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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Veal Cutlet  
Potato  
Vegetable  
Dessert

\$ 6.00 per

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER

CORNISH HEN  
with  
all the trimmings and  
"yummy yummy dessert"

\$ 7.50 per



Happy Holidays

WINTER FROLIC

I see winter in full surprise  
The magic of its artistry  
Phenomena before my eyes  
Snow falling on a leafless tree.

I see icicles gleamingly at play  
Like crystal chandeliers  
In the distance a horse-drawn sleigh  
With snow-riding revelers.

I see a crowd of children as a team  
Bundled heavy from the cold  
Building a snowman as they dream  
From an old-time story they've  
often been told.

In the doorway a mother calling  
"Come Johnny, the fires must be lit."  
The children merrily snow-balling-  
A passing victim has been hit.

There's an aurora sublime  
As winter takes its place  
And paints a masterpiece with rime  
And a rose in every face.

Jack Max

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WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY WINNERS

Nov. 2 winners -- Marcie Stianche,  
Ann Tracy, Thelma Lilje, Len  
Shoemaker, Sophie Mazur and  
Thelma Olsen.

Nov. 16 winners --Mildred  
McCurdy, Jennie Cellura, Ellen  
Guarnieri, Amelia Nagy,  
Frieda Vormelker and Sophie  
Kelly.

The date for the card party  
in December is the 7th. See  
you then.

Len Shoemaker

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Joe Frank will not be with  
us in December because of  
the holidays. However,  
he will be here in January  
so watch for the announce-  
ment.

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We would like to make a cor-  
rection. Carol Cordaro  
has informed us that Mary  
Cardaro did not assist  
with the greeting cards.

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OUR CHANGING WORLD

I just heard that Lou Vargo  
has moved out after 17 years.  
Most of his time was devoted  
to keeping the Villa Serena  
grounds in good order. And  
then Margaret. Lou and  
Margaret were a part of what  
made us all feel at home.  
We say blessings to you  
up there Margaret and we  
send our best wishes to  
Lou in his new surroundings.

Ruby

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PILL POLLUTION

In this modern age  
People believe in pills  
It seems to be the rage  
For curing all our ills.

One for breakfast  
One for lunch  
One for dinner  
One to munch.

One for high  
One for low  
One for stop  
One for go.

One for cool  
One for hot  
One for sweat  
One for pot.

One to lose weight  
One to gain  
One for appetite  
One for pain.

One for nerves  
One for freezing  
One for coughs  
One for sneezing.

One for sleeping  
One to stay awake  
One for vitamins  
One for coffee break.

Now we need a pill  
To replace gas in the car,  
And instead of milk for baby  
A pill for every hour.

Do away with cooking  
No more grocery bills  
Just phone the druggist  
Put an order in for pills.

Jack Max

EXERCISE CLASS NEWS

Happy Holidays!!! With all of the busyness of the holidays it is important to take time to enjoy all that is involved. It is a time of special memories. A time of special music. Music can be such a healthy pleasure. It comes from the release of endorphins that relieve pain and induce the feeling of euphoria. The right music at the right time can bring us joy and soothe frazzled nerves. It lifts our spirits or calms us down. At this time of year we hear the carols that celebrate our holidays. It reminds us of the times past. It reminds us of the traditions we try to pass on to the next generation. Let yourself go with the flow of the holiday jingles. You will feel less stress and find in yourself a joyful heart. It would even be better if you did a little two step to the music.

Beth Parnin

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LINE DANCING

In our class we have spent some time reviewing the dances we learned last year. We are very awesome. Come and watch some time. You will be very impressed. We will be able to dance through the holidays.

Beth Parnin

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MONDAY PINOCHLE WINNERS

Oct. 24		
Ed Mack	615	\$3.00
Greta Stegh	569	2.50
Thelma Olson	535	2.00
Jane Schowinsky	524	1.50
Howard Barnes	523	1.00
Nov. 7		
Thelma Olsen	561	2.50
J. Schowinsky	532	2.00
Ellen Guarnieri	519	1.50
Howard Barnes	513	1.00
Thelma Lilje	510	1.00
Nov. 14		
Eleanor Kuskin	572	2.50
Winnie Hellwig	548	2.00
Sophie Kelley	545	1.50
Howard Barnes	537	1.00
Marcy Stianche	536	1.00

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WINTER WILL BE HERE SOON

but so far we've been very lucky, not a snowflake has appeared. I hope that's still true when you read this!

