

# The Villa Voice

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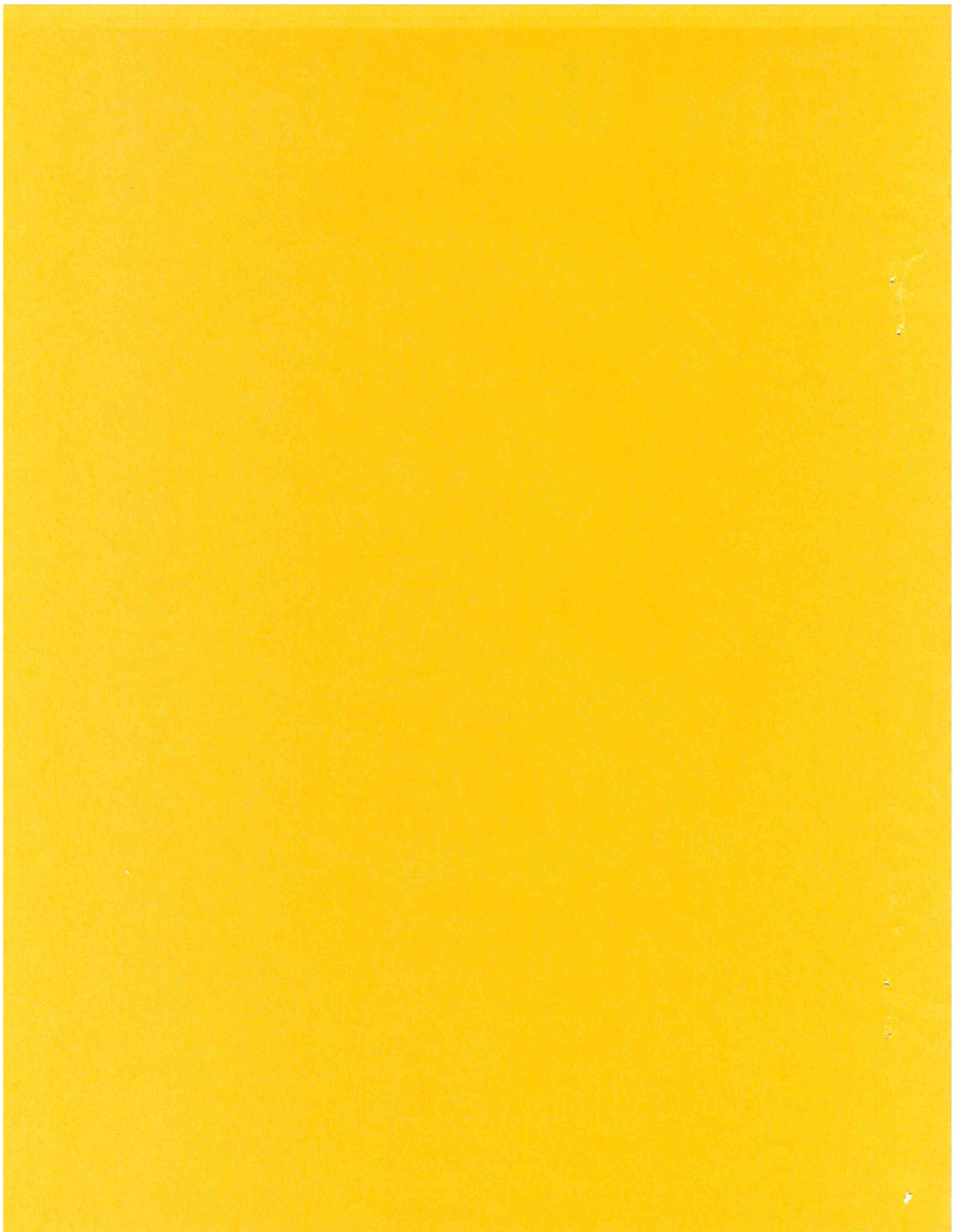


## COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

The harvest is gathered with plenty in store,  
Bins have been filled with goodies once more.  
Chestnuts are roasting on the fire so bright,  
The room is so cozy with a glowing gay light.  
The table is set with Mr. Turkey as host,  
As drinks are made ready for a holiday toast.  
It's a time for prayer this Thanksgiving day,  
To count our blessings in a special way.

