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Greetings

THE YEAR IN REVIEW.....by Robert N. Smith, Superintendent

The year 1988 has proven to be a most significant one in the history of Vineland Developmental Center, and special events which highlighted this Centennial Year were a huge success. Our "Block Party" on May 21, 1988, which brought together not only VDC and The Training School clients and staff, but our friends in the community as well, proved to be a fitting tribute to Vineland's century of service to the developmentally disabled. A group of the most highly qualified professionals in the field of mental retardation provided thought-provoking and inspiring presentations at the Vineland Conference, which was held at Wheaton Village on June 23 and 24, 1988.

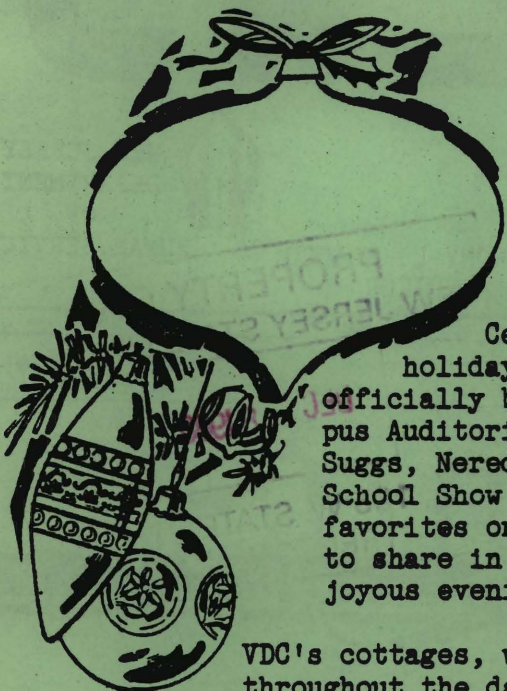
Many new programs have been initiated at Vineland this past year. In the Augmentative Communication Program, state of the art computer equipment and programs have been used to evaluate clients with communication disorders. Our clients have been thrilled with the Cohanzick Zoo "Visiting Pets" program. Twenty VDC clients participated with pride in the Special Olympics Developmental Sports Competition held in Princeton last June. The year 1988 marked the closing of West Cottage and the opening of the Morias and Fairton PAFA Group Homes with the fourteenth Group Home, Weymouth, expected to open in mid-December. VDC staff are most grateful to the Parents and Friends Association for their generous donation of a bus which has enabled the facility to provide daily trips into the community for our clients.

Many goals have been set for the year 1989. Plans are underway to sign a contract with a vision service organization to provide a comprehensive program which includes functional vision examinations, peripatology services, and vision stimulation programs for visually impaired clients. The Physical Management Program, which is designed to meet the needs of clients who are mentally retarded and severely physically disabled, will be expanded. The establishment of an on-grounds Day Care Center, the initiation of an on-the-job direct care staff training program, and the computerization of the Payroll and Patients Accounts Departments are but a few of VDC's goals for 1989. Long range plans include the provision of air-conditioning in all client areas on both campuses, as well as the construction of new client cottages.

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Dear Friends,



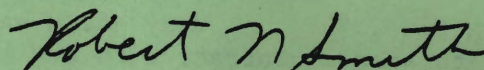
The Clients and staff of Vineland Developmental Center cordially invite you to attend this year's holiday Open House festivities. The holiday season will officially begin with a Tree Lighting Ceremony at the East Campus Auditorium on Friday, December 9, 1988 at 6:30 pm. Ruth Suggs, Nereda Rodriguez, Maria LaBoy, and the Sacred Heart High School Show Choir will provide a musical rendition of holiday favorites on the evening of the tree lighting. You are invited to share in the spirit of the season by participating in this joyous evening which has become an annual VDC tradition.

VDC's cottages, which have been beautifully decorated, will be open throughout the day of Open House on Saturday, December 10th. Clients as well as staff are looking forward to your visit. Entertainment at the West Campus Learning Center, which will begin at 1:30 pm, will feature a lively performance by the students of the Dinshah Dance School. The D'Ippolito Middle School Band, which gave an excellent performance at the Centennial Block Party last May, will return again to entertain at the East Campus Auditorium at 2:00 pm. Clients and staff from each of the campuses as well as the PAFA Group Homes will also participate in the Open House entertainment. "Employee of the Year" awards for East Campus, West Campus, and PAFA Group Home employees will be presented on the day of Open House.

Clients who participate in VDC's vocational programs have created a beautiful selection of wreaths, ceramic items, ornaments, and decorations which will be available for purchase at the West Campus Learning Center and the East Campus Vocational Building from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Be sure to visit the vocational classrooms and activity areas which will be open throughout the day.

Please set aside December 9th and 10th on your calendars and join us at Vineland Developmental Center in celebrating this joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,



Robert N. Smith
Superintendent

RNS/am



PAFA TRAINING CENTER**Submitted by Mary Doughty, Director**

The PAFA Training Center has been in existence for three years. A lot has taken place. The center started with 40 clients and now 125 clients attend the program. Over the past year two L-Bars, a heat tunnel and another conveyor were added to aide in getting the contracts done. Two trailers are being spotted that either contain work to be completed or the finished product that will be returned to the vendor. Clients are being taught skills which enable them to work on new contracts.

A remedial teacher has been added to the staff. She works with every client. Included in this program is remedial reading, remedial math and sex education and hygiene. Every client attends this program for one hour a week. This staff person, at a later date, will work with Group Home staff to carry over and coordinate goals being worked on with the clients at the Group Home and the Center.

The clients in the community living groups are busy learning to shop and observe safety and traffic signs. The groups are also working on skills needed to function in the Group Home.

The Homekeeping groups are busy learning to slice, dice, chop and peel items. They are learning to do skills that can be used in the Group Home.

The craft program has become another means of earning for the clients. The clients make lovely crafts that are sold to the general public. Word has spread about the quality of the crafts and they are in demand. The staff manages to keep up with the new ideas and adapts them so the client can make the item.

It has taken all the staff, no matter what their function is, to make the PAFA Training Center the success that it has become. All the staff is truly interested in what is best for the client and this attitude helps foster a positive feeling throughout the Center.