It sure gets dark very early and the days aren't quite as sunny but the temperatures have been quite pleasant. Hope you've been out and took a nice walk around the yard when the days were moderate enough to do that.

Could it be that we won't have to get out the boots, scarves and mittens this year - nah!. Oh well, enjoy the mild weather while you can.

Carole Clay

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Greetings to everyone from the Villa Voice Staff.

MONDAY                      TUESDAY                      WEDNESDAY                      THURSDAY                      FRIDAY

COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 9th  
 5:00 Dinner 6:30 Entertainment  
 Friday, December 16th  
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5	9:30-12:00 Ceramics 11:30-12:30 Dance 12:30 Bowling 6:30 Pinochle	6	9 - 1 Sewing 1 - 2 Exercise 3:30 Rosary 7:00 Game night	7	10-12 Boutique 1-3 Boutique 7:00 Cards	8		9	1 - 3 Bridge 5:00 Dinner 6:30 Program
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL									
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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR									

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

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JOSEPHINE SAYS

Did you know?

That Coca Cola was a headache cure originally? The neighborhood playground was the street? In horse and buggy days the danger was "potholes"? Where can one find Fels Naptha soap? That Campbells Tomato Soup was America's favorite? The "Best Bite of All" was Baby Ruth? Progress comes only with change -- no change no progress. You can put chopped almonds in farina pudding to make a dessert. A "Shivaree" was a serenade welcoming new neighbors. A tire hung from a tree branch was the first swing. The NRA regulated prices, wages and hours. The CCC paid two and a half million men \$30 a month to plant trees, dig ditches and build camps.

Please send me some "Did you Know". Thank you.

Josephine Gentile

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HALLOWEEN NIGHT

After the first-rate dinner, served in record breaking time, the entertainment started.

The music was great and the dance floor was well occupied but ...

There were costumes that certainly were show stopping. The imagination and creativity some people have is amazing to me. The most I

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could come up with were pumpkin earrings. Maybe it's time to start thinking about a costume for next year, it will probably take that long to get the imagination working well enough.

Carole Clay

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CRAFT CLASS

Our small but mighty class has been very busy getting ready for Christmas. All of our projects are new this year so we are having a lot of fun. Because we are few in number, we are making only a few of each of the items. I doubt if we will have time to make special orders this year so if you see something you like, don't wait too long. Also, if you peak under the easel in the office, you will find a set of creche figures, including a camel, lamb and donkey. All but a stable is included for \$75.00. This is a set that children can play with because it won't break. The clothes are made of beautiful fabrics: silks, wools and velvets. This is a beautiful set that will last for years. Be sure to look at it even if you aren't interested in buying it.

Sally Kinney

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## TURKEY AND ALL THE FIXINGS

It was just one week early for the actual day but gave us a great prelude to what we probably would be having the following week. For some of us it might have been the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Don't most of us females remember what it was like getting dinner for the crowd? Cleaning, shopping, preparing - all those days we spent getting ready for the family and friends. It was a lot of work and truly a labor of love but it's so appropriate that someone else is doing it now, we've earned the rest!

After all the turkey was gobbles up, (also the dressing, sweet potato, fruit cup and pumpkin pie), we all wobbled to the Red Room to hear some lovely songs presented by Gail Franklin.

Carole Clay

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## SEWING CLASS

How did it get to be holiday time already? It still seems like summer - I still have lettuce in my garden but I can't argue with the calendar. The past few months have really sailed by quickly, in fact, I haven't even had time to start my own fall sewing. It seems we get busier each year, doesn't it?

It has been nice to get back to the sewing class as we do have a great time together. We enjoy watching each other's progress and learning from

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## Sewing Class (Continued)

each other. The greatest thing about sewing is that you can dress in the colors and styles you look best in and not have to spend time in the stores looking and looking and getting discouraged with the current fashions. Some of the things out there are pretty bad these days. It's nice not to worry about it.

