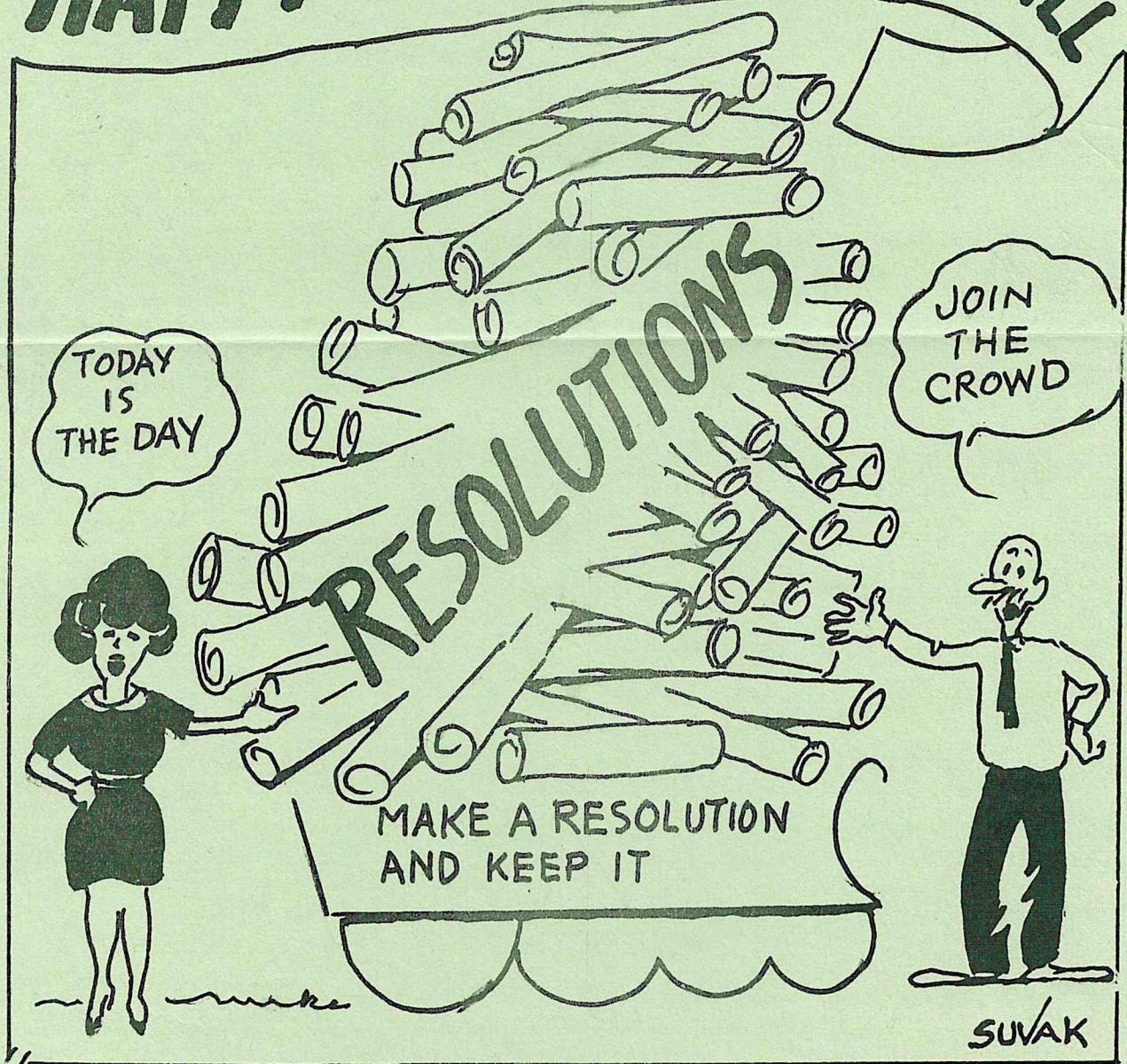


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HAPPY-NEW-YEAR-TO ALL



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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

YES, 1984 is about to begin, letting dear old 1983 fade away and take a well deserved rest.

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1983 saw many good things happening, happy moments in our lives, a new friendship established, a new baby in our midst and so many other memories of days past. 1983 also saw many sad occasions in illness, the loss of loved ones and friends, and even in these sad days there are many nice memories of days past. But that is all over now and behind us. We must start "anew and with heads held high"

Editor: Mary L. Calogero

Lets give 1984 that great big welcome and rejoice in the thought that this will be a good year for all our dear friends and families.

