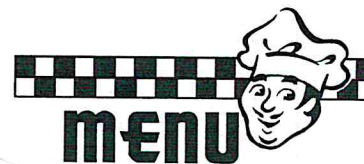


Dinner at Villa Serena



Wednesday, December 17

Our Annual Christmas Dinner

Appetizer

Veal or Fish

Vegetable & Potato

Special Dessert

Veal \$9.00, Fish \$8.00

Followed by Entertainment by Carmelina

St. Francis Foundation

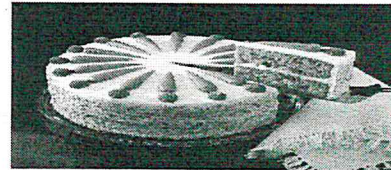
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1 1:00 Ceramics 6:00 Pinochle	2 3:30 Rosary 7:00 Game Night	3 9:00 - 1:00 Sewing 1:30 Exercise	4 2:00 Staywell Nurse	5
8 1:00 Ceramics 3:30 Christmas Carols 6:00 Pinochle	9 3:30 Rosary 7:00 Game Night	10 9:00 - 1:00 Sewing 1:30 Exercise	11	12 6:00 Santa Pictures 7:00 Christmas Carols
15 1:00 Ceramics 6:00 Pinochle	16 Post Office on Wheels 11:30 to Noon 3:30 Rosary 7:00 Game Night	17 9:00 - 1:00 Sewing 1:30 Exercise 5:00 Christmas Dinner 6:30 Program	18 2:00 Staywell Nurse	19 2:00 Mass Chanukah, Sundown
22 Winter Begins 1:00 Ceramics 6:00 Pinochle	23 3:30 Rosary 7:00 Game Night	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Kwanzaa Begins
29 1:00 Ceramics 6:00 Pinochle	30 3:30 Rosary 7:00 Game Night	31 New Year's Eve	Pearl Harbor 12/7	

Birthdays and Anniversaries December 2003



Birthdays

December	3	Michael Vespro	#332
	5	Ida Hittie	#823
		Ellen Kohler	#615
	7	Delores DeFranco	#307
	8	Joseph Arcuri	
		Grace Sabrabsky	
	10	Kay Oswald	
	11	Rose Swingos	#733
	12	Ardell Gecsy	#417
	13	Thelma McCracken	#234
		Mary Sweeney	#814
	14	Harold Cohn	#817
		May Ming	#534
	15	Margaret Ackerman	#415
		Sally Schrembeck	#328
	16	LaVerne Harsch	#734
	18	Marie Leben	#214
	19	Franciska Kadlub	#619

December	20	Josephine Mallik	
		Agnes Puro	#326
	21	Connie Nicolosi	#807
	23	Harvey Sternberg	#827
		Art Swirsky	
	26	Andy Glorioso	#402
		Rita Pekol	#320
	27	Steve Ciomek	#710
		Chester Olesky	#702
		Rosemary Valenti	#509
	29	Helen Beemer	#311
	30	Lois Belak	
	31	William Bisbee	#301
		Ann Kobal	#318

Anniversaries

December	31	M/M Nick Nicolosi	#807
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Men Needed

*For Saturday
Poker Game*

1 P.M.

In The Game Room



Watch Your Calendar For December

Monday, December 8, at 3:00 P.M., and Friday, December 12, at 7:00 P.M., Christmas caroling with the Girl Scouts and the St. Francis Choir

Friday, December 12, at 6:00, Santa pictures

Congrats to Lucky Connie Nicolosi

Hit the \$50 first prize at Bingo, November 8

Monday Night Pinochle

October 20

Stella Benjamin	564	2.50
Laila Nagy	540	2.00
Tina Booth	535	1.50
Andy Glorioso	516	1.00

October 27

Ted Turlik	600	2.50
George Seidel	589	2.00
Carmen Cortese	541	1.50
Tina Boothe	529	1.00

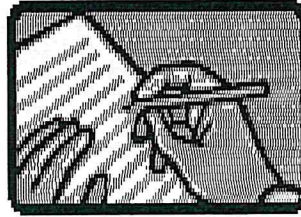
November 3

Tina Boothe	587	2.50
George Seidel	564	2.00
Connie Nicolosi	509	1.50
Andy Glorioso	501	1.00

November 10

Grace Alliger	578	2.25
Agnes Puro	565	2.00
George Seidel	560	1.25
Jennie Cellura	554	1.00

Dispelling Misspelling



In each of the 12 misspelled words below, one letter needs to be added, changed, or deleted to make the spelling correct. If a letter must be added or deleted, write that letter on the dash following the word. If a letter must be changed, write on the dash the letter which will make the spelling correct. If done correctly, the dashes, reading down, will spell out another word.