We hope you have a lovely holiday. Come and join the group some day.

Sally Kinney

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## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The dinner was a complete sell-out and the food was delicious and plentiful.

The music for dancing that evening provided by Mike Jacos and his musicians seemed to be just what the dancers wanted. The beat was good and the tunes were familiar.

The Achey-Breaky Heart music filled the dance floor and everyone was in sync to this prominent line-dance.

Don't forget, even if you don't come to the dinners you are most welcome to participate or just watch the entertainment. It doesn't last long and you would be back in your apartment by 8:00.

Carole Clay

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OUR SPECIAL DECORATIONS

Say, didn't our Halloween decorations look extra special? And didn't we have a lot of fun making all the ghosts keep on wiggling and moaning every time we clapped our hands. So much laughter and gaiety that prevailed.

We can't wait for all of the Christmas decorations to go up real soon. They always seem able to really get us into the spirit of the holidays.

Our thanks for all the decorations you see for all our very lovely holidays goes to "Josie Gisondo and her helpers who always see that the very best decorations are up all around our first floor to make it look ever so beautiful and inviting when you come into the Villa Serena. Everyone comments on them always.

Josie painstakingly puts them up and then very carefully takes them down to put away for the next time. It takes much planning to get it all together and we want to extend our very sincere thanks for the beauty we see for all the holidays to Josie. They are fun to look at and make us all feel very proud when we see them.

We're looking forward to the Christmas decorations. We know they will be very lovely!

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OUR CHRISTMAS LETTER TO SANTA

Christmas is almost here!!!! Can you believe it!!!! When we were kids we just couldn't wait for Christmas to get here to open the boxes, bows and toys Santa would bring. Now, it comes all too soon every year.

But we still remember the past, they will be our wonderful memories of happy days and happy times when life was more simple, not as sophisticated as it is today and not as complicated either.

It is, though, still a gorgeous time of the year and we can still see our grandchildren all wide-eyed waiting for Santa. We can still hear the beautiful bells and see the blanket of snow, the lovely cards we receive from those we love. These things will never change.

But Santa dear, please reach into your bag for us this year and bring out some special gifts we want to give.

The thanks to our staff so fine, our wonderful teachers, the satisfaction of a job well done, for each of our volunteers, real happiness in their dedication, for the members of our Board and the many friends we have among our generous members of the Italian Sons and Daughters of America and our many many other friends, the members of our center and for each of us lucky residents of the Villa Serena. What more can we ask for. We have everything.

Love, health, happiness to everyone. Christmastime is wonderful!!!

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CHANUKAH, THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Sunday, November 27th at sundown marked the beginning of Chanukah the Festival of Lights for our many dear friends of the Jewish Faith. The holiday ends on the 5th of December.

It crept up so very early this year. We usually celebrate Christmas and Chanukah at just about the same time each year and it makes for a very all inclusive holiday for all of us.

We wish to extend to our dear friends peace, tranquility, and God's blessings. Even though the holiday may be over by the time this issue of the Villa Voice is received it still carries with it the same blessings for the days to come.

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FOND MEMORIES

From the past come the names of two very kind and wonderful gentlemen who were very active participants in our Art Classes and two of the most capable artists we have known. Every month, there would be a new cover created by one of them for the Villa Voice. We have not seen either of them for a long time and somehow lost contact, but we never want to forget "Vernon Morgan and Mike Suvak" who contributed so very much to the Villa Serena in the days when we were very young. Many of the fine artwork you see in the Villa Voice covers each month is their creation which we are still using today.

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BIRTHDAYS - ANNIVERSARIES

On Friday, December 9th, we will officially open the holiday season at the Villa Serena.

By that time, we will have all of our Christmas decorations in place and our first floor will once again this year be a beautiful sight to behold.

We will acknowledge all the lovely persons who were born or married in the month of December during dinner and after dinner has been served, we will all adjourn into the Red Room for a very fun evening with RAGTIME PATTY, who will be back again to entertain us with her lovely personality and her great ability to play the piano.

