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A SALUTE TO THE FUTURE

As you turn each leaf, a joy a tear,
When you come to the end of the passing year,
Father Time so old so bent,
Carries all the woes the world has sent,
Look to the future for hope anew,
To a New Year that will gladden your spirits too.

--Edith Madge

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE FOR 1975

The year 1975 is upon us and a reality. Although inflation and recession are in the headlines of our newspapers painting a gloomy picture, there is still much to be thankful for. We are still able to enjoy a very high standard of living and peace and contentment at the Villa Serena. One of the niceties of being a senior citizen is the fact that material things are no longer of much importance to us but rather of more importance is having good health and the companionship of good friends.

STAFF

Eileen Bentler, Joseph Bentler, Elsie Brenneman, Lad Cimler, Mollie Cohen, Kathryn Ewing, Rudolf Freed, William Jaeger, Ralph Keeler, Dorothy Khaner, Edith Madge, Mary Miller, Ann Tieleman, and Art Wiedlund.

ADVISER: Jean D. Carver

We of the Villa Serena staff will continue to dedicate ourselves to making each new day more meaningful and beautiful than the day before. The year 1975 will see the completion of eight years of existence of the Villa Serena, and we cannot help but appreciate the fact that the dreams and high standards that were set at the very beginning continue to be the high hopes and dreams we have for tomorrow.

ROAR WITH LAUGHTER WITH JANET HENRY

Enjoy a tremendous hour of fun with Janet Henry on Wednesday, January 8th. Her talk is entitled "Anything Can Happen on the Way." It's a rare insight into family life that is highly amusing.

A delicious luncheon will be served at noon with the entertainment following. The luncheon ticket will cost \$2.00 per person. Buy your tickets early from the office.

This is the "don't miss" event in the month of January.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and everyone who is active in the operation of the Villa Serena we wish each and everyone of our residents and members a year of contentment, peace of mind, good health, and God's blessings.

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary! and a very Happy New Year to each of you from the Board of Trustees and the Villa Serena staff.

No present under the Christmas tree, no matter how large or how beautifully wrapped, can compare to the lovely gift of another new year. Twelve separate boxes each to be opened in turn and each containing so many wonderful days to be enjoyed. Savor them and put into each hour what you hope to get out of it. Love for life and those around us, new friendships to add to the old, a helping hand perhaps for our neighbor who just isn't up to enjoying each minute, contentment and thanks for each breath of each new day. The quiet white blanket of winter, the soft whisper of spring, the lazy wonderful days of summer, and the riotous color of autumn are all ahead. What grander gift from an ever-loving Father.

--Eileen Bentler

JANUARY FLOWER: Carnation

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE: Garnet

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan.

- 1 Frank Alesci #104
- 1 Celia Friedman #315
- 5 Eleanore Meiner #233
- 5 Josephine Czenkner #314
- 7 Kathryn Ewing #634
- 8 Florence Gaffney #429
- 8 Holden Smith #824
- 12 Joseph Slaminka #201
- 12 George Lash #417
- 15 Emma Kling #527
- 17 Lillian Maurer #615
- 19 Rudolf Freed #618
- 19 Hilda Griffin #420
- 21 Agnes Grad #826
- 22 Pauline Koenig #610
- 23 August Sulzer #716
- 23 Ellen Soeder #319
- 24 Ann Picozzi #430
- 26 Rose Checel #224
- 27 May Luke #717
- 27 Anthony Puleio #230
- 28 Lillian Freedman #727
- 30 Lucille Sherwood #203
- 31 Bertha Hay #326

Jan.

- 1 Caroline Bruning
- 2 Elsa Brown
- 4 Susan Suto
- 5 Caroline Parkin
- 7 Helen Burdt
- 7 Helen Corrigan
- 7 Margaret Saggio
- 9 Agnes Wiltshire
- 9 Ruth Wheeler
- 10 Helen Smeed
- 11 Evelyn Sommer
- 12 Harry Zaslov
- 12 Helen Hardy
- 12 Mabel Hillburg
- 14 Lillian Stowe
- 14 Betty Takacs
- 14 Ruth Borovich
- 17 Ida Ellmers
- 18 Marian Connors
- 18 Doris Amster
- 19 Violet Gorman
- 19 Florence Knapp
- 21 Kurt Weise
- 22 Lucy English
- 25 Flora Turner
- 25 Mabel Haber
- 28 Thomas Davis
- 28 Louise Ritchie
- 28 Annie Russo
- 30 Grace O'Brien
- 31 Mary Onorato
- 31 Emma Sunsieri
- 14 Tillie Santonio