--Edith Madge







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VILLA SERENA EXTENDS INVITATION  
TO ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN IN  
SHARING A THANKSGIVING  
DINNER

Our Villa Serena Thanksgiving dinner is a special occasion every year for all of us. It is indeed a day when all members of the Center can join together to express gratitude for the many joys the Villa Serena has added to our lives and to give thanks for all the good things we have experienced.

Always the main entree on the dinner menu is "Tom Turkey" who arrives with all his trimmings for an especially delicious meal. Dinner is served starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be entertainment at 7:00 p.m.

An invitation is cordially extended to all of you to join us with your friends and family on Tuesday, November 23rd. It is a night when you can dress and dine elegantly and enjoy some very fine entertainment.

Tickets for the evening will be \$3.50 per person. Please make your reservations early. No tickets will be sold after Friday, November 19th.

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STAFF

Eileen Bentler, Joseph Bentler, Lad Cimler, Mollie Cohen, Kathryn Ewing, Rudolf Freed, William Jaeger, Ralph Keeler, Dorothy Khaner, Edith Madge, Irene McDonough, Amelia Nagy, Joseph Rak, and Ann Tieleman.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND  
ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Our November Birthday and Anniversary Party will be held on Friday, November 5, 1976, at 7:00 p.m.

We have planned an unusually fine musical program to be given by two truly excellent performers. Ann Lombardo, with her exceptionally distinguished voice, has a great repertoire of songs to offer us. John DiPuccio, a fine accomplished violinist, will share the evening's stage with Ms. Lombardo. He promises nothing less than a virtuoso performance.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November Birthstone: Topaz

November Flower: Chrysanthemum

We are so thankful that we have each of you to extend our very best wishes to....Board of Trustees and Villa Serena staff.

--Eileen Bentler

Nov.

1 Rose Liedberg #718  
1 John Delly #313  
4 Clifford Hemple #502  
4 Helen Sullivan #825  
6 Anthony Catullo #622  
6 Emery Balogh #715  
7 Mae Cimler #818  
7 Barbara Vaul #306  
13 John Nagy #817  
13 Viola Ferguson #819  
13 Joseph McClintock #517  
18 Clara Colson #704  
18 Ellen Guarnieri #208  
21 Alphonsine Massaro #320  
21 William Skaryd #303  
23 Angela Modica #414  
22 Clem Brazis #416  
24 Jennie Julian #329  
24 Erna Haller #524  
24 Mathew DiCarlo #207  
25 Edith Latini #516  
29 Fanny Bluestein # 310  
29 Louis Scharcz #507  
30 Jean Corbin #614  
30 Teresa Bocchicchio #210  
30 Ida Caruso #613

Nov.

1 John Suvak  
2 Mike Suvak  
2 Josephine Lanese  
3 Kay Spear  
5 Ann Toth  
5 Rosella Rogers  
5 Irene Anderson  
6 Frances Gaffney  
6 Lydia Reinke  
9 Eleanor Shafer  
9 Mildred DiCillo  
10 Rose Kravec  
10 Anna Turpak  
11 Florence Traubenberg  
11 Bessie Gordon  
12 Giselda Lanza  
12 Lillian Ledger  
13 Jean Simmons  
14 Rosalie Vanik  
15 Bernie Clasen  
15 Nellie Restifo  
15 Gertrude Hughes  
16 Elsa Bunge  
18 Adelaide Gallagher  
20 Wilbur Porter  
20 Elizabeth Toth  
22 Georgia Zeigler  
24 Harry Spellman  
27 Harriet Totman  
28 Grace Sofia  
29 Celia Fryer  
29 Michelle Kutis  
29 Claire Marino

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 2 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Traubenberg  
November 9 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lombardo #330  
November 15 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Latsko #418  
November 21 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latini #516  
November 22 Mr. and Mrs. John Fekete #430  
November 24 Mr. and Mrs. Lad Cimler #818  
November 26 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scharcz  
November 29 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiltshire



A SUNDAY SUPER GAME EVENT

Here we go again with a super duper game event that is planned just for those who appreciate a big time opportunity to win! Everyone knows that a super game event means big prizes and door prizes!