1. subconscious _____
2. uranium _____
3. marithon _____
4. corageous _____
5. facinate _____
6. reppertory _____
7. perplexety _____
8. anshovy _____
9. besege _____
10. elaberate _____
11. fatigue _____
12. vission _____

Answers

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1. Add I, 2. Delete N, 3. change I to A, 4. Add U, 5. Add S, 6. Delete P, 7. Change E to I, 8. Change S to C, 9. Add I, 10. change E to O, 11. Add U, 12. Delete S, spelling **INAUSPICIOUS**

Just For Laughs...

She's what we used to call a suicide blonde.
Dyed by her own hand. — *Saul Bellow*

For people who like peace and quiet: a phoneless cord. — *Anon*

The best audience is intelligent and well-educated, and a little drunk. — *Alben Barkley*

What is this, an audience or an oil painting? — *Milton Berle*

Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice. — *Will Durant*

In Biblical times, a man could have as many wives as he could afford. Just like today. — *Abigail Van Buren*

The first human being who hurled an insult instead of a stone was the founder of civilization. — *Freud*

The only paradise is paradise lost. — *Marcel Proust*

Historical reminder: always put Horace before Descartes. — *Donald O. Rickter*

Most of our future lies ahead. — *Denny Crumb, Louisville basketball coach*

If there is another way to skin a cat, I don't want to know about it. — *Steve Kravitz*

Life is like an overlong drama through which we sit nagged by the vague memories of having read the reviews. — *John Updile*

Villa Serena Offers

U. S. Post Office on Wheels

The Postal Service will bring the mobile substation to the front door on Tuesday, December 16 from 11:30 to Noon.

Services include:

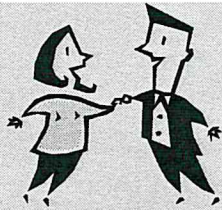
- * Stamps
- * Packages
- * Priority Mail



Meet The Neighbors

By Lucy Morgan

Our neighbor since May, the man in 833 is **Joseph Ianni**. Joe lived in Lakewood and Chesterland before joining us here. He attended Corlett Elementary and John Adams High. After a short stint at National Acme, he was drafted (remember the draft?) into the army and served at Fort Bliss, Texas, before being sent overseas for 18 months.



Joe attended Ohio State under the G. I. Bill (remember the G. I. Bill?) and then went into business with his brothers as Ianni Bi-Rite Stores with stores in Lyndhurst and Willoughby.

Joe is now retired, with two stepsons and four grandchildren, two boys and two girls, who live in the Lakewood area.

Joe enjoys golf, bowling, and bocce. He likes to play cards and gamble a little. He might be interested in the Saturday poker game in the game room. Welcome, Joe, it's good to have you here.

Senior Circle Plus Daily Dinner. 4:00 to 5:00 PM., in the hospital cafeteria. Entrée, soup, roll, sides, beverage; (soft drink or coffee), and dessert, only \$4, .

From: Best-Ever Chicken, published by Pillsbury

Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup



Prep time: 1 hour;
ready in 1 hr. 45 min.

- 4½ to 5 lbs. Cut-up frying chicken
- 8 cups (2 qts.) water
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup celery leaves
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tsps salt
- ½ tsp. Pepper
- ¼ tsp. Poultry seasoning, if desired
- 5 carrots, cut in ½-inch slices
- 1 cup uncooked wide egg noodles
- 1 11 Oz. can whole kernel corn, undrained

In a 4-quart Dutch oven or stockpot, combine chicken, water, onions, celery, celery leaves, bay leaf, salt, pepper, and poultry seasoning. Bring to a boil. Cover; simmer 45 minutes or until chicken is fork tender, no longer pink and juices run clear. Add carrots; cook 15 minutes.

Remove chicken from Dutch oven. Cut meat from bones. Skim off and discard fat from soup. Return meat to soup. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 10 to 15 minutes or until carrots are almost tender.

