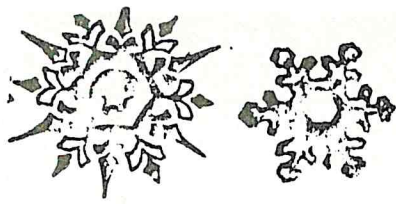


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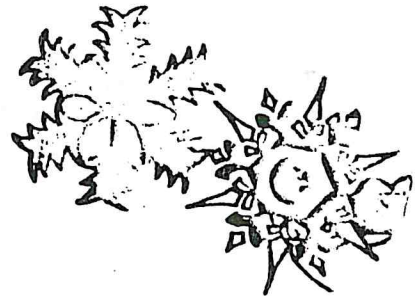


VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

DECEMBER, 1991

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Brisket of Beef  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Dessert           \$6.00 per



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Short Ribs of Beef  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Dessert

\$6.50 per person

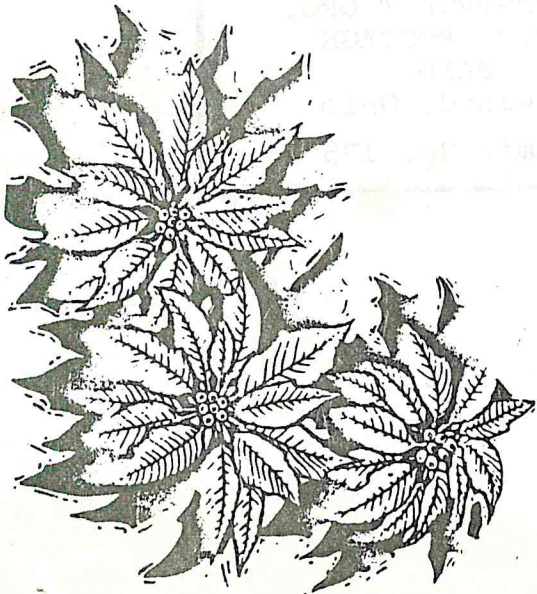


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th

"CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER

Cornish Hen &  
all the trimmings and  
"yummy yum" dessert

\$ 7.50 per person



MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY CHANUKAH,  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL  
FROM THE JOLLY JOLLY  
"KITCHEN ELVES"

PINOCHLE WINNERS



Oct. 28

M. Schecter	611	\$4.25
V. DiBartolo	590	3.75
E. DeFlorentis	581	3.25
M. Verba	575	2.75
C. Schock	565	2.25
M. Sharnus	563	1.75

Nov. 4

Eddie Mark	608	3.75
Vic DiBartolo	576	3.25
Al McMunn	563	2.75
Doris Sandor	558	2.25
Rosemary Belz	553	2.00

Nov. 11

Barbara Rixie	601	4.25
D. Vaccarello	587	3.75
Tony Gentile	561	3.25
Vera Kozak	560	2.75
Mannie Schecter	547	2.00

Nov. 18

Margaret Rose	613	3.50
Thelma Olsen	559	3.00
Carl Schock	550	2.50
Dom Vacarello	545	1.75
Marcy Stianche	533	1.25

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL  
FROM  
THE VILLA VOICE STAFF

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We want to say thank you to Judith Dyckes for her generous contribution in memory of Marie Kovatch.

Also thank you to Sam and Elda Foti for their contribution to the Villa Serena in honor of Ida Caruso.

All donations are gratefully accepted.

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We are sorry to say that Katherine Pazderak recently passed away. At this time we want to extend our sympathy to her husband John and the family. May she rest in peace.

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And our sympathy also to the family and friends of Esther Everett who passed away. Esther was a resident of the Villa Serena for some time.

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Friday, December 6th -- 5:00 Dinner  
Friday, December 13th -- 5:00 Dinner 7:00 Program  
Wednesday, December 18th -- 5:00 Dinner 6:30 Program

HAVE YOU MET...

...Ann Janoco who is a new resident. We had a delightful chat and enjoyed reminiscing. Ann has the remarkable ability to find humor in most situations, no matter how difficult.

She was born in Cleveland and attended John Adams High School as did her husband. They had not seen each other in several years until they met at a party. They became good friends but nothing serious until Raymond left for the Marines. It was a long three years before the wedding day.

As a child she spent happy times at Marblehead. Her grandmothers house was on the bay. When the children were small, the family spent vacations at Kelleys Island. She recalls the ride on the interurban cars and the ferry boat rides. The children loved it.