Sunday afternoon, November 7th, at 3:00 is the date to red circle on your calendars. For the low cost of \$2.00 for 3 cards you, too, may challenge Lady Luck. All gamesters are welcome to join us. This may be your lucky afternoon!

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TRAVELING WITH MRS. JOSEPHINE ROSSER

A special treat can be yours if you come to the Villa Serena on Monday night, November 15th, at 8:00. Mrs. Josephine Rosser will delight us with a travelogue of her trip to Greece. Her program is called, "Seein' the Aegean."

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BOOK REVIEWER, VIRGINIA BIGELOW,  
RETURNS TO THE VILLA

Virginia Bigelow has been with us many times to offer for our enjoyment summaries of some fascinating books. We are pleased to welcome back again on Monday, November 8th, at 8:00 p.m. when she will tell us about the book by Marjorie Holmes, entitled You, and I and Yesterday. It is a story about the 20's and 30's. Ms. Bigelow has a delightful way of presenting a book's story so that one feels very much a part of the story. We highly recommend that you come and enjoy a diverting evening of story telling.

TICKETS FOR CLEVELAND CIVIC  
LIGHT OPERA

An entrancing evening of entertainment is yours on Wednesday, December 1st, when the Cleveland Civic Light Opera presents "The Red Mill." It is a special evening at a special price of \$2.50. Tickets are still available in the office.

Time is getting short so, please, won't you make reservations now. We would like to have a good showing of Villa Serena people attending this event.

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FLEA MARKET A GREAT SUCCESS

We don't think we really have to tell you that the Villa Serena's Flea Market was a great success! But just for the record, the sale realized \$659.00. This money is a great aid in helping the Villa Serena to improve its programs and activities and to make the Villa a vibrant and vital senior citizen activities center.

We sincerely express our heartfelt thanks to everyone. It would take pages of thanks to include the names of all who participated in this success story. That's why we really don't need to tell you the Flea Market was a success! It is really your success story because so many of you worked diligently to achieve it. Thanks and many thanks to all.

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BUS FUND DONATIONS

Cash

\$2.00 Mrs. J. Czernicic  
\$5.00 Henry Herczog  
\$5.00 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welke  
\$25.00 Tony Catullo

Loose Stamps

Ralph Keeler

Books

Molly Cohen (1/3)  
Cele Pattrone (1)

The watchwords for the month of November are "Keep Joe Slaminka busy counting stamps!"

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DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

- Nov. 4 Rev. R. L. Hoover  
Highland Road Baptist
- Nov. 11 Rev. Donald Hufman  
Mayfield United Methodist
- Nov. 18 Rev. Robert Cline  
Messiah Lutheran

Our thanks to Beverley Cline, Annett Douglas, Sandy Hemphill, and Charles Ward for their contribution to our services.  
--Ann Tieleman

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NOVEMBER BUS SCHEDULE

- November 3 Richmond Mall
- November 10 North Randall Mall
- November 17 Mentor Mall
- November 24 Severance Center

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be Tuesday, November 9th, at 7:00 p.m. We are asking all men who can help out at the Boutique to leave your name at the office. We are again selling tickets for the raffle so let's get behind the ticket sales and beat last year's record.

We had a good turn out for the Flea Market and many thanks to all who helped.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new men residents to attend our next meeting as our guests.

Joseph McClintock,  
President

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VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I,  
Barracks No. 3482

The next meeting of the Villa Serena Barracks will be held on Monday, November 8th, at 1:30 p.m. The members will be selling poppies on November 8-9-10. All the money received is used to help the sick and disabled veterans in hospitals and elsewhere.

All men who served in World War I are invited to join our Barracks. We need you and you need us.

Joseph McClintock,  
Commander

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VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED FOR  
BOUTIQUE SHOPPE '76

Of major importance and need is to have volunteer workers on the day of the Boutique--for the kitchen work and for selling. Have you decided what hours you can help? Be sure to stop in at the office soon and sign up! If you have already signed your name on the list in the office, would you please check with Dorothy Papcke again so that we can be sure the list is in order.

We guarantee you will have great feelings of joy when you actively participate in the exciting activities taking place on Saturday, November 20th.

