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VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

FEBRUARY, 1997

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

MARDI GRAS DINNER

Choice of Barbecued Ribs
or Baked Chicken

and all the trimmings!!!

\$ 7.50 per



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Juice
Pancakes
Sausage
Coffee & Tea

\$3.50 per

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Chicken Cutlet
Macaroni & Cheese
Vegetable
Dessert

\$6.50 per

*Happy
Valentine's Day!*

WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY WINNERS

January 8th winners were Helen Lysko, Amelia Nagy, Evelyn DeFlorentis, Mitzy Weber, Helen Balutis and Thelma Lilje. January 22nd winners were Vera Kozak, Thelma Olsen, Helen Lysko, Joe Damanti, John Bombolis and Evelyn DeFlorentis.

In celebration of our 30th anniversary, we will have a treat for you. We will double the prize money. Isn't that great? Also we will have another treat at one of the card parties. We can't say when so be sure to attend all of the card parties so you will not miss out.

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PINOCHLE WINNERS

January 6th winners

Mitzi Weber	607	\$2.50
Vera Kozak	564	2.00
Ed Mack	520	1.50
Thelma Lilje	508	1.00
Joe Damanti	498	1.00

January 13th winners

Ed Markowitz	583	2.50
Marcie Stianche	555	2.00
Mitzi Weber	545	1.25
Evelyn DeFlorentis	545	1.25
Agnes Puro	542	1.00

January 20th winners

Winnie Helwig	597	2.50
Helen Lysko	569	2.00
Helen Balutis	567	1.50
Mamie Damanti	527	1.00
John N. Bombolis	526	1.00

Because our 30th anniversary is this month there will be a celebration at one of the Monday Pinochle games. Be sure to attend every Monday so you won't miss the treat.

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FRIENDS

Ain't it fine when things are going
Topsy-turvy and askew
To discover someone showing
Good old-fashioned faith in you?

Ain't it good when life seems dreary
And your hopes about to end,
Just to feel the handclasp cheery
Of a fine old loyal friend?

Gosh! one fellow to another
Means a lot from day to day,
Seems we're living for each other
In a friendly sort of way.

When a smile or cheerful greetin'
Means so much to fellows sore,
Seems we ought to keep repeating
Smiles an' praises more an' more.

What do you do if you catch
your dog eating the dictionary?

Take the words right out of
his mouth.

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Do you know what kind of
dog is best able to keep
time?

A watch dog.

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If money does not grow on
trees, then why do banks
have branches?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>3 9:30-12:30 Ceramics</p> <p>6:30 Pinochle</p>	<p>4 3:30 Rosary</p> <p>7:00 Game night</p>	<p>5 9 - 1 Sewing 1:30 Exercise</p> <p>7:00 Cards</p>	<p>6 1:30-2:30 Line Dancing</p>	<p>7 3:30 Communion</p>
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SEWING CLASS NEWS

It is hard to believe that it is 1997 -- where did 1996 go?

After a delay, (I was in sunny Arizona) the sewing class is off and running. The big project this spring is THE DRESS -- for that special function. Yes, a dress is a lot of work, but the style, color and size that is perfect for each person makes it wellworth the time and money.

It is fun to share with each other as we work -- there is always something new to learn. Of course, repairs and alterations are part of our projects. It seems as though they never go away. If you are looking for something new to occupy your winter days, come join the Sewing Class.

Sally Kinnev

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ATTENTION MEMBERS

Have you checked your card recently? Don't want to miss the activities because your membership has expired, do you?

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RESIDENTS

Please be sure that we have your license number in our files. This is very important. Thank you.

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JOSEPHINE GENTILE SAYS

The holidays for the past year are over and I hope all of you enjoyed the season. The experiences of a few weeks ago make me feel that it should be Thanksgiving Day more often. I am referring to the power outages most of us have had. Being without lights was made somewhat easier by flash lights, candles and battery lamps. But having no heat was frightening and painful.

It was great the way people coped. Those with heat in their homes invited the less fortunate relatives and friends to spend the nights in their comfortable homes. I met a woman who was going to drive all the way to Mentor in all the snow to a niece's home. The niece had room for the stranded group.