THE VOCATIONAL WORK ACTIVITY CENTER**Submitted by Patti Davis**

The Vocational Work Activity Center has been very busy over the past several months.

On Friday, August 26th, twenty of the WAC clients were asked to join twenty of the Woodbine Workshop clients at Lake Nummy in Bellplain, NJ, for a picnic. Wearing our swim suits and suntan lotion, we accepted the invitation. We had a cookout with hamburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, and soda, with watermelon for dessert. Boat rides and swimming were provided which we all enjoyed.

On Friday, September 30th, twenty of the WAC clients journeyed to Atlantic City, NJ. On the way, we made a stop at the Country Squire Diner and everyone enjoyed a fantastic lunch. From there we continued on our journey and ended up at the Trump Plaza Casino. The clients were able to play the slots--no one hit the "millions" so we had to return home. Everyone had a great day.

On Monday, October 31st, twenty of the WAC clients attended a Halloween Dance at Woodbine with twenty of the Workshop clients. The groups enjoyed pizza, soda and cake for lunch. We danced to music by "Lumpy" and had a ball.

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The dedicated staff of VDC have worked unceasingly throughout this year to provide the best possible services for our clients. We have been aided greatly in this endeavor by our many advocates and friends in the community. All of you are to be commended for your loyalty and commitment to meeting the needs of our clients. I look forward to the continuation of VDC's high standards of service provision and ever-increasing progress during the upcoming year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR GOOD HEALTH, PROSPERITY, AND FULFILLMENT IN THE NEW YEAR!!!

THE STAFF OF VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER HAS DEMONSTRATED THE SPIRIT OF GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY PLEDGING OVER \$13,000.00 TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE EMPLOYEES CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN. I AM PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A CARING, GENEROUS GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS. THANK YOU.....

.....ROBERT N. SMITH
SUPERINTENDENT

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SOCIAL WORKER

Submitted by Lucrezia Krolikowski, Social Worker II

Being a Social Worker at VDC is a unique experience. It has several meanings because a Social Worker has various roles. On any given day, it is hard to predict in which role a Social Worker will perform. In fact, A Social Worker may perform in many roles simultaneously. My most important role is advocating for my client's rights. That means making sure that clients have their rights protected. The main focus is what is in the best interest of the client.

I try to establish a relationship with each client. It is so important to see each client as an individual with special capabilities. By interacting, observing, and learning about each client, you are able to form a personal bond. A Social Worker learns about a client's personality through zoning, which enables you to interact on a one-to-one basis with your clients. At times I get frustrated when I feel I cannot reach a client. However, when I least expect it, I will receive a smile or some eye contact. Any type of response from one of my profoundly retarded clients is meaningful.

As a Social Worker, I have a lot of paperwork. I write progress notes and IHP Inputs on all my clients and this can be time consuming. I also visit my clients on a regular basis, have contact with clients' families, and participate in placing clients in the community. It is very easy to become involved in the paperwork and various responsibilities. I have to take a "step back" and focus in on the client as a person.

I have a tremendous amount of hope and care for my clients. There are many "ups" and "downs". However, I try to keep in mind my clients' accomplishments no matter how big or small. This makes my job rewarding. It also challenges me to do my part in getting the client to achieve her maximum potential. Most of all, I continue to treat each client with the dignity they deserve.

Carolyn Stevens, Grisco (14 years)
Mark Messore, Powerhouse (7 years)
Haswell Young, Hospital (7 years)
Marv Jane Justice, West (9 years)
Cosetta Jones, Kimble (13 years)

SAFETY KORNER

Submitted by Aldo Mazzoni

Toxic Chemicals

The use of these types of chemicals is an everyday occurrence. These chemicals are found to be commonplace in the products that you use at home and in the workplace.

Here at Vineland Developmental Center, we have taken strides to inform all employees of the dangers of using toxic chemicals by using our Worker Right to Know Program. Through this program we are also making progress in removing or limiting the use of these products where possible. Additionally, employees

who must use these products are trained in the correct usage and proper safety precautions and/or devices to be utilized.

Although we can ensure good safety practices here at the Vineland Developmental Center through training and proper safety equipment, only you can minimize the hazards within your own home. When purchasing cleaning products, insecticides and other chemicals at your local supermarket or grocery, you should carefully read to determine the following:

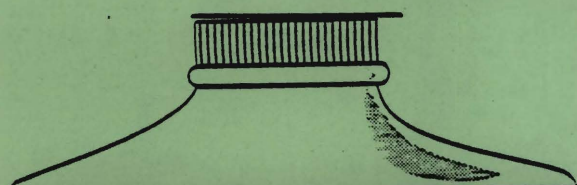
1. Check the contents for hazardous or toxic chemicals.
2. Use products that will be less hazardous to you and the environment.
3. Always closely follow the handling instructions for safe usage.
4. Never mix chemicals as they may become more hazardous/toxic, or it may even cause an explosion.
5. Keep all chemicals/insecticides out of the reach of children.

The inset shows alternatives to toxic chemicals. For more information regarding toxic or hazardous chemicals, call the Safety Office.

Safety Problems, call: Aldo - 6076

Lee - 6327

Don - 6327



Item	Chemicals	Alternative
SILVER POLISH	Acidified trisodium phosphate, ascorbic acid	Soak in boiling water with baking soda, salt and a pinch of aluminum foil.
OVEN CLEANER	Potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, ammonia	Baking soda and water.
TOILET CLEANER	Muriatic (hydrochloric) or oxalic acid, peroxydichloroformate, calcium hypochlorite	Toilet brush and baking soda; mild detergent.
DISINFECTANTS	Dichlorine or trichlorine glycol, sodium hypochlorite, phenol	One-half cup bleach in one gallon water.
DRAIN CLEANER	Sodium or potassium hydroxide, sodium hypochlorite, hydrochloric acid, potassium dichromate	Plunger. Flush with boiling water, one-quarter cup baking soda and two cups of vinegar.
RUB AND UPHOLSTERY CLEANER	Naphthalene, para-chlorophenol, acetic acid, dichlorine glycol	Dry carvacrol sprinkled on rug, vacuumed up.
MOTHBALLS	Naphthalene, para-chlorophenol	Cedar chips, newspapers, lavender flowers.
AMMONIA-BASED CLEANERS	Ammonia, ethanol	Vinegar, salt and water mixture for surfaces. Baking soda and water for the bathroom.
ABRASIVE CLEANERS	Tris(hydroxyethyl)phosphite, ammonia, ethanol	Rub area with one-half lemon dipped in bleach, rinse dry.
ROACH AND ANT KILLER	Organophosphates, carbamate	Roach Traps or baking soda and powder sugar mixture. Ants: Red chili pepper to discourage entry.
HOUSE PLANT INSECTICIDE	Methoxyphenol, malathion, trichloroethylene	Mixture of bar soap and water or old dishwater. Spray on leaves, then rinse.
FLEA COLLARS AND SPRAYS	Carbamates, pyrethrin, organophosphates	Barley-based elixir, herbal essences. Or brew yeast in pet's diet.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER, 1988