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Mr. and Mrs. John Kandrak #812
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McClintock #517
- 20 Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Picozzi #430
- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hough #816
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. August Sulzer #716
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. Vendel Sarmir #530
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. William Sattler
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lasky

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY AT THE HOME AND FLOWER SHOW
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1975

We will have special tickets for sale in our office for the Senior Citizens Day (Wednesday, February 19th) at the Home and Flower Show. Tickets will cost \$1.75--a savings of \$1.00! Name tags will be available at the Senior Citizen's Booth at the show; these tags will entitle senior citizens to a discount at the cafeteria on this day. Entertainment will be a unique part of the day's activity.

The Home and Flower Show Committee is looking for individuals who make their own clothes. If you have an outfit that you have made either by yourself or in any of our classes and would like to model it in the show, please contact our office.

Also, if you have any crafts that you would like to sell, they will be displayed at the show, and you will receive the proceeds from their sale.

The Mayor's Commission on Aging has coordinated the special Senior Citizens Day at the Home and Flower Show. 1975 is the first year that there has been a designated day. It can not be emphasized sufficiently that it takes everyone, all of us together participating, to make this day a success and one we can take pride in being involved.

If we can fill a bus with 40 to 50 people, we will be happy to arrange this transportation at a nominal cost. The bus will leave the Villa at 11:00 a.m. and return 3:00 p.m. Plans will be finalized by January 15th. Please let us know your plans by this date.

TRAVELING WITH VI KARASH

Circle the date, Monday, January 27th, to join Vi at 8:00 p.m. in the Red Room. Travel to Rome and Greece with Vi via pictures taken by her on her travels to these romantic places.

We are looking forward to a shared evening of enjoyment with many of you. Join us, won't you?

POOL TOURNAMENT NEWS

A special evening is planned for the participants of the pool tournament. One of their super-duper dinners is planned for the night of Wednesday, January 15th, at 5:30 p.m.

The pool tournament ended December 12th. In Class A, H. Smith was on top with the most points; in Class B, Carl Lucht was the leader.

Lad Cimler

Sincere thanks from the pool players to Lad Cimler and Joe Bentler for taking care of the tournaments.

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Villa Serena Men's Club will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 1975. Let's make 1975 the best year yet. A Happy New Year to all,

Joseph McClintock
President

CHRISTMAS PAST

Once upon a time, on December 18th past, a multitude of senior citizens gathered at the Villa Serena Center for an exclusive Christmas dinner prepared by none other than our Villa gourmet cook, Evelyn Johnson, with the help of her daughter, Lynn, and Sandy Sailor. After everybody was seated Mr. Chesler said "Grace," thanking the Lord for the food and the many blessings we received living at the Villa.

This was also a night when special tributes were paid for the good works and sacrifices of the following people: Walter Nye, Dorothy Papke, Mary Cologero and of course Mr. Chesler. Our new custodian, Chris Bender, and his wife, Joyce, were introduced to the residents. We hope they will enjoy their work at the Villa Serena.

For our entertainment we had a galaxy of beautiful and talented people in Ada Koller, Ruth Ann Harmon and Sylvester Blue. Sammy Berk, Mike Jacobs, and Nat Simon entertained us with their musical skills. Also, the Brownie Group #1847 entertained us with some Christmas carols. They were quite delightful.

As the last party of the year made its joyful exit, with greater expectations for the coming year, we bid adieux and Happy Holidays. Don't forget to partake of that beautiful candy wreath that was made for the Villa Serena by Mr. and Mrs. Sultzer's daughter. Whenever you have a "yen" for something sweet, snip a candy from it and satisfy your wants.