Part of my family slept at a son's home, some at their uncles and I found refuge at my aunt's apartment. Very comfortable and much appreciated. How great it was to wake up and turn on a light, open the refrigerator which was all lit up and had cold juice and milk. When I left, the traffic lights were not working as they should. But finally the power was back for all.

Now when I see a storm coming I pray we don't all have to go through more days like that. Thanks to all who helped those who needed it. My best to all. I hope there is no repeat of that experience.

Jo Gentile

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Kids know little about history

Dear Ann Landers: I am sending you an essay put together by Richard Lederer, a teacher at St. Paul's school. It is made up from lines in student papers, collected



By Ann Landers

by history and English teachers around the country. He swears they were real and that he did not make them up. — Graduate Student in the Bronx

Dear Graduate Student: Please tell Richard Lederer (no relation)

that I loved the following collection and will claim him as an honorary cousin if he is willing.

The History of the World
Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birthmark. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.
The inhabitants of Egypt were

called mummies. They traveled by Camelot. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. David was a Hebrew king who fought the Philatelists. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

The Greeks invented three kinds of columns — Corinthian, Doric and Ionic. The mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Styx until he became intolerable. In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits and threw the java. The reward to the victor was a coral wreath. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who died from an overdose of wedlock.

Eventually the Ramones conquered the Greeks. Nero was a cruel tyrant who tortured his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

In the Middle Ages, King Harold mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings. Joan of Arc was canonized by George Bernard Shaw. The Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same of-

fense. William Tell shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

In the Renaissance, Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. The painter Donatello's interest in the female nude made him the father of the Renaissance. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh invented cigarettes, and Sir Frances Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

Queen Elizabeth's navy defeated the Spanish Armadillo. William Shakespeare wrote about Romeo and Juliet, a romantic couplet. Miguel Cervantes wrote "Donkey Hote." John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost." Then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained."

Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Fe.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was that the English put tacks in their tea. Benjamin Franklin invented electricity by rubbing cats backward. Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

Abraham Lincoln's mother died in infancy. He signed the Emasculation Proclamation. In 1865, Lincoln got shot by an actor in a moving picture. His name was John Wilkes Booth. This ruined Booth's career.

Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in autumn, when the apples are falling off the trees.

Bach and Handel were famous composers. Handel was half-German, half-Italian and half-English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven was so deaf that he wrote loud music. He expired in 1827 and later died from this.

Samuel Morse invented a code for telepathy. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbis. Madman Curie discovered radium. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx Brothers.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 11th
5:00 Dinner 6:30 Program
Sunday, 16th
10:00 - 1:00 Pancake Breakfast
1:30 Big Bingo
Sunday, 23rd
2:00 - 5:00 Open House
Friday, 28th
5:00 Dinner 6:30 Program

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A "LOVELY" MONTH

A day or two short perhaps, but to us at the Villa Serena the biggest month of the year. Do you suppose it was just a coincidence, or do you really think that it was planned that way - that our lovely Villa Serena was completed in this very special month of "LOVE". This beautiful month of cupids, hearts and flowers. What lovelier Valentine for each of us than our lovely home. I'm sure that it is the nicest Valentine that each of us has ever received.

Guess who starts this happy busy month on its way. A very important "little guy". Just hope that he is rested enough to stay awake and help usher in an early Spring and that he is not a sleepy head who needs another six weeks of "shut eye".

Then along come the birthdays of two great men. Don't you wonder what good Abe Lincoln and revered George Washington would think of their beautiful America if they could be here today.

The word of the month is love, then love for each other, love of life, love for what has been and what is yet to be, and above all, keep a lot of love for yourself you deserve it.

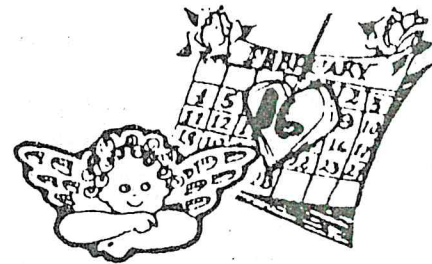
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SPECIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BINGO AFTERNOON!