HARRIETTE BUNKER



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER, 1988

RANDOLPH CERANA



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER, 1988

JOYCE DeMARY



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OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - October, 1988

Harriette Bunker, Telephone Operator, has been selected "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for October, 1988. In performing her duties as telephone operator, Harriette has handled calls in a courteous and patient manner. She can be counted on to remain calm and efficient, and to use good judgment in handling emergencies. In many instances, Harriette has worked double shifts to ensure twenty-four hour per day coverage of the switchboard. In addition to her duties as telephone operator, Harriette serves as VDC's receptionist by greeting and providing information as needed to all who visit. Harriette is to be commended for her twenty years of dedication and service to Vineland Developmental Center.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - November, 1988

Randolph Cerana, Group Home Administrator has been named "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for November, 1988. Randy began his career at Vineland Developmental Center eight years ago as a Social Worker. He also worked as an Assistant Unit Director before being promoted to his present position of Group Home Administrator during 1982. Randy has strived to attain the best quality of life possible for the clients in VDC's PAFA Group Homes. He sets a personal example for his staff by supporting VDC's philosophy that every human being has dignity and value, and that persons with developmental disabilities have the same rights as other persons. Randy's staff has indicated that he is always there for them to answer questions and to provide assistance in solving problems related to the clients' well being, and he is eager to try innovative programs which will best meet client needs. Randy's caring attitude and dedication to his work have won him the respect of the clients as well as the staff of Vineland Developmental Center.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - December, 1988

Joyce De Mary, Cottage Training Technician/North Cottage has been chosen "Outstanding Employee of the Month" for December, 1988. Joyce has worked in North Cottage during her four years of employment by Vineland Developmental Center. No task is too difficult for Joyce. She is an enthusiastic employee who unhesitatingly pitches in to get the job done. She demonstrates admirable patience and compassion while working with the clients, and she represents her fellow staff members well as an excellent Shop Steward with the AFSCME Union. Joyce is a person who is willing to share her talents as evidenced in her help with decorating the cottage for the holidays and her participation in Vineland Developmental Center's Annual Employees Association Talent Show. Congratulations to Joyce who is most deserving of her recognition as December's "Outstanding Employee of the Month".

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Recently an award was granted to **Mr. Charles Marder**, Staff Clinical Psychologist, concerning "RESOURCE MATERIALS". The New Jersey State Awards Committee authorized an award for the suggestion.

Vineland Developmental Center would like to congratulate Mr. Marder for the interest he has shown for making improvements in the functioning of our facility.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS!!!

A SPECIAL THANKS

Submitted by the East Campus Clothing Consultants

The East Campus Clothing Consultants would like to shine the spotlight on a very efficient support service: THE EAST CAMPUS SEWING ROOM.

Since we don't have a group category for Employees of the Month, we feel this group of dedicated ladies deserve a very special "THANK YOU" from us and the Center for the extra efforts extended during the retagging of the West Cottage clients' clothing and ensuring that clothing was available in their new cottages as the clients were moved in.

Not only does this Department tag all new clothing, mend and retag, but also since all of these ladies possess many years of sewing experience, we called on them recently to "artfully" mend several donations which otherwise would not have been saved from a shipment of items to our Center.

Whether we need special items made or just to rush an order through, this industrious group of ladies are willing and able to get the job done!

So, to the Supervisor, Mrs. Margaret Lombardo, to Mrs. Alberta Canion, Mrs. Rose Zorzi, Mrs. Margaretta Moore, and Mrs. Adelia Svaluto....."OUR HATS OFF TO YOU!!"

A SPECIAL PERSONAL THANK YOU

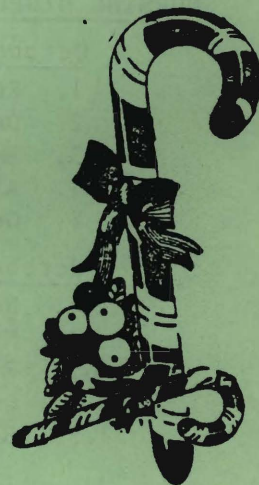
I would like to thank everyone for their support through gifts, money, and thoughts during my recent illness.

I really appreciate the generous offerings from many departments throughout VDC and want you to know that I was very touched.

Also, a very special personal thank you to Mr. William Sheppard for all the work and devotion that he displayed.

Thank you very much,

Mr. Leonard Otey



HOSPITAL/INFECTION CONTROL NEWS**Submitted by Lois Griffin, RN/Infection Control Coord.**

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of the employees who participated in our first INFECTION CONTROL FAIR on October 19 & 20, 1988. The multi-disciplinary involvement emphasized how important it is for each employee here at VDC to recognize that infection control is everyone's role. The Fair was an overwhelming success, and I again want to extend my many thanks for your time and effort. We hope this will become an annual event during National Infection Control Week.

SPECIAL EVENT WINNERS:**POSTER CONTEST**

- 1st Prize (\$50 cash) Carlene Gravely, CTT/Hosp/OPD
- 2nd Prize (\$30 cash) Dennis Branin, Print Shop
- 3rd Prize (\$20 cash) Lois Griffin, RN/Inf. Control Coord.