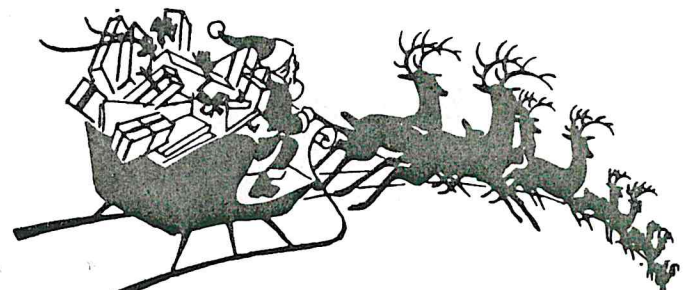
We will sing all the lovely songs meaningful for the holiday we will be celebrating, and at the same time enjoy the comradery and friendship of one another that always exists at this time of year.

Ragtime Patty is just the right person to put us into this festive spirit with her bubbly personality and humor.

Really, if you missed Patty last time. Come and enjoy her now. You will leave with a great smile and a happy tone in your voice.

Help us welcome the holiday season. Come to dinner on the 9th.

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9 Carol Cordaro 831  
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12 Ardell Gecsy 417  
13 Inez DiCesare 431  
15 William Rashid 624  
Sally Schrembeck 328  
16 Andrew Delzappo 718  
18 Emmett Penkava 716  
Maria Leben 214  
20 Natalie Huff 228  
22 Sophie Oddo 515  
23 Harvey Sternberg 827  
24 Thelma Olsen 808  
28 Edward Vojta 322  
29 Mary Blasko 706

DECEMBER

1 Florence Nagy  
2 Josephine Hahl  
3 Joseph Heiser  
Marge Vobornik  
4 Ann Hudec  
7 Bernard Novel  
8 Joseph Arcuri  
12 Teresa Montani  
17 Elizabeth Nettis  
18 Helen Voelkel  
Frances Insana  
19 Sylvia Bloomfield  
20 Alexander Collins  
Anne Rusick  
21 Alice Ziskin  
Christine Lisy  
22 Betty Glenn  
23 Art Swirsky  
24 Harold Spengler  
25 Theresa Naletelich  
26 Ida Reminick  
28 Jean Collura

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

11 - Mr. & Mrs. George Haggerty  
20 - Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Mirenda

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*· HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ·*

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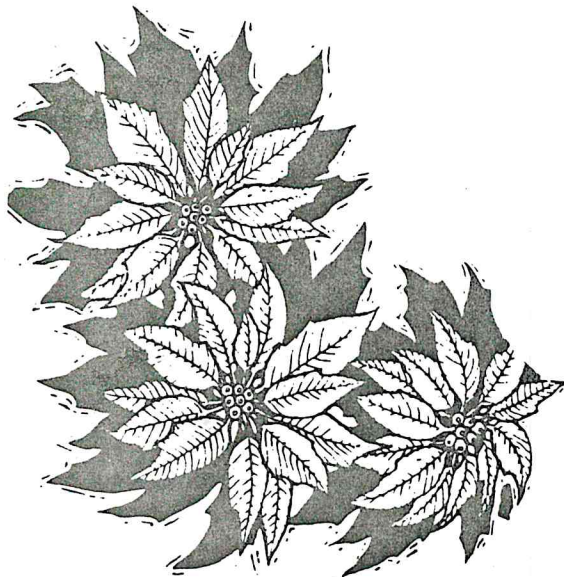
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CHRISTMAS TIME

Already!!!! My goodness!!!!  
Where did the year go???

Well, whatever we feel, it is reality, Christmas is here. What a beautiful time of the year it is though. The time when we at the Villa Serena gather together to celebrate this grand occasion of beauty, gorgeous lights and the very festive mood that exists within our building and our extended family of members.

Our celebration begins with our Christmas Dinner to be held on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th. After dinner we will begin our celebration by welcoming back again Carmellina and her very able musicians for a night of singing and entertainment which we have so enjoyed with Carmellina. She has the ability to really put us into the mood for the coming holidays.