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"Happy New Year" is a very simple greeting, but those three little words carry with them our wishes for good health, because without it everything else is meaningless; love, for also without this, everything in life is meaningless; true friends, these are truly needed to prevent life from becoming meaningless. Health, love and true friends and you can say, this will be truly a "Happy New Year" for you.

While it has become a often-repeated statement, we at the Villa Serena continue to pledge to you who walk through our doors that we shall continue to provide something exciting for all to participate in so that we will have had a part in providing you with some joy and laughter. "HAPPY NEW YEAR"



"Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary" and a very special "Happy 1984" to each of you, very special people celebrating your very own day in this first month of a lovely new year.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Flower: Carnation

Birthstone: Garnet

January

1 Jerome Levitt #707
 4 Erich Golem #323
 5 Betty Major #504
 8 Holden Smith #824
 12 Joseph Slaminka #201
 17 Lillian Maurer #615
 18 Antonio Loparo #507
 18 Lee Olson #230
 19 Rudolf Freed #618
 19 Hilda Griffin #420
 19 Flossie Podojil #312
 21 Agnes Grad #826
 22 Pauline Koenig #610
 23 Florence Simpson #505
 23 Ellen Soeder #319
 24 Ann Picozzi #407
 26 Genevieve Devny #723
 27 May Luke #809
 27 Anthony Puleio #813
 28 Shirley Bristow #619
 29 Elizabeth Corr #425
 30 Lucille Sherwood #203
 31 Michael Perella #333

January

1 Edith Evans
 1 Angela DeGaetano
 1 John Milas
 2 Margaret Winiski
 3 Elsie Kish
 6 Mary Siciliano
 7 Mary Schutt
 9 Mary Liederbach
 9 Joseph Skadra
 9 Agnes Wiltshire
 10 Ray Baker
 10 Rena Colocci
 10 Joseph Ziegler
 10 Dorothy Zwick
 11 Anthony Vitale
 12 Sol Berke
 12 Helen Brent
 12 Olga Caruso
 12 Mary Marrone
 14 Estelle Fillo
 14 Tillie Jantonio
 15 Fay Herega
 15 Isabelle Saponaro
 16 James Siciliano
 17 Ann Benjamin
 18 Martha Payne
 19 John Crobaugh
 20 Hermina Mihalek
 21 Marjorie Dean
 21 Mae Lanza
 22 Nancy Buemi
 24 Rita Baker
 24 Ruth Morse
 25 Nathan Segal
 27 Martha Puzzo
 28 Louise Ritchie
 29 Helen Lessem
 29 Louise Mihalka
 31 Alice Crobaugh
 31 Emma Sunseri

ANNIVERSARIES

January

13 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Wills
 18 Mr. & Mrs. William Sattler
 20 Mr. & Mrs. Murray Bader
 21 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rossi #517

JANUARY BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY

1984 + 4 = LEAP YEAR

With the arrival of our new and beautiful piano during this holiday season, it would be a most befitting occasion to have a concert night at the Villa Serena.

On Friday, January 13th, beginning at 7:00 P.M., we will welcome spectacular talent who will perform for us classical as well as popular music. It will be an evening you will all enjoy. The beauty of merely listening to beautiful music played so wonderfully on our gorgeous new piano.

We will also celebrate birthdays and anniversaries on this very special night. What a nice way to celebrate your birthday by our singing to each of you and wishing you well.

Come join us and hear the magnificent sound of this fine musical instrument.

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"SUPER-SUPER" BINGO

Here's a repeat, you asked for it!!!! Another "Super-Super" Bingo on Sunday, January 8th at 1:30 P.M.

Refreshments - and as we promised at the last Bingo, there will be bigger prizes. So don't miss out on this one!!!!!!!

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Bet that you forgot that there's one more very bright and beautifully wrapped package under the tree, a very large package which seems to be divided into twelve sections--great--each section is marked "don't open until January 1st, May 1st, September 1st, or what have you, but isn't it great to have been given such a wonderful package. Use it well, you know that tradition and custom says that "resolutions" should be made at the sound of Auld Lang Syne and the pealing of the midnight bells--aren't they usually made only to be broken; not this year--here are a few suggestions that will help us to say in "366" days, 1984 was a happy, peaceful, rich one. Take a cheerful view of everything, trust in God and mind your own business, pray for a short memory as to forget all unkindness, give your tongue more holiday than your hands or your eyes, compare your blessings which are manifold with the trifling annoyances of each day, be content to do the things you can and fret not because you can't do everything, make the best of what you have and don't make yourself miserable by wishing for what you have not and above all be oh so good to yourself, you are a wonderful beautiful child of the child whose birth we just celebrated.

