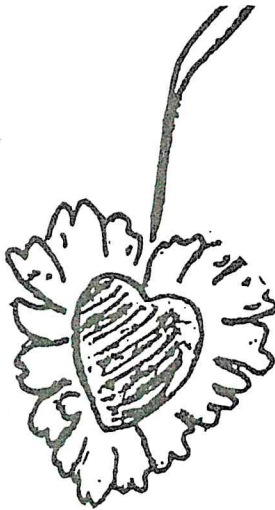


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VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1996



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Breaded Pork Chop
Macaroni and Cheese
Vegetable
Dessert

\$6.00 per

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

MARDI GRAS DINNER

Choice of Barbecued Ribs
or Baked Chicken

and all the trimmings!!

\$ 7.50 per person

H A P P Y V A L E N T I N E D A Y T O A L L!

FROM THE KITCHEN, "SWEETHEARTS" AND "GENTS"

SEE ADDITIONAL LUNCHEON MENU IN THIS ISSUE

BE A FRIEND

Be a friend. You don't need money:
Just a disposition sunny;
Just the wish to help another
Get along some way or other;
Just a kindly hand extended
Out to one who's unbefriended:
Just the will to give or lend,
This will make you someone's friend.

Be a friend. You don't need glory.
Friendship is a simple story.
Pass by trifling errors blindly,
Gaze on honest effort kindly,
Cheer the youth who's bravely trying,
Pity him who's sadly sighing,
Just a little labor spend
On the duties of a friend.

Be a friend. The pay is bigger
(Though not written by a figure)
Than is earned by people clever
In what's merely self-endeavor.
You'll have friends instead of neighbors
For the profits of your labors;
You'll be richer in the end
Than a prince, if you're a friend.

Edgar Guest

EXERCISE CLASS NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day! The month for taking care of matters of the heart. The two easiest ways to take care of your heart is to use it and feed it fat free foods.

According to a study at Yale University, people who are inactive are seven times more likely to suffer a stroke than active people. A daily walk is all that is needed to help that heart stay healthy and strong. Do not let the weather conditions dictate your exercise. Have a plan ready for bad weather days. Walk the halls, walk the steps, go to the mall and walk, or take a line dance class. Find a way to do something every single day.

Eating healthy is sometimes tricky. It is so much easier to grab a junk food snack than it is to prepare a balanced meal but the choices you make can make all the difference. Did you know that in one donut there are 18 grams of fat? For 18 grams of fat you could have nine -agels. Amazing! With the prepackaged prepared veggies that are now available, you can have a good nutrition snack at a finger tip away. Make good choices for your heart and you will really be able to celebrate on Valentine's Day.

Beth Parnin

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SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give.

It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

No one is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it; and no one is so poor that he cannot be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile.

Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile more than he who has no more to give.

Author Unknown

SEWING CLASS NEWS

Since you are all tired of winter I will not even talk about winter time projects. This is just a good time to relax and catch up with whatever it is you have to catch up on. Even so many of you probably have some mending or altering chores waiting for your attention. The only way to stop worrying about them is to take the first step and do them - one-at-a-time. Soon they will be behind you and you will be ready to enjoy spring when it arrives.

If you need help getting started, come to the sewing class - our advice is free - and we will be more than willing to give you our own ideas. That is why being part of the class is fun -- we learn from each other and have a great time besides. If you can't sew, I can help you get started, even if it is putting in a hem. You will feel good about each accomplishment you have completed as well as feeling good about yourself.

Sally Kinney

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LINE DANCING

New dances are in store for you these next few months. The Tennessee Stroll, Cowboy Charleston, Elvira and Hully Gully are a few of the dances for February. It is time

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Dancing (Continued)

to get ready to put on your dancing shoes. See you at the classes!

Beth Parnin

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WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY WINNERS

The winners on January 10th, were Thelma Olsen, Bill Dilly, Evelyn DeFlorentis, Carl Schock, Rose Schock and Pachel Stegh.

The dates for the card parties in February are the 7th and the 21st. See you then?