GOLDEN HANDS AWARD

Dr. Caino

INFECTION CONTROL QUIZ DRAWING**October 19, 1988 (West Campus)**

- 1. Cheryl Hyson, Rec. (\$20 gift certificate/Larry's Restaurant)
- 2. Harriet Levin, SFEA Sup. (VDC Cookbook)
- 3. Doris Ergenzinger, CTT/TLC (VDC Cookbook)
- 4. Vanessa DeShields, CTS/Ireland (VDC Mug)
- 5. Sandra Dillon, HCTS/Ireland (VDC Mug)

October 20, 1988 (East Campus)

- 1. Cindy Sparks, Clin. Nut. (\$25 gift certificate/Shoprite)
- 2. Patti Brown, QA (VDC Cookbook)
- 3. Bette Gerula, Clin. Nut. Sup. (VDC Cookbook)
- 4. Marie Mosley, Hosp. (VDC Mug)
- 5. Beverly McKelvie, Hosp/Lab (VDC Mug)

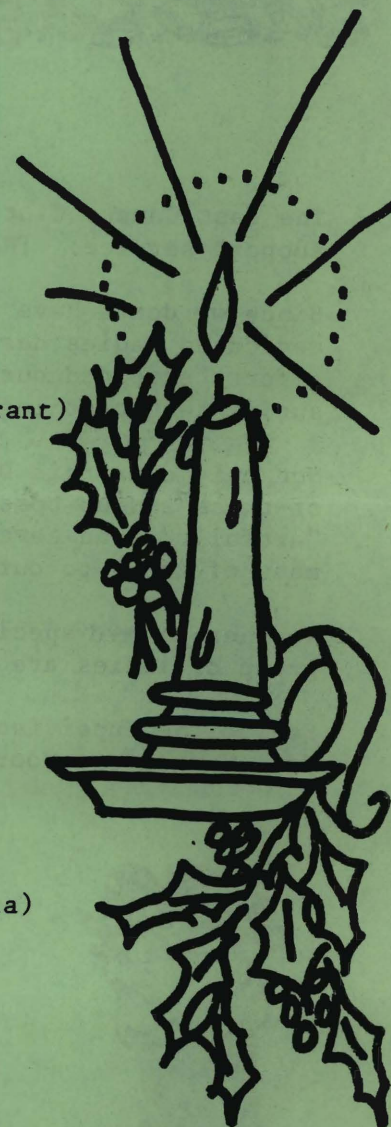
NURSING DISPLAY "ROOM OF HORRORS"**October 19, 1988 (West Campus)**

- 1. Ruth Munsey, LPN/Harper (Breakfast for Two/Brewster Villa)
- 2. Denise Micheletti, Hosp. Adm. (Special Mug)
- 3. Bess Guidos, LPN/Ireland (Special Mug)
- 4. Alice Brown, TLC (VDC Cookbook)
- 5. Gerry Gartland, UD (VDC Cookbook)

October 20, 1988 (East Campus)

- 1. Nuha Hababo, DON/Inpatient (Breakfast for Two/Sammy J's)
- 2. Nydia Phillips, RN/Hosp (Special Mug)
- 3. Rita Bonifas, RN/Hosp (Special Mug)
- 4. Celeste Butcher, LPN/North (VDC Cookbook)
- 5. Betty Goldsboro, Hosp (VDC Cookbook)

Finally, a special thank you goes to the VDC Employees Association for sponsoring this event.



HOSPITAL/OPERATING ROOM NEWS**Submitted by Mary Sparagna, RN/SNS**

The Operating Room at the Vineland Developmental Center Hospital will soon be receiving an OEC/Varian C-Arm Image Intensifier. This equipment is used for making high resolution radio-graphic and fluoroscopic images during routine diagnostic testing and surgery. This will be used for orthopedic surgery (i.e. fractured hips, broken legs/arms, etc.). It will also assist when permanent pacemakers are inserted under sterile conditions in the Operating Room. It will be a diagnostic tool whenever it is necessary to locate a foreign body that must be removed. The flexibility of the equipment will allow the surgeon to detect the specific location of a problem during surgery, such as a stone in the common bile duct when performing a cholecystectomy.

With this new equipment, the time patients spend in surgery and under anesthesia can be shortened. It will certainly be a welcome addition to our facility and will prove to be of great benefit to patients and staff alike.

NEWS FROM EDUCATION/TLC**Submitted by Lynette Smith Buff**

Wednesday, September 14th was the date of a first at the Learning Center. BANDSTAND DAY was an event which will long be remembered. It was such a success that it will undoubtedly become an annual activity.

Bob "Ready Eddy" Ortega was the master of ceremonies for the day.....and what a grand master he was!!!!!! He introduced five lip-sync acts involving a total of eleven staff members and ten students. Gladys Knight and the Pipps, represented by Denise Conaway, Mickey DeJesus, and Donna Barber, danced and sang their way through "I Heard it Through the Grapevine". Carmen Rivera, Mary Ann Domenico, and Lorraine Duddy, as Sunny and Cher, and Chastity, sang about their love and devotion in "I Got You Babe". Chastity applauded. Shirley Ludwick, Doris Ergenzinger, Marie Patterson, Geri Holley, and Jenny Zislin brought their lollipops along to represent their rendition of "Lollipop" by the Chordettes.

We had guests from Woodbine Developmental Center who also participated in our BANDSTAND DAY. Albert Federico, Robert Gibson, Robert Campbell, and Jeffrey McAllister, under the direction of Carol Costigan, sang, played guitars, and danced as Peter, Paul and Mary. We saw their version of "If I Had a Hammer". They called themselves NQRs, for the Not Quite Ready performance that they believed they gave. The enthusiastic applause they received proved that they were wrong.

The final act really brought the house down!!! Stanley Burke, as Ike, had more than he could handle with four Tinas. Henrietta Kirby, Carol Maldonado, Luvv Kegler, and Donna Tortella gave Ike a run for his money as they performed "Proud Mary". We discovered that we have some people in our department that really know how to "get down".

After the great performances, we were all treated to refreshments provided by Carrie Sharpe and her teaching assistants. It was indeed a terrific day!!!



NEWS FROM THE VDC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**Submitted by Carole Braida**

.....The VDCEA sponsored the annual Employee Talent Show on Wednesday, September 28th. The Thorn Auditorium (East Campus) was filled to capacity with enthusiastic clients and employees. The winners were:

FIRST PRIZE - Nereda Rodriquez and Maria LaBoy

SECOND PRIZE - Joyce DeMary

THIRD PRIZE - Katy Swart

.....Tuesday, October 25th brought reports of VDCEA members roaming the wilds of Centerton Golf Club. Never fear, it was a golf outing sponsored by the Association. We don't know if everyone came in under par, but we do know that all members enjoyed the day out on the greens, topped off with a terrific lunch served up by Centerton.

