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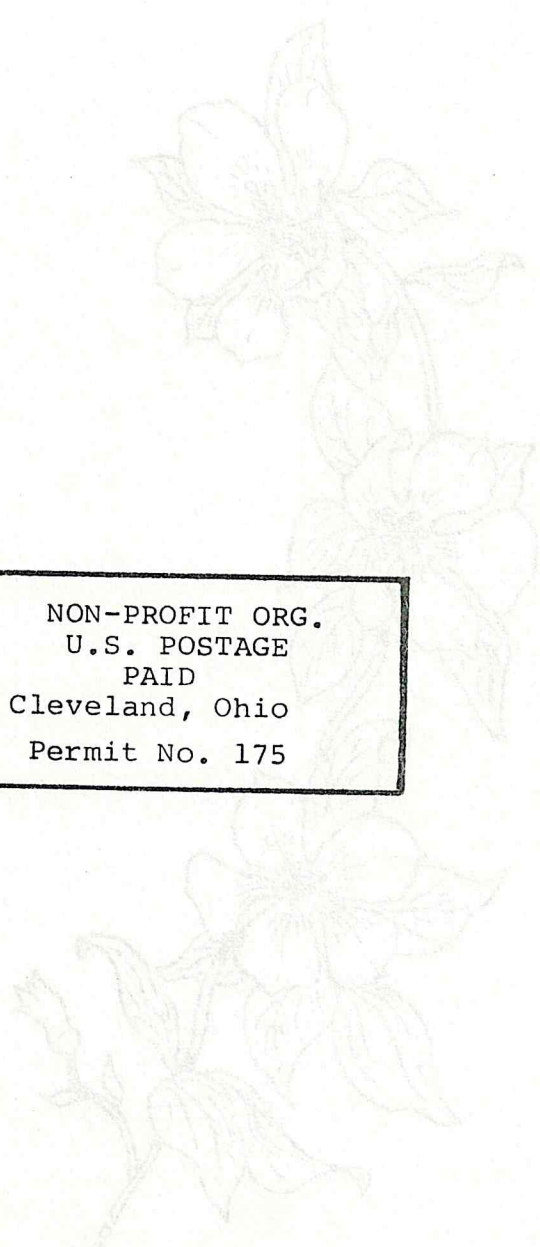
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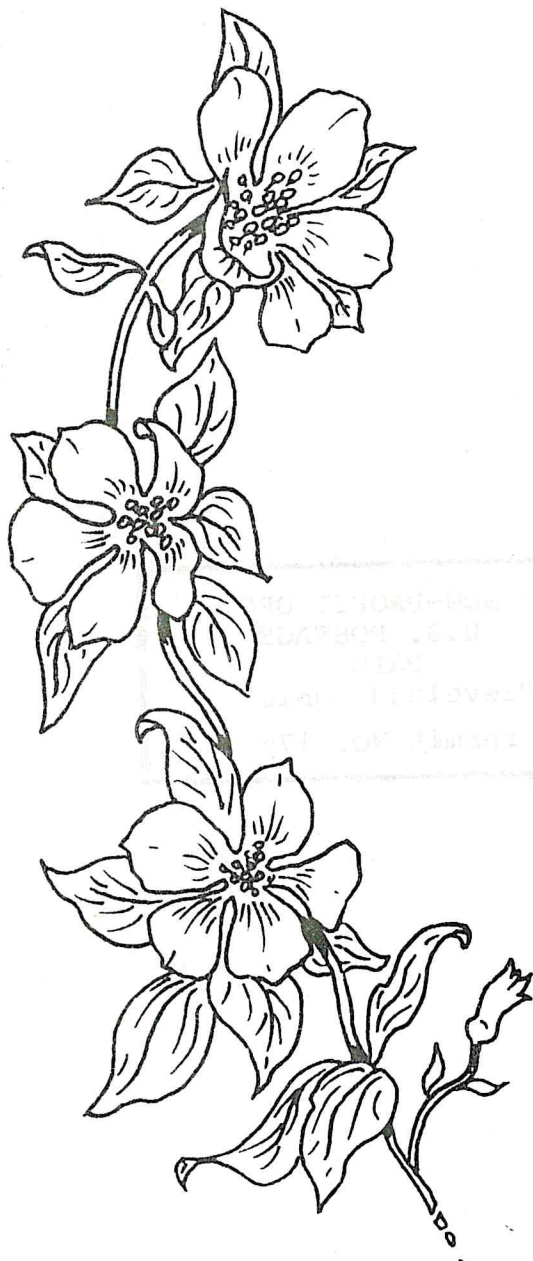


VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

JANUARY, 1992

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Pork Chop  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Dessert



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Brisket of Beef  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Dessert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Swiss Steak  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Dessert

## The Crafter's Lament

The sink is full of dishes  
And the beds are yet unmade,  
Forgotten are the wishes  
Of my family, I'm afraid.  
My mending basket overflows,  
My poor husband has no shirt -  
I really should wash out  
some clothes

And do a little work!  
But at my workbench I am busy,  
And as happy as a king -  
For I am busy crafting  
And I have to do my thing!

CHRISTMAS DINNER REPORT

The Villa Serena was all aglow with holiday decorations on Wednesday, December 18th. A superb dinner of Cornish Hen was served by smiling waiters and waitresses.

Mr. Chesler offered a prayer then we raised our wine glasses and toasted each other.

All the servers stood as we sang 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' to them. Zadio Shaw was recognized as the 'calm' lady in charge of the kitchen.

At 6:30, we had assembled in the Red/Blue room waiting for our entertainers. Mrs. Santa Claus (aka Carmelina) appeared on stage and handed out several gifts to Mary Blasko, 91 Helen Smatt, 92, Marie Verba 92 and Harold Spengler, 93 -- all of whom are celebrating birthdays in the 90s!

Carmelina had Greg and All as her two very talented assistants on keyboard and guitar. What a marvelous trio they made! They opened with Christmas carols and then on to Italian songs.

Sylvia DiFranco (a resident of the Villa) sang with Carmelina 'To Seendi dalle Stelle' - the equivalent to the American 'Silent Night'. We sang 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' to Mary Calogero. Mr. Chesler sang 'Have Negala' The 'Ave Maria' was sung in Latin and Italian.

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Christmas (Continued)

The very lovely evening closed with 'Let There Be Peace on Earth' and 'Silent Night'.

Margaret Rose

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The ministers for January are:

- 9th Rev. Chris Taylor  
Highland 6th United  
Presbertain Church
- 16th Rev. Sally O'Donnell  
United Methodist Church  
of So. Euclid
- 23rd Rev. Robert Pindell  
St. John Lutheran Church
- 30th Rev. Don Wood  
First Assembly of God  
Church

Services are held Thursday at 10:00 AM.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Friday, January 10  
5:00 Dinner -- 6:30 Bingo
- Friday, January 17  
5:00 Dinner -- 6:30 Music
- Friday, January 24  
5:00 Dinner -- 6:30 Movie

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JOSEPHINE'S CHATTER

Because I was zapped twice by the virus this past month, I couldn't get my thoughts to do something original for you. However, I want to share a great poem from the Alma Nova. It was submitted by ISDA member Dolores Gabriele Diculla. Great for the New Year and a happy one to all of you.

I AM THE NEW YEAR!!!

I am unused, unspotted, without blemish  
I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long.  
I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the book of life for you to place upon it your imprint.

I AM THE NEW YEAR!!!

Each hour of every day I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use of man. White and pure I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience and trust in God.

I AM THE NEW YEAR!!!

I am coming---but once past, I can never be recalled.  
Make me your best!!!