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PINOCHLE WINNERS

<u>Jan. 8th</u>		
Ed Mack	606	\$2.50
Winnie Hellwig	549	2.00
Amelia Nagy	543	1.50
Carl Schock	539	1.00
Agnes Puro	534	1.00
<u>Jan. 15th</u>		
Bill Dilly	627	2.00
Thelma Olsen	584	1.75
Mary Blasko	580	1.25
Ed Mack	568	1.00

<u>Jan 22nd</u>		
Howard Barnes	580	2.50
Winnie Hellwig	546	2.00
Jennie Cellura	534	1.50
Thelma Lilje	511	1.00
Marcy Stianche	504	.50
Vera Kozak	504	.50

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Announcing!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1996

BINGO

FOOD

COME AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON WITH US!!!

Join us for a special lunch beginning at Noon and then stay on to play our now famous Big Bingo. It promises to be an afternoon of friendship, food and "winnings"

Our luncheon menu will consist of your choice of the following:

Our own McVilla Hamburger	or	Our famous Hot Dog
Potato Salad		Potato Salad
Cole Slaw		Cole Slaw
Dessert		Dessert

All of the above includes coffee and/or tea for the low cost of only \$3.00 per person

"THEN"

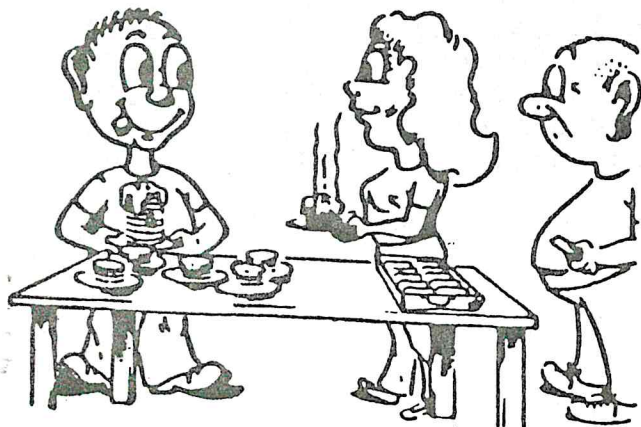
at 1:30 P.M. Bingo will start with the usual big prizes - many games including \$200.00 for a full card in 57 numbers or less -

Cards are \$2.00 each per person or three cards for \$5.00.

How can you miss a fun afternoon such as this!!!

PLACE YOUR ORDERS EARLY FOR TICKETS!

REMEMBER: ITS FEBRUARY 28th



JOE FRANK NEWS REPORTER

Yes, Joe will return on Wednesday, February 28th, at 7:00 P.M. He will bring you all the latest news and comments from all over the world. Do you have a question or a comment to make? Well then, feel free to participate in the session. Remember the date again is February 28th. See you then.

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At this time we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sylvia Koptis who recently passed away. We will miss her very much. May she rest in peace.

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BIG BINGO!!!

The brisket of beef and the mashed potatoes with gravy were sooo delicious. It was a very special lunch treat - much better than our usual cold meat sandwich.

Big Bingo was well attended, a full house. Of course, no one won the \$200. It's been such a long time that its been dangled over us - SO, COME NEXT TIME AND TRY YOUR LUCK.

Carole Clay

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TUESDAY AND SATURDAY BINGO

Yes, we do play bingo every Tuesday and Saturday evening. It begins at 7:00.

The pots aren't as large as the Big Bingo but the fun we have playing makes up for that. There is always room for more. It is not just winning or losing --it's the fun we have while playing and being with friends and neighbors. We're back in our apartments by 8:30.

Carole Clay

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THE JANUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

After the usual delicious dinner we could hardly wait to get to the Red Room to see, listen and dance to the music and musings of Rich D'Amato.

He certainly is a Villa Serena favorite and you will prove that to yourself the next time he is here. Just come on down and join the crowd.

Rich keeps the dance floor packed but it's great to just sit and watch and listen. He can truly lift your spirits.

