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VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

MAY, 1997

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th

BROWN BAG LUNCH AND BINGO

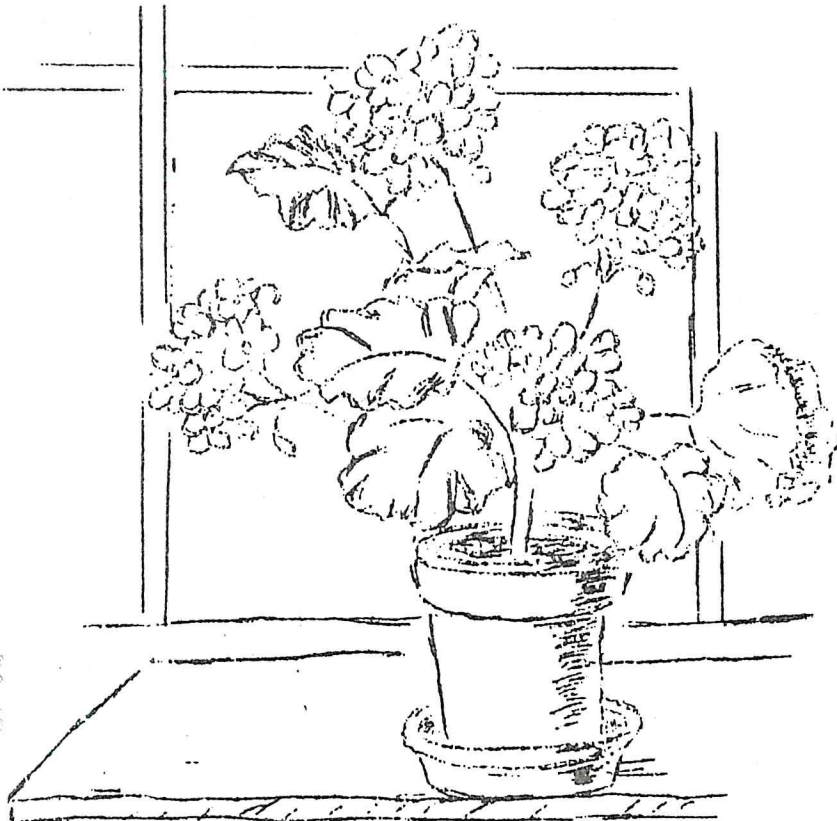
Dessert and Coffee  
by Villa Serena

FRIDAY, MAY 16th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Chicken Cutlet  
Potato  
Vegetable  
Dessert

\$ 6.50 per

NO DINNERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKENDS - HAVE A LOVELY  
HOLIDAY - WE'LL BE BACK  
NEXT MONTH.



## MOTHER'S DAY

Gentle hands that never weary toiling in love's  
vineyard sweet,  
Eyes that seem forever cheery when our eyes  
they chance to meet,  
Tender, patient, brave. devoted. this is  
always mother's way.  
Could her worth in gold be quoted as you think  
of her today?

There shall never be another quite so tender,  
quite so kind  
As the patient little mother; nowhere on this  
earth you'll find  
Her affection duplicated; none so proud if you  
are fine.  
Could her worth be overstated? Not by any words  
of mine.

Death stood near the hour she bore us, agony  
was hers to know,  
Yet she bravely faced it for us. smiling in  
her time of woe;  
Down the years how oft we've tried her, often  
selfish, heedless, blind,  
Yet with love alone to guide her she was never  
once unkind.

Vain are all our tributes to her if in words  
alone they dwell.  
We must live the praises due her; there's no  
other way to tell  
Gentle mother that we love her. Would you sav.  
as you recall  
All the patient service of her, you've been  
worthy of it all?

ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING TEN COMMANDMENTS OF BINGO AND THOU SHALT BE  
A HAPPY AND VERY CONTENT BINGO PLAYER ALWAYS

1. THOU SHALT NOT COME LATE TO BINGO GAMES (as if that ever would happen!!!!!!)
2. THOU SHALT NOT RESERVE SEATS FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR FRIENDS - IF ONE SEAT IS NOT AVAILABLE, THOU SHALL SELECT ANOTHER ONE - (REMEMBER THEE DID NOT PAY FOR THE CHAIR - IT IS NOT THINE TO RESERVE)
3. THOU SHALT NOT EVEN WHISPER TO THY NEIGHBOR WHILE BINGO NUMBERS ARE BEING CALLED (lest thee shalt miss thy number being called) AND THEE SHALT NOT TALK LOUDLY TO THY NEIGHBOR WHILE BINGO NUMBERS ARE BEING CALLED BACK TO THE CALLER!!!!
4. THOU SHALT NOT CALL OUT IN A WHISPER WHEN THEE HAS A BINGO - SPEAK LOUDLY TO BE HEARD - LEST YEE BE MISSED AND NOT RECEIVE THY JUST WINNINGS.
5. THOU SHALT NOT TURN OFF THE HEAT IF THEE IS TOO HOT (take off thy winter undies) AND THOU SHALT NOT TURN OFF THE FANS OR THE AIR CONDITIONER IF THEE IS TOO COLD (bring down thy sweater and put it on).
6. THOU SHALT NOT LOOK WITH CONTEMPT UPON THY NEIGHBOR WHO HAS WON MORE THAN ONE BINGO POT. (Are you kidding????)
7. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE ANY GUESTS WHO PLAY BINGO FEEL UNWELCOME REMEMBER THEIR MONEY IS AS GOOD AS THINE.
8. THOU SHALT NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS PLAYING BINGO IN THY MIDST, THE MORE THE MERRIER, AND MORE MONEY FOR THEE, TOO!!!
9. THOU SHALT NOT THROW ROTTEN TOMATOES AT THE BINGO CALLER FOR NOT CALLING THY NUMBER - THE CALLER DOES NOT BLOW THE BALLS OUT OF THE MACHINE - IT IS DONE BY A MOTOR WHICH IS NOT RIGGED, I MIGHT ADD. (Tomatoes are expensive, try something cheaper!)
10. THOU SHALT AT ALL TIMES ATTEMPT TO "LOOK WISE AND KEEP THY MOUTH SHUT" FROM THE HOURS OF 7:00 P.M. TO THE END OF BINGO TIME. (Now that is the biggest laugh of all!!!)

THY OBEDIENCE TO THE ABOVE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FAIR PLAY WILL HELP THEE, THY FRIENDS AND THY NEIGHBORS ENJOY THE EVENING!

I PRAYETH THAT THEE SHALL BE A GOOD SPORT!!!!!!

GOD BLESS THEE IN THY WINNINGS - I PRAYETH THAT THY WINNINGS SHALL MULTIPLY AND MULTIPLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

( SAW THIS IN AN EARLY ISSUE OF VILLA VOICE AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO READ IT AGAIN - ALL COPYRIGHTS RESERVED BY "MLC" )

FAT MAN'S OR WOMAN'S PRAYER

Lord, my soul is ripped with riot  
Insighted by my wicked diet.  
We are what we eat, said a wise  
old man,  
Lord, if that's true, I'm a  
garbage can.

I want to rise on Judgment Day,  
that's plain,  
But, at my present weight, I'll  
need a crane.  
So, grant me strength that I may  
not fall,  
Into the clutches of colestrol.

May my flesh with carrot curls  
be sated,  
That my soul may be polyunsaturated.  
And, show me the light, that I  
may bear witness,  
To the President's council on  
physical fitness.

And oleomargarine I'll never mutter,  
For the road to Hell is spread  
with butter.  
And cream is cursed, and cake is  
awful,  
And Satan is hiding in every waffle.

And Methostafelis lurks in Provelone,  
The devil is in each slice of baloney.  
Beezlebub is a chocolate drop,  
And, Lucifer is a lollipop.

Give me this day, my daily slice,  
But, but it thin, and toast it  
twice.

I beg upon my dimpled knees.  
Deliver me from JuJu beans.