At the Villa Halloween party, Ann and Thelma Lilje became acquainted and they both have many memories of Marblehead. It was fun recalling the places and people they both knew.

Ann's trip from California after her husband's discharge was hectic. They had a sick infant and the trip took 18 hours.

After Raymond retired, they traveled across country twice. Ray did all the driving because he said "Ann could get lost in a shoe box".

Ann is still trying to get settled in. She lived in a large house for 28 years and things accumulated. For instance, she had three stoves and three refrigerators and

and she really did not like to cook.

Ann enjoys walking, reading, sewing and "eating out".

At Christmas time she plans to visit with her daughters, one in Reno and one in San Jose. She is looking forward to holding and hugging her newest grandchild, Scott James, who is just eleven months old.

Have a great trip, Ann. It was fun talking with you.

Thelma Olson

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#### EXERCISE CLASS

Happy Holidays! With all the busy preparations it is important to remember to take care of yourself. You will be able to give more of yourself to others. It has been proven that generosity of spirit affects your general health in a positive way. Whatever you do for others helps them as well as yourself.

Some elements of wellness to keep in mind during this hectic season:

- 1 Proper rest
- 2 Good nutrition
- 3 Touch
- 4 Exercise

Keep our exercise class as a priority! PLEASE NOTE: Beginning December 3rd, our exercise class will begin at 1:30 instead of 2:00.

Beth Parnin

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## CHRISTMAS AT VILLA SERENA

Once again the holidays are  
here,  
And will bring us lots of  
cheer.  
The big tree in our lobby  
Is beautiful with 'snow'  
and holly.  
To trim it is everyone's  
delight,  
And ornaments are hung just  
right.  
A small tree appears on each  
floor, too  
As residents decorate them  
lovingly anew.  
Cookies and goodies are left  
by each tree  
For all who pass to take  
for free.  
Our wish to all of you is  
peace and contentment,  
From all residents of Villa  
Serena apartments.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY HANNUKAH!!!

Margaret Rose

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## THANKSGIVING DINNER REPORT

On Wednesday, November 20th,  
a large group attended our  
Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey  
and all the trimmings, in-  
cluding pumpkin pie made a  
delicious dinner.

By 6:30 all the seats in  
the Red/Blue room and lobby  
were filled. Mr. Chesler in-  
troduced our guests -- Ms. Lisa  
Schiff and Mr. Paul Krueger,  
with Jerry Maddox at the  
piano. What a wonderful  
trio! Lise has a beautiful  
high soprano voice and Paul  
has a deep rich voice. They  
sang 'Wunderbar' as a duet  
to open the program.

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## Thanksgiving (Continued)

Selections from 'My Fair Lady',  
'Phantom of the Opera', 'Porgy  
and Bess' and 'South Pacific'  
were sung as solos and duets.  
They were all outstanding.

Lise also sang 'Wind Beneath  
My Wings' especially for  
Mr. Chesler.

WE ALL SANG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to  
Mr. Chesler for November 21st.

Lisa sang 'If I Could Tell  
You How Much I Love You'  
as it was sung by Eleanor  
Steber 40 years ago on the  
Firestone Hour radio pro-  
gram.

We closed with 'God Bless  
America'.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Margaret Rose

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ACTIVI-  
TIES WILL END ON FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 20TH AND RESUME ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6th.

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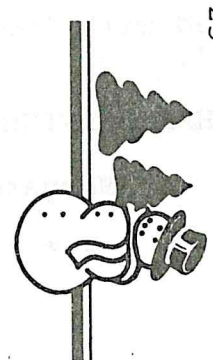
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VILLAGE SERENA ACTIVITIES

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## OUR FIVE SENSES

Of the five senses, I wonder which you consider the most important - sight, touch, taste, smell or hearing. I would guess it depends on which is eluding you at this particular time.

I had an experience last month with loss of hearing in one ear due to an ear infection. Sitting at a wedding reception, I had to lean toward anyone who was speaking in order to catch any of their words. It didn't help much I must admit. The strange thing is that no one could hear me. They said I was speaking too softly, something I have never been accused of before. Being blocked on one side, I was hearing my own voice but not projecting it enough. After a few days I was much better. Just fine now, thank goodness.

If one has problems with his or her sight, besides the obvious attention, there are all kinds of magnifying glasses, lined writing paper, gadgets to thread needles and the use of color coding.