Carole Clay

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COMING EVENTS

Friday 16th
5:00 Dinner 6:30 Dancing
Tuesday 20th
5:00 Dinner 6:30 Program
Wednesday 28th
12:00 Lunch 1:30 Bingo

"SMILE A LITTLE BIT"

YEARS OF VINTAGE

As I grow old I stop and muse,
I watch TV and read the news,
I catnap in my easy chair,
I use a cane and walk with care.

Past events I remember well,
Yesterday's never ring a bell,
My memory plays tricks on me,
Oh where, or where can my dentures
be?

Finding them in a place quite remote,
In the pocket of my coat,
My reading glasses I cannot find,
I'm just about to lose my mind.

I chuckle as I see them on the shelf
For I placed them there myself,
I mislay my pension check,
By the time I find it, I'm a wreck.

I wear a wig that I can't bear
But I'm losing all my hair,
I'm on a diet so I don't get fat,
I miss a lot of this and that.

A mini skirt is quite the rage,
But my shape is in the maxi stage,
I settle down and rest awhile,
and on my face you'll see a smile.

For I'm not along in these years
of woe,
My fellow comrades have told me so,
So I count my blessings one by one,
And go to bed when the day is done.

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There's nothing like a dish
towel for wiping the contented
look off a married man's face.
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When a politician stands on
his record, the reason may be
to keep the voters from
examining it.

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The man felt like a young colt,
but he looked like an old 45.

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The weakest animal in the world
is a frog. He will croak if
you touch him.

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When Agnes said she had gotten
a pearl out of an oyster, Mary
replied, "that's nothing, I got
a diamond out of an old crab".

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A man was asked if he played
any instrument. Oh yes, he said
"At home" "I play second fiddle".

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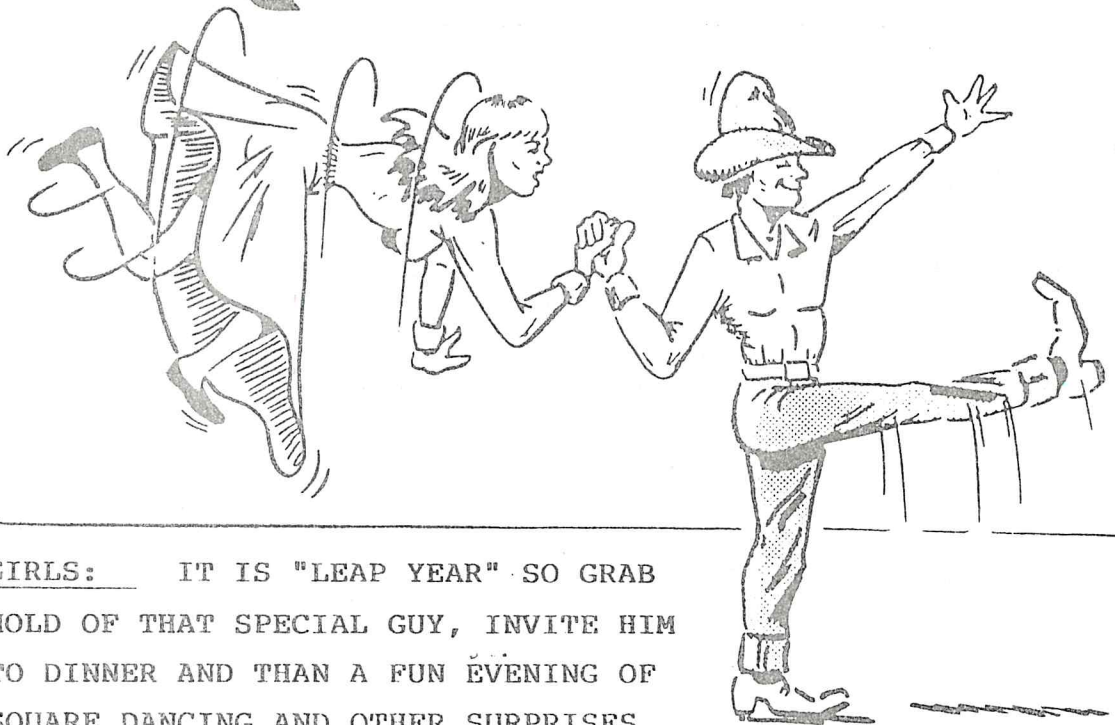
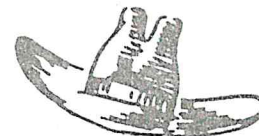
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up to date. Thank you.

