

# Park Tower News

DECEMBER 1981

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PARK TOWER

DECEMBER ... it's the month of HOLIDAYS!

WHETHER LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE MENORAH OR TRIMMING THE TREE FOR CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER IS A MONTH OF LOVING, CARING AND SHARING FOR ALL OF US... AND A TIME FOR MANY WONDERFUL HOLIDAY TRADITIONS.

Perhaps it would be interesting to know more about these seasonal traditions, so we offer the following Holiday test.

1. How did the tradition of sending Holiday Greetings originate?
2. How many candles on the menorah and what do they represent?
3. What is the PROPER way to kiss under the mistletoe?
4. Who levied a fine for "observing any such day as Christmas"?
5. What seasonal decoration is named after a U.S. Ambassador?

... now, for the answers.

1. Obviously this tradition got started before the 20¢ postage stamp! Holiday greetings by mail probably originated in England in the early 19th century among the upper class. When reforms in the British postal system permitted cards to be sent at a uniform penny rate, the custom quickly spread.
2. During each of the eight nights of Hanukkah, Jews light one of the eight candles in their menorahs, commemorating the period in 165B.C., the time the Israelites regained their desecrated temple from the Syrians. Finding one small cruse of oil that hadn't been defiled, the Israelites poured the oil into a ceremonial menorah and lighted it. Though no one expected that tiny amount of oil to burn for very long, it burned for a week and one day. That is the eight day miracle of Hanukkah.
3. Each person kissed removes a berry. When the last berry is removed, the kissing stops.
4. The Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
5. The poinsetta, named after Dr. Joel Poinsett, who served as Ambassador to Mexico. Native to Central America, it was brought to South Carolina, where it flourishes.

TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th

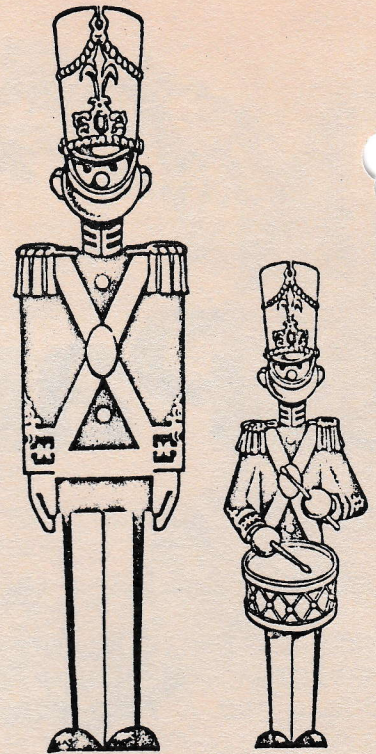
4 to 8PM

PARK TOWER PARTY ROOM

"Toy Soldiers" will be wearing Marine uniforms at our Annual TOYS FOR TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY. Once again, this popular event is being held in conjunction with NORTHBEACH, LAKE TERRACE and the cooperation of the United States Marine Corps. Also returning for the festivities will be LESLIE MITNICK of Lake Terrace, who donates his time at the piano. A donation will be made to Toys for Tots in Mr. Mitnick's name.

The toys YOU bring to this party will be distributed by the Marine Corps to needy children, youngsters who may receive nothing else for Christmas.

Coffee, cookies, punch(!) and merriment add up to joy ... plan to join in and bring a toy!!!



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DID THE GRINCH STEAL THE BUTTONS?????

The Christmas Grinch didn't steal Christmas, and didn't steal the elevator buttons on the second floor either!!! You may have noticed that the "UP" buttons have been removed on all the PASSENGER ELEVATORS on the second floor. The reason: residents using the health club and ESPECIALLY THE POOL are NOT to use the passenger elevators to return home. Users of the second floor passenger elevators will have to return to the first floor before traveling to higher floors. THIS IS ALSO A REMINDER THAT DRIPPING WET BATHING SUITS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE PASSENGER ELEVATORS, in fact pool users should towel dry to prevent water from dripping on any floor in the building -- it's a safety hazzard to others. PLEASE, IF YOU USE THE POOL OR THE HEALTH CLUB, USE THE SERVICE ELEVATORS FOR TRANSPORTATION. The Grinch didn't remove the second floor "UP" buttons ... the gripes from other residents did. Let's have everyone's cooperation!

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WHO'S WHO IN THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE ...

We call the Management Office phone number (769-3250) sometimes not knowing who to ask for or even the correct names of the ladies working to make Park Tower run smoothly. Here's a "primer" on this helpful group of ladies.