Just about anything that is yummy and bakeable is welcomed by the Bake Shop. There can never be a sufficient amount of your home baked goodies available for all the eager buyers. Look for your favorite recipe, make sure you have the ingredients, and please plan to donate it to our Bake Shop sale. Please help us by telling the office what you are planning to bake. We need your cooperation and donations.

Raffle items are "one of a kind." It is a rare opportunity to be kind to your relatives and friends by giving them this opportunity to buy several tickets and perhaps win one of the fabulous Boutique prizes! Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 and can be bought in the office, or any one of our Men's Club members will be happy to take care of your ticket needs.

Remember to check in at the office to let us know when you are planning to volunteer your time and energies on the big day, Saturday, November 20th. The Villa Serena needs your help whenever, however, and whatever you can give or do to make our BOUTIQUE SHOPPE '76 a gigantic success.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY AND  
ANNIVERSARY PARTY

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Since "Chef Evelyn" has planned an especially good short ribs of beef dinner for this November 5th evening, we suggest you plan now to join us here at the Villa Serena for dinner and the evening's entertainment. Celebration cake and coffee will be served after the performance. We look forward to seeing everyone, especially our birthday and anniversary celebrants on this first Friday evening in November.

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UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NOTES

Hi Friends. Autumn with all its beautiful colors is here. Just the right time for a tour in the country and a good dinner. Sunday, October 31st, is the day for Uncle Rudy's Mystery Trip. Only four seats left, so hurry to your telephone and get your reservation made!

Don't forget the New Year's Party at Atwood Lodge. The \$25.00 deposit must be in by November 15th. Don't miss this great four day event.

For further information about either of these two trips, call 461-2457.

Yours in friendship,  
"Uncle Rudy"  
Rudolph Freed

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LADIES AUXILIARY, WORLD WAR I  
VETERANS

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8th, at the Villa Serena.

Our members will help the Barracks sell poppies in November. The 9th District meeting will be held Thursday, November 4th, at 2:00 p.m. at Cudall Hall, West Boulevard and Detroit Avenue. We regret to report the death of Anna Kendra, Past Department of Ohio and Past District 9 President.

--Ellen McClintock  
President

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WELCOME TO PETER NESS

We are delighted to welcome a new member to our Villa Serena family. Mr. Peter Ness has joined us as an additional maintenance man on our staff. He and his wife, Emily, will reside in Apartment 101. On behalf of all the Villa Serena members we welcome them warmly to our midst.

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The VILLA VOICE and its readers extend sincere sympathy to the families of  
Elsie Brenneman  
Marie McGraw  
Our sympathy is also extended to Kate Blumer on the death of her brother.

UP AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Clinton Kroh and Anna Lyons who are home from the hospital, and to Helen Flynn who was recently admitted to the hospital.  
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Our thanks to Lad Cimler and to Mr. and Mrs. Koptis who, under the supervision of Nan Rood, decorated our Center for Halloween. Cornstalks came from Lad, Holden Smith, and the Koptis gardens.  
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Pinochle Tournament winners:  
Isabel Wallace 690 \$3.00  
Betty Pinter 666 2.50  
W. C. Wallace 644 2.00  
Hilda Griffin 638 1.50

William Grimm 698 \$3.00  
George Mower 644 2.00  
Clara Swartz 643 1.25  
Rudy Freed 643 1.25  
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We want to say thank you again to Verne Morgan and Mike Suvak for the superb work they did to put the front page cover together in memory of Frank Alesci in September's VILLA VOICE.  
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NEW MEMBERS ARE ADDED TO VILLA  
SERENA'S CENTER

Warm greetings of welcome to the following new members:  
Catherine Keefe  
Bessie Gordon  
Mary Kwedder  
Nellie Restifo  
Violet Papp  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rini  
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lanese  
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CURRENT EVENTS LECTURES. The following is reprinted from the Benedictine newspaper. Professor Joseph E. Kall lectures at the Villa Serena every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

## Energetic Educator

"Joseph E. Kall has many callings in life. To begin with, he is chairman of the social and behavioral sciences departments at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. For the past 18 years he has been professor of political science and history there and this summer he was the faculty moderator for a defense strategy seminar at the University of National Defense in Washington, D.C.