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Sadie Hawkins



SQUARE



GIRLS: IT IS "LEAP YEAR" SO GRAB
HOLD OF THAT SPECIAL GUY, INVITE HIM
TO DINNER AND THAN A FUN EVENING OF
SQUARE DANCING AND OTHER SURPRISES.

DANCE

General Information:

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1996 - DINNER: 5:00 P.M.

SQUARE DANCING STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.

LINE DANCING AND LOTS MORE!!

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 9:30-12:00 Ceramics 11:30-12:30 Dancing	6 1 - 2 Exercise 3:30 Rosary	7 9 - 1 Sewing	8	9 3:00 Communion
6:30 Pinochle	7:00 Game night	7:00 Cards		
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ITS OUR ANNIVERSARY - LOOKING ON TO 30 YEARS

FEBRUARY 1st, 1996 will complete the 29th year of the existence of the "VILLA SERENA" - LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK - the early years were not easy. The dream of a senior citizen complex began long before we opened. A dream started back in the 1950s by Frank Alesci. He enlisted the help of Frank Pitrone, a young man then, who would stay by his side working until 1962 when they both enlisted the help of Howard Chesler. They worked very hard side by side in behalf of the St. Francis Foundation struggling to find a way to build this complex when all things were against them. They enlisted the help of our other sponsors, Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America, through their then National Vice President, Michael "Mickey" Rini. For the next four years everything was against the complex. In those days no one had ever heard of a senior citizens building other than nursing homes. But these dedicated men never gave up. This became a labor of "LOVE". It involved days of tears, days of setbacks, days of never coming to fruition. Until one day in August, 1965 the bright moment came when the Villa Serena broke ground/

"Picture this in your mind as you wander through our beautiful first floor". In November, 1966 when the building was partially completed, we began greeting the first persons who came to see this new facility. All very skeptical and very hesitant. They we were taking people on a tour of this building through uncompleted hallways and apartments. We told everyone about the library that would be filled with books, about the dining room and kitchen which were empty which would eventually be there, about a game room which was without equipment, about a lobby and lounge area which had no furniture or carpeting. Yet, in spite of it all, no one was dismayed or downcast and the first pioneers used their imaginations and believed in what we said and in what you see today, and became part of the first Villa Serena family. Within 3 months our family was in full bloom. Everything that had promised by the sponsors became a reality.

Suddenly visitors to our building were saying, "We have never seen so many happy people under one roof. There were all kinds of social activities morning, noon and night. Yes, we had our problems, but we had the courage to overcome. We had our illnesses and deaths of our wonderful friends who are no longer in our midst and have learned to live with fond memories. We were the first and we learned by experience every step of the way. There were no handbooks to show us how. Most important, regardless of a person's religious or ethnic background, has been our ability to live together as one family respecting each other.

Yes, Villa Serena became the greatest success story. Our sponsors are still committed. Our success story was emulated and copied all over the country. However, the one ingredient that no one can ever copy is the "SPIRIT OF THE VILLA SERENA". Each of our residents both past and present and our non-resident members have contributed to this spirit.

A LOVELY MONTH IS HERE!!

"Short but Sweet" is this month of love, with hearts and flowers, cupids, log cabins and hatchets and cherry trees. Doesn't it just remind you of our revered Abe Lincoln and George Washington. What would they think of our beautiful America if they were here today.

And Valentine's Day when all the young lovers send those beautifully created greeting cards to their one and only. They abound with red hearts and more red hearts and sweet messages of "amour". It truly is a month of love.

And how about that fuzzy old "sleepyhead", Mister Groundhog. Is he going to come out and usher in an early spring?? Or is he just going to take another six weeks of sunshine!