Let's have a good year

Josephine Gentile

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MONDAY PINOCHLE WINNERS

Dec. 2		
Thelma Olsen	594	\$4.25
Rosemary Belz	582	3.75
Marie Verba	565	3.25
Ruby Jacobs	559	2.75
Mae Gaghan	542	2.00
Dec. 9		
Bill Dilley	581	3.75
Elena Walters	569	3.25
Doris Sandor	549	2.75
Frank Stianche	541	2.25
Charles Pistone	537	2.00
Dec. 16		
Adam Stegh	606	3.50
Tony Gentile	587	3.00
Elena Walters	564	2.50
A. Vacarillo	562	1.75
Mary Stianche	560	1.25

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PROF. KALL

Prof Kall will be at the Villa Serena on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 P.M. He is a very well informed person and we invite everyone to attend. Just come and see for yourself what you may learn from him. Questions? Just ask.

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We are sorry to hear of the death of Anne Klein and want to express our sympathy to her family and friends.

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We wish a speedy recovery to Jeanne Earl. Hurry back, Jeanne. We miss you.

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SEWING CLASS NEWS

It is hard to believe that 1991 is almost over. Was your year as busy as mine? For many of you, I know it was. If your year was like mine, it was filled with joys and sorrows as well as changes. One of the real joys has been to see the sewing class really take off and flourish. We have had such a great time this year and a productive time as well. I want to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Holiday and a New Year filled with love and peace.

Sally Kinney

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DINNER AND TREE TRIMMING

To open the Christmas season, we enjoyed a delicious dinner on Friday, December 13th.

Our Christmas tree was aglow with colored lights and decorations were sparkling all around the main floor. The windows had been painted by the Art Classes of Mayfield High School.

At 7:00, the SELREC SINGERS made their appearance under the direction of Nancy Moyer. They were superb! The program included several Christmas songs and also 'It's Hannukah Tonight. We sang along with the carolers with enthusiasm. A wonderful evening to start the season.

Margaret Rose

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BRIDGE NOTES

During the past month our bridge group has been discussing play of the hand from the point of view of declarer and the defense. I can give some general "rules" which normally make the maximum number of tricks then the player must learn when to apply them. The only way to learn to play is by doing! Our discussion of signalling was probably the most interesting aspect of defensive play. This can make a hand interesting even though the opponents have all the high cards.

Congratulations to our slam bidders, Angie Znidarsic and Isabel Byron.

I hope all of you had a very happy holiday.

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WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY WINNERS

The winners for December 4th, were Aileen Spencer, Rosemary Belz, Marcie Stianche, Florence Simpson, Adam Stegh and Gene Rowan.

The winners on December 11th were Ellen Guarnieri, Evelyn DeFlorentic, Frieda Vormelker, Helen Lysko, Thelma Lilje and Len Shoemaker.

The dates for January are the 8th and the 22nd. See you then.

Len Shoemaker

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The years roll by and the more they roll they pick up more speed (or seem to). They just go faster and faster. So that means we'd better shape up and make the most of today. Each day, every day, give it all you've got. You can't get interest from savings unless you put something in the bank. That something is effort of some sort that's going to grow for you to help make a better day of tomorrow. So instead of hoping and waiting -- how about putting forth that little bit of effort. It can pay off if you just give it a chance.

And pretend you're the guy who laughs all the way to the bank.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ruby

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SHOWCASE CLASS

The distance from Halloween to Christmas isn't very long so we've had to work extra hard. Your response to our Christmas items was great; I'm so sorry we had so few of everything. If you didn't get a chance to see our cute new items - we made roly-poly Santa doorstops with real wool beards, door decorations with three different calico trees hanging on red ribbons and some elegant moire Christmas tree pillows. We enjoy making these pretty things and it is very gratifying that they sold.

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Showcase - (Cont'd)

Now it is time to rest for a few weeks until classes resume in January. I want to wish you a wonderful Christmas or Holiday and a blessed New Year.

Sally Kinney

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DINNER AND A MOVIE

At 6:30 PM on Friday, December 6th, after a delicious dinner, we were waiting for the movie 'City Slickers'. This was the second film shown on videocassette on our big TV. The movie was hilarious! Three city men decide to take a trip to New Mexico and become cowboys for two weeks. This included driving a herd of cattle to Colorado. Needless to say, their adventures were ludicrous. Billy Crystal was the remarkable star and Jack Palance was magnificent as the trail boss of many years. Each man worked out his own problems while on the trip. Very nice evening's entertainment.

