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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Choice of baked fish or
Breaded Pork Chop
Potato
Vegetable
Dessert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19th

SPECIAL HOLIDAY DINNER

Cornish Hen

and all the trimmings

Cost per person \$6.50

(See story in this issue)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

THE KITCHEN STAFF

A CHRISTMAS BIT

If I were Santa Claus this year
I'd change his methods for the day;
I'd give to all the children here
But there are things I'd take away.

I'd enter every home to steal,
With giving I'd not be content.
I'd find the heart-aches men conceal
And take them with me when I went.

I'd rob the invalid of pain;
I'd steal the poor man's weight of care;
I'd take the prisoner's ball and chain
And every crime which sent him there.

I'd take the mother's fears away,
The doubts which often fret the wise -
And all should wake on Christmas Day
With happy hearts and shining eyes.

For old and young this is my prayer:
God bless us all this Christmas Day
And give us strength our tasks to bear,
And take our bitter griefs away!

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On that fateful Tuesday, we landed in San Francisco for our yearly visit to my brother's family. Our plan was to spend some time in Tahoe and also visit Tony's nephew's new restaurant in Santa Rosa.

Anne picked us up and we rode home. After greeting the children and the dog and cats, we went to our room to unpack. Incidentally, we never did unpack. A sudden bang and then the loud rumble that sounded like a powerful engine outside the window, greeted us and tossed us around like toys. We had no control! Tony was pushed into the closet and then pushed out in time to see a bookcase tipping toward me. He put both arms up and stopped it but was hit on the head by the top shelf which broke loose. Notice his scar. I finally made it across the bed but a bookcase on the other side had fallen and knocked the doorknob off. The dresser fell into Tony's path and a light note, he put the broken lamp back on it. Over the books we dashed and screamed at Anne to push our door hard. She did and we got out with robes and shoes shoved at us. We ran over broken glass in the hall and were cautioned to get out fast. All this took place within 40 seconds. Freddie said his heart was pounding. Even though they are trained in school about this quake happening, no one ever imagined it would be so forceful - 7.1 is one hundred times stronger than a 5 on the Richter scale. WOW!!!. When we were quite sure of no gas explosion, the tent was brought out and the kids

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slept there all week. Kathryn invited me too. By the way, no Tahoe this year.

The after shocks were strong and we stayed outside till PG & E said it was safe to go back inside. Being afraid the after shocks would be bigger, we went in pairs. No one wanted to be alone except my brother who went to his office every day knowing his patients needed him. We were urged to stay another week, but I declined. We did have a real fun weekend together. I hope we will return next year.

Friends of ours went to Myrtle Beach just in time for Hurricane Hugo. I suggested we all consult an astrologer before we vacation again.

I could tell you more but I have limited space. Great to be back with all of you even though I miss my darlings back there.

Josephine Gentile

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Welcome home to Sue Bucco and Michael DiCesare. We wish you good health from now on.

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Happy Holiday Greetings
from
The Villa Voice Staff

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THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION REPORT

Friday, November 17th, was cold and snowy outside, but the Villa was warm and cheerful. Mr. Chesler led us in a prayer of thanksgiving and then we had our turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie for dessert. Absolutely perfect!!!

Two of Beth's daughters celebrated birthdays today. One was 8 and the other 13. We sang to them as they blew out the candles.

Sammy Berke was a guest at the dinner and he played musical numbers while we gathered for our entertainment.

At 6:30, Mr. Chesler introduced Miss Lisa Schiff and Bill Matlow for tonight's performance. Lisa has a beautiful high, clear soprano voice and is with the New York Civic Opera, and the Boston and Columbus Symphony. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Soule. Lisa sang several arias from LaBoheme and Madam Butterfly.

This was Lisa's second visit and we enjoyed hearing her again. Bill Matlow has a rich, deep bass voice and his wife Marilyn was his accompanist. He sang 'Without a Song', 'I Believe', 'Jericho'. We were surely thrilled to have him visit us again.

Lisa continued with 'Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life', 'Deep Purple' and, at Mr. Chesler's request, Eleanor Steber's song 'If I Could tell You'.

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Thanksgiving (Continued)

We then sang Happy Birthday to a very good friend of ours - Mr. Howard Chesler!!!

The program closed with 'God Bless America'.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Happy Holidays!

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BIG BINGO REPORT

On Friday, November 10th, at 5:00 we had a wonderful dinner. By 6:30, we were all seated with our lucky cards, waiting for Mary Calogero to start calling bingo numbers. She called for our variety of games with the usual losers and winners.