And when my days of trial are done,  
And my war with malted milks is won,  
Let me stand with Saints in Heaven,  
In a shining robe - Size 37!

I can do it Lord, if you show to me,  
The virtue of lettuce and celery.  
If you'll teach me the evil of  
mayonnaise,  
The sinfulness of Hollandaise.

And Pasta ala milanese  
And potatoes ala leanese  
And crisp fried chicken from the  
South,  
Lord, if you love me, shut my mouth.

--Mary Calogero--

MONDAY PINOCHLE WINNERS

<u>March 31</u>		
Mary Blasko	557	\$2.50
Marcy Stianche	552	2.00
Agnes Puro	548	1.50
Vera Kozak	533	1.00
Thelma Olsen	530	1.00

<u>April 7</u>		
Thelma Liljt	555	2.50
Mamie Damanti	545	2.00
Joe Damanti	531	1.50
Mary Blasko	518	1.00
Agnes Puro	516	.50
Helen Balutis	516	.50

<u>April 14</u>		
Howard Barnes	595	2.50
Thelma Olsen	578	2.00
Jennie Cellura	558	1.50
Frank Stianche	530	1.00
Ed Markowicz	526	1.00

<u>April 21</u>		
Vera Kozak	574	2.50
Ed Mark	569	2.00
Mitzi Weber	568	1.50
Helen Lysko	556	1.00
Howard Barnes	545	1.00

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 7th

12:00 Brown Bag lunch  
1.30 Bingo

Friday, 16th

5:00 Dinner  
6:30 Dancing

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RESIDENTS

Please turn in your  
license numbers and  
telephone numbers

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 9:30-12:30 Ceramics	6 3:30 Rosary	7 9:00-12:00 Sewing 12:00 Lunch 1:30 Bingo	1 1:30-2:30 Line Dancing	2 3:30 Communion
6:30 Pinochle	7:00 Game night	1:30 Exercise		
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J I L L A S E R E N A A C C T I V I T I E S

PASSOVER DINNER

What a wonderful turnout we had for our traditional Passover Dinner. It was a beautiful sunshiny day when we all gathered to break matzohs together.

Mr. Chesler began our dinner explaining the meaning of this holiday and the symbolic food that is served at this time of year. He offered some very special prayers. We all then lifted our wine glasses in unison to greet one another.

It was followed by the Pass-over Dinner consisting of Matzoh Ball Soup, which was just delicious, chicken with potatoes and glazed carrots. Naturally, to add to the sweetness of the event, we had ice cream for dessert.

The message of this evening was very clear and enjoyed by everyone; that all persons of all faiths can come together as one family and pay tribute to this season of the year.

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You may have tangible wealth untold  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold,  
Richer than I you can never be  
I had a Mother who read to me.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Do you remember making popcorn when you were a youngster? I remember the ears of corn spread to dry in a cool room. The colors were lovely and no two alike. We picked a few and proceeded to scrape the kernels off into a colander. Our fingers would be full of small cuts. The ears of corn were really dry with sharp angles.

Shake the collander to get the shcff out then dump the kernels into a cast iron skillet holding melted lard! Shake the pan back and ofrth so nothing burned. We would make about five batches and dump the white corn into a very large bowl. We loved it. A far cry from today's popcorn. Right?

Josephine Gentile

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CARD PARTY WINNERS

The Wednesday night winners on April 9th were Mamie Damanti, Mary Blasko, Joe Damanti, Helen Balutis, Ed Mark and Evelyn DeFlorentis.

The winners on April 23rd were Helen Lysko, Jennie Cellura, Mitzi Weber, Howard Barnes, Marcie Stianche and Thelma Olsen.

Come on down for an evening of fun.

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AROUND THE CORNER!!!

Around the corner I have a friend,  
In this great city that has no end,  
Yet days go by and weeks rush on  
And before I know it, a year has gone,  
And I never see my old friend's face,  
Our life is a swift and very terrible race.

