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DATED EVENTS -  
PLEASE EXPEDITE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th

SPECIAL LUNCHEON

Whatever you bring in  
your own brown bag.

The Villa will serve  
coffee and dessert

12 Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m BINGO



NATURALLY, MONDAY, MARCH 17th

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Corned Beef and Cabbage  
and all the trimmings

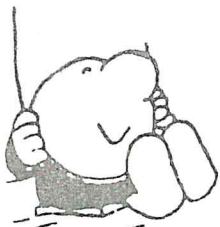
"including that very  
special brew"

\$7.50 per person



In honor of St. Patrick and  
all the other persons born  
in March or married in March  
we will celebrate March  
Birthdays and Anniversaries  
Night as an extra special  
part of our celebration.

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TODAY IS A  
GOOD DAY FOR  
DOING SOMETHING  
SPECIAL...

JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND DINNER

## LEMON PIE

The world is full of gladness,  
There are joys of many kinds,  
There's a cure for every sadness,  
That each troubled mortal finds.  
And my little cares grow  
lighter  
And I cease to fret and sigh,  
And my eyes with joy grow  
brighter  
When she makes a lemon pie.

When the bronze is on the filling  
That's one mass of shining  
gold,  
And its molten joy is spilling  
On the plate, my heart  
grows bold.  
And the kids and I in chorus  
Raise one glad exultant cry  
And we cheer the treat before  
us-  
Which is mother's lemon pie?

Then the little troubles  
vanish,  
And the sorrows disappear,  
Then we find the grit to  
banish  
All the cares that hovered  
near.  
And we smack our lips in  
pleasure  
O'er a joy no coin can buy,  
And we down the golden  
treasure  
Which is known as lemon pie.

Edgar Guest

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## ATTENTION

There will be no sewing classes  
in March. Sally Kinney and  
family will be on vacation.  
Classes will resume in April.

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## TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

Speak to people. There is  
nothing so nice as a cheerful  
word of greeting.  
Smile at people. It takes 72  
muscles to frown, only 14 to  
smile.  
Call people by name. The  
sweetest music to anyone's  
ears is the sound of his own  
name.  
Be friendly and helpful. If  
you would have friends, be a  
friend.  
Be cordial. Speak and act as  
if everything you do is a  
genuine pleasure.  
Be genuinely interested in  
people. You can like almost  
everybody if you try.  
Be generous with praise--  
cautious with criticism.  
Be considerate with the feel-  
ings of others. There are  
usually three sides to a con-  
troversy; yours, the other fel-  
low's and the right side.  
Be alert to give service. What  
counts most in life is what we  
do for others.  
Add to this a good sense of humor,  
a big dose of patience and a  
dash of humility, and you will  
be rewarded many-fold.

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## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 11  
12:00 Brown Bag Lunch  
1:30 Bingo

Monday, March 17  
5:00 Dinner  
6:30 Entertainment

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 9:30-12:30 Ceramics	4 3:30 Rosary	5 1:30 Exercise	6 1:30-2:30 Line Dancing	7
6:30 Pinochle	7:00 Game night	7:00 Cards		
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24	25	26	27	28
HOLY WEEK ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELED THIS WEEK				
31 9:30-12:30 Ceramics				
6:30 Pinochle				

TIME FOR A LAUGH

Court room questions from U.P.S. Enjoy.

Q. Were you alone or by yourself?

Q. I'll show you this exhibit and ask if you recognize him.

A. That's me.

Q. Were you present when that picture was taken?

Q. Were you present in court this morning when you were sworn in?

Q. Now Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?

A. By death.

Q. By who's death?

W. So you were gone until you returned?

Q. You don't know what it was or what it looked like, but can you describe it?

Q. You say the stairs went down to the basement?

A. Yes.

Q. And those stairs, did they go up also?

Q. Have you lived in this town all of your life?

A. Not yet.

Some fun from Josephine Gentile.

