

The Villa Voice

MAY 1978



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

Volume X

May, 1978

Number 5

THE VILLA SERENA SENIOR CITIZENS
CENTER
6800 Mayfield Rd. Cleveland, Ohio
Telephone: 449-3977

Howard I. Chesler, Coordinator

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

Cover: Mike Suvak

Adviser. Jean D. Carver

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY IN MAY

A special treat is in store for the birthday-anniversary celebrators this month when we have the joyous opportunity to listen to and to dance to live band music.

We invite all of the Villa Serena members to join us to enjoy this special evening in May. The date is Friday, May 12th, 7:30 p.m. Skip your dinner dessert this evening and enjoy it with all your friends after the evening's entertainment.

SPECIAL LUNCHEON HONORING
MOTHERS--STYLE SHOW
EXTRA EXTRA ADDED
ATTRACTION

Since May is traditionally the month to honor mothers, we have planned a "Mother's Day" luncheon plus an entertaining style show. The date to reserve on your calendars is Wednesday, May 10th.

It is not necessary to be a mother, or a grandmother or a great-grandmother to join us. And you can invite anyone you like to accompany you. But if you do have a daughter, granddaughter, daughter-in-law, do ask them to join you for lunch at the Villa on May 10th. We are looking forward to meeting sons, grandsons, and sons-in-law too!! Or perhaps you know someone who is like a daughter or son to you, invite them to be with you on our special day.

Everyone is invited to come and to bring a friend if you like to our special luncheon to honor mothers. Cost is \$2.50 per person, and the tickets can be purchased in the office.

"Life is like a mirror; we get best results when we smile at it."

It may be "old hat" but it's still good as new, because nothing can top these good wishes to you "Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary" from the Board of Trustees and the Villa Serena staff.

Flower: Lily of the Valley

Birthstone: Emerald

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May

- 1 Verda Kelly #805
- 3 Helen Burns #725
- 3 Marie Shane #719
- 4 Barbara Delfs #629
- 6 Helen Biro #213
- 6 Charlotte Sadowsky #309
- 7 Henry Herczog #707
- 8 Dorothy Jacobs #601
- 11 Lad Cimler #818
- 16 Joseph Bentler #807
- 18 Leona Smith #832
- 19 Margaret Shauman #609
- 19 Mary Rak #730
- 26 Irene Nye #218
- 26 Mike Volino #221
- 28 Helen Rotenbor #723
- 30 Robert Schmitz #101

May

- 2 Elmer Wenner
- 4 Sam Gordon
- 4 Florence Vignos
- 4 Franklyn Zeigler
- 6 Rosemary Janson
- 6 Marie Kovatch
- 6 Vincent Naso
- 6 Dorothy Spangler
- 7 Anna Cari
- 7 Vida Gawenda
- 7 Adele Young
- 9 Mary Taddeo
- 9 Bertha Schwartz
- 13 Jule Cahill
- 14 Angela Marazzi
- 15 Richard Haff
- 15 Josephine Stella
- 16 Otto Guda
- 17 Josephine Leanza
- 17 Adele Young
- 20 Valeria Adams
- 20 Rita Sharp
- 22 Jane Wood
- 23 John Marcisin
- 25 Maryruth Oddy
- 24 Rose Cordas
- 26 Pauline Douglas
- 26 Goldie Karns
- 27 Mary Paris
- 28 Dorothy Leanza
- 28 E. R. Douglas
- 28 Rollo Lea
- 28 Alva Mark
- 30 Thelma Dayton
- 30 Margaret Molnar
- 31 Evelyn Moore

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 3 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gordon
- May 19 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Guda
- May 20 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Henning
- May 23 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morgan
- May 29 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lucht #318
- May 29 Mr. and Mrs. John Matelock

AN AWARD WELL DESERVED

Villa Serena takes pride in announcing that MICHAEL P. RINI, who is the vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Villa Serena, and who is affectionately known to most of us as "Mickey," has been honored by the Italian government with the Commendatore Medal. This award is the highest civilian award given by the Italian government to deserving persons. It has been awarded only once before to a Clevelander.

The award given to "Mickey" recognizes his outstanding contributions to all facets of Italo-American life as well as his many civic and religious endeavors.

We at the Villa Serena are proud to add our congratulations to "Mickey" who has received this tremendous honor. We wish him many years of life so that he may continue his pursuits in behalf of all people.

Good luck, Mickey, yours has been a life with a "job well done."

MAYFIELD SCHOOLS PROJECT

A group of dedicated volunteers spent about two hours Wednesday evening, April 12th, under the supervision of teachers from Mayfield Schools; they prepared visual aids for pupils to be used in classrooms. The work included painting numbers, cutting, pasting, and generally preparing assignments to be used by the instructors at a later time.

In addition to being very helpful, the participants enjoyed an evening of relaxation and the feeling of doing something different from the ordinary activities at the Villa.