She knows I like her just as well,  
As in the days when I rang her bell.  
And she of course rang mine.  
But we were younger then;  
And now we are busy and tired gals  
Tired with playing a foolish game  
Tired with trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow" I say, "I'll call on her".  
Just to show I'm thinking of her"  
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,  
And the distance between us grows and grows,  
We are just around the corner,  
and yet miles away.

"Here is a telephone call for you dear"  
Marie suddenly died today.  
That's what we get and deserve in the end,  
Around the corner---a vanished dear friend.

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God is so big he can cover the whole world with his love, and so small he can curl up inside your heart.

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SQUARE DANCE NIGHT!

The April 11th dinner had a great turnout of residents and members. The selection of fish or pork chop dinner with all the trimmings was well received. The volunteers once again did a "bang up" job of serving so many persons so quickly.

Then on to the Red/Blue Room where Bob Howell proceeded with the evening's entertainment. He is well known throughout the area for his square dance calling and he saw many familiar faces in the crowd. If some in the audience were not able to keep up, their "shoe tapping" was in tune with those dancing on the floor.

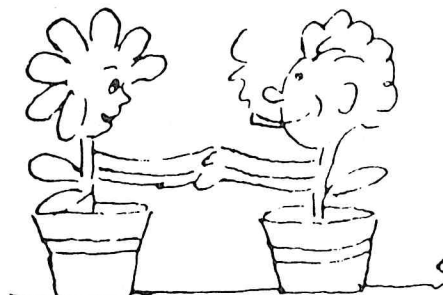
The Popular Macarena tune was enjoyed as the group did the various line dance versions both regular and Western type.

There is nothing like lively tunes to put everyone in good spirits.

We would like to acknowledge the lovely thank you note recently received from one of our new members. We thank them for their kind words and taking the time to let Villa Serena know how much they enjoyed the evening.

It was greatly appreciated.

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THE BEAUTY OF MAY

Every year I hear about the days when everyone would get together and have that wonderful dance "around the Maypole". I never saw or heard about it (maybe I came around into this world a little bit too late, because I understand that those were really beautiful days of gay times, love, friendship and less worrisome days. Wish I could have been a part of that era.

Well, now the merry month of May is here with the daffodils, tulips, magnolia trees, bright blue skies ahead. If you just can be patient suddenly all of the loveliness of May will be upon us bright and beaming with the warm glow of the warm sun to brighten up our days. If you stop and think about it, we can create that same warm glow within ourselves by shaking off the winter blahs.

Maybe we don't have that gaily decorated Maypole around anymore, but that shouldn't stop us from hanging out that basket of love and friendship that we knew so long ago. We need so much of that in these trying days for so many. Take advantage of this "merry month of May". Get out of doors, dance to the music of Mother Nature, give your neighbor a smile. You'd be surprised how they will smile right back. Not only that, but smiling will prevent those nasty wrinkles from forming around your face

Try it, you'll like it!!!!

Mary Calogero

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A DAY TO HONOR ALL MOTHERS!

Yes, Mother's Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, 11th. Just once a year is hardly enough to remember our mothers.

Those of us who are older remember the mothers of yesterday. Many of us are grandmothers today. Those were the days when mother was the ruler of the house (in the kindest ways, of course). The love of our mothers can never be duplicated. Nothing can take its place.

And now we must include in our prayers the mothers of today who struggle so hard in today's world, to hold down a job, to be a single parent, and yet to be good and wonderful mothers to their children, trying to do the very best they can in a world that has changed from the days of old. These are very brave parents in this new generation of parenthood.

Let us remember that these very brave parents have given us grandchildren. There is no grandparent who does not derive great joy from their grandchildren. We are so blessed to have them around.

So, we want to say thank you and God Bless to all mothers everywhere no matter what your lot in life may be. We will always honor you for the strength you give your families.

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Happy  
Mother's Day

OUR FRIENDS NEXT DOOR!!

Within this past year, we have acquired some new friends next door at St. Francis of Assisi and we have had the great pleasure of having them attend our programs and dinners.