Door prizes included a ticket for a free dinner and other prizes. The fill-up game would pay \$200.00 if won in 57 numbers but no one did, so the calling continued and a lucky guest went home with \$40.00 as a consolation prize after filling her card.

Again I say why not try your luck next time???

Margaret Rose

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ATTENTION

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30th.

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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, December 8th -- 5:00 Dinner, 6:30 Program
 Tuesday, December 19th -- 5:00 Dinner, 6:30 Program

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1 - 3 Bridge

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9:30-12:00 Ceramics
12:30 Bowling
1:00-3:00 Art

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9 - 1 Sewing
2 - 3 Exercise
3:30 Rosary

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10-12 Boutique
1 - 3 Boutique

7
10:00 Rel. Insp.
1 - 4 Needlework

8
1 - 3 Bridge

7:00 Pinochle

7:00 Game night

7:00 Cards

7:00 Game night

5:00 Dinner
6:30 Program

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14
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1 - 4 Needlework

15
1 - 3 Bridge

7:00 Pinochle

7:00 Game night

7:00 Cards

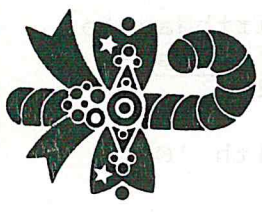
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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6:30 Program

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MEMORIES

Turn back the time. A day, a week, a month, a year. And here we are again at that time of giving, and loving, caring and helping, to celebrate Christmas, which means different things to different people. And we are most fortunate to be able to celebrate and to be able to remember the most recent past without the suffering and trauma of all those touched in any way by the hurricanes, earthquakes and tornados.

Do you remember school days - WALKING to school? Wading through snowdrifts? Snowball fights? Skating on the ponds? Belly-slams sledding down the hills? Evenings spent playing checkers, working jigsaw puzzles, popping corn, pulling taffy? And the biggest thing of all - being with the family! Do you suppose the youngsters today - of any age - will have the very least of these wonderful things to remember? We can only wish they could have fond memories and sympathize with them for the times in which they live.

As we decorate our store-bought trees with fancy trims, let us think of the times we had fun picking out a nice straight tree and getting it set up so everyone could add his or her own touch. Stringing popcorn, hanging stockings and all the other little things that made Christmas a big joy for us. And let us celebrate the holiday for it's true meaning and in the true spirit of forgiveness in Christ.

Ruby

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MONDAY PINOCHLE WINNERS

Oct. 30

Tony Gentile	636	\$4.25
Mannie Schechter	617	3.75
Walt Wilshire	566	3.25
Doris Sandor	560	2.75
Benno Hentemann	556	2.00

Nov. 6

Margaret Rose	588	4.25
Winnie Hellwig	583	3.75
Virginia Schechter	573	3.25
Len Shoemaker	562	2.75
Marian Skarnus	553	2.00

Nov. 12

Harry Fiorette	611	4.25
Winnie Hellwig	593	3.75
Ann Tracy	571	3.25
Marie Verba	552	2.75
Benno Hentemann	544	2.00

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HALLOWEEN (Continued)

Beth's four daughters were all in costume and were darling. One was in authentic Korean costume. The girls passed out suckers to the audience.

Lo and behold!!! a young couple appeared - pregnant bride (Virginia Gervace), groom (Mary Ann Olson), father (complete with shotgun) Mary Clark and weeping mother (Mae Drinko). After parading around, the bride suddenly went into 'labor' and had twins, a boy and a girl. This was quite a surprize and everyone applauded enthusiastically.

The fantastic evening closed with our theme 'I'll See You in My Dreams'.

Margaret Rose

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SHOWCASE CLASS

Where, oh where, does the time go? Before one can even get the Christmas spirit, Christmas is upon us like a ton of bricks. Too-much-to-do-and-too-little-time seems to be part of everyone's life these days. So as usual, the Showcase Class is trying to work twice as fast and twice as hard to get ready for Christmas. As I write this, there are only three dolls left, by the time you read this they will probably be sold. Again the "Stealth Dolls" live up to their reputation: "you hear a lot about them but no one ever sees them". We regret that we cannot take any more doll orders until after January 1st. We made 14 but they are simply too time-consuming. We are working on some other cute (and original) Christmas decorations. Stop by the Showcase and check out all the cute goodies. We guarantee you won't have to fight nasty crowds, ungly weather or rude salespeople. That is a big plus at this busy time.

Sally Kinney

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WEDNESDAY CARD PARTIES

We can say goodly to 1989 and hello to 1990. Just 10 more years to 2000. Wow!

The November 8th winners were Len Shoemaker, Mary Blasko, Amelia Nagy, Mae Brazis, John Nagy and Rosemary Belz.