.....WINNERS - WINNERS - WINNERS

Pumpkin Decorating Contests

WEST CAMPUS - Cheryl Hyson

EAST CAMPUS - Betty Hanson

Employee Costume Contests

EAST CAMPUS - Dr. Mary Zelanis (\$50.00)

Cathy Shawlot (\$25.00)

Ruth Alvarado, Pat Ingerto,
Rosemary Lillia, Arlene
Mazzoni, Bobbi Thomas (\$25.00)

WEST CAMPUS - Maryann Domenico and
Doris Ergenzinger (\$50.00)

Henrietta Kirby and
Carol Maldonado (\$25.00)

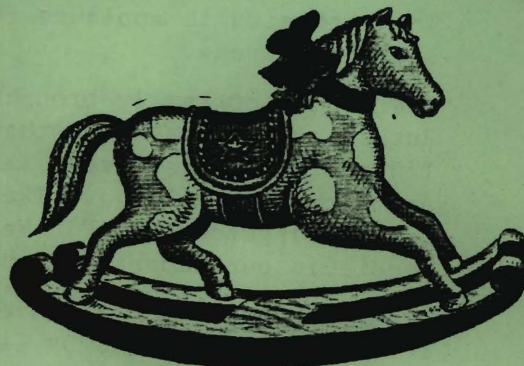
Patricia Troth (\$25.00)



.....Don't be disappointed - get your VDCEA Cookbook NOW!!! Call ext. #6050 or stop in to the Volunteer Services Office located in Wilson Hall, East Campus.

.....Due to the generosity of the VDCEA, funds will be provided for DECEMBER OPEN HOUSE entertainment, slated for December 10th. Thank you!!!

.....Seasons Greetings to all members of the VDCEA from your officers and area representatives!!!



NEWS TO YOU FROM VOLUNTEER SERVICES**Submitted by Carole Braida, Director**

1988 has been a very good year for Volunteer Services. We have been fortunate to have so many friends giving of their time, services, goods, and money. It seems appropriate to take some time to review some of the ways that VDC Volunteers touch our lives.

Volunteers have been working this year in various cottages, Recreation, Foster Grand-Parents, Central Client Records, Vocational Services, Social Services, and the Hospital. Volunteer groups have been on campus to provide parties, barbeques, dance shows, and concerts for the benefit of VDC clients. Generous donors have supplied funds for specific programs and tickets for many community events such as The Ice Capades, The NJ State Fair, Cowtown Rodeo, Wonderland Pier, Circuses, and variety shows.

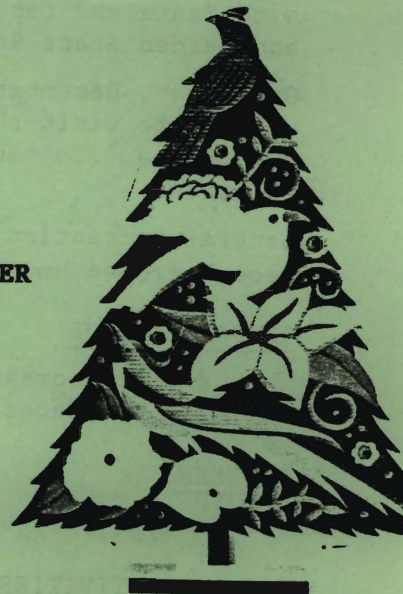
New Jersey Womens' Clubs from Mahwah to Cape May have skillfully crocheted and knitted hats, slippers, scarves, shawls, lap robes, and afghans. The clubs have also sewn ditty bags, some of which are custom made to fit on the handles of wheelchairs.

VDC has been the recipient of goods such as ceramic supplies, lingerie, cosmetics, and hair dryers, just to name a few.

Many Volunteers, including employees, are sponsoring clients through on and off campus trips and correspondence. So, as you can see, Volunteers are involved in many facets of VDC and they truly give from the heart....and we THANK YOU from the heart.....
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM THE VOLUNTEER SERVICES DEPARTMENT!

**A SPECIAL NOTE****SPONSORS NEEDED****ONE - ITALIAN SPEAKING SPONSOR****ONE - SPANISH SPEAKING SPONSOR**

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER
PLEASE CALL 696-6050**

THANK YOU**NEWS TO YOU FROM RECREATION East Campus****Submitted by Rhetta Burch, Assistant Supervisor****SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Bowling training sessions began in October with non-ambulatory clients attending on Tuesday's and ambulatory clients on Wednesday's. Practices are held at Loyle Lanes.

Dry Land Ski School (ski practice) training sessions will begin on November 22nd and be held at the Auditorium for ten weeks (November, December, January). Clients will do their bending and stretching exercises and then take to actual ski equipment to practice their skills for upcoming competition. Group Home clients have been invited to participate.

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BUS RIDES

Clients continue to enjoy their outings on the new PAFA bus. This month many local rides were taken to destinations such as Liberty State Park, Longwood Gardens, Cowtown Rodeo, Philadelphia Zoo, Deptford Mall, Cape May, and other shore areas. Trips have been planned to see Christmas decorations and to Storybook Land for the holiday.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Several activities are already confirmed and many more will be added to the Central Recreation calendar.

On Saturday, December 3rd, North Cottage clients will travel to Trenton to enjoy the Annual Children's Christmas Show to be held at the War Memorial Building.

On Monday, December 12th, Pond Cottage clients will travel to Glassboro State College to enjoy the Annual Christmas Party/Dance sponsored by the Club for Exceptional Children.

On Wednesday, December 14th, the City of Vineland Recreation Commission will send in SANTA AND HIS FLOAT to visit East Campus clients. Central Recreation will supply candy for his treat.

On Monday, December 19th, clients will travel to the Cherry Hill Hyatt House to enjoy lunch with Santa.....what a great treat this activity is for any client to attend. They receive orange juice and pastry upon arrival, enjoy all types of musical entertainment, are served a delicious meal and are then given the opportunity to visit with Santa and receive an individual gift. This is sponsored by the Cherry Hill FOP and Garden State Rotary Club.