And, oh "fellas" hang on to your hats and be very cautious as this is "Leap Year" and we have some very "lovable" ladies in our midst.

--Eileen Bentler--

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

Over 200 guests approached the tables in eager anticipation of the feast to come. The tables were beautiful with yellow cloths and paper turkey centerpieces. Turkey, baked yams and delicious stuffing were served with the final touch of luscious chocolate whipped cream puffs for dessert. It left us full and speechless.

Our entertainment for this special occasion was the Ohio Bell Chorus under the direction of Romeo Pallante. Their harmony was just wonderful. They sang with real gusto. They sang songs for every mood and taste.

They were accompanied by a talented combo under direction of Al Russ.

A most enthusiastic standing ovation was extended to this group. They were really great.

The program came to a memorable close with everybody joining in the singing of God Bless America.

--Margaret Rose--

PROFESSOR KALL LECTURES

Professor Kall returns for his regular lectures on Thursday, January 12th at 3:45 P.M. and his evening lecture on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 P.M.

If you have not attended one of Professor Kall's lectures, plan on doing so now, you will be impressed with his knowledge and charm.

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TREE LIGHTING

On December 9th, our Christmas tree was standing proud and tall in the lobby waiting for guests to enter.

After dinner each person who desired was asked to put an ornament on the tree and help in the trimming. What a beauty it turned out to be.

The first floor has taken on a real holiday appearance with the decorated tree and the lovely Poinsettia plants in full bloom and our beautiful manger to remind us of the real meaning of this holiday.

Then the Red-Blue Rooms came alive as the Melody Makers from Mayfield High School marched in to sing. They were under the direction of Mr. Frank Woods, and sang very beautifully.

Our December birthday people all came forward and chose one of the singers to be their partner while all in attendance sang Happy Birthday.

Edna Carr, one of the December "birthday girls" and a resident at the Villa Serena since 1967 had the honor of officially turning on the Christmas tree lights.

We closed with the singing of "White Christmas"

--Margaret Rose--

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ANOTHER CARD PARTY EXTRAORDINARE

CHRISTMAS - 1983

Another super special card party will be held at the Villa Serena on Friday, January 27th beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Our last party was enjoyed very much by those ever faithful card players who never fail to have enthusiasm to play and play cards.

For the donation of 50¢. You can join with your friends and play the cards of your choice for an entire evening. Partake in some nice refreshments throughout the evening and maybe you will also be the winner of some door prizes which will be given during the course of the evening.

Come join us, we'd love to have you!!!!!!!!!!!!

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A TRAVELOG

YES, Josephine Rosser will be back at the Villa Serena on Wednesday, January 11th, 7:30 P.M. for another of her truly interesting and delightful arm-chair travelogs.

It promises to be a good trip we guarantee you. So don't hesitate to come down and enjoy this little "jaunt" in real "Rosser" style.

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Christmas, 1983 in Villa Serena style, began the moment one came into the lobby and saw the stately Christmas tree and all the lovely decorations. The dinner tables so beautifully set with the very colorful centerpieces made by Clara Colson and her committee put everyone in a gay mood.

Comments of the dinner ranged from "too much, I feel like a stuffed Santa Claus" and "how do you always manage to serve such an outstanding dinner". How do you top this kind of beginning?????? Only by going into the Red-Blue Rooms to await the beginning of the evening's festivities.

Santa Claus arrived in real splendor and very quickly unwrapped a super Christmas present which had been delivered to the Villa Serena ---- a bright shiny new Kimball Ebony Black Grand Piano". What a sight to see. Our piano was quickly initiated into the fun of the evening when the musicians began to play our favorite Christmas tunes. After a warm welcome by Mr. Chesler, our dear friend, June Anthony, sang some super songs followed by John Virgilli, a young rising star in the greater Cleveland area.

The evening came to a spectacular conclusion with our colored lights shining brightly and the "stars" of the evening joining hands to sing Silent Night and the Ave Maria. What a moving moment this was.

With peace and contentment in their hearts, the overflowing crowd left the Villa Serena saying, "this was the best night in the long history of the Villa Serena.

Thus, Christmas, 1983 celebration came to a beautiful end.