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PINOCHLE WINNERS

Feb. 3

Ed Markowitz	627	\$3.00
Mitzi Weber	591	2.50
Vera Kozak	533	2.00
Winnie Hellwig	530	1.50
Mamie Damanti	521	1.00

Feb. 10

Marcy Stianche	569	3.00
Joe Damanti	547	2.50
Winnie Hellwig	539	2.00
Mitzi Weber	535	1.50
Ed Mark	524	1.00

Feb. 17

Violet Orifici	573	3.00
Mitzi Weber	561	2.50
Jennie Cellura	559	2.00
Joe Damanti	553	1.50
Agnes Puro	542	1.00

Feb. 24

Marcy Stianche	573	3.25
Olga Caruso	545	2.75
Mamie Damanti	533	2.25
Agnes Puro	531	1.75
Carole Clay	519	1.00
Mitzi Weber	5.7	1.00

Join the group any Monday at 6:30 for an evening of fun.

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WEDNESDAY CARD PARTY WINNERS

The winners on February 5th were Helen Balutis, Evelyn De-Florentis, Mamie Damanti, Helen Lysko, Joe Damanti and Ed Mark.

February 19th winners were Marcy Stianche, Mary Blasko, Helen Balutis, Vera Kozak, Jennie Cellura and Joe Damanti.

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ISDA WOMEN'S LEAGUE DINNER!!!

Do we look forward every year to the Italian Sons and Daughters of America, Women's League Poorman's Dinner and Raffle????? You bet "your boots" we look forward to this dinner!!!!

We all know that it is specifically held for the purpose of raising funds for our senior citizens center and the many activities which we are able to provide for our senior citizens.

We support this wonderful event because these ladies are very hard workers in our behalf and we have never failed to give them 100% support.

The dinner will be held at the Casa DiBorally on WEDNESDAY APRIL 30th Tickets are \$18.00 per person. For this very low price you will have a complete spaghetti dinner with wine and pizza and door prizes galore!

Tickets will be available in the office within the next two weeks. Get yours early as this dinner is always an early sell out,

Transportation will be available on our Villa bus.

As anyone who has been there will tell you. It will truly be a great evening.

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HOLY SEASON OF THE YEAR!

The Easter season the time of "awakening". Good Friday this year is on March 28th and culminates in the wonderful celebration of Easter Sunday on March 30th.

The week preceding is Holy Week and as we enter into a solemn but hopeful era, let us all be grateful for our God's blessings shown in his many ways. Let us take the time to reflect the blessings that surround us in our every day living. Resolve to begin the season with your own "inner blossoming".

Treat your neighbor as you would wish to be treated and your world will be a kinder gentler place in which to reside.

We wish all of our friends and their families a most joyous Easter season.

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A REMINDER!

It is always our custom in keeping with the traditions of the holiday season and its meaningfulness to all, there will be no regularly scheduled activities during the week of March 24th through the 31st.

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MARCH WINDS WILL BLOW!!!



'And all of life's very best, if you just be a wee bit patient and have faith in the "leprauchans" and the "little people, that are all about "round" March 17th.

As you've heard it said many times over, everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. So find yourself a bit of green, wear it and who knows with luck you may find that it will match the great outdoors.

By then we all hope that our white world will have turned into green. Spring, at last, will she roar in as a fiesty lion or dance in as a baby lamb. We really don't care, as long as she arrives on time. We've all waited patiently for so long. Fervently thank the One who arranges the time schedule for the change of seasons, that we are all here to once more enjoy His lovely world.

Put together your own symbol of the month, add a petal of love, to a petal of kindness, add a petal of unselfishness and your very special "Shamrock" will be a joy to behold. Your life will take on a new beginning too, as Mother Nature enjoys a new beginning come Spring.

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HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!!

OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

WHAT A DAY THAT WAS!!!!