Joseph E. Kall

"He is also a Lt. Col. in the Ohio Air National Guard and director of intelligence for the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Columbus.

"In high school, Joe starred on the 1948 Ohio State title winning baseball team. He later earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in photography, a bachelor of science degree in commerce and a master's degree in political science, all from Ohio University.

"In July of this year he was elected to a third consecutive term as Chairman of the Lake-Geauga Regional Board of Education for the diocese of Cleveland. He is in his fourth year as coordinator of the CCD classes at his home parish of St. Anselm in Chesterland, Ohio. In 1971, Kall was selected as an outstanding educator because of his contributions to the advancement of higher education and his service to the community.

"Joe also teaches physical education at St. Anselm School and at Notre Dame Elementary School in Chardon, and he lectures to Golden Agers at the Villa Serena, Mayfield Heights, and Musicians Towers in Cleveland Heights.

"Kall lives with his wife Shirley Ann and their five children at 7550 Greenfield Trail, Chesterland."

BRIDGE. When the present beginners' class completes its ten basic lessons, we will continue with intermediate bridge. Anyone interested in reviewing bidding techniques may join the group on Monday morning. Watch your VILLA VOICE for starting date. We have a lot of new members in our Advanced group and hope that they are able to improve their game in doing so--have more fun!

--Ve Karash

BOUTIQUE WORKSHOPS. Here we are down to the finish line again. Everything is progressing well and our finished products are more beautiful than in previous years. We have a wide assortment of new items that will please  
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KITCHEN KORNER

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY  
LONG TO BE REMEMBERED

MOCKED STUFFED FISH

Four cups water  
2 onions, sliced thin  
2 stalks celery, diced  
2 medium-sized potatoes, sliced  
1 can (1 lb.) salmon  
1 onion, grated  
4 tbs. matzoh meal  
3 eggs, beaten separately  
Salt and pepper

Bring the water to a boil in a saucepan. Add the sliced onions, carrots, celery, potatoes and half the salt and pepper. Remove the skin from the salmon; flake and combine with the grated onion, beaten egg yolks, meal and remaining salt and pepper; fold in the beaten egg whites. Form into balls. Place gently in the boiling water and vegetables; reduce the heat; simmer. Remove the balls to a platter; let cool. Chill. Serve with the vegetables and soup in which they cooked.

--Amelia Nagy

RAW POTATO NOODLES

1 good sized raw potato  
2 cups flour  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon salt

Grate potato into the flour, add salt and 2 eggs; knead together to a smooth dough; then roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Let stand for 30 minutes, dust with flour and cut into 1/4 inch noodles and boil 10 minutes in salted water. Drain well, pour melted butter over it. Serve either as a vegetable or a garnish with fish or meats. It also can be used in soup, in which case cut the noodles a little finer.

--Amelia Nagy

It was a beautiful fall day with the colorful autumn leaves at their peak as the Villa celebrated its birthday-anniversary party on Sunday afternoon, October 10th. Each celebrant was like a golden leaf from the tree of life of the autumn years, and Mr. Jack Baker, celebrating his 91st, glittered over all. Mrs. Joseph Marazzi, minus her husband who was ill, was the only one celebrating her anniversary. Many warm wishes went out to all of them.

On this memorable day the Villa Serena was invaded with beautiful "little people." Mr. Syd Friedman's "Tiny Rascals" came to entertain us. Rosemary Friedman was the director of this group. The musical trio that accompanied the children were Bill Bunner and Sam Friedman, guitarists, and David Friedman, drums.

This new troupe and new talent depicted the old "Our Gang Comedy" group. They were both delightful and entertaining and quite humorous! We enjoyed them immensely! They were just great!

After the entertainment the Luigi Modica family in memory of of their father presented the Villa Serena with a beautiful painting to grace our Villa walls.

What a splendid day it turned out to be! Another party and another page in the history of the Villa Serena. Look to the future for more such enjoyable parties.