Add noodles and corn; return to a boil. Cook over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until noodles are tender. Remove celery leaves and bay leaf. If desired, garnish with chopped parsley.

8 (1 cup) servings

Bay leaves come from the Mediterranean bay laurel tree. They have a flavor that enhances soup or stew, but don't try to eat them.

Bon Appetit

Hillcrest Hospital Senior Services

The Meridia Senior Circle of Care has many services available. Call **440-449-4804**.

Healthcare Counselors to help you with your bills. This service is free and available to seniors. Call for appointment.

Senior Circle Plus Supper Club.

Third Tuesday of every month in the hospital cafeteria, at 3:30 P.M. Cost, \$3.50. All meals include a salad, roll, dessert, and beverage. Tickets at the hospital cashier, on a first come, first served basis, in the Hillcrest Atrium Lobby 9:00-3:30 weekdays. Tuesday, December 16, Caesar Salad, Chicken Marsala, Wild Rice, Broccoli, and Lemon Meringue Pie. Holiday Party sponsored by Grande Village Retirement Community

Free Healthcare Lectures. Free refreshments at 9:30 AM, lecture from 10:00 to 11:00. At Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Rd. Reservations required in advance. Wednesday, December 10, "Aging Where You Want To; Staying in your own home," , **Reservations at 1-877-390-1732.**

Senior Fitness Programs. Low-impact aerobics classes are held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2154 SOM Center Rd., every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Cost, \$2.00 per session. Call for information **440-449-4804.**

Computer Classes for Seniors at The Greens Adult Living Communities. Basic and intermediate usage, Word Processing, The Internet, E-mail, and scanners. For information and reservations, call **440-953-2443.**

Thanks to Karla Lindsey

From the St. Francis of Assisi Bulletin

Forgiveness

Every time I forgive, I am helping to bring about a more peaceful world.

I can experience the peace of God at any time, if I choose. But unforgiveness creates a wall of negative emotions that seems to separate me from the peace of God that I would otherwise enjoy.

Making a choice to forgive as I go through the day, I avoid letting little grievances build up. And for the monumental events in which I find it hard to forgive, I remember that the one I am forgiving — whether it is another person or myself — is a child of God who momentarily forgot his or her divine nature. I recognize that we are all learning and growing as God's children.

When I make a choice to forgive, I am transformed from being someone who was tense and upset into someone who is loving and compassionate. Joy returns to my heart, rushing in to soothe my mind and body. I am once again able to appreciate every day of my life.

As I forgive, I am relieved of emotional pain that I had been carrying and symptoms of tension in my body are also eliminated. By greatly reducing stress, I am supporting my body in carrying out its normal process of ongoing healing.

Forgiving a deep hurt or a small grievance creates a spiritual transformation that changes my life for the better. Happier, healthier, and calmer, I am free to enjoy life's blessings.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you."

— Luke 6:37-38

A warm hello to all and I would like to extend sincere wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday to all our friends and families. As the year draws closer to its end, it is imperative that we all stop to reflect on all the blessings we have received. Life in and of itself is the greatest blessing, a gift we all have been entrusted with. Hopefully we will all try harder to make the most of this very precious gift of life.

A short reflection on the meaning of Thanksgiving has led me to an interesting insight. Let's all give each other as many reasons as possible to give thanks. These caring actions of kindness, respect and love are what will make our world a better place. It's amazing how these good deeds can exponentially touch the lives of so many. Never underestimate the power of *caritas* (love). Selflessly giving of our time and talents will bring us all closer as a community — just like those Pilgrims did with the Indians on that first Thanksgiving in 1621.

That first feast was a three day affair — let's make ours a lifelong one! And remember, there's still time to impress Santa and make sure you're on his *Nice* list, rather than the *Naughty* one.

There are lots of enjoyable events coming up as the holiday season comes upon us. Be sure to check your *Villa Voice* calendar for the choral concerts, photographs with Santa Claus, and, of course, our grand Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 17, with a program of entertainment by an old favorite, Carmelina. Lots to look forward to!

Talk to you later — *Charlie*

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In the spirit of the holidays, you might consider volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program in the Hillcrest area. For details, call Dorothy Goldstein at 440-449-3551

The holiday lighting ceremony will be at the new fire station on Sunday, November 30, at 6:00 P.M.

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