Over 230 persons came to the Villa Serena on Sunday, February 16th to enjoy what we like to very "humbly" say are the very best pancakes you will eat anywhere, even "Bob Evans" (Hope no one tells them about that).

Where could you go to get juice, pancakes (sooo large) sausage, coffee for a mere \$3.50. The comradery that existed was everywhere you looked.

We want to thank our very hard working "guys and gals" who set tables, served and cleaned tables. They all had aching backs, sore legs and arms, but it was well worth it!!

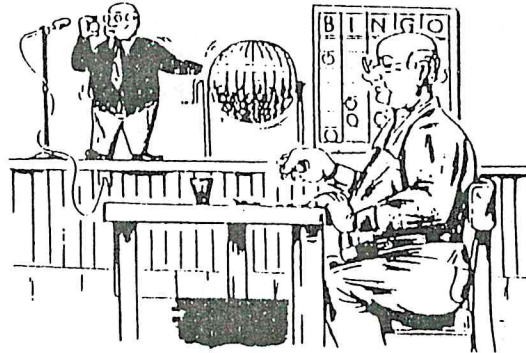
Over 1000 pancakes were made and our kitchen crew, Dorothy, Zadie, Mary Calogero, said they didn't care if they never saw another pancake ever!!!!

But don't you worry, let us get a little bit of rest and you may see us again some Sunday back at our original places serving, cooking and eating pancakes.

We don't want to forget the fact that we played some great Bingo after Breakfast and some lucky persons took home a bit of winnings. Some left with none, but we all had a great day at the Villa Serena.

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# BINGO AT THE VILLA



TUESDAY MARCH 11 1976

BRING YOUR BROWN BAG WITH YOUR FAVORITE SANDWICH

THE VILLA WILL HAVE COFFEE AND DESSERT

1:30 P.M. WE PLAY BINGO

FUN AFTERNOON FORGET YOUR WORRIES

SPECIAL DOOR PRIZES

EVERY ONE WELCOME



OUR THANKS TO SO MANY!!

February, 1997 was a very joyful month for Villa Serena!

How is it possible for anyone to find adequate words to describe the excitement that took place with the beginning of the celebration of our anniversary month and in the culmination of our glorious Sunday open house and reception on February 23rd.

So many persons, including our very able and efficient staff, all participated from the very beginning in decorating, baking, helping to serve, preparing the refreshments served and other areas of help, that to begin to name each person who did so much would only leave someone out.

TO EVERYONE OUR VERY SINCERE THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, WITHOUT EACH OF YOU, OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF 30 YEARS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AS WONDERFUL.

It is well recognized that the greatest possession that can be had by a person or entity is that of a good name. We are very proud of the good name and reputation of the Villa Serena and on the next pages you might find another story about our great day and the tribute that was paid to our "home".

Again our "thanks and appreciation; to each of you who contributed to making our 30th anniversary a very memorable one.

And lest we forget, a big thanks to all who attended to help us celebrate, we hope you had a good time!!

Howard I. Chesler

and

Mary Calogero

VILLA SERENA OPEN HOUSE!

On Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, Villa Serena had Open House in honor of the 30th Anniversary. Pictures were displayed which showed the Villa Serena from start to finish. Many wonderful and familiar faces were seen. The pictures were enjoyed by everyone and brought back fond memories to so many.

The Lounge was beautifully decorated and the tables were laden with wine, punch, delicious fruit, wonderful "goodies" of so many kinds of pastries. The anniversary cake was super delicious.

Then Mr. Chesler opened the program with a wonderful tribute to Mr. Alesci and Frank Pitrone and the original members of our Board. He extended a warm welcome to all.

Then he welcomed Father Ralph Thomas who delivered a beautiful invocation honoring our dear Villa Serena. He was the most gracious person spending the entire afternoon with us.

We were so glad to see that former Mayor Ross DeJohn came by to wish us well.