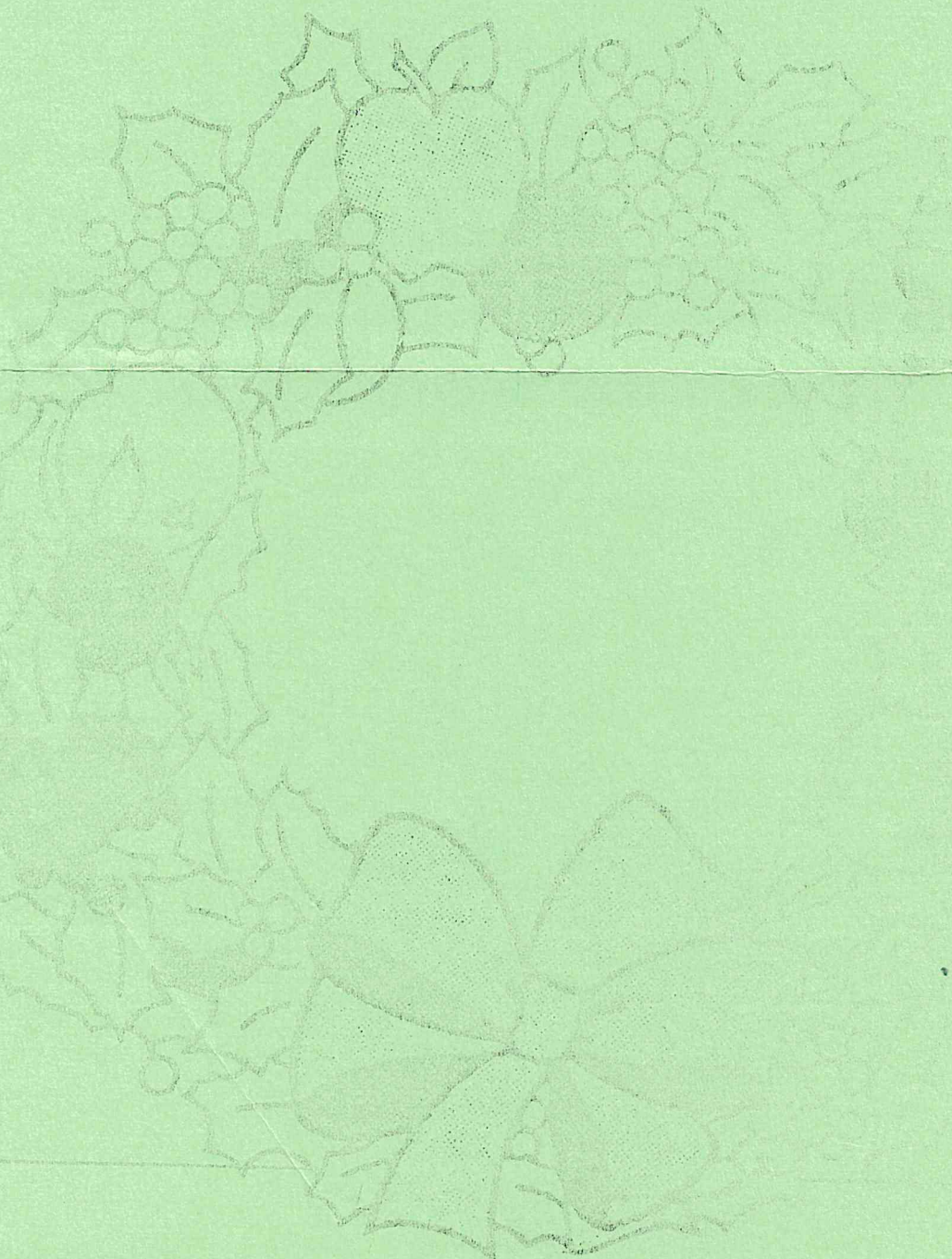
And, as usual, we will probably have a visit with good ol' Santa Claus and have a fun evening.

Come join with us on this night of great remembrance and joy. Get your tickets early as space is most limited during the holiday dinners.

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