This is February. Enjoy the special virtues that make this month. Love and be loved, be humble, be truthful, be loyal especially to yourself, have a deep concern for all of humanity, be true to our beloved America. Be patient with Mr. Groundhog, because whether he knows it or not there are only 47 more days until Spring.

And might add, Roses are red and violets are blue and the nicest people in this world are YOU, and YOU and YOU. And "fellas" better beware this is "LEAP YEAR" TOO!!

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IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE!!

It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike. Because He wasn't treated fair, or for things He didn't like. If He had ever once sat down and said That's it, I'm through, I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do; I'll give my orders to the sun "cut off your heat supply," And to the moon: "give no more light, and run those oceans dry!" Then just to really make it tough and put the pressure on, Turn off the oxygen and air, till every breath is gone. You know that He'd be justified if fairness were the game. For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain, And yet He carries on supplying you and me with all the favors of His Grace, and everything for free! Men say they want a better deal and so, on strike they go, But what a deal we've given God to Whom all things we owe, We don't care whom we hurt or harm to get the things we like, But what a mess we'd all be in if GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE!!

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Happy
Valentine's Day!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY 1996

FEBRUARY

3 Helen Fekete 722
5 Margaret Halkowitz 621
6 Rosemary Belz 806
Agnes Cisek 805
Vernita Coleman 711
7 Vera Kozak 416
Ethel Zelna 732
10 Carmen Buzzelli 512
11 Mary Pilar 829
12 Ann Delisio 729
15 John Pazderak 503
17 Irene Beres 533
19 Mercedes Dirner 630
Dominic Vaccariello 704
20 Albert McMunn 818
21 Liluccia Fedor 733
22 Marie Salemi 501
24 Carmella Belcon 232
25 Mary Jane McMunn 818
26 Mary Weir 313
28 Margaret Poe 306
Basil Pinzone 814
Eleanor Turocy 217
10 Ralph Greco 714

Happy Birthday

ANNIVERSARIES

12 Mr. & Mrs. James Cordaro 330
Mr. & Mrs. Rick DeGeorge
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Skarnus
14 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stianche 507
22 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Heiser
23 Mr. & Mrs. William Hanson

Happy Anniversary

FEBRUARY

1 Josephine Melluso
2 Beulah Fleishman
George Haggerty
Ellen Harrison
4 Josephine Taddeo
5 Isabelle Byron
6 Emmeline Didlock
Joseph Kovatch
Ruth Widrich
10 Viola Orifici
Doris Clampitt
11 Fifi Brescia
12 Margaret Kovach
13 Grace Egley
Margaret Young
14 Helene Burt
16 Mildred Kossoff
18 Ida Goldman
19 Lottie Zavasnik
20 Estella Wierber
22 George Haggerty
Al Brauer
Maria Siegel
23 Josephine Mecca
24 Frances Barskitis
Josephine Lawrinson
26 Ruth Katz
27 Madelyn Arcuri
Kaye Bojack
28 Josephine Carrao
Dorothy Drembus
26 Lillian Freiberg

Happy Birthday

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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

It seems as though these holidays are coming up faster and faster as we get older. After Christmas and New Year we vowed we would not stuff ourselves with food again.

And just what is taking place now, well, "IT IS MARDI GRAS TIME", so how can we not celebrate again.

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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

So, if you made a resolution to go on a diet you may have to forget it because coming up is "Fat Tuesday" FEBRUARY 20, 1996.