--Edith Madge

DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

- Jan. 2 Rev. Ronald L. Hoover
Highland Road Baptist
- Jan. 9 Rev. Robert Cline
Messiah Lutheran
- Jan. 16 Rev. David Aldridge
Richmond Heights
Church of the Nazarene
- Jan. 23 Rev. Henry Hodel
St. John's Lutheran
- Jan. 30 Rev. Robert Arnold
Hillcrest United
Methodist

Special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Hoover. We enjoyed his singing and Mrs. Hoover's playing the piano. Thanks, too, to Rev. B. James for filling in for Fr. Alexander who has been transferred. We sang happy birthday to Rev. James.

--Ann Tieleman

UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NEWS

Happy New Year and best wishes for a happy and healthy 1975. We start the new season with the Ice Follies on Sunday, March 2nd. It's a special senior citizen show at the Coliseum at six o'clock. We leave the Villa Serena at noon, have dinner and a ride in the country before the show.

Please send in your reservation right away. Total cost \$13.50. For further information, please call me at 461-2457.

Hope Santa was good to you!
Yours in friendship,

--Uncle Rudy

NEW SPECIAL FEATURE DINNER

You get change from a dollar at McDonald's; you need two hands to hold a Burger King Whopper; the genial Col. Saunders sells chicken fried two different ways, but none can compare with the new "Special Feature Dinner" at the Villa Serena. Starting Friday, January 31st, Sgt. Evelyn and Col. Sandy are going all the way in preparing their own special money saving whopper of a dinner.

You can enjoy a choice of one of the two mini-dinners shown on our menu page for \$1.75 per person. What a value! Nothing can compare with it anywhere.

If you all enjoy the new type of dinner, we will have this as a monthly feature. In addition, if you need to satisfy your sweet tooth, we will have dessert available for an additional small sum of money.

KALL'S LECTURES

Professor Joseph Kall begins a new session in January on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The first lecture to start the series is on Thursday, January 9th. There will be no evening lectures until further notice.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Our January party to celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries in this month will be held on Friday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m. (Note the half hour earlier starting time.)

We have a great movie nite planned for you. Film title is to be announced later. It will be one of the best fun evenings that ever happened at the Villa Serena!

HEART GIFTS

It's not the things that can be bought
That are life's richest treasures,
It's just the little "heart gifts"
That money cannot measure.
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,
A sympathetic nod
Are priceless little treasures
from the storehouse of
our God.
They are things that can't be
bought with silver or with
gold,
For thoughtfulness and kindness
and love are never sold.
They are the priceless things
in life for which no one
can pay,
And the giver finds rich recompense
in giving them away.

--Helen Steiner Rice

UP AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS

Bouquets to Ray Schneider and Charles Licurance for feeding the birds, and to John Nagy for helping Walter Nye during the heavy snow storm to plow the lot.

Elsie Brenneman entertained ten people for dinner in her apartment during the holidays. It was in honor of her granddaughter and two great grandchildren who were visiting from London.

Our special thanks to Debby Wild for singing at her father's (Rev. H. Boyer) service on December 19th.

Anna Kandrak received a letter from Mike Borovsky who sends Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all his friends here.

Marion Davenport's brother, and Alice Cotshott, the daughter of Helga Engberg, were here on a visit from Virginia. Helga sends greetings to all her friends.

Our thanks to Charlie Stanke for his donation of magazines.

Warm get well greetings to those who are in the hospital: Ray Schneider, Marie McGraw, and Barbara Schwender.

Happy greetings to those who are home from the hospital-- John Dolly, Mary Lucas, Clarence Jan, and Gabrielle Holiday. Joseph Finger is staying temporarily with his daughter, as is Helen Brennan staying with her daughter. Eleanor Mills has moved to the Anna Marie Nursing Home in Aurora.

So many people are vacationing we can't begin to keep track of all of you, but we certainly do wish all you happy travelers the very best weather and lots of good times with your friends and relatives.

Congratulations to Mabelle Heidy who has a new grandson.

Dr. Schwartz, podiatrist, will be at the Villa this month on Wednesday, January 15th.

The Villa Voice and its readers extend sincere sympathy to the family of John Cooper

Our sincere sympathy, too, to Helen Smatt on the death of her brother, Frank Casal.

Congratulations to card party winners C. Friedman, Clara Schwarz, Caroline Novy, Edna Carr, Josephine Milette, and Margaret Stwan.

