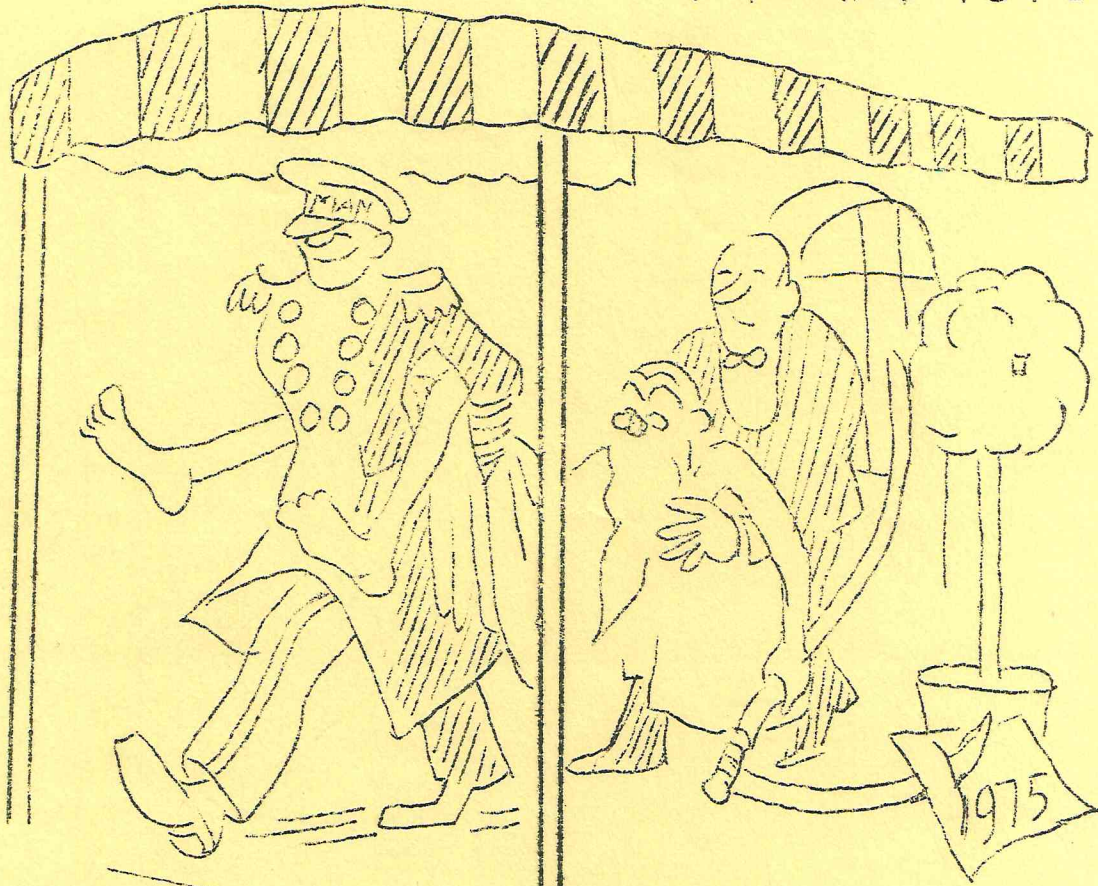


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The Villa Voice

JANUARY 1976



WE'RE TAKING
"TIME OUT" TO WISH YOU A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR HOPE

The bells are ringing loud and clear,
A New Year is born to bring us cheer,
As upon the New Year tide we sail,
May hope and peace again prevail,
Hand in hand we'll travel along,
With love in our hearts and singing a song.
--Edith Madge

T H E V I L L A V O I C E

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

1976 is a most important year to all Americans. We begin the celebration of our bicentennial year, and we are given an unusual opportunity of reflecting on the two hundred years that have passed in the history of our great nation. From thirteen small colonies and a humble beginning to fifty states and a major world power, America and Americans have had a great influence in the progress of world mankind. Regrettably we have not solved all of the problems and concerns of all Americans, but we have made great advances in every field of endeavor. More people are living longer than ever before; our standard of living is higher than ever before, and we are educating more people than ever before. This is all good, but we must not stop; we must continue to go forward in all areas.

1976 is the beginning of the tenth year of the Villa Serena. Here, too, from a very humble beginning we have flourished and become a recognized success in the housing of our elderly. At the Villa Serena, also, we have made much progress in many areas, but there remains much to be done and many more areas in which we can be of greater service.

So, as we go forward, let us take great pride in our nation and in the Villa Serena. Let us celebrate with a prayer that God will watch over our country and the Villa Serena and that he grant each and every American, and each of the residents and members of the Villa Serena a blessing of peace and well being.