As far as taste is concerned, eating slowly increases the appreciation of the taste of food. You all know that the smell of good food at a Villa Serena dinner gives great pleasure and promise.

One touch of a friend's hand is a greeting that gives a beautiful hello and a hug is an even warmer touch. And that is what I send to you now. Till next month, very best wishes to all.

Josephine Gentile

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## SEWING CLASS

The fall has come and, I think, gone what with this winter-like weather we are experiencing. The sewing class has been very busy and involved in all kinds of projects - skirts, suits, alterations, re-makes, repairs, doll dresses, you name it. Whatever it is, we enjoy sharing our projects with each other and enjoying each other's company. It's always more fun to do things together. I invite you to come visit us. I know you will enjoy it.

Sally Kinney

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## DINNER AND BINGO

After dinner at 5:00 on Friday, November 8th, we were all glad to be there and ready to play BINGO. Mary Calogero called for games with glee and winners smiled, while losers said 'why not me?'

At intermission, all players received an apple. Door prizes of \$2.00 each were selected by ticket number.

Mr. Chesler called for the final fill-up game and if your card was filled in 57 numbers, you would win \$200. Since no one did this, calling continued until a lucky guest filled his card and won \$40 consolation prize.

Why not try next time??? YOU could be the winner!!!

Margaret Rose

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## A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

On Friday, November 15th, dinner was great as usual. Swiss steak or fish, whichever you wish.

At 6:30, we filled the Red/Blue room for a NEW EXPERIENCE. The ISDA had given a big TV screen with VCR to the Villa Serena. The first film was 'Home Alone'. A delightful fantasy. There were about 90 fans who cheered and laughed at all the antics of an 8 year old boy who was accidentally left home alone. It was hilarious! What an imagination! We had popcorn to much, of course.

We will have another movie next month. Also football games will be shown. It's a wonderful idea, so check this out in the future.

HAPPY VIEWING!

Margaret Rose

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## BRIDGE NOTES

Our bridge group has been studying the Goren Point Count System of bidding. At this point we have covered all of it and are ready to discuss the play of the hand. We will finish this before the Christmas break.

Congratulations to our slam bidders: Aileen Spencer and Isabel Byron.

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## Bridge (Cont)

If you would like to "brush up" on your bidding or play, come join us, we do have fun.

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## HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Thursday, October 31st, our veal dinner was truly supreme.

At 6:30, we were seated in the Red/Blue room waiting for Billy Kaye and his talented band to appear.

Mr. Chesler was in the plaid suit he always wears on Halloween. Many people were in costume, including a witch, Carmen Miranda, Demi Moore (trying to make the front page) Casper the Ghost and Sadie Hawkins. They paraded around the hall and each contestant had a 'ball'. Each one received a prize.

Frank and Mary Sprafka celebrated 52 years of wedded bliss by dancing to the 'Anniversary Waltz'. More dancing during the evening made everyone's spirits bright.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Margaret Rose

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SHOWCASE CLASS NEWS

This class continues to be a challenge with so few gals participating. We are trying very hard to have cute new items and I thank each and every loyal lady who keeps on helping. Together we would like to thank you for supporting us by buying the things we make - especially our pumpkins again. Weren't those witch-wreaths cute?

One of the results of having so few people to work on Wednesdays is that we have to make fewer of each item - so you may not even see an item before all are spoken for. Some things never get to the Showcase or even the office display. You might want to stop by on a Wednesday soon to see what we are doing so you can reserve that "perfect" gift.

Sally Kinney

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CHURCH SERVICES

Every Thursday at 10:00 a minister from the area conducts services. The ones for December are:

- 5th Rev. Graham Smith  
Church of the Good Shepherd
- 12th Rev. Robert Sindell  
St. John Lutheran Church
- 19th Rev. Sally O'Donnell  
So. Euclid United Methodist Church

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GULLIBILITY - EASILY CHEATED OR TRICKED

We all like to think we're smart. We know it all, don't we? As P. T. Barnum said "There is one born every minute".

Think back. At some time or other in your life haven't you been gullible? "Roped in", "suckered", "taken"? These are some of the descriptions. There are more. Like "con" for instance. Take the lady on a recent news-cast who lost \$8,000. Gullible. Poor thing, so aged and so innocent. How could it be? I guess the point is it behooves us to walk with our eyes open. The advertisers think we can't walk and chew gum at the same time but we can do it and think what's being presented to us. In this day and age especially, we have to learn to count our pennies and not give them to somebody else to count.