Special thanks to Mike Suvak for the great cover he produced for the January VILLA VOICE.

We've had many phone calls from lovely people thanking the Villa for remembering their birthdays with cards. It's nice to hear from them!

"Most people's hindsight is 20/20."

THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR

As another year came to a close, on Friday, December 6th, the Villa Serena Center had their last birthday, anniversary party for 1974, and it sure proved quite a success. There were many radiant faces celebrating their birthdays. Everyone seemed in quite a jubilant mood in anticipation of the coming New Year and what it would bring. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohn was the only couple present celebrating their anniversary. Many felicitations to all the celebrants.

Our entertainment for the evening was a musical program called "In Love with Gershwin," presented by the Beechwood Players of the Beechwood Little Theater. They were a really magnificent talented group of five who sang to their (and our) hearts content. They were Larry Lober, pianist, his sister, Judy Lober, Linda Berger, and Herb Hammer--all vocalists. This beautiful music brought back memories, and it was surely a nostalgic evening.

After the entertainment, birthday cake was served and thus ended another fun packed evening. Look to the future for more entertainment of quality. See you next year.

--Edith Madge

"Man adjusting electric blanket to wife: rare, medium or well done?" A.C.W.

"Customer, shopping for an alarm clock: I'd like on that rings when I'm ready to get up." A.C.W.

DONATIONS FOR THE BUS FUND

Stamp Books
1 Emma Baker

Loose Stamps
Ralph Keeler
L. R. Emmons

Cash
\$4.00 Margaret Shauman
2.00 Eugenia J. Majoras
3.00 Ralph Keeler

1974 TREE DECORATING NIGHT

A whole year has passed since our last tree lighting, and I must say this year's tree is just as beautiful as the last one. Nan Ross and all her volunteers, tall ones, short ones, all sizes and even Mary's grandsons helped trim the tree.

The honor of turning on the lights was given to Mr. Alesci, and then we were entertained by the Lakewood Mother's Club who sang many beautiful carols from "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" to the more religious ones.

Everybody had to go away with the true Christmas spirit after an evening like this one.

--Dorothy Khaner

JANUARY BUS SCHEDULE

Jan. 15 Mentor
Jan. 22 Severance
Jan. 29 Richmond

KITCHEN KORNER

BAKED RICE AND MEAT

- 2 cups cold meat (cooked)
(chicken, beef, veal, or lamb)
- 2 cups gravy or boullion cubes
- 1 cup canned tomatoes
- salt and papper
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 2 tbls. fat
- 1 tbls. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 medium sized onions

Cook cubed meat, gravy, tomatoes, half the onions, Worcestershire sauce, and other seasoning together for about ten minutes. Melt fat in separate pan. Add rest of onion and rice. Allow both to brown, then add to meat mixture. Turn all ingredients into buttered casserole and bake until rice is soft and has absorbed most of the liquid. About 40 minutes. Serves 4.

CANDY "THE EASY WAY"

- 1 small package Jello
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup Applesauce

Bring applesauce to a boil on low flame. Add sugar, stir until dissolved. Add Jello. Boil for two minutes. Put in greased pan (7" or 9"). Let cool. Put in refrigerator overnight. Cut in squares. Roll in sugar. Put back in refrigerator until next day. Roll in sugar again.

Anne Skigen

CHICKEN LOAF

- 3 cups cooked chicken
 - 3 oz. can mushroom pieces
 - 1/2 cup chicken broth or gravy
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 eggs (beaten)
 - 2 cups noodles (cooked)
 - 1/4 tsp. curry powder
 - 1/8 tsp. pepper
- Combine ingredients. Place in greased loaf pan. Bake 350° until brown.

Mollie Cohen

CHOCOLATE MACAROONS

- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 3 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cans (4 oz. size) shredded coconut
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350° F. Generously grease a large cookie sheet. In top of double boiler combine the condensed milk, chocolate and salt. Cook over boiling water. Stir frequently til chocolate melts and mixture thickens. Remove from heat. Add coconut and vanilla. Mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls one inch apart on prepared cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or just until cookies are set. Remove at once to wire rack to cool. Makes 2 dozen.