On Sunday, February 16th, we will have a special "Sweetheart" Pancake Breakfast. Serving time will be from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Bring your family, friends, sweethearts. You know our Pancakes have always been so super terrific.

Cost will be \$3.50 per person for Juice, Pancakes, Sausage Coffee and Tea. You'll love it we guarantee.



Breakfast will be followed at 1:30 P.M. by our "Super Big Bingo". We invite you to enjoy the rest of the afternoon with us with special anniversary added surprises.

The cost is merely 3 cards for \$5.00. It comes with the usual opportunity to win \$200.00 if you have Bingo in "57" numbers or less.

This is your chance to rake in the big bucks and maybe go home a big winner. In any event "even if you don't win" we will try to make this a very pleasant day. Don't forget to bring along your friends. It will be a nice time to treat them for Valentine's Day.

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AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

THE THIRTIETH YEAR HAS ARRIVED - HOW DID TIME PASS SO QUICKLY?

Thirty years ago, a lovely dream came true, a dream born many years before that in the hearts of two very fine men who sadly are no longer in our midst to enjoy the fruits of their labor and love, Frank Alesci and Frank Pitrone the two original cornerstones of the ediface we see today.

They saw bricks and mortar come alive as the lovely Villa Serena rose like a beacon of love. This was one of the first of a very few senior citizens apartments in those days, and we were all pioneers in this very new experience, but in our hearts knowing one thing - that those bricks and mortars would quickly become a new way of life for senior citizens.

When we finally opened our doors to the first residents, and to this very day, our hope and prayers were that we in some small way have brought joy, friendship, love and happiness to all who have either lived at the Villa Serena or come through its doors. What a wonderful tribute to Frank Alesci and Frank Pitrone.

Their dream as the founders of the St. Francis Foundation and the further determination of our co-sponsors the Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America at that time under the magnificent leadership of their National Vice President, Michael P. Rini, and those charged with the responsibility of carrying on the day to day activities in their dedicated support of the Villa Serena during all these years has continued to keep the Villa Serena the beautiful home that it is and our sponsors can now look back and say that the heritage of the Villa has been a good one, and that all of the goals and high ideals of the pioneers of the early days of our infancy have been maintained and will continue as a beacon of light.

Is it any wonder that we burst with pride and love as we begin the year 1997 and celebrate our thirtieth year.

Please God, continue to bless our home, our dedicated sponsors and those who serve our senior citizens, our residents and members and this beautiful country of America.

Howard Chesler

THIRTY YEARS - A LIFETIME!

Many of our residents of recent years are not aware of the history of the Villa Serena. In the early years, it was the pinnacle of the most successful story of a senior citizens building when senior citizens buildings such as the Villa Serena were unheard of and actually not desirable nor accepted in most communities.

It represents the struggles that took place years before the Villa Serena was actually built and ready for occupancy in February, 1967.

It is a beautiful story of love, dedication, sacrifice, disappointments and true determination. This building is not just an ordinary building that we see being built today, but it was built out of the devotion and love of many persons some of whom are not in our midst any longer today.

It would be wonderful to know that our residents would come to know the true story about the beginnings of the Villa Serena so that it may inspire those who may feel that it is just another building with low rent, that it is a most special place. This building has a wonderful history and it is sometimes somewhat sad that persons are not aware of the inspiration of the Villa Serena.

That is why our story from our 25th anniversary on the opposite page is most appropriate in repeating again. This represents thirty years of a building that is still vibrant; that is still truly dedicated to the dignity of the senior citizens and not merely just a place to live. It was always a "family" and we hope that during the coming years, it will always remain just that "a family".

The original Board of Trustees of the Villa Serena were Frank Alesci, Frank Pitrone, Joseph DiMauro, Michael P. Rini, Romeo Cellegghin, Hon. Anthony V. Leanza and Michael Velotta. All dedicated to the love of this edifice as are our present Board of Trustees. Howard Chesler and Mary Calogero have also given their dedication and devotion and spent 30 years of their lives in creating the Villa Serena what it is today, a beacon of happiness, comfort and a life of dignity for senior citizens.