Margaret Rose

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A very healthy and pleasant 1992 to each and everyone from the Villa Voice staff.

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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6  
9:30-12:00  
Ceramics  
12:30 Bowling  
1:00 - 3:00 Art

7  
9 - 1 Sewing  
1:30-2:30  
Exercise  
3:30 Rosary

7:00 Pinochle

7:00 Game night

7:00 Cards

9  
10:00 Rel. Insp.  
1 - 4 Needlework

10  
1:00 - 3:00  
Bridge  
5:00 Dinner  
6:30 Bingo

13  
9:30-12:00  
Ceramics  
12:30 Bowling  
1:00 - 3:00 Art

14  
9 - 1 Sewing  
1:30-2:30  
Exercise  
3:30 Rosary

7:00 Pinochle

7:00 Game night

15  
10 - 12 Boutique  
1 - 3 Boutique

16  
10:00 Rel. Insp.  
1 - 4 Needlework

17  
1:00 - 3:00  
Bridge

20  
9:30-12:00  
Ceramics  
12:30 Bowling  
1:00 - 3:00 Art

21  
9 - 1 Sewing  
1:30 - 2:30  
Exercise  
3:30 Rosary

7:00 Pinochle

7:00 Game night

22  
10 - 12 Boutique  
1 - 3 Boutique

23  
10:00 Rel. Insp.  
1 - 4 Needlework

24  
1:00 - 3:00  
Bridge

27  
9:30 - 12:00  
Ceramics  
12:30 Bowling  
1:00 - 3:00 Art

28  
9 - 1 Sewing  
1:30 - 2:30  
Exercise  
3:30 Rosary

7:00 Pinochle

7:00 Game night

29  
10 - 12 Boutique  
1 - 3 Boutique

30  
10:00 Rel. Insp.  
1 - 4 Needlework

31  
1:00 - 3:00  
Bridge

5:00 Dinner  
6:30 Movie

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

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HAVE YOU MET...

...Margaret Rose? Margaret has lived at the Villa Serena since 1979 and is very active.

Margaret has lived in Cleveland since she was five years old. She and her brother graduated from Shaw High School. After graduation she was employed as a stenographer for the Academy of Medicine in the medical library building on the Western Reserve campus.

In 1935 she married Stanley Rose and after their daughter Ginny, was born, she became the typical homemaker. Then they had another daughter, Sue, and Margaret's activities centered around the home, children and her church.

Margaret went back to work after her husband became ill. She worked in the Admitting Office at Huron Road Hospital. After 31 years, she was widowed.

In 1982, Mary Calogero asked her if she would help with writing articles for the Villa Voice. Margaret has been writing ever since. In 1965, she started writing poetry and still does it for special occasions.

Margaret likes bingo, cards and day trips. She also plays the piano for our religious services on Thursday mornings. She also helps with the pinochle games on Monday evenings.

Christmas brings back memories. She remembers the

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Have you met (Cont'd)

how the family always liked to gather just to see Margaret and her husband have their 'yearly quarrel'. Somehow the tree would not stand right, or the lights were wrong or the star was crooked - shall we go on? We must all remember this, it sounds so familiar.

Both daughters live within a five mile radius of the Villa. With eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren and most of the family together, the holidays will be happy.

Thank you, Margaret, for your gracious ways, friendly smile and all you contribute to our Villa Serena 'family'.