-- Edith Madge



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 10-12 Red Cross 10-12 Beg. Bridge 1-3 Adv. Bridge 1-3 Boutique 3:30 Rosary 7:30 Pinochle	2 10-12 Cancer Vol. 10-12 Sewing 1-3 Sewing 8:00 Game Night	3 9-12 Boutique 1-3 Boutique 1:15-3:15 Painting 2-3 Exercise	4 10:00 Church 1-3 Knit & Crochet 3-4 Needlepoint 2:00 KALL LECTURE 3:30 Mass 7:00 Pool Tournament 8:00 Game Night	5 10:00 Quilting 5:00 Dinner 7:00 BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PARTY
8 10-12 Red Cross 10-12 Beg. Bridge 1-3 Adv. Bridge 1-3 Boutique 3:30 Rosary 1:30 W.W.I Vets/Aux. 8:00 BOOK REVIEW Virginia Bigelow	9 10-12 Cancer Vol. 10-12 Sewing 1-3 Sewing 7:00 MEN'S CLUB	10 9-12 Boutique 1-3 Boutique 1:15-3:15 Painting 2-3 Exercise	11 10:00 Church 1-3 Knit & Crochet 3-4 Needlepoint 2:00 KALL LECTURE 7:00 Pool Tournament 8:00 Game Night	12 10:00 Quilting 5:00 Dinner 8:00 Dancing
15 10-12 Red Cross 10-12 Beg. Bridge 1-3 Adv. Bridge 1-3 Boutique 3:30 Rosary 8:00 TRAVELOGUE Josephine Rosser	16 10-12 Cancer Vol. 10-12 Sewing 1-3 Sewing 8:00 Game Night	17 9-12 Boutique 1-3 Boutique 1:15-3:15 Painting 2-3 Exercise	18 10:00 Church 1-3 Knit & Crochet 3-4 Needlepoint 2:00 KALL LECTURE 7:00 Pool Tournament 8:00 Game Night	19 10:00 Quilting NO DINNER
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29 10-12 Red Cross 10-12 Beg. Bridge 1-3 Adv. Bridge 1-3 Do Your Own 3:30 Rosary 7:30 Pinochle	30 10-12 Cancer Vol. 10-12 Sewing 1-3 Sewing	SPECIAL EVENTS: Every Saturday Night Game Night at 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 5th, 7:00 p.m. BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY Sunday, November 7th, 3:00 p.m. SUPER GAME EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, BOUTIQUE SHOPPE, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, THANKSGIVING DINNER at 5:00 p.m. ENTERTAINMENT at 7:00 p.m.		



VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1976

Friday, November 5th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Short Ribs of Beef  
Buttered Noodles  
Spinach Souffle  
Cole Slaw  
Rice Pudding

Friday, November 12th

Choice of Baked Fish  
or Southern Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Jello Salad  
Dessert

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

THANKSGIVING DINNER

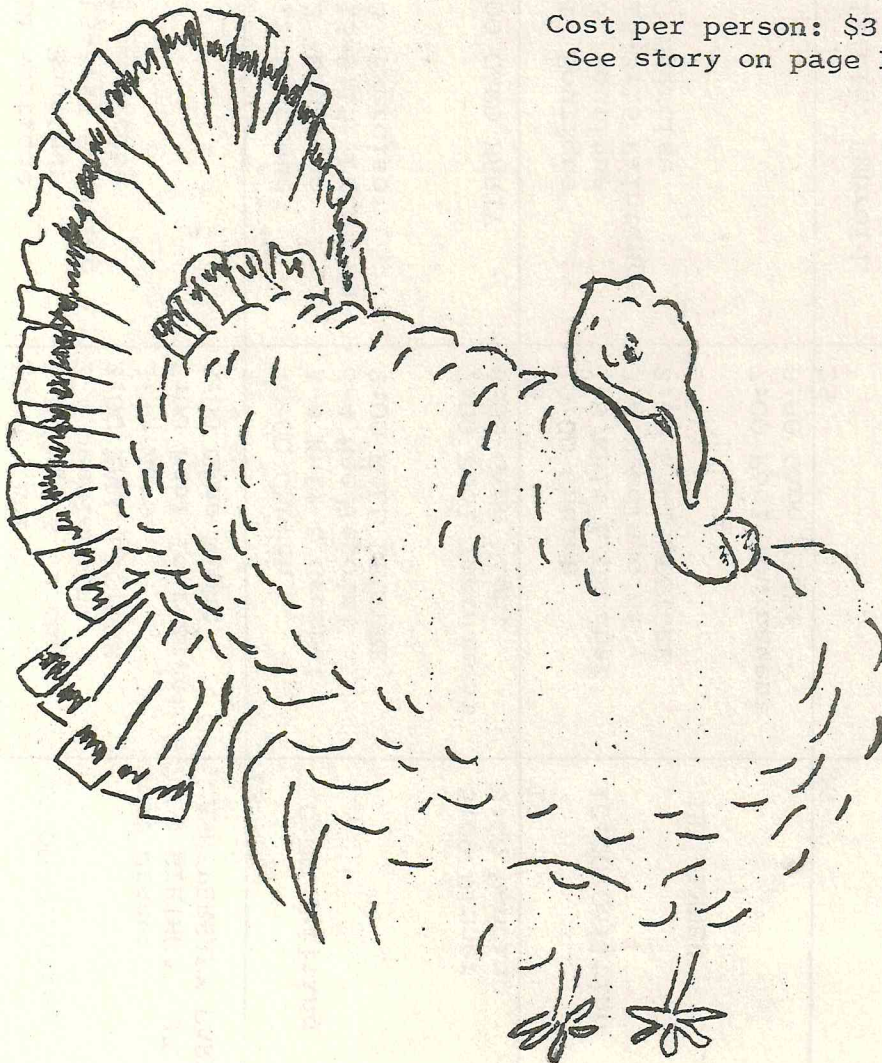
"TOM TURKEY" STARS  
with all the trimmings

