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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Breaded Pork Chops  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Yummy Dessert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Brisket of Beef  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Yummy Yummy Dessert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Baked "Sugary" Ham  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Yummy Yummy Yummy Dessert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Short Ribs of Beef  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Yummy Yummy Yummy Dessert

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WE KNOW YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS TO ATTEND THE VILLA SERENA DINNERS RIGHT THROUGH THE YEAR 1981. YOU MUST ADMIT THAT OUR WAITRESSES ARE EVEN MORE "SMILING AND SEXY" THAN THEY WERE LAST YEAR. AFTER ALL, THEY HAVE HAD MORE EXPERIENCE NOW!!!!!! COME TO DINNERS!!!!!! AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!!!!!!

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1980 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

On Thursday, December 18th the Villa Serena climaxed a great year for dinners and parties with an evening of super food and entertainment.

The dining rooms were a picture of red and green - just beautiful. The unique entree of delicious fruit with a lighted candle at each place with the lights out while Mr. Chesler was delivering his yearly blessings for all, was a novel way to begin this annual Christmas dinner.

Another lovely feature was the arrangement of having the center pieces (poinsettia plants) presented to one person at each table. The coordinator of this gala affair and her nymphs should take a bow.

But this was only the beginning; Santa appeared and a clown wandered around while the guests gathered in the Red and Blue Rooms

Mr. Chesler introduced Sam Berk who really needed no introduction and Mike Jacobs, Nat Simon and Wally Scaffidi who are also regular friends of the Villa Serena. They played Christmas hymns and songs appropriate for the Hannukah season which had just been completed together with some nationality pieces to please all the guests.

Laura Engoglia, an outstanding singer with an operatic voice sang nationality numbers - just excellent. She then ended the evening with the singing of more Christmas songs, with Silent Night being the choice of

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CHRISTMAS PARTY (cont'd)

of every one to end the evening. The entire group stood up and sang this beautiful song together to end a fulfilling evening for this season of the year.

God willing, make your reservations early for next year's holiday dinner and celebration.

---Irene McDonough---

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Our Christmas story so ably written by Irene would not be complete if we did not add our sincere thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Picozzi and the Mens Club for the beauty added by their contributions for the poinsettias which graced our tables.

Mr. Morgan again for our beautiful windows. To Santa Claus for coming to visit us  
To Gay Thuron for the lovely corsages she made for all of our waitresses, and for her lovely outfit which always helps to put us in the spirit of the holidays.

To our kind and sweet clown who provided the something extra nice and friendly to add to our joy of the season.

To the many gracious ladies and men who help us in preparing our appetizers, to our dedicated "ladies of the kitchen", and to our super men and women who helped in the cleaning of tables.

What more can be said except to all of you who helped no matter where, God Bless You and thanks so much.

Mr. Chesler  
and Mary

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UP AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS

Some of our friends in the hospital and on the sick list this month are Emily Lisy, Blanche Barr, Dorothy Jacobs. Hope all of you nice folks will be up and about very soon!

Get well wishes also to Helen Rotenbor.

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Our sincere sympathy to the family of

LOUIS SCHWARCZ

who passed away this month. A lovely gentleman who was in our midst has left his friends some nice memories.

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Thanks to Margaret Waniski for the lovely records donated to the Villa Serena.

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Say, did that real snazzy big thermometer that Clyde Gordon so generously donated to the Villa Serena.

If you haven't seen it, you will find it on the patio so that you can "talk about the weather" if you happen to run out of other things to talk about. Thanks "Mr. G."

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After wishing for a long time, Thelma Lilje became a great-grandmother for the first time, little Christopher Clark Miller was born in November and is already on his way to becoming a genius!!

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What can be said further about our gorgeous window paintings this year. They are the dedicated work and beautiful imagination and design of none other than Vern Morgan, one of our very well known non resident members who also takes great pride in the Villa Serena. There is no doubt about it, they were lovely creations. Our very sincere thanks to you, Mr. Morgan for helping to make the Villa Serena such a beautiful place for the holidays. And lets not forget his able assistant, Christine Urban, who made sure there were no unsightly streaks in sight.

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If you hurry, you might still have time to sign up for our New Year's Eve Party, it promises to be a real blast from start to finish. DON'T BE SHUT OUT!!!!!!

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Our friends who have gone on holiday trips (and left us all behind) Vincent Corrado is in Florida. Mildred Johnson has gone to sunny Georgia, Gertrude Malone has gone to Illinois, Charlotte Cheer to Sunny Florida, Lenore Terrill visiting in the East. Hope they all have a lovely trip.