It was so pleasant and wonderful to hear from our present board members and co-sponsors, Tom Pitrone and Basil Russo, who reminisced about the years past when the Villa first opened its doors and the fact that they were mere youngsters and

now were grown up with families of their own, but still following in the footsteps of the wonderful persons who had come before them who belonged to the St. Francis Foundation and the Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America.

What a delight it was to have the Honorable Anthony Leanza, one of the members of our first Board of Trustees with us. He praised the continuing support we have had from our sponsors and the wonderful work of our Women's League of the Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America.

They all had wonderful words of appreciation, respect and admiration for Howard I. Chesler who has been the administrator for the past 30 years and for Mary Calogero both having shown much love and sincere dedication to the Villa Serena.

The program ended with the reading of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi by Mr. Chesler because we all believe that St. Francis has for the past 30 years watched over the people of the Villa Serena and protected them.

The afternoon ended with the beautiful music and singing of Rich D'Amato in our Red/Blue Room and the cutting of our birthday-anniversary cake.

It was a full, wonderful, memorable and delightful day.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 1997

MARCH

1	Mabelle Heidv	511
	Eleanor Nagy	517
2	Mary Hillen	406
4	Elizabeth Kiss	526
5	Fred Montello	804
	Alberta Jilek	604
11	Jacob Heintz	207
	Joseph Oleksy	628
12	Florence Turk	820
13	John Mallinach	316
	Joseph Nagy	517
14	Jenny Gatta	302
17	Genevieve Dolfi	303
	Elizabeth Strimaitis	510
21	Hortense Gordon	432
23	Marie Contaldo	429
26	Catherine Menier	419
28	James Waller	730
29	Mildred O'Neil	603

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

3	Mr. & Mrs. Al Brauer
28	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kozak 416

Happy Anniversary

MARCH

1	Marie Amata
	Helen Kizas
	Blanche David
	Fae Himmel
	Rose Garawav
	Adam Falzarano
2	Bernice Hylan
	Nettie Kaufman
3	Filomena DiFranco
	Florence Chesler
	Blanche Rini
4	Mary Tarbet
	Peter Taddeo
6	Mary Keegan
8	Edward Markewitz
9	Ida Zupnick
	Dee Hoffman
	Rose Keilen
	Rosalind Geller
10	Arthur Benes
11	Irv Buchler
13	Miriam Greenberg
13	Marilyn Adams
13	Marion Levey
14	Edith Spegel
16	Rose Cohen
17	Mary Clowacki
18	Barbara Lovey
23	Mary Clemente
25	Anne DiNunzio
26	Marie Matlock
	Nellie Weiss
27	Loretta Puggie
28	Marge Strolka
30	Jane Pless
	Ida Levine

Happy Birthday

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IRISH INVASION IS INEVITABLE!

YES SIReee!!! You bet your good  
old "Irish Instinct" if you  
have one, that is -- that the  
"irish" are going to INVADE,  
INFILTRATE, in an INEBRIATED,  
INFUSION of ISANITY, the  
IMPECCABLE, INTERNATIONALLY  
known IMAGE of our Villa Serena.

How about that for fun!!!

Now if that does not scare you

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IRISH INVASION (cont'd)

then how about coming to our now  
fabulous St. Patrick's Day dinner  
and celebration to take place on  
Monday, March 17th  
with dinner beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Naturally, our dinner will con-  
sist of that good OL' "MAGGIE AND  
JIGGS FAVORITE" (that is if you  
still remember who they are) of  
Corned Beef and Cabbage and all  
the trimmings, in addition to some  
good old "Irish Brew".

It will be a super night of pure  
enjoyment and "CHEER" because after  
dinner we will have a lot of fun  
with music, song and entertainment.

How about adding to this gala cele-  
bration of the evening with a "bit  
of the wearin' of the green."  
After all, who does not want to be  
really Irish on St. Patty's Day.