We speak of none other than dear Father Caddy, Father Pajk and Father Thomas. God certainly did his homework when he chose them to join his flock.

They are cheerful, humorous, always smiling, so congenial and they shall always be welcome at the Villa Serena.

We sincerely hope they will be with us at St. Francis for a long time.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Lest We Forget!!!! May is Memorial Day -- all of those lovely young men who fought the war to "end all wars".

With bowed heads, a fervent prayer and a softly shed tear remember the brave boys who lie quietly under the waving red, white and blue flags on Memorial Day.

And, God, also bless those brave men and women who are dedicated and protecting our country all over the world.

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BROWN BAG BINGO BASH!!!!!!

It seems that it provides great enjoyment when you are able to bring your own lunch and it is something that you know you can eat or if you are on a certain diet, something you are allowed to eat.

Then after you eat your own lunch, we go and feed you ice-cream which we all know has a lot of calories and much fat. But we do not seem to care because it tastes so good.

Come to the Villa on WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th. Bring your little or big brown bag, we will serve you dessert and coffee and then the fun will start.

Its Big Bingo of course. By now you all know the way we play. Buy 3 cards for \$5.00 and you will have a chance to win some money, that is if this happens to be your lucky day.

So if it is not your lucky day, you will have spent a nice afternoon with nice people. We'll love seeing you.

Don't forget to read the "Ten Commandments" of Bingo in this issue of the Villa Voice before you come. We know you won't abide by them, but they are certainly fun to read and maybe, just maybe some of you will try to follow the rules just this one time. Oh well, I guess we can dream on this one.

See you at Bingo on the 7th!!!!!!

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 1997

MAY

2 Louis Balasz 218  
V. Michael Catalano 216  
5 Elizabeth Glady 605  
8 Jennie Marvin 401  
9 Bernice Catania 209  
10 Mildred Rastatter 228  
11 Irene Lane 726  
13 Jennie Cellura 317  
15 Philip Bucklan 623  
16 Lois Mocnik 211  
19 Edna Blasko 522  
20 Julia Balasz 218  
22 Rita DiLauro 424  
23 Evelyn DeFlorentis 705  
25 Mary Masseria 304  
26 Julia Rehark 212  
30 Robert O'Brien 802  
Ann Wingfield 513

MAY

1 Antoinette Grimm  
2 Santina Musarra  
3 James Mecca  
4 Ernest Minicucci  
6 Rosalyn Kline / Anne Tucci  
7 Angela Kulka  
Vida Gawenda  
8 Evelyn Broocker  
Mae Negrelli  
12 Lucille McDonald  
15 Olga DiNardo  
Sarah Pinter  
16 Julius Rasoletti  
Harold Levine  
19 George Nagy  
24 Mary Kerek  
25 Wanda Mitchell  
Rita Hammerly  
Ivo Bidinost  
26 Cecile Arlen  
27 Adrian Nicholls  
28 Dorothy Callaly  
29 Leslie Lubat  
30 Valerie Giusto

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

1 Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Simone  
16 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell  
21 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Caplinsky  
23 Mr. & Mrs. George Kossoff  
24 Mr. & Mrs. John Hruska  
25 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Arcuri

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

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GOTTA DANCE, WANNA DANCE!!

Gotta Dance, Wanna Dance; gosh seems like I heard that somewhere in a song when I saw a movie where Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were dancing up a storm. Those were such beautiful movies, watching the two of them moving about so smoothly on the dance floor.

And who can forget going to the Ice Capades years ago and looking forward to seeing the couple called the "Old Smoothies" skating around the ice rink so lovingly.