The dates for December are the 6th and the 13th. See you then.

Len Shoemaker

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CHURCH SERVICES

Every Thursday at 10:00, a minister from the area comes to the Villa Serena to conduct services. The ministers for December are as follows:

7th Rev. Graham Smith
Church of the Good Shepherd

14th Rev. Robert Cline
Messiah Lutheran Church

Everyone is welcome.

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THANK YOU STUDENTS

We say a big hearty thank you to the students from Mayfield High School. The students from the Cosmetology classes offered manicures to any and all of the tenants who wanted them. We all felt very glamorous when we looked at our nails.

We also want to thank the Art Class students for their very beautiful painting on the windows. The Christmas scenes were so cheerful.

This is very commendable that the students donate their time and talent to doing things for the seniors in the area.

May you have a very Merry Holiday Season. Thanks again.

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Recently we heard of the death of Mario Minichiello. We want to extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

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SEWING CLASS

Rain or shine, snow or sleet (well maybe!) the sewing class always has work to do. When there is nothing new to make, there is always something to be altered, mended or remade. It is really satisfying to spend time in a productive and creative manner. Sewing is a good wintertime project, a sure cure for our boring winter days. Even if you work slowly on a project, it will get done with diligence. The real chore is to get started on a project, at least it is for me. If you have been thinking of tackling a sewing project but have been afraid, come see me and I will help you get started. I know you will enjoy meeting the other ladies in the class - you will discover that people who like to sew are very likable people. Come join the club!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It is a time of year for many busy chores and activities. Exercise will help in keeping your energy level high.

According to the Wall Street Journal publishing the results of a 15 year study by the Cooper Aerobics Center, there is a direct link between premature death and poor physical fitness. Exercise wards off many seniors forms of illness. This study was also supported by the Pritikin Longevity Center of Santa Monica, California. Mild exercise makes a big difference in your state of wellness.

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EXERCISE (Continued)

As you approach the New Year, please give some thought to joining our class. Do the exercises you can do and sit out the ones that are inappropriate for you. Just come and try. Give a gift to yourself for yourself.

Merry Christmas
Beth Parnin

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BRIDGE NOTES

Congratulations to our slam bidders - Jean Griffith and Frank Davis, Edith Kern and Virginia Paine, Isabel Byron and Rose Coneglio, Topy and Claude Watts, Jean and Bill Griffith, Blanche Raybin and Leroy Leighton, Bessie Smith and Angela Znardsic and Isabel Byron and Claude Watts. Bidding and making slams requires very good bidding and play so these players desire an A+.

On December 15, we will have a Christmas Party. It will be our usual progressive game with money prizes for top scores and a "Two Prize" for those who don't get good cards. Play will start at 1:00 P.M. and when finished, refreshments will be served. Donation is 50¢.

The Halloween "Two Prize" was won by Jean Griffith, the Thanksgiving one by Mary Surman.

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THANK YOU, MS. LVOV

On Tuesday, November 14th, Eleanor Lvov gave us a great treat - a piano concert as only she can give. The music was wonderful and really something we do not hear too often! What a treat!

Ms. Lvov is a fantastic pianist and she explained each piece before she played it. We could feel her exuberance.

Again we say thank you Ms. Lvov. We hope you will return to the Villa Serena soon.

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TIME HAS PASSED US BY

The Christmas Season and also the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah are nearly here. These two holidays are always a special time of rejoicing filled with anticipation. With the holidays coinciding this year, there is a great feeling of good will toward one another.

As always, the old tried and true question is - where have the past 12 months gone??? Summer was yesterday and today the calendar informs us that winter is here. Its time to get busy with holiday shopping.

Here at the Villa Serena with the setting up of our tree, the holiday decorating and the painting of our windows, one will be able to see the lovely reflection of warmth and joy that will prevail within our walls. We all have much to be thankful for and we must not

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TIME (Continued)

dwell on unpleasant or sad moments of the past but we must rejoice in the fact that we have been given another year of life. Many new friends have come among us. Let's develop these new friendships without forgetting to cherish our longtime friends.

Last but not least, we want to extend our thanks to our faithful volunteers who have so generously contributed their time throughout the year in helping make the Villa Serena a success.

On behalf of The Board of Trustees and the entire staff of the Villa Serena, we wish all our friends a most pleasant holiday season filled with warmth and love - which is the theme of the Villa Serena.

Howard Chesler

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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

We started with a delicious dinner of veal cutlet on Tuesday, October 31st, then on to the entertainment. At 6:30 we were greeted by Billy Kaye and his 5 piece band of talented musicians who played delightful tunes.