Ruby

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WEDNESDAY CARDS

The winners on November 6th, were Evelyn DeFlorentis, Rose Schock, Mae Brazis, Thelma Lilje, Helen Lysko and M. Stianche.

The dates for December are the 4th and 11th. See you then.

Len Shoemaker

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Christmas Celebration (Contd)

We always begin our evening with meaningful prayer as a "family" and then enjoy what has become our regular Cornish Hen dinner with all the trimmings and a gala dessert.

This is followed by our holiday entertainment program. Once again we welcome back none other than the "famous" Carmellina and her musicians to present us with a Christmas program of song and music befitting the holiday season. We are sure you will all remember the captivating personality of Carmellina when she was last here at the Villa Serena.

Our wish is that you will come to enjoy the holiday season with us and we have even written a letter to dear "Old St. Nick" asking him to stop off and pay us a visit.

If you will be good boys and girls until the 18th, maybe he will be here, and "who knows" he might have some goodies for us in his bag!!! This will be an evening that has always been memorable for us.

As usual we recommend that you get your tickets early as space is very limited for this occasion.

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CHANUKAH, THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Sunday, December 1st, at sundown will mark the beginning of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, for our dear friends of the Jewish Faith.

These lights are very sacred in that as you light each one each day, you give thanks to God for His miracles, His deliverances and His wonders.

We wish that as our dear friends light each of their candles during this eight day period, that it brings to them peace, tranquility, good health and God's blessings.

Our wishes at this very important time when our leaders are meeting to promote peace throughout the world, are that their endeavors shall not be in vain, that once again peace will reign throughout the world and all our candles both of the Christians and Jews will burn and gleam brighter than ever before.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER 1991

DECEMBER

2 Josephine Hahl 714  
7 Gene Rowan 826  
8 Mae Murdock 602  
9 Carol Cordaro 831  
11 Carl Calabrese 530  
13 Inez DiCesare 431  
15 Sally Schrembeck 328  
19 Dorothy Parkinson 333  
20 Natalie Huff 228  
22 Sophie Oddo 515  
23 Harvey Sternberg 827  
24 Thelma Olsen 816  
25 Rose Anderson 322  
27 Harry Fiorette 822  
28 Edward Vojta 317  
29 Mary Blasko 706

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

15 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Maier  
20 Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Mirenda

DECEMBER

3 Joseph Heiser  
Marge Vodbornik  
4 Penelope Grimm  
Ann Hudec  
Mary Mendise  
5 Teresa Montani  
7 Helen H. Beck  
Bernard Novel  
8 Joseph Arcuri  
12 Rose Katz  
13 Beatrice Levine  
15 Mary Brack  
17 Irene Canterbury  
Elizabeth Nettis  
18 Ralph Freedman  
Helen Voelkel  
19 Sylvia Bloomfield  
Betty Freedman  
20 Alexander Collins  
Anne Rusick  
21 Christine Lisy  
22 Jack Cole  
Betty Glenn  
Gwen Katz  
Ann Ritchie  
Marvin Zelman  
24 Barbara Rixie  
Harold Spengler  
25 Beatrice Davis  
Jackie Elmo  
26 Kathryn Pritchard  
Ida Reminick  
27 Peter Quattrochi  
28 Jean Collura  
29 Lewis DeMarco  
Jeanne Goldman  
30 Angela Znidarsic

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WELCOMING THE CHRISTMAS  
SEASON

It has become a tradition at the Villa Serena to have a formal tree lighting of our Christmas Tree to welcome in the holiday season. It will be held on FRIDAY, December 13, 1991. This year certainly will be no exception because it marks the beginning of the season of the year when we all begin to feel that special kind of relationship toward our fellowman (and woman).

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For this special occasion, after our regular dinner we will welcome the fabulous and entertaining Selrec Singers. They will help us to welcome in this holiday season with many special songs and songs of the season.

Get your dinner tickets early and then stay on to welcome this fine group to the Villa Serena.

Please note that this particular program will start at 7:00 P.M.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We seem to always be using the word "traditional" more and more at the Villa Serena, but the simple truth is that so many of our activities that we look forward to have become "traditional", that is why they are so special to us.

This year will be no exception as we all gather together to celebrate our Christmas on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

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