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Congratulations to Joe Belko and Betty Montgomery who honored us by announcing their engagement at our Christmas Party with a generous contribution to add to their joy.

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OUR NEW PROJECT IS BLOOMING

Wonderful reports are coming in regarding our Mayfield Heights School Home Economics Project. Seems as though everyone is having fun in this new venture and enjoying new friendships.

Amelia Nagy and Ethel Gothard have already shown the girls of the Home Economics Class how to make Chicken Paprikash and Dumplings. Mary Blasko and Phyllis Agresta prepared Sauerkraut Balls last week during class. Next on the list is Claudia Weidlund with her Swedish Meatballs and Betty Corr and Angie Ruggeri who are busy getting their specialties ready for future classes.

It has been a wonderful new concept and much appreciated by the young students in the class who are just thrilled to learn what we "senior professional culinary masters" know how to do so well.

If you would like to join this fun project for future classes, just give your name to Dorothy Papcke. Ask the gals who have already participated, they will tell you how enjoyable it is.

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BOWLING IS BACK

You bowlers had better start practicing and limbering up your bowling arms, because the bowling season will be officially starting every Friday again at 1:00 P.M.

If you want to join a team contact Bill Pace, there is always room for more.

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CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING & BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Villa Serena was filled with the spirit of Christmas as on Friday, December 12th many of our senior citizens joined us for an excellent dinner, tree decorating and birthday-anniversary celebration, all in one evening.

There was so much exuberance and holiday joy as each helped to dress our stately tree until it became resplendent in its festive dress of many colored ornaments in all shapes and sizes. What a thrill it was for us to view the beautiful transformation as the lights were turned on by our shining stars of the evening, Viola Ferguson, 96 years young and Leona Smith, 91 years young, as the Mayfield High School Melody Makers sang the traditional Christmas carols! Thus, the holiday season was officially opened at the Villa Serena.

This fine group under the direction of Mr. Frank Woods and Mrs. Thompson who directed the new string quartet and the Melody Maidens, sang up a storm of Christmas and Hanukkah music which just ended.

Solos were sung by Joe Gulko and Brian Miller who did a very good job. Bee Zito a 7th grader and a very talented pianist played a beautiful composition for our pleasure. With her wonderful talent, she will go a long way.

Next, the birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated as the lovely voices of the Melody Makers continued to entertain us with their well wishes in song as each celebrant was escorted by one of these lovely young people. A lot of fun was had by everyone including Mr. & Mrs. Alex Gordon celebrating their anniversary.

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CARD PARTY WINNERS

Here are the lucky ones again!!  
Minnie Prokop, Joe Rak, Hilda Griffin, Nina Kime, Alice Graff, Kathryn Ewing, Edna Carr, Teresa Bocchicchio, Florence Simpson, Ethel Blakeney, Hazel Shoemaker.

Pinochle winners were:

11/24/80

Howard Lowe	664	\$ 4.00
Palmina Ramunna	658	3.00
Helen Burns	650	2.00
Lillian Maurer	649	1.00

12/1/80

Matthew DiCarlo	711	3.00
Beatrice Blatnick	705	2.50
Flossie Podojil	676	2.00
Betty Pinter	669	1.50

12/8/80

Joe Rak	699	3.00
Mary Blasko	686	2.50
Hilda Griffin	660	2.00
Burdette Doll	650	1.50

12/15/80

Rose Liedberg	714	3.00
Lucille Sherwood	706	2.50
Edna Carr	686	2.00
Jo McNamara	681	1.50

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TREE TRIMMING (cont'd)

We thank these lovely people for bringing us so much joy at this holiday time of the year and of course, our appreciation to Mr. Frank Woods and Mrs. Thompson. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. See you all next year, we all hope!

----Edith Madge----

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THE METALLIC AGE

- Silver Hair
- Gold Teeth
- Lead Bottom

Submitted by  
Dorothy Papcke

THANKSGIVING DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

November 29th, one week early, the Villa Serena celebrated Thanksgiving Day. This annual festival began with expressions of thanks to God for all the blessings received during the past year.

A delicious turkey dinner was served on pretty bright orange and yellow table cloths and bouquets of fall flowers. It was such a lovely picture-and such a yummy meal.

Clyde Lythgoe, dean of Cleveland Music School Settlement, and outstanding pianist, played serious but beautiful music. He was sensational!!