Thelma Olson

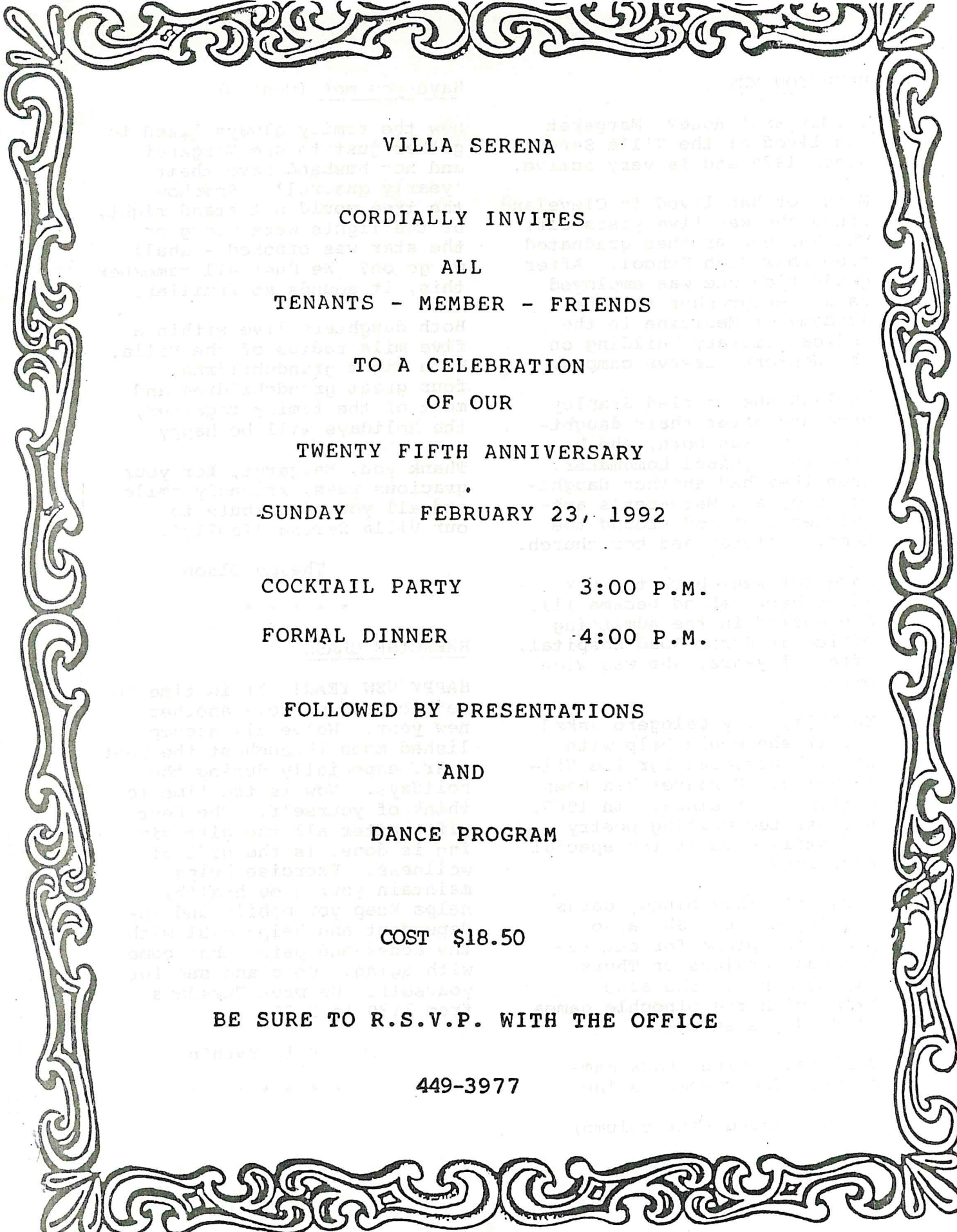
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EXERCISE CLASS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is time to rejoice and welcome another new year. We've all accomplished much throughout the past year, especially during the holidays. Now is the time to think of yourself. The best gift, after all the gift giving is done, is the gift of wellness. Exercise helps maintain your good health, helps keep you mobile and independent and helps deal with the aches and pains that come with aging. Come and see for yourself! We meet Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30.

Beth Parnin

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VILLA SERENA

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TENANTS - MEMBER - FRIENDS

TO A CELEBRATION

OF OUR

TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 1992

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DINNER AND MUSIC, MUSIC

Again after dinner on FRIDAY JANUARY 17th, we will greet Mike Jacobs for an evening of music, dancing and toe-tapping. Where else can you get such an evening of pure pleasure except at the Villa Serena?

We hope to see you at the dinner and at the entertainment. We are sure you will definitely enjoy the time spent with your friends.