Cost per person: \$3.50  
See story on page 1

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

BOUTIQUE SHOPPE

Refreshments available  
in the cafeteria.







# Boutique Shoppe

SUPPORT THE VILLA SERENA-----ATTEND OUR BOUTIQUE SHOPPE

Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1976  
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Villa Serena, 6800 Mayfield Road

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HANDMADE CROCHETED AND KNITTED ITEMS  
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OUR DINING ROOM WILL BE OFFERING FOOD AND  
REFRESHMENTS OF YOUR CHOICE  
AT VERY NOMINAL PRICES







BOUTIQUE WORKSHOPS. (continued from page 7)

each and everyone of your needs. There are many new Christmas ornaments and decorations, quaint rooster pot holders, quilled mirrors, yam floral arrangements, beaded rooters, darling calico and gingham stationary, denim soap holders, pine cone owls, velvet apples, beaded napkin rings and so many more things that are new and different. Don't forget to stop by and see the beautiful handmade items that our members have made.

--Marilyn Marks

KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND NEEDLEPOINT. Knit 1, Purl 1, or single crochet, double crochet, or would you like to needlepoint or crewel? We would like to have you with us on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are presently engaged in making items for our Boutique. If you need help on any of your own projects, please come and see us. Anyone wanting to make mittens? We can supply the yarn for you to knit or to make needlepoint items.

--Phyllis Milbrodt

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS. Betty Pinter, Emma Kling, and Gladys Crawford were invited by Mr. J. W. Coffman, Adult Community Coordinator, to tour the Cuyahoga County Library. Computerized machines were demonstrated for them. After the tour they were served coffee and cake. Following refreshments and conversation, they went to the Geauga County library to view antiques. It was both an informative and enjoyable afternoon for the library volunteers.

--Betty Pinter

Editor's Note: We learned that coffee and cake was served in honor of Betty's birthday. We all wish her well.

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WHAT IS THANKSGIVING?

Isn't it typical that when we find November is upon us, the first things that come to our minds are roast turkey and all the "fixins" and pumpkin pie and poppin' hot chestnuts, forgetting too soon the red and gold trees, the brilliant and soft colored flowers that have worked so hard all during spring and summer to give us so much beauty and pleasure. Sort of like life isn't it? How quickly we forget when some new pleasure overtakes the old. But then November lends a helping hand to Mother Nature, too, seeing that all the beautiful song birds arrive safe and sound in sunny warm places for the winter, that all the animals are tucked in with plenty of food for a much deserved rest and the first flurries of that soft white "stuff" is sprinkled around by her cold hand to beautify the already barren landscape. Just like life again. When things seem dismal and dark something always comes from the hand of the Creator to make things bright and promising. Let's remember this; that's what Thanksgiving Day is all about.

--Eileen Bentler



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