May this New Year bring everything lovely to you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. A year of love, health, peace and joy. This is the sincere wish of the Board of Trustees and the Villa Serena staff.

--Eileen Bentler

JANUARY FLOWER: Carnation

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE: Garnet

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan.

- 1 Frank Alesci #104
- 1 Celia Friedman #315
- 3 Josephine Czenkner #314
- 7 Kathryn Ewing #634
- 8 Florence Gaffney #429
- 8 Holden Smith #824
- 12 Joseph Slaminka #201
- 12 George Lash #417
- 15 Emma Kling #527
- 17 Lillian Maurer #615
- 19 Rudolf Freed #618
- 19 Hilda Griffin #420
- 21 Agnes Grad #826
- 22 Pauline Koenig #610
- 23 August Sulzer #716
- 23 Ellen Soeder #319
- 24 Ann Picozzi #430
- 26 Rose Checel #224
- 27 May Luke #717
- 27 Anthony Puleio #230
- 28 Lillian Freedman #727
- 30 Lucille Sherwood #203
- 31 Bertha Hay #326

Jan.

- 1 Caroline Bruning
- 2 Elsa Brown
- 2 Paul Garin
- 2 Jean Kothera
- 4 Susan Suto
- 4 Marie Wiltshire
- 5 Caroline Parkin
- 7 Sarah Bellick
- 7 Helen Corrigan
- 7 Margaret Gleason
- 7 Albina Henning
- 9 Agnes Wiltshire
- 9 Ruth Wheeler
- 10 Olga Heimerdinger
- 10 Helen Smeed
- 12 Harry Zaslov
- 12 Mable Hillburg
- 14 Estella Fillo
- 14 Tillie Jantonio
- 14 Lillian Stowe
- 14 Betty Takacs
- 14 Ruth Borovich
- 17 Robert Bartholomew
- 17 Ida Ellmers
- 17 Clyde Goddard
- 18 Marian Connors
- 18 Doris Amster
- 19 Violet Gorman
- 19 Florence Knapp
- 21 Kurt Weise
- 24 Anthony Leanza
- 25 Mable Haber
- 25 Helen Stieglitz
- 28 Thomas Davis
- 28 Louise Ritchie
- 28 Annie Russo
- 31 Alice Crobaugh
- 31 Mary Onorato
- 31 Emma Sunsieri

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Mr. and Mrs. John Kandrac #812 (60th anniv.)
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McClintock #517
- 20 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Picozzi #407
- 26 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lasky
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. August Sulzer #716 (50th anniv.)
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. Vendel Sarmir #530

JANUARY BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Our Birthday-Anniversary party this month will be an extra special event. We have been very very fortunate in obtaining entertainment in the form of an outstanding comedian who will be in town coming from a successful engagement at the Sherman House in Chicago.

Lenny Colyer is a former Clevelander who stands for fine comedy. He is a smooth talking comedian, and his sensible comedy talk coupled with brilliant impressions of Jack E. Leonard, Louis Armstrong and many others will make for a truly enjoyable evening of entertainment.

Let's all plan on being at the Villa Serena on Wednesday, January 14th, at 7:30 p.m. Let's not miss this fabulous act because here is one comedian who will be sure to bring a smile to your face.

AN EVENING WITH KATE SMITH

The incomparable Kate Smith is coming to the Front Row Theater on Wednesday, February 25th. The Villa Serena has made it possible for you to purchase tickets here in the office at the Villa Serena.

The price of the individual ticket is \$6.50. Plan ahead now to enjoy a wonderfully entertaining midwinter evening in February with one of the greatest singers of our time.

FRIDAY NITE SING-A-LONG

Friday, January 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. our most favorite sing-a-long leader will be here at the Villa to carry us along with him on another great evening down memory lane. Of course, this happy leader of song can be none other than Sammy Berk!

Come early in the evening for one of our delicious Friday nite dinners and stay on to join us in a sing-a-long that makes everyone feel young and gay and full of joy.

MAYFIELD SCHOOL PROJECT

The next scheduled meeting to volunteer to help in the Mayfield School Project is Wednesday, January 21st, at 7:30 p.m.

We need everyone's helping willing hands. Won't you find the time to come and join us this month of January. There is a lot of fun and laughter as well as very constructive work going on. Tracing, cutting, pasting, and lots more is being done to help the children at the Mayfield School to find that learning can be fun.

We would like to see you there. We need you!

"If you realize you aren't so wise today as you thought you were yesterday, you're wiser today."

DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE

- Jan. 8 Rev. Robert Cline
Messiah Lutheran
- Jan. 15 Rev. Paul Rohrbaugh
Faith United Church
of Christ
- Jan. 22 Rev. Michael Saylor
Lyndhurst Baptist
- Jan. 29 Rev. Wendell Peterson
Lutheran Church of
the Nativity

Special thanks to Nancy Disbro
for playing the piano for our
Christmas service.

--Ann Tieleman

DONATIONS FOR THE BUS FUND

Cash

- \$4.50 Ralph Keeler
- 4.00 Eugenia Majoros
- 2.00 Isabelle Hanlon
- 2.00 Mary Abrams
- 2.00 Margaret Shauman

Stamp Book

1 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latini

Loose Stamps

Anna Dean
Ralph Keeler

JANUARY BUS SCHEDULE

- Jan. 8 Mentor Mall
- Jan. 15 Severance Center
- Jan. 22 Richmond Mall
- Jan. 29 Mentor Mall

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the
Men's Club will be held on
January 13, 1976, at 7:00 p.m.
As this will be our first meet-
ing of the new year, let's have
a good turn out. Remember men
residents and social club mem-
bers are invited to join us.

We wish you all a happy and
prosperous New Year.

Joseph McClintock

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I,
Barracks 3482

Our next meeting of the
Barracks will be held on Monday,
January 12th at 1:30 p.m. All
veterans of World War I are
eligible to join, and we invite
you to attend our meeting.

The officers and members
wish you and yours a prosperous
New Year.

Joseph McClintock, Commander

WORLD WAR I AUXILLIARY

The next meeting will be at
the Villa Serena on Monday,
January 12th, at 1:30 p.m. We
extend a welcome to the wives,
mothers, and daughters to join
us if you are related to a World
War I veteran.

Best wishes for a happy and
prosperous New Year.

Ellen McClintock, President

EXERCISE CLASS RE-SCHEDULED

Jean Daniels will begin the exercise class again on Monday, January 5th, at 2:00 p.m. After all the scrumptious holiday eating, all of us could probably put this exercise class to good use.

Everyone is welcome to join. Men are certainly welcome, too. You don't have to pre-register. Just come in any Monday at 2:00 p.m. It is a simple effective way to help you stay healthy.

POOL NEWS

Men's Pool Tournament ended in a spirited climax. Leader in Class "A" with the most accumulated points was John Schultz. A tie for the least accumulated points were John Nagy and Rudolph Freed.

In Class "B" the leader was Louis Schwarcz with the most accumulated points. Ben Gerome with the least accumulated points.

Prizes will be awarded at our dinner on Wednesday, January 7, 1976.

--Lad Cimler

IMPORTANT: TENANTS WITH AUTOS

Please check with the office to make sure your automobile license number is recorded correctly.

UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NEWS

Hi Friends. Happy New Year to you all.

If you are interested in taking a trip on the new Amtrak, please let me know. We could take a four day trip to Chicago. Drop Uncle Rudy a line or call.

As I write this final column for 1975 I am happy to report that all is go go for our New Year's party at Atwood Lodge. Forty-eight young senior citizens will be having a ball toasting in the New Year and looking forward to another happy year at beautiful Villa Serena. To start the new year what could be nicer than seeing the 1976 Ice Follies at the Coliseum on February 29th. So that I can get you the best possible seats, please make your reservation early--if possible in January. As usual we will make this a full day. Dinner before the show, leaving the Villa Serena 12 noon to be home about 9:00 p.m. Total cost \$12.50.

P.S. Watch the Bulletin Board at the Villa for further travel news from Uncle Rudy or call 461-2457.

Yours in friendship,
Uncle Rudy

NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE VILLA

We are pleased to welcome our new members to the Villa Serena and look forward to seeing them at many of our activities.

- Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wallace
- Evelyn Moore
- Marjorie Hardman
- Kate Spear
- Grace Zoller

UP AND DOWN THE HALLWAYS

All good wishes for a rapid return to health to Tony Catullo, Theresa Bocchicchio, and Angie Modica who are home from the hospital. Also to Celia Friedman who is now at the Jewish Convalescent Home we send greetings.

We send our warmest get well wishes to Marie McGraw who is in the hospital.

Ann Skigen had a marvelous vacation in California visiting her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClintock have a new great-granddaughter. Congratulations.

Clara Colson and her sister Helen Sigman went on a tour.

Gertrude Malone visited her daughter during the holidays.