See you on FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.  
Get tickets early.

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DINNER AND BIG BINGO

Yes, it is again time for a great, as usual, dinner and then an evening of fun for all you bingo fans. The date is FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th.

The grand prize is \$200.00 if you fill the card in 57 numbers. Hard to do? Maybe this will be your lucky day. Who knows for sure?

The cost is just \$5.00 for three cards. Why not come to dinner and make an evening of it? Food and fun in the same day.

See you on FRIDAY, JANUARY 10?

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A VILLA MEMORY

When the Villa was young, it was determined that music would be food for the soul of our tenants. After a short search, Sammy Berk came into our midst, and for the next twenty years - he played for our sing-a-long's and had a band for our dances.

Sammy Berk was a very warm hearted person with a unique ability to add to his musical talents. His smile and his mannerism made it a pleasure to listen to him perform.

To the multitudes of persons who heard him play, he will always be remembered.

We are sure that if there are pianos in Heaven - Sammy will have one waiting for him - At the Villa we will always remember and miss him.

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DINNER AND A NIGHT AT THE MOVIE

So many of you have enjoyed the movies that we have shown that we are again planning on one for FRIDAY, JANUARY 24th.

The weather may not be too great but there certainly will be an evening to remember. We will give you the title of the movie in time to make your plans.

Sound like a good time for a cold winter evening? Enjoy!

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NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

TWENTY FIVE PAST - TWENTY FIVE AHEAD

THE YEAR 1992 IS HERE. IT IS AN IMPORTANT BEGINNING AND ENDING FOR THE VILLA SERENA. WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR WITH ALL THE RESOLUTIONS, HOPES AND DREAMS OF GOOD THINGS TO COME. AT THE SAME TIME, WE BEGIN THE CELEBRATION OF THE "TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY" OF THE VILLA SERENA. WE LOOK BACK WITH GREAT SATISFACTION TO THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THE HIGH STANDARDS AND GOALS THAT WERE SET FOR THE VILLA SERENA FROM THE VERY BEGINNING HAVE BEEN REALIZED AND HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED.

COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS WITH NO PLACE TO GO AND NOTHING TO DO HAVE FOUND MANY HOURS OF PLEASURE AND NEW FRIENDS WITHIN OUR MIDST. THEN YEARS PAST BRINGS WITH IT MANY MEMORIES, MEMORIES OF THE PIONEERS WHO MOVED INTO THE VILLA SERENA IN THE COLD BLEAK DAYS OF 1967. THOSE LOVELY PEOPLE WHO HAD FAITH IN THE RAINBOW PROMISE TO BRING TO THEM A "NEW WAY OF LIFE", AND TO THOSE LOVELY PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL COMING INTO THE VILLA SERENA KNOWING THAT WE INTEND TO HONOR OUR COMMITMENT TO THEM.

WE SHALL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WHO CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH BY THEIR DEEDS AND WORDS IN GIVING TO THE VILLA SERENA THE CHARM AND REPUTATION IT ENJOYS TODAY. WE SHALL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO OUR NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT WHO HAVE BROUGHT THEIR SMILING FACES WITHIN OUR WALLS.

THE NEXT TWENTY FIVE PRESENTS EVEN A GREATER CHALLENGE TO SOCIETY. EACH DAY MORE PERSONS THAN EVER WILL REACH THE BEAUTY OF THEIR SENIOR YEARS. EACH DAY MORE PERSONS THAN EVER WILL BE IN NEED OF A SMILING FACE AND THE WARM HANDSHAKE OF A NEW FRIEND.

LET US EACH DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THOSE HIGH ASPIRATIONS AND DREAMS - THAT WITH PRAYER, FAITH AND HOPE - WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE THE VILLA SERENA A BEACON OF A BETTER LIFE for all to follow.