On Monday, December 12th through Friday, December 16th, East Campus clients will be welcome to visit the Auditorium to enjoy the Christmas Village decorations and visit with Santa. Cottages will be scheduled to be sure all clients are given the opportunity to attend.

Central Recreation is assisting with coordination of the Annual Tree Lighting and December Open House activities.

TEMPORARY MOVE

The Central Recreation has temporarily moved to the Auditorium while the Multi-Purpose Building undergoes Asbestos removal. Our new phone number is #6329.

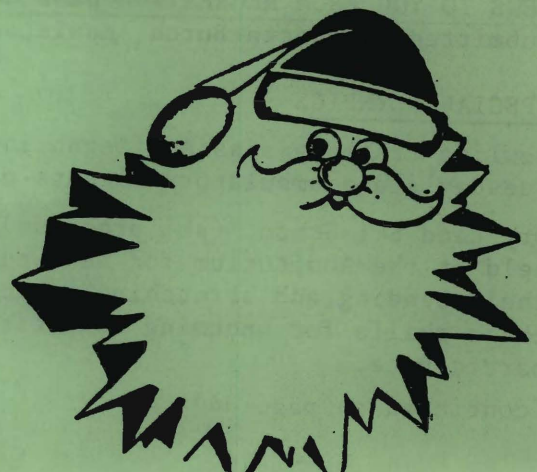
CANTEEN

The Canteen will be closed for a short period of time to complete fresh painting.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cohanzyck Zoo Discovery was held in November in Bassett, Cross, East, Giles, Kimble, and Landis Cottages. January the program will be held in Lee, Main, North, Pond, Reeves, Regan, Sykes, and Wolverton Cottages. Clients and staff are enjoying this learning/fun exposure.

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The Sixteenth Annual Sports Banquet was held on Tuesday, November 15th in the Auditorium. Seventy-five clients were honored with ribbons and medals, with 45 guests attending. All present were treated to a FEAST prepared by Mr. Michael Murphy and his staff, from our Food Service Department.

The Vineland Symphony Orchestra performed in the Auditorium on Wednesday, November 16th. This was a real treat and the clients enjoyed the various musical selections performed for them.

October 6th - Oktoberfest was held in the Auditorium and clients were treated to hot dogs, sauerkraut, big dough pretzels, and kegs of birch beer.

October 12th - Columbus Day Art Festival was held and clients were treated to sheet cakes decorated by Mr. Murphy and his staff. We had the globe, and the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria on our cakes and the clients enjoyed the cake and coffee.

October 17th - 21st - Chiller Thriller movies were held with clients being treated to cider and donuts. There were also visits from the witch and Freddie.

October 19th - Fright Night was held in the Multi-Purpose Building.

October 24th, 25th, 26th - A Pumpkin Carving Contest was held in the Multi-Purpose Building. Clients came in to find a pumpkin and decorations to use on their pumpkins. After preparing their pumpkin, the clients were treated to pumpkin pie and apple juice.

October 25th - The Hospital held a Chiller Thriller.

October 27th - The Hospital enjoyed a Halloween Party sponsored by Central Recreation.

October 27th - A Goulhie Bash was held in the Auditorium. Clients danced the "Monster Mash" and other favorites as our DJ spun those records! Many unique costumes were seen in the crowd as well as our own DJ.

October 28th - A Client Costume Contest was held in the Auditorium. Clients from various cottages donning their costumes and gave the judges a hard time choosing the winners of the various categories.

October 28th - Central Recreation Department coordinated the VDCEA Employee Pumpkin Decorating Contest with Mrs. Betty Hanson of Kimble Cottage winning \$100.00. Pumpkins were displayed in the Food Service Client Dining Room for their enjoyment for the holiday season.

October 31st - Trick or Treat was held in the Multi-Purpose Building for clients.

October 31st - The Employee Costume Judging Contest, coordinated by Central Recreation and sponsored by VDCEA, was held in the Auditorium. The winners were as follows: \$50.00 Winner was Dr. Mary Zelanis, \$25.00 Winner was Ms. Cathy Shawlot, another \$25.00 Winner was a group, Ms. Ruth Alvarado, Ms. Pat Ingerto, Ms. Rosemary Lillia, Ms. Arlene Mazzoni, and Ms. Bobbi Thomas. The clients really enjoyed this activity!!



NEWS TO YOU FROM RECREATION West Campus**Submitted by Connie Ortega, Assistant Supervisor**

The Miss VDC West Campus Pageant grew out of the idea of one recreator, Mrs. Rosa Holden of Ireland Cottage. Mrs. Holden thought that each cottage should be represented in a contest by a client from the cottage. As the idea was discussed, it grew into the bigger idea of holding a Campus Pageant to select Miss VDC West Campus.

Each cottage held a "Local Pageant" which involved three to five clients being selected to represent the cottage. Then, the cottage held its own Cottage Pageant and selected one winner and one runner-up. Each cottage was responsible for its own decorations, refreshments, selecting of judges, etc. The pride, spirit, and teamwork that were shown was beyond belief.

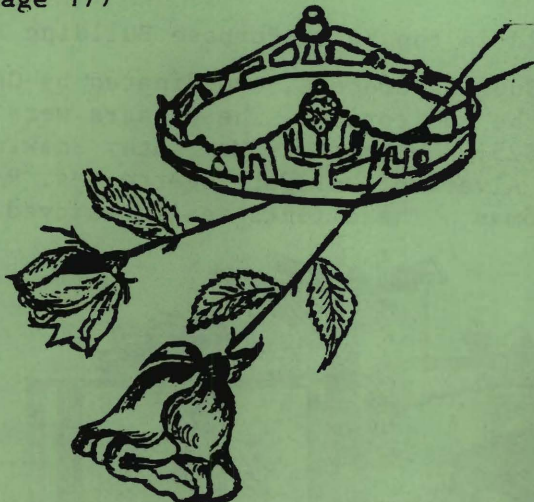
Then came the day of the pageant, October 12th, when all eight cottage finalists came together to pursue the crown and title of Miss VDC West Campus. The eight finalists were: Mildalia DeJesus, Miss Allen Cottage, Michelle Warnig, Miss Donahue Cottage, Patricia O'Connor, Miss Emerlee Cottage, Dorothy DeLand, Miss Fisher Cottage, Elizabeth McCormick, Miss Grisco Cottage, Delores McKee, Miss Harper Cottage, Mary Berry, Miss Ireland Cottage, and Marjorie Body, Miss Jones Cottage.