Attending the "Senior Citizen of the Year" luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel on December 9th as guests of Mr. Chesler were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rak, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Brazis, Mr. Lad Cimler, and Mr. Walter Ruth. It was a grand occasion much enjoyed by all.

"Congress wouldn't have to subsidize the railroads if its members would travel by train themselves."

Friendship Poem

When you are talking to a friend
Be sure there is no doubt
But that you know what you are saying
And what it is all about.

Be sure that what you are saying is all true,
Then you will always find
Your friendship will be treasured
And returned in kind.

Now if you want to keep a friend,
Beware of what you say,
And never speak about someone
In a mean and jealous way.

Never tell a friend what you have heard,
Before you know it is a fact,
That way you save yourself a lot of grief,
And your friendship stays intact.

--Uncle Rudy
(Rudolph Freed)

The VILLA VOICE and its readers extend sincere sympathy to the families of

Kathryn Gallagher
Francis Hatner
George Schwender

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Mollie Cohen on the death of her brother, Bert Horowitz.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 1975

In spite of the inclement weather, the Christmas party at the Villa Serena on December 18th was enjoyed by nearly 250 fun loving, merry making senior citizens all set for an evening of a deluxe dinner and a brilliant star studded performance in entertainment.

Evelyn Johnson went all out in preparing a dinner fit for kings and queens. Everybody had a good word for the cornish hens and all the trimmings. What a fantastic meal!

Our entertainers for such a special occasion as Christmas were our favorite and most cherished entertainers--Sammy Berk, Ruth Ann Harmon, Mike Jacobs, Ada Koller, and Nat Simon. We missed Sylvester Blue who could not make it on account of the weather. What a galaxy of stars. "Great" is the word for it.

What is a Christmas party without Santa Claus? Yes, senior citizens, there is a Santa as you well know now because right before your eyes he came prancing in on us during the course of the evening and handed us, you will never guess...a bottle of Bromo Seltzer, with compliments of Hillcrest Hospital, our neighbor next door. They thought that was better than candy for us. HA! HA! Our jolly Santa was none other than Mr. Frank Petrone.

We shall always remember this colossal evening! Such happy faces, such friendliness, and what a fantastic good time. We shall all be looking ahead to our bicentennial year 1976 to many more good times. God speed!
--Edith Madge

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY
AND TREE DECORATING EVENT

The spirit of Christmas was felt throughout the birthday and anniversary party together with the traditional tree decorating get-together. Everybody had a delightful time in decorating, and it sure brought back memories of other Christmases of long ago.

After the lights of the tree were turned on, it officially opened the holiday season at the Villa Serena.

The birthdays were many in this month of festivities, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maier were celebrating their anniversary. We wished them all many healthy and happy years ahead.

The entertainment for the occasion was superb with the singing of many beautiful Christmas carols by Jane Hitchcock, who was an excellent vocalist. She was accompanied on the piano by the talented Rosa Loeb.

After the program we were served delicious refreshments, and we again came to the end of another memorable evening. We will have more such programs in 1976. Keep watching!
--Edith Madge

"God never imposes a duty upon us without giving us time and strength to perform it."

A mail order business received an order, one day, stating: Send radio..if good, will send check. The company responded, Send check...if good, will send radio.

KITCHEN KORNER

PUMPKIN COCOANUT BREAD

- 5 eggs beaten
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups pumpkin (#2 size)
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg or alspice
- 2 (3 1/2 oz) pkgs cocoanut cream pie filling
- 1 cup pecans or walnuts

Mix dry ingredients, add beaten eggs, oil, and pumpkin. Beat until well blended. Fill 3 bread pans one-half full after the pans are greased and floured.

Bake at 350° for 45 min.
--Mollie Cohen

MOCK APPLE PIE

- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 tbsp. cream tartar, level

When the above mixture is boiling, drop in 24 Ritz crackers and boil 2 minutes. DO NOT STIR.

Pour in pie shell. Dot with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon. Cover with top crust. Bake at 425° for 10 minutes, reducing to 325° for 20 minutes.

BAKED CAULIFLOWER

- Cauliflower
- 1/2 lb. ground ham
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Grated Parmesan Cheese

Steam cauliflower. Drain well and break into small pieces.

Prepare a well-buttered dish. Sprinkle the dish with bread crumbs.

Arrange layers of cauliflower and ham.

Beat one egg into 1/2 cup of sour cream. Pour over layers. Sprinkle top with grated parmesan cheese. Season to taste. Bake in hot oven.

An excellent luncheon or supper dish.