(continued next column)

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY IN MAYFIELD HEIGHTS

The Villa Serena is proud to announce that we will be participating with the Mayfield Heights Commission on Aging in honoring Senior Citizens Day to be held on Tuesday, May 16th, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Heights Community Center.

Villa Serena members will display the arts and crafts which are created in our activities classes. They will also demonstrate "how" these items are created. All arts and crafts exhibited by the Villa Serena members can be sold. A bake sale is also planned as part of the Villa's participation in Senior Citizen Day.

Our bus will be available during the hours of 2:00 to 5:00 to take any one back and forth to the Open House at the Community Center.

Let's give the old Villa Serena "support" to this very nice effort on the part of the Mayfield Heights Commission on Aging.

MAYFIELD SCHOOLS (continued from previous column)

On Wednesday, May 24th, at 7:30 p.m. we will have another opportunity to join in helping with this worthwhile project.

--Irene McDonough

"You never get dizzy from doing good turns."

DEVOTIONAL HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

- May 4 Highland Road Baptist
- May 11 Rev. Paul E. Rohrbaugh
Faith United Church of Christ
- May 18 Rev. Donald Huffman
Mayfield United Methodist
- May 25 Rev. Wendell Peterson
Holy Nativity Lutheran

Our thanks to Mrs. Joseph Mazzu and Harold Thompson for playing and singing at our service on April 20th. Special thanks to Erna Haller, Ruth Storey, and Clinton Kroh, singers, and Gordon Groenwald, organist, for their dedicated service during our Thursday devotional hour.

--Ann Tieleman

BUS FUND DONATIONS

Stamp BOOKS

6 Mr. and Mrs. Lad Cimler

Loose Stamps

John Taylor
James Micale

CASH

\$20.00 Anonymous
3.00 Ralph Keeler

--Joe Slaminka

"Whatever you believe, you will receive; whatever you doubt, you will do without."

UNCLE RUDY'S TRAVEL NEWS

Hi Friends. Got something nice for the month of May--Fenton Glass Works, Williamstown, West Virginia. This will be a full day's tour; we leave the Villa Serena at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 18th. We will have an early lunch on the way down and dinner on the way home. Total cost: \$22.50. Call Uncle Rudy at 461-2457 for further information. Yours in friendship,
Rudy Freed

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I AND LADIES AUXILIARY, BARRACKS 3482

Veterans of World War I, Villa Serena Barracks #3482, will hold their annual joint memorial service with the Ladies Auxiliary at the regular meeting, May 8th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Villa Serena. Veterans of W.W. I of the U. S. and their wives or widows are welcome to attend our meeting.

The present officers of the barracks were re-elected and will be installed by Past Commander Franklin Zeigler after the memorial services. The Ladies Auxiliary officers were installed by Past President Ellen McClintock at the April meeting.

--Ellen McClintock

"One thing you can say about ignorance. It causes a lot of interesting arguments."

"HANG A BASKET OF LOVE AND FRIEND-
SHIP"

Would you believe it as you step out of doors and look around that there really were flowers and grass and green leaves beneath those mountains of snow. It didn't seem possible, now did it, that we'd ever see shining yellow daffodils, tall dignified red tulips, cuddly soft violets and showers of breathtaking pink and white blossoms in the orchard, bright blue skies with soft sailboats of clouds playing hide and seek with a warming golden sun. What do you know! If you stop and think about it for a minute, the same thing can and does happen in each of our lives. If you can just be patient and look and listen very carefully, suddenly all the loveliness of May and spring will pop out of the worrisome, dark corners for you. Remember the beautiful old tradition of hanging a flower-filled May basket on someone's door on the first day of May? There are thirty-one days in this lovely month; why not hang a basket of love and friendship on many doors each day of the month? Maybe you don't have a gaily decorated maypole to enjoy, but don't let that stop you. Get out of doors and dance to the music of Mother Nature. May is Mother's Day--need we be reminded--a fervent prayer for all mothers, God's most beautiful handiwork. May is Memorial Day--a fervent prayer for all of God's heroes who gave their lives that we may enjoy May. Don't you cast your vote for this month as "Queen" of the twelve months; she really is, you know.

--Eileen Bentler

"No matter what may be your lot in life, build something on it."

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

On February 20th, Charlie Guild showed his movies of the early days at the Villa. On April 10th, Gus Sulzer refreshed our memories with his slides of the days and some events of the past. It was a fun evening, eachtime, identifying people and remembering little special incidents at parties, picnics, dedications and dinners at the "showplace" on Mayfield Road.

To you--Charlie and Gus-- for your time and thoughtfulness in sharing your treasures with all of us-- "Thank you."

--Irene McDonough

FLASHBACK OF APRIL BIRTHDAY-
ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The senior citizens of the Villa Serena Center took a step into glorious spring as we celebrated the April birthdays and anniversaries on Friday, the 14th. Spring is the reawakening in every living thing! The audience was as colorful as a fresh bouquet!