It is time to reminisce about the past and its wonderful memories but also a time for everyone at the Villa Serena to be proud of our home and the many accomplishments that have been made and those still to come.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - VILLA SERENA!!

Happy Anniversary!

VILLA SERENA
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
THE CELEBRATION OF OUR
30th ANNIVERSARY

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1997, we will acknowledge the 30th anniversary of the Villa Serena with an open house from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

At 3:00 P.M., we will have a short special recognition ceremony to pay tribute to the Villa Serena. This will be a great opportunity for everyone associated with the Villa Serena to say "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" to this grand edifice which has been a "home" for so many throughout the years and provided many happy years of "happiness and joy" to those who have come through its doors.

There will be refreshments during the entire afternoon together with entertainment provided by our wonderful and talented friend, RICH D'AMATO. We could think of no finer person to help us celebrate our 30th anniversary.

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ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, we will culminate our anniversary month by having dinner and honoring all the wonderful "fellas" and "gals" who were lucky to have been born or married in this very special month of February.

After dinner, there will be dancing for the rest of the evening.

What more can we ask for!!! It promises to be the ending of our most beautiful time of the existence of the Villa Serena.

WHAT A WAY TO FINISH OUR 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!!

Happy Anniversary!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY 1997

FEBRUARY

5 Margaret Halkowitz 621
6 Aones Cisek 805
Vernita Coleman 711
7 Vera Kozak 416
10 Carmen Buzzelli 512
Ralph Greco 714
11 Mary Pilar 829
12 Ann DeLisio 729
15 John Pazderak 503
17 Irene Beres 533
19 Mercedes Dirner 630
Cora Topazio 609
20 Mildred Iorio 405
21 Liluccia Fedor 733
24 Carmella Belcon 232
26 Mary Weir 313
28 Margaret Poe 306
Basil Pinzone 814
Eleanor Turocv 217

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

7 Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kobel 318
12 Mr. & Mrs. Rick DeGeorge
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Skarnus
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cordaro 831
14 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stianche 507
22 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Heiser
23 Mr. & Mrs. William Hanson

FEBRUARY

1 Josephine Melluso
2 Beulah Fleishman
4 Josephine Taddeo
5 Isabelle Bvron
6 Emmeline Didlock
Ruth Widrich
8 William Vaccariello
10 Viola Orifici
Doris Clampitt
11 Fifi Brescia
12 Margaret Kovach
13 Grace Eglev
14 Helene Burt
15 Elizabeth Roddv
16 Mildred Kossoff
Julia Vesely
18 Ida Goldman
19 Lottie Zavasnik
20 Estella Wierber
22 Al Braver
Jennie Vaccarielo
23 Josephine Mecca
24 Frances Barskitis
Josephine Lawrinson
26 Lillian Freiberg
27 Madelvn Arcuri
Kaye Bojack
28 Josephine Carrao
Dorothy Drembus
Madaline Kovacina

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

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SPECIAL TREATS - ALL CLASSES

In recognition of our 30th anniversary, all classes will celebrate by having a special refreshment hour at any class chosen by the teacher to be designated as the anniversary class.

All in attendance will be treated to refreshments as our way of saying thanks for your support through the years.

Don't miss any classes in the month of February or you might miss out on the one designated as the celebration class.

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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Everyone celebrates the beginning of the Lenten Season with a Mardi Gras dinner and dance. At the Villa Serena, we have always done the same.

We all know the next day will be Ash Wednesday, a time when we all must begin the task of observing the giving up of certain foods. Before that day comes, we all know we just want to stuff ourselves with great food and sweets.