The musical program included a husband and wife team, Gale Franklin and her husband Allen. They sang love songs of Jerome Kern and collections of Gershwin and Porter, also many operatic numbers. All were beautiful and talented people. Their performances were really appreciated by all guests, who gave each a standing ovation. This refined entertainment was perfect and gave a certain dignity to the meaning of "Thanksgiving Day" Mr. Chesler thanked these wonderful musical entertainers for an outstanding program.

It was our pleasure to sing "Happy Anniversary" to the "Franklins" and "Happy Birthday" to "Mr. C." His wish to all was just - "Peace in the world".

--Irene McDonough--

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Kindness always pays, but it pays most when it isn't done for pay."

--Mike Suvak--

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VILLA SERENA WEEK AT FAZIO'S

Don't forget that the week of January 5th to January 8th are Villa Serena days at Fazio's.

Time is running short, so be sure to pick up your tickets in the office and pass them out to all your family and your friends, encourage to shop at any Fazio store during the above days so that the Villa Serena will benefit.

As we explained in our last issue of the Villa Voice, all sales totaled up for these days by Fazio's will be tabulated and 5% of the gross sales will be donated to the Villa Serena for the operation of our center.

It does not cost you one penny, (except for the food you buy, of course) and it will certainly help us in so many ways.

Let's all get busy and pass out these tickets to everyone we know.

Thanks for all your help!!!!

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WORLD WAR I VETS

The next meeting of the World War I Vets will be held on Monday, January 12th at 1:30 P.M.

Let's have a big turnout for the first meeting of the new year.

--Mike Perella--  
Commander

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MENS CLUB NEWS

We closed out our 1980 meetings in December on a happy and joyous note by welcoming back all members who had been hospitalized recently. Glad to be home again were Frank Thomas, Nick Ricchuiti, Joe Tarro, Joe Rossi and yours truly, all knowing the worst was over and everything was upgrade from here on.

The December "Birthday Boys" came in for a bow by having to listen to our rendition of "Happy Birthday" - off key but loud.

We have had highlight features at some of our meetings in the past, but none could compare with the festivities which followed the business portion of the meeting. This was our Christmas Party, provided by Howard Chesler in appreciation for the things the Mens Club has done for the Villa during the year. The food was wheeled in, the beverages uncapped and the party was on. In the next hour, as the food and beverages began to disappear, the spirit of good-fellowship prevailed. All 39 members and the several visitors present expressed their thanks to management for the opportunity to be a part of this social highlight.

Happy Holidays to all of you from every member of the Mens Club.

Our first meeting of 1981 will be on Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 P.M. See you then.

---Bill Nau---  
President

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POOL NEWS

After fifteen weeks of competitive play, we ended our Tournament on Thursday, December 11th.

The winners are:

Class A

- First Place - Bill Pace  
43 points
- Second Place - Rudy Freed,  
41 points

Class B

- First Place - Mike Perella,  
48 points
- Second Place - Dewey Voorhies  
47 points

It was a good tournament and we thank everyone for their cooperation.

Our tournament dinner will be held on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st.

--Lad Cimler--  
--Joe Bentler--

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UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NEWS

Hi Friends:

A reminder that the World Champion Rodeo will be at the Coliseum on Sunday, January 18th.

Dinner is at the Fireside Inn after the show.

Bus leaves Villa at 12:30 P.M. Cost of trip is \$17.00.

Call 461-2457 for reservations.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

--Rudy Freed--

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ARM CHAIR TRAVEL TIME

Once again on Wednesday, January 28th, we will have the pleasure of taking another arm chair trip to a fabulous place without it costing one penny.

You can't ask for anything nicer than that, what with inflation today taking all of our money.

Mrs. Josephine Rosser will return with another of her super duper first class travelogues as only she knows how to present so well.

You won't want to miss this one, so mark your calendar for this trip on Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 P.M.

This trip will depart promptly, so don't be late!!!!!!

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OUR DAILY BREAD

We plow the fields, and scatter  
The good seed on the land;  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's Almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter  
The warmth to swell the grain.  
The breezes and the sunshine  
and soft refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far.  
He paints the wayside flowers  
He lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him  
By him the buds are fed  
Much more to us, His children  
He gives our daily Bread.

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Wives take note!!!!!!!

When your hubby brings you flowers  
for no reason -- there's a reason!!!

--Mike Suvak--

JANUARY BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY TIME

Everyone will have a very special evening of entertainment when we celebrate our birthday-anniversary days because we will once again welcome the wonderful performance of the Ohio Bell Chorus. If you have never heard this fine group sing, you are in for a real treat.

So, come join with us Wednesday, January 14, 1981 at 8:00 P.M.

You will have an opportunity to offer your congratulations to our birthday-anniversary celebrants and enjoy a beautifully inspiring evening of song.