The Center Stage Singers, under the direction of Beverly Gannon, sang beautiful old and new tunes that we all love. It was a musical tribute to our American composers. Following this great performance of these talented people, Sammy Berk, Mike Jacobs, and Jack Michaels entertained us with dance music for the rest of the evening. Many took advantage of this fine music and had one great "Woopie" of a time.

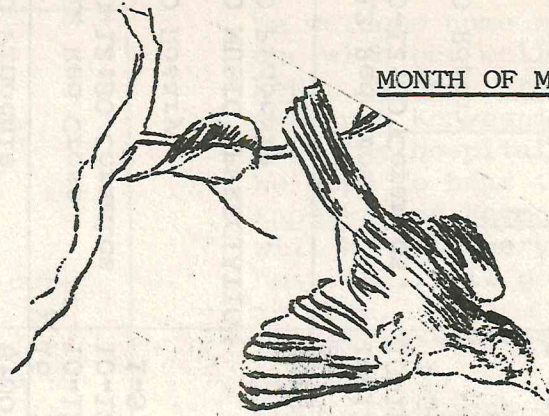
(continued on page 7)

VILLA SERENA DINNER MENU

MONTH OF MAY 1978

Friday, May 5

Choice of Baked Fish
or Brisket of Beef
Oven Brownd Potatoes
Vegetable
Three-Bean Salad
Dessert



Friday, May 12 -- NO DINNER

STYLE SHOW AND

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 10, 12 noon

Friday, May 19

Menu

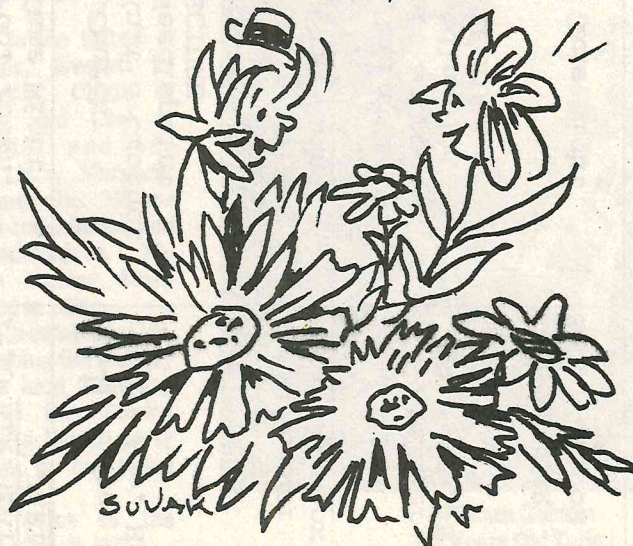
Choice of Baked Fish
or Breaded Veal
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Vegetable
Cottage Cheese Salad
Dessert

Cottage Cheese and Fruit Salad
Rolls
Dessert

Cost: \$2.50

Friday, May 26 -- NO DINNER

HI-YA MAY



APRIL BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY PARTY
(continued from page 5)

After the "ball" was over, instead of refreshments each one of us received freshly baked English muffins so we could have them for a breakfast treat! That was a novel thought and a good one at that!

Another evening and another event spent together in friendship and fun. There is always a silver lining somewhere; look for it at the Villa Serena.

--Edith Madge

MEN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

--John Fekete, Pres.

MAY BUS SCHEDULE

May 3 Severance Center
May 10 Mentor Mall
May 17 Richmond Mall
May 24 Euclid Mall
May 31 Mentor Mall

"A bad habit cannot be tossed out the window, it must be coaxed down the stairs a step at a time."

KITCHEN KORNER

Sour Cream Dressing -- Good on shredded lettuce or cucumbers.
1 1/2 cups sour cream 2 T vinegar
Dash salt and Lowrey's salt 2 T sugar

CLASS NOTES

BOUTIQUE NEWS. We are now working all day Wednesdays on the boutique and would love to have you help us. Thanks for all the coffee cans; we have enough for the time being. We can still use one gallon bleach bottles, your old nylon stockings (clean, of course), crimp-top bottle caps (the ones from soda pop bottles), and seeds from apples, melons, peppers, etc. We know you are excited about the cookbook, but we need your recipes right away as this will be a big project. Include your name and phone number and leave it with Dorothy in the office, Amelia Nagy, or bring it to the class on Wednesdays.

--Sally Kinney

Cancer Volunteers. I am happy to report that since the Cancer class has started again on Tuesday mornings, we have many new faces along with the regulars coming. There is plenty of room for more, if you would like to join us and fold bandages with us.

--Dorothy Khaner

Sewing. Our sewing class is busily at work on Tuesdays. We are making a variety of lovely garments and learning new sewing methods. Come join us.

--Sally Kinney