When the band played 'When The Saints Go Marching In', everyone in costume paraded round and round. Included were several witches, a clown, a devil and Josephine Gisondo dressed as a pumpkin, Mary Ann Tobin was a superb 'Pillsbury Dough Boy' and Helen Smatt was 'Tammy Bakker'.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER 1989

FLOWER: Narcissus

BIRTHSTONE: Turquoise

DECEMBER

2 Josephine Hahl 714
7 Audrey Campbell 212
8 Mae Murdock 602
9 Carol Cordaro 831
11 Carl Calabrese 530
13 Inex DiCesare 718
15 Sally Schrembeck 328
21 Christine Lisy 819
22 Sophie Oddo 515
23 Harvey Sternberg 827
24 Thelma Olsen 816
25 Rose Anderson 322
Mary Oley 826
27 Harry Fiorette 822
28 Edward Vojta 317
29 Mary Blasko 706

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

15 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Maier

·HAPPY ANNIVERSARY·

DECEMBER

3 Joseph Heiser
Marge Vodbornik
4 Penelope Grimm
Ann Hudec
Mary Mendise
7 Helen H. Beck
8 Joseph Arcuri
12 Rose Katz
Jeanette Mahrer
13 Beatrice Levine
Betty Pekarek
14 Betty Glenn
15 Pauline Ozan
Caroline Wisch
18 Ralph Freedman
19 Sylvia Bloomfield
Betty Freedman
20 Anne Rusick
22 Jack Cole
Ann Ritchie
Marvin Zelma
24 Barbara Rixie
Harold Spengler
25 Beatrice Davis
Jackie Elmo
26 Thomas Howland
Kathryn Pritchard
27 Peter Quattrochi
28 Jean Collura
Elizabeth Farina
30 Angela Znidarsic

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

A special occasion in Decem-
ber will be our Christmas
party on Tuesday, December 19.
As usual, we will serve Corn-
ish hen and all the trim-
mings. A great holiday
feast.

The entertainment will also
be very special. We have
invited the one and only
Mike Jacobs and his group
to provide us with the great-
est Christmas music around.

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You all know Mike and his group
really know how to make us happy.

Why not join your friends and
make it a truly happy occasion
to celebrate the holiday?

Remember dinner will be served
at 5:00 and then a bit later
at 6:30 Christmas music. A red
letter day for the Villa Serena.
See you then.

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'TIS THE SEASON

Yes, it is that time of the year
again and we are going to help
you welcome in the Holiday sea-
son on Friday, December 8th, with
dinner and music in keeping with
the season.

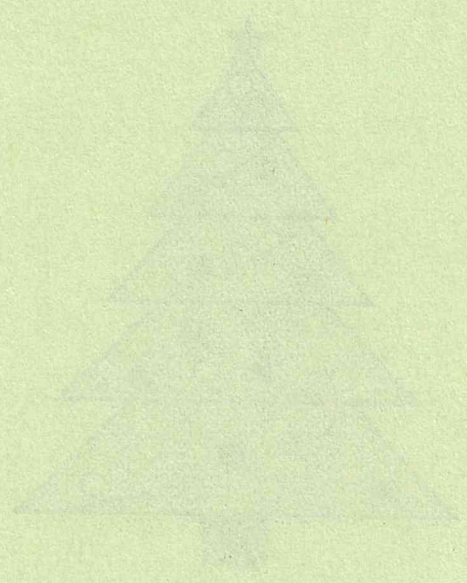
The highlight of the evening
will be the lighting of the
Christmas tree in the lobby.
We invite everyone to have
dinner with us and then take
part in the entertainment. A
good chance to get into the
Christmas spirit with the
songs of the season.

Get your dinner tickets early
so you will not miss out. See
you on December 8th.

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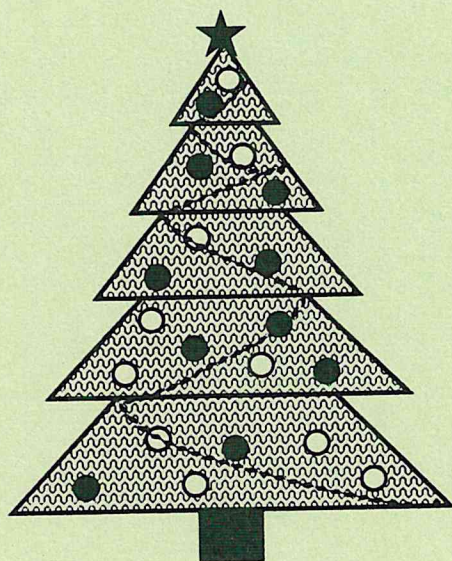
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