HOWARD I. CHESLER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY 1992

JANUARY

1 Rose Lowery 516  
4 Rose Schock 216  
5 Anthony Bodanza 734  
6 Lucy Lukacinsky 715  
7 Carl Schock 216  
9 Joseph Catullo 327  
Anthony Seeman 809  
11 Mary Pilar 829  
12 Carmen Iannetta 707  
14 David Tierney 323  
17 Lillian Maurer 615  
19 Mildred Brenton 709  
21 Elsie Hehir 611  
22 Charmion Getter 510  
23 Florence Simpson 505  
24 Ann Picozzi 708  
25 Kathryn Heintz 207  
26 Genevieve Devney 723  
27 Anthony Puleio 813  
28 Gene Zachary 206  
29 Elizabeth Corr 425

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

5 Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Schechter  
12 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pitrone  
18 Mr. & Mrs. William Sattler  
21 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rossi 517  
25 Mr. & Mrs. John Vargo

*Happy Anniversary*

*Happy Birthday*

JANUARY

1 Stanley Caplansky  
Karl Elbrecht  
Helen Knoll  
Alessandro Mafalda  
Dorothy Pokorny  
3 Joseph Cipolla  
4 Dorothy Marcs  
Mae Stoner  
Marie Wiltshire  
6 Mary Cipolla  
7 Marie Feudo  
8 Abbey Zalud  
9 Teresa McNaughton  
Joseph Skadra  
10 Wallace Effinger  
Helen Goldberg  
Mary Hirschl  
Beatrice Humphreys  
Elton Miller  
Mary Walker  
Joseph Zeigler  
11 Howard Barnes  
Sandy DeGirolamo  
Marjorie Stewart  
Anthony Vitale  
12 Olga Caruso  
15 Josephine Gentile  
Fannie Herega  
Marge Nokes  
Beatrice Ostrousky  
Isabelle Saponaro  
19 John Crobaugh  
Violet Gorman  
Catherine Johnson  
Mildred Vincent  
20 Charles Piston  
Jane Thomas  
24 Ruth Morse  
25 Mabel Haber  
26 Louis DiSanto  
Marcella DiSanto  
29 Helen Lessem  
Louise Mihalka  
31 Alice Crobaugh

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VOLUME XXIV

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NUMBER 1

IT IS WITH A SAD HEART AND SINCERE SYMPATHY THAT WE TAKE NOTE OF THE DEATH OF OUR FRIEND AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLA SERENA, FRANK PITRONE.

THE YEAR WAS 1964, WHEN FRANK PITRONE, PRESIDENT OF THE SAINT FRANCIS FOUNDATION, CAME TO SEE ME WITH FRANK ALESCI. THE CONVERSATION CONCERNED THE NEED OF BUILDING A COMPLEX TO HOUSE THE ELDERLY WHO WERE IN NEED OF AFFORDABLE INDEPENDENT HOUSING. FROM THAT DAY UNTIL FEBRUARY 1967, WHEN THE VILLA SERENA OFFICIALLY OPENED ITS DOORS, FRANK PITRONE WAS AVAILABLE TO DO ANY TASK THAT WAS ASKED OF HIM. HIS ENTHUSIASM, HIS UPBEAT PERSONALITY MADE ALL OF THE HARDSHIPS ALONG THE WAY BEARABLE.

WHEN THE VILLA OPENED ITS DOORS, FRANK WAS THERE WITH AN OUTSTRETCHED HAND AND A BEAUTIFUL SMILE. HE WELCOMED EVERYONE INTO THE VILLA FAMILY.

FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS HE GAVE TO ALL OF US HIS FRIENDSHIP, HIS LEADERSHIP AND HIS SUPPORT. MOST OF ALL HE TAUGHT US THE MEANING OF LOVE.

FRANK PITRONE WILL NO LONGER BE WITH US, BUT HIS MEMORY, WILL ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO FOLLOW TO CARRY ON HIS GOOD DEEDS.

TO HIS FAMILY, WE SAY "THANK YOU" FOR GIVING THE VILLA SERENA YOUR HUSBAND AND FATHER - MAY HIS LOVE AND PRESENCE BE A BLESSING TO YOU AND TO ALL WHO HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO CALL FRANK PITRONE "OUR FRIEND".

HOWARD I. CHESLER



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