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A SQUARE DANCE IS COMING

Girls get out your drindl skirts, and fellas get out your kerchiefs. Come down to the Red Room on Friday, January 30th at 7:00 P.M.

You will enjoy a real toe tapping evening of square dancing with the Bob Howell at the helm.

This will be an evening when we will be doing all the dancing ourselves without the professional square dancers entertaining. We will be enjoying the entire evening of doing some of the fun steps of square dancing.

Don't miss it!!!!!!.

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REMINDER TO MEMBERS

Check your membership card this month, get your dues paid before your membership expires.

Help us save postage!! Thanks!!

DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursdays - 10:00 A.M.

- Jan. 8th - Rev. R. Spence  
Reformed Epiphany
- Jan. 15th - Rev. Frank Van Bergen  
St. Clare's Church
- Jan. 22nd - Rev. Boyer Wild  
Lyndhurst Baptist
- Jan. 29th - Rev. Robert Cline  
Messiah Lutheran

Let's welcome our ministers back for the new year by a great increase in attendance.

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JANUARY BUS SCHEDULE

- January 14th - Euclid Mall
- January 28th - Mentor Mall

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL

FROM THE VILLA VOICE STAFF

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Cover. . . . .  
Mike Suvak

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May this New Year bring everything lovely to you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. A year of love, health, peace and joy. This is the sincere wish of the Board of Trustees and the Villa Serena Staff.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Flower: Carnation

Birthstone: Garnet

January

- 1 Jerome Levitt #707
- 4 Josephine Czenkner #314
- 4 Erich Golem #323
- 7 Kathryn Ewing #634
- 8 Florence Gaffney #429
- 8 Holden Smith #824
- 12 Joseph Slaminka #201
- 17 Lillian Maurer #615
- 19 Rudolf Freed #618
- 19 Hilda Griffin #420
- 19 Frances Podojil #312
- 21 Agnes Grad #826
- 22 Pauline Koenig #610
- 23 Florence Simpson #505
- 23 Ellen Soeder #319
- 24 Ann Picozzi #407
- 26 Rose Checel #224
- 27 Vera DiCarlo #207
- 27 Mae Luke #809
- 27 Anthony Puleio #813
- 28 Shirley Bristow #619
- 28 Lillian Freedman #727
- 29 Elizabeth Corr #425
- 30 Lucille Sherwood #203
- 31 Michael Perella #333

January

- 1 Edith Evans
- 1 Nancy Natale
- 1 Angela Tarzano
- 2 Elsa Brown
- 2 Margaret Winiski
- 3 Elsie Kish
- 3 Sophia Levowitz
- 4 Jessie McGinty
- 5 Isabelle Wallace
- 6 Mary Siciliano
- 7 Mary Achutt
- 9 Joseph Skadra
- 10 Rena Colocci
- 10 Catherine Johnson
- 10 Helen Smeed
- 12 Florence O'Leary
- 12 Violet Papp
- 12 Edythe Roemer
- 13 Harold Loewe
- 14 Estelle Fillo
- 14 Tillie Jantonio
- 14 Lillian Stowe
- 14 Betty Takacs
- 15 Isabelle Saponaro
- 16 Helen Kavaras
- 16 Loretta Semrad
- 17 James Siciliano
- 18 Doris Amster
- 18 Marion Connors
- 18 Martha Payne
- 19 John Crobaugh
- 25 Viola Powers
- 28 Louise Ritchie
- 28 Annie Russo
- 29 Helen Lessem
- 29 Louise Mihalka
- 31 Vera Connerth
- 31 Mary Onorato
- 31 Emma Sunseri
- 2 Lillian Brandt - a new member who just joined while we were going to press (welcome)

ANNIVERSARIES

January

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kaszian
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Picozzi #407
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rossi #517

OUR NEW YEAR MESSAGE

It seems that it was just "weeks ago" we wrote in this very column on this very page in our January, 1980 issue when we said "Where has the year gone" and here we are again asking the same old question. The year 1980, the beginning of the new decade has left us all too soon and 1981 is knocking very strong and sturdy, saying, "Bow out, 1980, you've had a lot of problems and tried very hard, but its time to turn over a new slate".