Fat Tuesday, as many of you may know was created solely for the purpose of stuffing ourselves before the traditional Lenten season begins. It is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

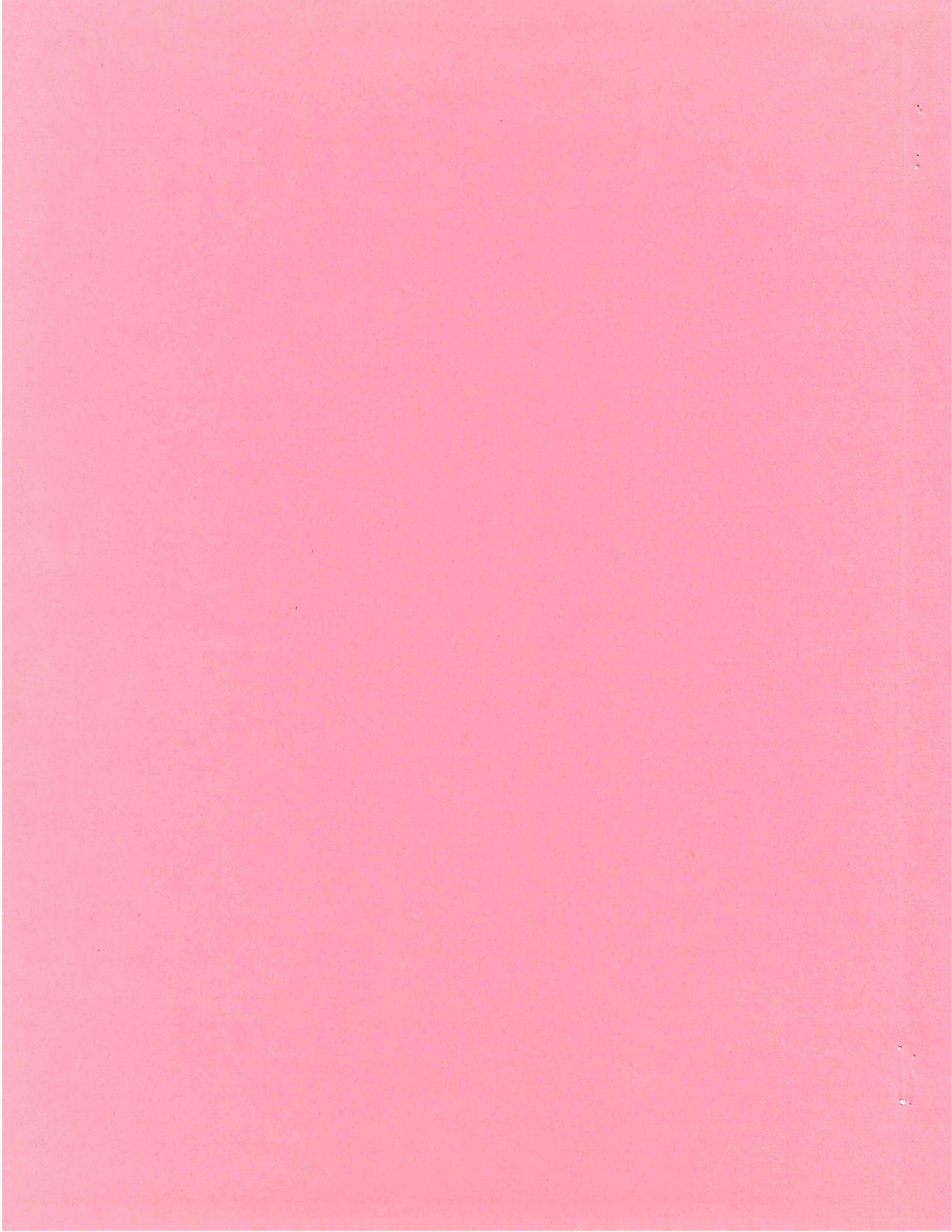
Naturally, we will be serving the best Barbecue Ribs you have ever had "A LA FRANK SHAW STYLE" and "CHEF ZADIE'S" famous baked chicken. Dinner will be served as usual at 5:00 P.M. followed by the music and songs of our very favorite "old smoothies" ED AND GILDA CIFANI. What more can we ask for to celebrate an evening of fine dining and fine dancing.

If you have never done it before, how about making it a perfect day by wearing a mask or a simple costume, just to make the evening a little bit more fun. Surely, you can think of something that would add to the loveliness of this party mood.

I know we have said it so many times before, but it bears repeating: "This will be another great time at the Villa Serena"

Get your tickets early!!!

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