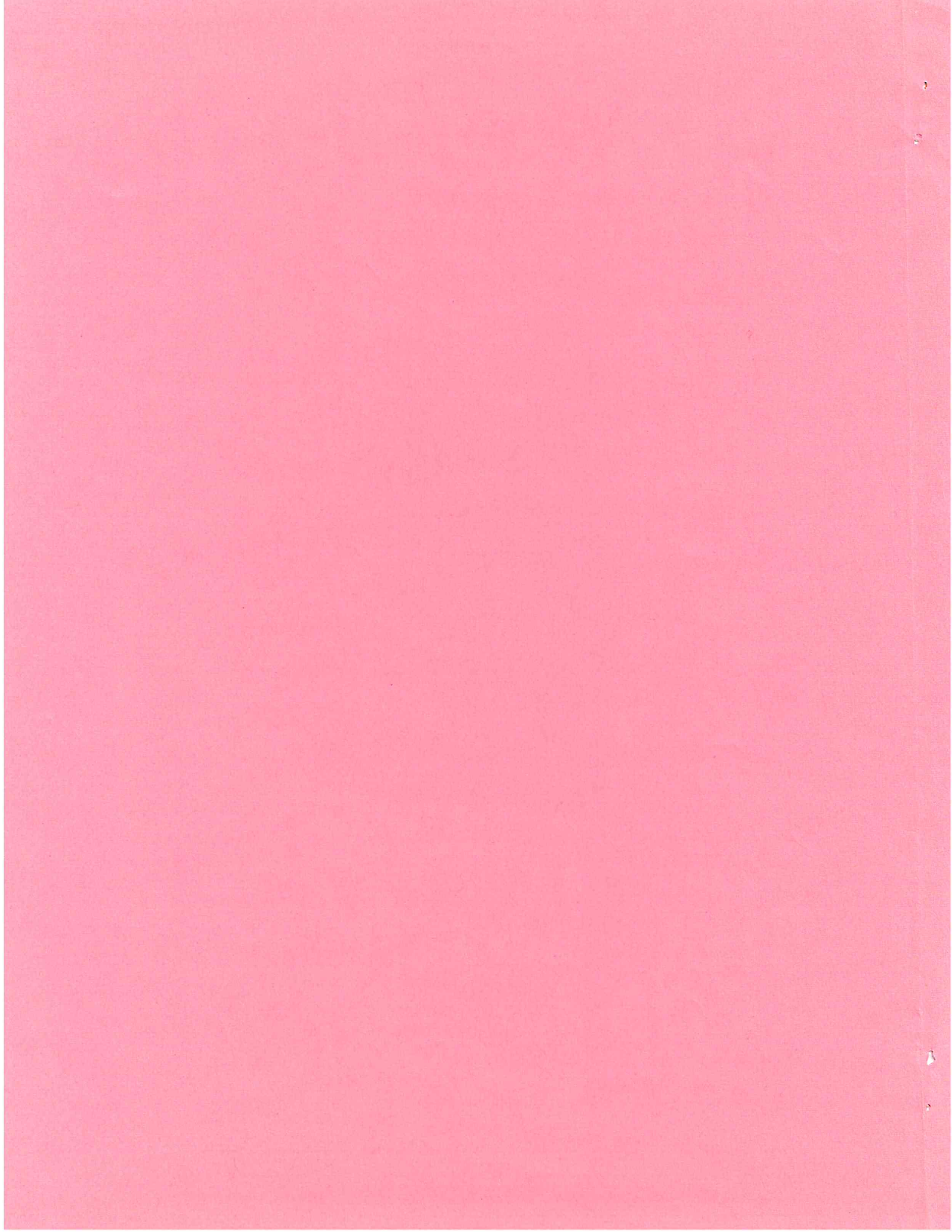
At the Villa Serena, we will celebrate this special time of year on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th and of course, we all know that this is Shrove Tuesday.

We will serve the traditional dinner of Barbecue Ribs or Baked Chicken with all the trimmings which has been our traditional menu for this occasion.

After dinner, our celebration will begin with our very dear favorites, ED AND GILDA CIFANI. February is the month of "love" so it is most appropriate that we invite our delightful two "love birds" to spend this evening with us.

Come and start the Lenten season with us. We will certainly do our best to make it a very special night for you.

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OUR 30TH YEAR

Happy
Anniversary!

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