The Pageant started with all eight finalists coming on stage to greet the audience while wearing their cottage crowns and cottage sashes, with their cottage titles. Then came the sportswear competition where each finalist wore sportswear of her choice. The pageant moved on with the talent portion where each finalist danced or sang her way into the judges' hearts. Next, while the finalists changed into their eveningwear, the audience was entertained by the beautiful voice of Ms. Joyce DeMary singing "So Amazing". Ms. DeMary has a lovely voice, and she was enjoyed by all 275 persons in attendance.

The final category was the finalists wearing their elegant evening attire. It was simply breathtaking. The finalists really glimmered. At this point, you knew they all deserved the title, but the judges had their work cut out for them, since there could only be one Miss VDC West Campus and one runner-up.

As the judges deliberated, we had still more entertainment. At this time we enjoyed Gladys and The Pip'ettes, our local talent from the SFEA Department. The group consists of Denise Conaway, Donna Barber, and Lorraine Duddy.

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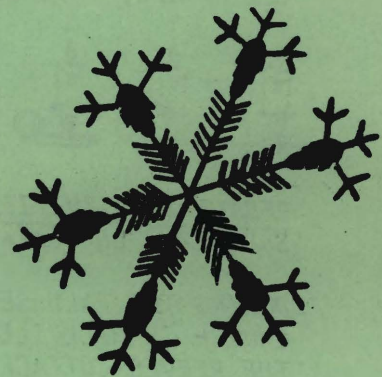
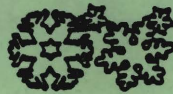
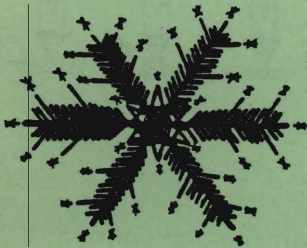
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Last, but not least, came the moment everyone was waiting for - the announcement of a winner. Before the winner and runner-up were revealed, each of the six finalists who did not win were given rose corsages. The runner-up was announced and presented with a bouquet of long stemmed roses, Marjorie Body, Miss Jones Cottage.

Then, the crowd went wild as they watched Mildalia DeJesus, Miss Allen Cottage, be crowned and handed a bouquet of long stemmed roses. Miss VDC West Campus was then escorted down the runway and back by Freddie Cross, and was then escorted to her throne. Miss Allen will reign as Miss VDC West Campus for one year. She will represent the VDC at social affairs, Open Houses, and other selected events.

Let me say that this single event generated more caring, team spirit, and an overwhelming amount of pride than I have seen in a long time. All Departments on West Campus were a part of the pageant. This total participation made the activity the success it was. Once again, this has shown that NONE OF US ALONE ARE AS GOOD AS ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER.



Ghostly Happenings From West Campus

Halloween was celebrated in a big way at West Campus. First came the Pumpkin Decorating Contest held October 26 (9 to 11 a.m.) where Cheryl Hyson, Sr. T.P.A. from Harper Cottage, won first prize with her California (Raisins) Pumpkin Display singing "I Heard It Through the Pumpkin Vine." Next came the "witching hour" for the West Campus Halloween Party held from 1 to 3 p.m. During the party the clients received prizes for first, second, and third place for the most original costumes.

Then the party began to shirk and shiver as the employees turned into cheerful goblins for their costume judging. Mary Ann Domenico and Doris Ergenzinger from the SFEA Department won first place, Henrietta Kirby and Carol Maldonado from the SFEA Department won second place, and Patricia Troth from SFEA won third place, and a special thank-you goes to all those employees who also looked great. After all the judging was completed, refreshments were enjoyed by all 210 clients and staff who attended the ghostly bash.

On Monday, October 31, trick or treat was held at the TLC gym for all clients and staff who dared to be transformed into Halloweeners.



RESIDENT ACTIVITIES FROM MAIN COTTAGE

THE LADIES OF MAIN COTTAGE ENJOYED THE BEAUTIFUL FALL FOLLIAGE ON THE MANY BUS AND VAN RIDES THIS SEASON.

FOR THE HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS THEY HELPED TO GATHER CORN STALKS TO PUT OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. THEY CHOSE THE ROUNDEST AND MOST COLORFUL PUMPKINS THEY COULD FIND. INSIDE THE BUILDING THEY HELPED TO PUT UP ALL OF THE SCARY DECORATIONS TO MAKE THE COTTAGE FRIGHTENING. TO FINISH OFF THE HOLIDAY, THEY HAD A PARTY WITH ALL THEIR FAVORITE FOODS: CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY, COLE SLAW, GREENS, BISCUITS, CUP CAKES AND SODA. IT WAS A VERY NICE PARTY AND EVERYONE HAD FUN.

THE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION WAS ENJOYED BY ALL THE MAIN COTTAGE CLIENTS BECAUSE THEY EACH HAD A HAND IN THE FUN OF PLANNING AND DECORATING FOR THE BIG EVENT.

DURING THIS AUTUMN SEASON, MANY OF OUR CLIENTS WENT TO DANCES AT THE NEW LISBON AND WOODBINE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS. OUR LADIES ALSO WON MANY RIBBONS AND MEDALS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PARTICIPATIONS IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS. THEY ALSO WERE QUITE TAKEN WITH A SPECIAL TRIP TO COWTOWN RODEO WHERE THEY GOT TO SEE COWBOYS AND HORSES.

ALL IN ALL, THIS SEASON HAS BEEN FUN AND INTERESTING AND REALLY BUSY!!!!!!

**RESIDENT ACTIVITIES FROM REEVES COTTAGE**

Submitted by Denise Branin and Cathy Shawlot

DURING THE FALL SEASON, A SPECIAL CONCERT WAS HELD AT THE TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MILLVILLE. THE CONCERT WAS TO BENEFIT THE ENRICHMENT CENTER. SEVERAL OF THE REEVES COTTAGE CLIENTS ATTENDED THIS BEAUTIFUL AND ENJOYABLE EVENING.