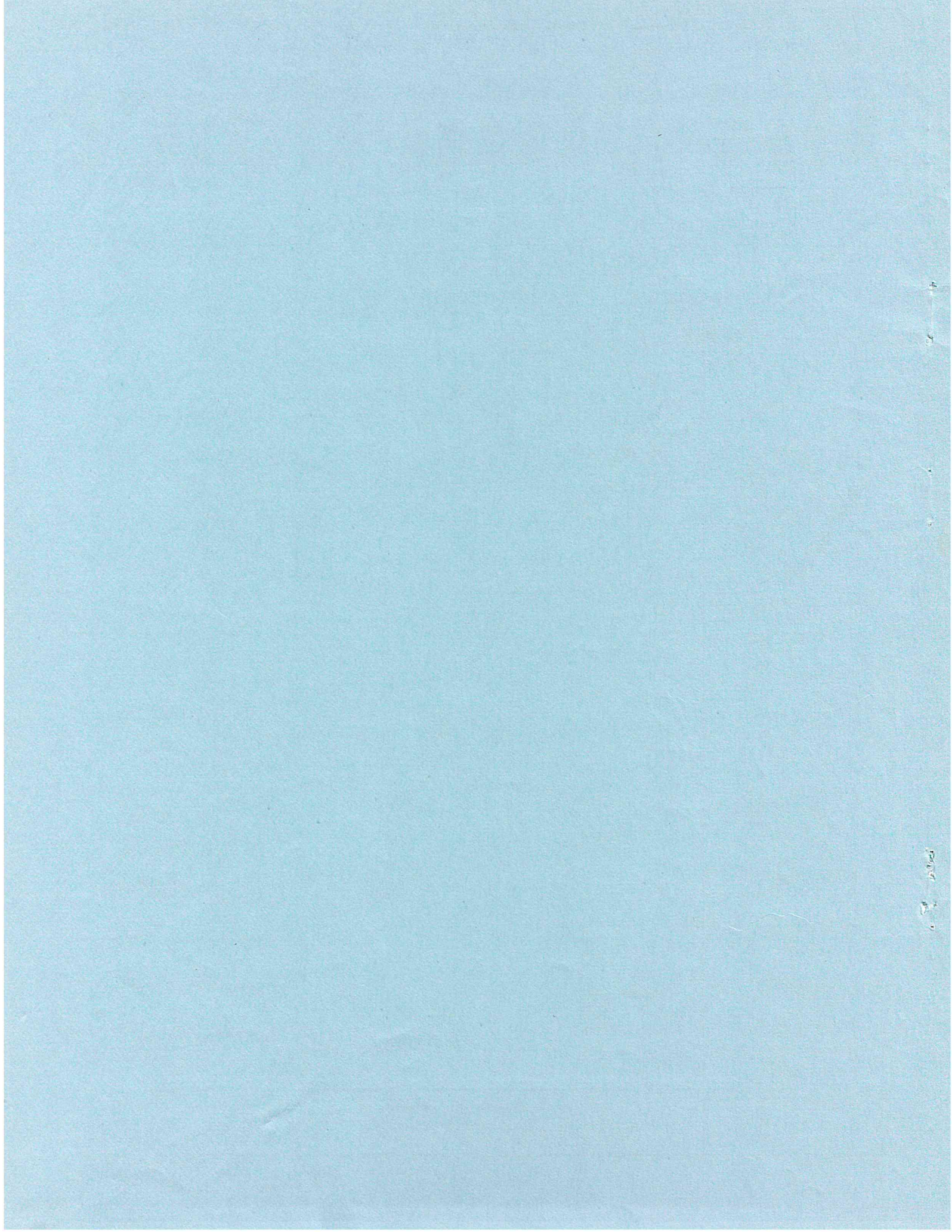
Yes, we at the Villa Serena can attest that it has not been the best of times for ourselves, our families and many of our friends. Inflation, unemployment, illness, recession seem to be the constant headlines in the newspapers these days. A gloomy picture to be sure for retiring 1980, but there are still so many wonderful things which have happened to lift our hearts toward this new year and a new beginning which will hopefully bring about some good news to talk about.

As always, we at the Villa have much to be thankful for in the warmth, friendship and enjoyment of one another and the many new friends we have made during the year. The beauty of the Villa Serena at this time of the year especially, with the beautifully painted windows and our decorations to give us much pride.

Let us all renew our hopes for every one for the new year. Once again the endless prayer that our hostages will be home soon reunited with their families; that we will remember those no longer in our midst. Let us all pray to look ahead with great anticipation to a wonderful new year for all with peace throughout the world.

We end with a prayer that God will watch over our country, its people, our families and the Villa Serena with his blessings of peace and well being.

The Board of Trustees of the Villa Serena, its management and its staff pledges to continue our high standards and goals and to continue to make the Villa Serena a beacon of a better life for all to follow.



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YEAR!

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JANUARY