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UP AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS

Our get well wishes go to our very dear friends, Clem Brazis, Florence Gardner, Pauline Koenig and Lillian Papuga, who are in the hospital. We hope you will all be well and back home very shortly and in good health.

A welcome home from the hospital to Sally Schrembeck and Frank Klein.

May we extend our sincere sympathy to Steve Kapelka in the all too soon death of his dear brother.

Our sympathy also to the family of Vendel Sarmir. He was a dear tenant of the Villa Serena for many years and certainly a respected gentleman. Sympathy also to the family of Cecelia Martin.

Our thanks to Mrs. Dwight Dawson for the nice books to our library.

As we get ready to go to press this month, we have just heard that our own Bert Gordon has had an unexpected bout with surgery. Get well soon, Bert. That coffee will not taste the same if you don't pour it for our holiday dinners!!!!!!!

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It is always a pleasure to say a big "thank you" to our lovely "chicken" ladies, Mary Calabrese, Eva Ruta, Alice Graff, Fannie Keane, and the ever helpful "lone man", Max Keane.

Our thanks to Bill Pace for his donation to the Bus Fund in the amount of \$111.11. All because he thinks the Villa Serena is still "No. 1".

Our thanks to Ellen Soeder for her generous subscription to our library of the Reader's Digest Large-Type Edition.

Our thanks also to the World War I Vets for their kind donation.

Congratulations to Frank Neroni. He bowled a game of 234. Also to Harry Laskey. He bowled at 209.

Just heard that Dorothy Jacobs is going to Cincinnati for the holidays and that Mae Gaghan is also leaving for the holiday season. Have fun gals!!!!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

Although because of the holiday season, we did not receive the names of our ministers for the month of January, we would like you to know that there will be Church Inspiration Services, every Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. Do attend, they are so beautiful.

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MENS CLUB NEWS

The Mens Club meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13th. Refreshments were served at 6:30 P.M. and the meeting called to order by President, Lee Olson at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A new member was welcomed to the Mens Club with a big round of applause. He was August Battaglia.

The pool tournament winners are Class A - Holden Smith, 1st place, Louis Balazs, second place. In Class B - Bill Nau, first place, Alan Heckaman, second place.

The second half of the season will start January 23rd through April 30th. Sign up now.

The Pool Tournament dinner will be at the Villa Serena on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 P.M. Happy hour will be at 5:30 P.M.

Get well wishes to Clem Brazis.

A moment of silent prayer was observed for the late Vendel Sarmir.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

-Charles Barracato-

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MALL TRIPS

January 4th - Euclid Mall

January 18th - Mentor Mall

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CARD PARTY WINNERS

Winning at cards were, Helen Burns Hazel Shoemaker, Clem Brazis, Ethel Blakeney, Kate Blumer, Alma Reinke, Thelma Lilje, Rose Liedberg, Flossie Podojil, Margaret Rose, Sylvia Koptis and John Schultz.

Pinochle winners:

11/21/83

Alice Graff	585	\$1.75
Edna Carr	559	1.25
Helen Burns	539	1.00

11/28/83

John Musacchio	637	1.75
Betty Pinter	606	1.50
Kate Blumer	599	1.00
Walter Ruth	556	.75

12/5/83

John Musacchio	590	2.00
Hilda Griffin	586	1.75
Walter Ruth	557	1.50
Harry Laskey	552	1.00

12/12/83

Margaret Rose	575	1.75
Thelma Lilje	571	1.50
Charles Schaefer	555	1.00
Llewelyn Jewell	551	.75

12/19/83

Walter Ruth	608	1.75
Margaret Rose	583	1.25
John Musacchio	555	1.00

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1984

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 7:30 Pinochle	3 7:30 Game Night	4 NEW YEAR TO	5 ALL!!!	6
9 1:00 Bowling 1-3 Art Class 1-4 Knitting 3:30 Rosary	10 9-1 Sewing 9-12 Ceramics 2-3 Dancercise	11	12 7:30 Game Night 10:00 Church Insp. 3:45 Prof. Kall	13 1-3 Bridge
16 7:30 Pinochle	17 7:30 Game Night	18	19 7:30 Game Night 10:00 Church Insp.	20 5:00 Dinner 7:00 Birthday-Anniv Party
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7:30 Pinochle	7:30 Game Night			



FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th

NO DINNER TODAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Brisket of Beef
Potatoes
Vegetables
Dessert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Corned Beef
Potatoes
Vegetable
Dessert

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