REEVES COTTAGE IS PROUD OF VIRGINIA HOCKSING FOR WINNING THE COLUMBUS DAY COLORING CONTEST. VIRGINIA WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN OF HER WINNING AT THE PARTY WHICH WAS GIVEN TO CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY. VIRGINIA WAS PRESENTED WITH AN AM/FM RADIO AND AN AWARD RIBBON. CONGRATULATIONS VIRGINIA.....



VIRGINIA
HOCKSING

NEWS TO YOU FROM CROSS COTTAGE
Submitted by Dee Ryan, Rec/STPA

"REFLECTIONS"

WHEATON VILLAGE trips - Glassblowers - Suspense
 Don't be tardy 'cause we're going to the Block Party
 Oh, how scrumptious, GIAMPIETRO PARK picnic lunches.
 Couldn't have missed it - had to be at BUENA VISTA.
 CAPP'S DAY CAMP - rowing the canoe with you.
 The VDC lifeguards were always there for us at the Pool.
 Taking leisure BUS RIDES to the shore without a care was cool.
 Hashing out new and old news at the ICE CREAM SOCIALS, helped keep away the blues.
 DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS was so good for me - What A Victory!
 Just when we felt down and gray.....along came COOL DOWN FUN DAY.
 Sauerkraut, hot dogs, and birch beer were the best - when celebrating OCTOBERFEST.
 It's almost Halloween - time to start our PUMPKIN CARVING.
 The HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST will be coming soon, the Scariest, Most Unusual -
 who will the Ghouldest belong to?
 If you want to have a fright attack - CHILLER THRILLERS will take you there,
 and that's a fact.
 THANKSGIVING'S around the corner, and CHRISTMAS too...
 We're sure that CENTRAL RECREATION will help to make it SPLENDID for you.
 They are setting the stage and tying the bows....
 While Rudolph is preparing to light up his nose.
 Getting around to all of this year's activities and celebrations
 was fun it's true....
 But we want you to know CROSS COTTAGE STAFF,
 we couldn't have done it without YOU!!!!
 "1988 WAS SO FINE.....WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO '89"

SPECIAL NOTES:

Welcome to Cross, Ms. Kelly.
 We're very happy to have you with us!
 A very special Thanks to Ms. Scavelli, too!

WISHING ALL OF YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON
 From Cross Cottage Clients.....



NEWS TO YOU FROM MORIAS AVENUE GROUP HOME**Submitted by Darlene Fisher, HCTS**

Three cheers for TINY ASTONE....a 59 year old non-ambulatory client who now resides in Morias Avenue Group Home. Tiny was awarded a trophy for Best Special Olympic Athlete of the Year for 1988, at a VDC Sports Banquet held on November 15th in the Auditorium.

Tiny also received numerous other ribbons and medals, as well as congratulations and encouragement from many old friends and coaches for her athletic accomplishments.

Tiny's name will also be placed on a plaque which hangs in the Administration Building with winners from previous years.

Tiny's spirit of determination continues as she now looks forward to participating with the Group Home athletes next year!!!

**NEWS TO YOU FROM GARDEN ROAD GROUP HOME****Submitted by Freda Bhatti, HCTS**

As those of you who are familiar with the exploits of Garden Road Group Home may recall, we decided after our Valentine's Party to invite some gentlemen to our next gathering. So, when Halloween rolled around, we called on our friends at the New Lisbon Group Homes. Besides being good company, we owed the guys an invitation after the great barbeque they hosted for us this summer.

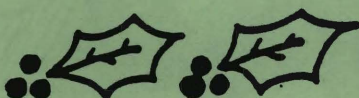
Being the magnanimous souls that we are, we shared the pleasure of this company with our pals from Post Road Group Home, one of our former housemates now residing at Chestnut Avenue Group Home, and one of our friends still residing at VDC.

The hostesses greeted their guests in a variety of costumes. The "French Maid" smiled coquettishly while the "Rugged Pirate" sported an eye patch and earring. "Dracula" drooled blood next to a "Wicked Witch". A friendly "Little Ghost" tried in vain to frighten her guests. Our resident "Angel" donned glitter-trimmed wings. A red-caped "Devil" carried a lethal looking plastic pitchfork. But perhaps best of all was the vision of our own "Olive Oyl", who was swift to point out that the original Olive Oyl weighed more than she....

What a difference the guys made! One of our special guests got the party jumping with his fancy dance moves. Groups got together to chat and everyone had a grand time.

We at Garden Road Group Home would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff members from Post Road and Chestnut Avenue for the help they provided. We would also like to thank Jean Schilling and Myla Rhubart for their contributions to our fun.

Now we have to think of something to top this.....It's going to be tough, but maybe a New Year's Eve Party.....

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

VINELAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERDECEMBER OPEN HOUSEFriday, December 9, 1988

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

(held next to the East Campus George Barton
Thorn Auditorium adjacent to the swimming
pool area)

Ruth Suggs, Vocalist

Sacred Heart High School Show Choir

Nereda Rodriguez and Maria La Boy

(VDC Employees Association Talent Show
winners)

Refreshments

Saturday, December 10, 1988

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vocational Department Arts and Crafts Sales

(The West Campus Learning Center and
the East Campus Vocational Building)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All cottages and Vocational Department areas on
both campuses will be open to visitors

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Open House Entertainment

(The Learning Center - West Campus)

Welcome by Robert N. Smith, Superintendent

Employee of the Year Award - West Campus

Dinshah Dance School

Entertainment by West Campus Clients and Staff

Closing remarks by Virginia Bianchi, Assistant
Superintendent and Connie Ortega, Assistant
Supervisor of Recreation

Refreshments and visit by Santa

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Open House Entertainment

(George Barton Thorn Auditorium - East Campus)

Welcome by Rebecca Sutton, Assistant Superintendent
and Vito Ingerto, Employees Association
President

D'Ippolito Middle School Band

Entertainment by East Campus Clients and Staff

Entertainment by PAFA Group Home Clients and Staff

Employee of the Year Award

(East Campus and PAFA Group Homes)

Closing remarks by Robert N. Smith, Superintendent

Refreshments and visit by Santa

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