8:00 p.m. Every Saturday night
 Game Night
 Wed. Jan. 8th, Noon Luncheon with
 JANE HENRY
 Fri. Jan. 17th, BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY
 PARTY at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 10-12 Red Cross 1-3 Leathercraft 3:30 Rosary	7 1012 Hillcrest 10-2:30 Sewing 10-12 Decoupage 1-3 Decoupage	8 12:00 LUNCHEON JANE HENRY	9 10-11 Church 1:15-2 Newspaper 1-3 Beg. Bridge 1-3 Knit & Crochet 2-3 KALL LECTURE 3-4 Needlepoint	10 11-12 Organ Lessons 1-3 Adv. Bridge
7 7:30 Pinochle	8 8:00 Game Night	8:00 CARD PARTY	8:00 Game Night	NO DINNER
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TRAVEL LOGUE				

JANUARY 1975 DINNER MENU

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8th
SPECIAL LUNCHEON

Cost: \$2.00

Juice
Open Roast Beef Sandwich
Broccoli
Orange Mallow Frost
Coffee or Tea

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th

Pick In Pay

Baked fish
Meat loaf
Baked sugary ham
Candied sweet potatoes
Mashed potatoes
Spinach Souffle
Tossed Salad
Rice pudding
Fruit salad

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Short Ribs of Beef
Parslied potatoes
Buttered carrots
Tossed salad
Assorted Pies

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st

SPECIAL FEATURE DINNER

Cost: \$1.75

Choice of

Fish, Cole Slaw,
Bread and Butter, Coffee

or

Open Roast Beef Sandwich,
Mashed Potatoes, Coffee

MAYFIELD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The administration and instructional staff of the Mayfield Schools are aware that the residents of our community have much to offer our school-age youth. We know that there is talent, energy and time that could enrich the school experience for each youngster. And most importantly, we are aware that the golden agers of our community have life experiences to share with school children, experiences that would otherwise be lost to youngsters who could learn about a bigger and wider world than they see and are exposed to in their studies or in their everyday lives.

Teachers from our elementary schools have requested help in making instructional games and materials. Would you like to come to an afternoon or evening workshop at the Villa Serena, meet the teachers, and help them make materials? You needn't be a clever artist -- if you can copy, you can do it. The schools will bring all the necessary supplies and the ideas -- all you need to give is an hour or two of your time.

Would you like to teach a skill or craft? Every school has mini-courses whereby the children learn to crochet, cartoon, build kites, play chess, you name it, there's a child who wants to learn that skill. Each mini-course lasts about a hour a week for three weeks.

Could you tutor a youngster who has difficulty in reading or math? Or would you speak to a class about Christmas when you were a youngster? Can you speak German, French, Spanish, or Italian to a high school class while you show them a card game you used to play? The possibilities are endless, and the school staff is open to any new ideas you might have.

We hope that you will seriously consider some way in which you can participate in this volunteer program. In doing so you will enrich your own lives as well as the children in our community. If you are interested in being a school volunteer or participating in any of the above programs, please sign up in the Villa Serena office.

MAYFIELD SCHOOLS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The administration and instructors of the Mayfield Schools are aware that the residents of our area have grown older our school-age youth. We know that there is a need, and that time that could enrich the school experience for our youth. And most importantly, we are aware that the children of our community have life experiences to share with the children who are, experiences that would otherwise be lost to youngsters who could learn about a bigger and wider world than that of the school. Exposed to their attitudes or in their everyday lives.

Teachers from our elementary schools have requested help in making instructional games and materials. Would you like to come to an afternoon or evening workshop at the Villa Voice, to help teachers, and help them make materials for their classrooms? If you can, you can do it. The workshop will provide all the necessary supplies and the materials will be ready to give in an hour or two of your time.

Would you like to teach a skill or hobby? The school has a list of subjects whereby the children learn to expand their horizons. Play chess, for example, is a game that can be taught in a few weeks. Teach that skill. Teach that course. Teach about it. Teach it for three weeks.

Could you tutor a youngster who has difficulty in reading or math? Or would you speak to a class about a subject when you were a youngster? Can you speak German, French, Spanish, or Italian to a class while you show them a film or game?

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