--Amelia Nagy

SAVORY HAMBURG

Form hamburg into balls and brown in pan. Cover with layer of sliced onions. Add a savory sauce mas as follows:

Mix together 2 tbsp. brown sugar, 1 tbsp. mustard in a cup. Fill cup to 3/4 full with catsup or chili sauce. Pour over meat and onions. Add 1 cup of hot water. Simmer slowly covered until onions are tender. Very good.

Friday

Thursday		Friday	
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8	10-11 Church 12-2 Beg. Bridge 2-3 Kall Lecture	9	1-3 Adv. Bridge 5:00 Dinner 8:00 Dancing
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29	8:00 Game Night	30	
7	10-12 Liq. Embroid. 1-3 Liq. Embroid. 1:15-3:15 Painting 5:00 POOL TOURN. DINNER	8	10-11 Church 12-2 Beg. Bridge 2-3 Kall Lecture
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28	10-12 Liq. Embroid. 1-3 Liq. Embroid. 1:15-3:15 Painting 8:00 CARD PARTY	29	10-11 Church 12-2 Beg. Bridge 2-3 Kall Lecture 8:00 Game Night
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8:00 Every Saturday Game Night
 BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY, Wednesday, Jan. 14th, 7:30 pm
 Sing-a-Long, Friday, Jan. 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
 World War I Veterans and Aux., Mon. Jan 12th, 1:30 p.m.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

JANUARY 1976 DINNER MENU

Friday, January 9th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Corned Beef
Cabbage
Boiled Potatoes
Jello Salad
Rice Pudding.

Friday, January 23rd

Choice of Baked Fish
or Baked Sugary Ham
Macaroni and Cheese
Cole Slaw
Pie

Friday, January 16th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Short Ribs of Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Fruit Cup

Friday, January 30th

Choice of Baked Fish
or Southern Fried Chicken
Buttered Rice
Broccoli
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello

REFLECTIONS ON A CHRISTMAS TREE

Within each heart, a Christmas tree, a lovely fresh green tree. Gladden your heart this happy season, decorate that Christmas tree. Glittery balls of love and friendship, kindness, gentleness, laughter, gratitude and concern for yourself and others. Strings of lights with each bulb reflecting the blessings of the new-born King in your life. Tinsel?? Only you can put this on your tree with 365 yards of happy days. No icicles please--this would mean that coldness, discontent and unhappiness had found their way into your box of decorations. An ornament for the tree top--just a smile will do the trick, an angelic smile, mirroring a happy loving heart. Let others enjoy your beautiful Christmas tree not only during this gay holiday season but all through the year. How you ask? Your eyes are the windows of your heart and soul.

Eileen Bentler

VILLA SERENA PINOCHLE WINNERS

Bill Grimm	802	\$2.50
Anne Skigen	793	2.00
Marion Davenport	784	1.50
Mae Brazis	777	1.00

VILLA SERENA CARD PARTY WINNERS

- Elmer Doerner
- Eva Mahoney
- Rose Frayer
- Ann Tieleman
- Eileen Bentler
- Anna Massaro

SPLENDORS OF GOD

The trees half naked waiting for the sun,
To warm them up before the day is done.

A jungle mass surrounds the lakes around,
With the marks of centuries carved upon the ground,

Oh mortal man what peace is theirs,
Our woodland friends that have no cares,

Majestic mountains looking down on us below,
With their regal crowns capped in snow,

Stately spruce demurely looking down,
At their reflections shimmering off and on,

Upon the placid lake so still so blue,
All God's splendors in awe I view.

--Edith Madge

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REFLECTIONS OF JOY

The trees had never waited
for the sun
to warm them up before the
day is done.

A gentle breeze surrounds the
like snow,
with the music of centuries
carved upon the ground.

Oh gentle man what years he
has seen,
Our world's fate rests that
have no care.

Majestic mountains looking
down on us below
with their regal crowns capped
in snow.

Stately snows descend
looking down,
At their reflections shimmer-
ing off and on.

For the clouds take so still
so blue,
All God's wonders in one
view.

---With Love

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REFLECTIONS ON A CHRISTMAS

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Within each heart,
Christmas tree, a lovely branch
green ever, distant year
heart this happy season,
decorative that Christmas tree,
Giddy bells of love and
friendship, kindness, gentle-
ness, laughter, gratitude and
concern for yourself and
others. Straps of lights
with each bulb reflecting the
pleasure of the new-born star
in your life. These days
you can put this on your tree
with 365 yards of happy days.
No lotus please--this world
mean that of course, dis-
tant and unknown has found
their way into your box of
decorations, an ornament for
the tree top--just a smile
will do the trick, an angelic
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your beautiful Christmas tree
not only during this day
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