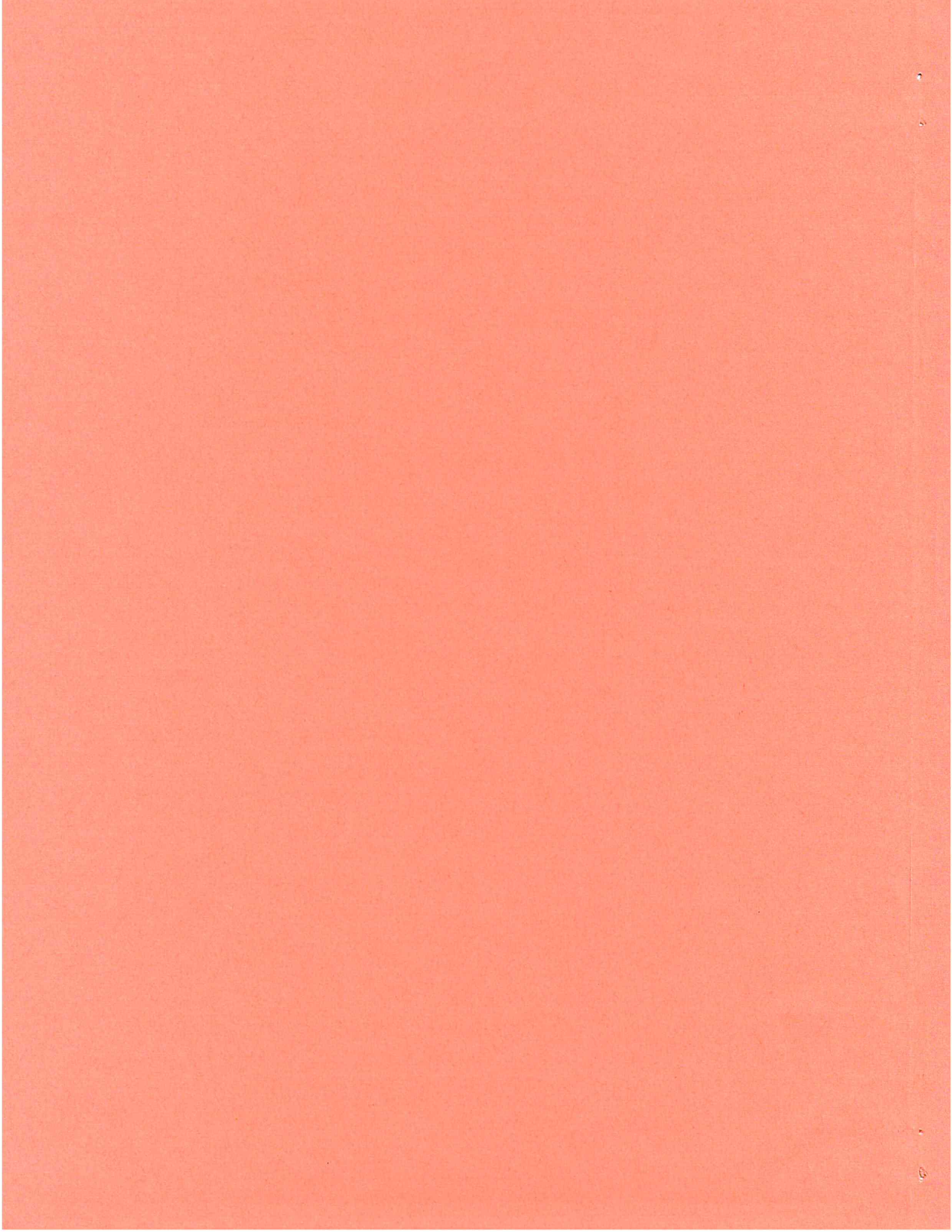
Which brings this all down to one fact, that naturally we are going to have a dance also at the Villa Serena.

We may not be those famous stars but we sure can hold our own when it comes to dancing. I've watched our dancers many times and the genuine enjoyment I see on their faces lets us all know that dancing will never become passe whether it be at the Villa or anywhere else.

So, come have dinner with us on FRIDAY, MAY 16th. It will be a big occasion because we will also pay tribute to all of you having birthdays and anniversaries in May. Then on to the dancing for the rest of the evening.

You know by now that we will do our best to provide you with a lovely evening of dance music and comradery.

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