:15 Painting 2-3 Exercise	10:00 Church 1-3 Knit & Crochet 3-4 Needlepoint 2:00 KALL LECTURE	10-12 Beg. Bridge 1-3 Adv. Bridge 5:00 DINNER 6:30 TREE DECORATING & LIGHTING 7:30 BIRTHDAY- ANNIVERSARY PARTY
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	19 7:30 Pinochle	20 7:00 Men's Club 8:00 Game Night	21 7:30 CARD PARTY	22 10:00 Church 7:00 Pool Tourn. 8:00 Game Night	23 5:00 HOLIDAY DINNER AND PARTY
	7:30 MUSIC APPRECIATION SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	NO CLASSES SCHEDULED FROM DECEMBER 19th UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 9th.		29 8:00 Game Night 10:00 Church	30 No Dinner 8:00 Jukebox Dancing
	26 7:30 Pinochle	27 8:00 Game Night	28 7:30 CAR PARTY	29 8:00 Game Night	30 No Dinner 8:00 Jukebox Dancing

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