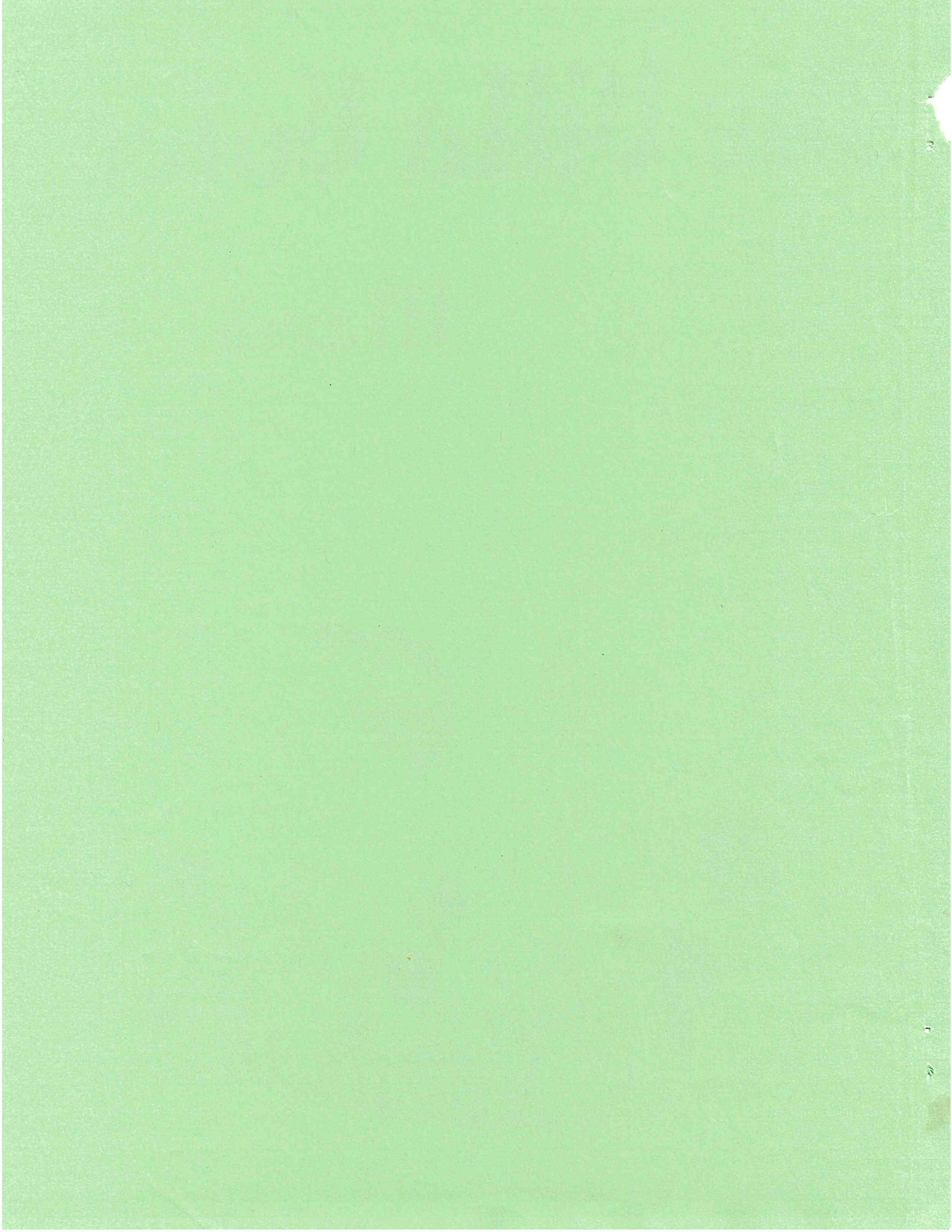
As usual, get your reservations in  
early. and of course,

"May your morning start with sunshine  
And your evenings all be blessed,  
With the peace of home and loved ones,  
And a happy heart at rest.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL!!!!

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