- JOY PIPALA - Building Manager
- DIANE KULCZYCKI - Assistant Building Manager
- ANN CHAMPLEY - RECEPTIONIST/SERVICE
- ANN MARIE JADRICH - SERVICE COORDINATOR

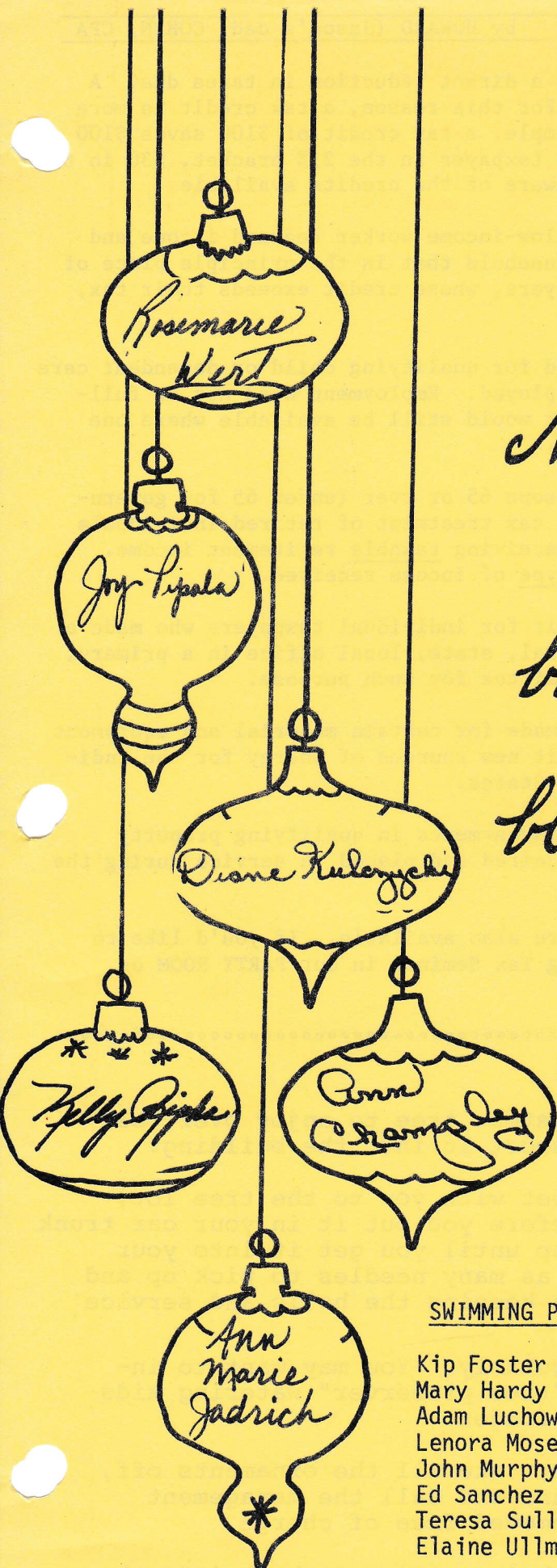
(These are the women who are also VERY helpful in publishing the Park Tower News each month! Thanks, gals.)

# Season's Greetings



May this season of  
Wonder  
be a season filled with  
blessings for each of you!

Joy Pipala  
and  
Entire Staff



## MAINTENANCE

Ed Kargus (Engineer)  
Rick Ryding (Ass't. Engineer)  
John Benson  
Bill Dennison  
Ed Garrettson  
John Hoglund  
Steve Smith  
Joe Staller Jr.  
Ludvik Stefanec  
Ken Vajic

## SECURITY OFFICERS

Roy Perry  
Billy Coleman  
Steve Orians  
Don Wayne

## SWIMMING POOL GUARDS

Kip Foster (Supervisor)  
Mary Hardy  
Adam Luchowski  
Lenora Moses  
John Murphy  
Ed Sanchez  
Teresa Sullivan  
Elaine Ullman

## DOORMEN

Sam Calderone  
Ernest Lowery  
Horace Woolridge  
Lester Long  
Foster Thomas  
Robert McKoy (relief)  
James Powell (relief)

TAX CREDITS ... WHAT? WHY? WHEN? A TAX CREDIT is a direct reduction in taxes due. A DEDUCTION is a reduction in income subject to tax. For this reason, a tax credit is more valuable than the same amount of deduction. For example, a tax credit of \$100 saves \$100 of tax; a deduction of \$100 saves \$25 of tax for the taxpayer in the 25% bracket, \$30 in the 30% bracket, etc. Therefore, it's important to be aware of the credits available.

- \* EARNED INCOME CREDIT is a credit available to the low-income worker (earned income and adjusted income under \$10,000) that maintains a household that is the principle place of abode for the worker and child(ren). NOTE: Taxpayers, whose credit exceeds their tax, get a refund of the excess credit.
- \* CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE CREDIT is a credit allowed for qualifying child or dependent care expense paid for the purpose of being gainfully employed. Employment need not be full-time, and in the case of a married couple, a credit would still be available where one spouse worked and the other is a full-time student.
- \* CREDIT FOR THE ELDERLY is a limited credit for persons 65 or over (under 65 for governmental retirees) for the purpose of equalizing the tax treatment of retired individuals receiving tax-exempt Social Security and persons receiving taxable retirement income. NOTE: The credit is dependent on the amount and type of income received.
- \* CREDIT FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS is a small credit for individual taxpayers who made a contribution to a candidate for election to a federal, state, local office in a primary, general or special election, or to a political committee for such purpose.
- \* RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CREDIT applies to expenditures made for certain material and equipment (including installation) that save energy or exploit new sources of energy for the individual's principle residence located in the United States.
- \* INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT is allowed, in general, for investments in qualifying property (including certain rehabilitation expenditures) acquired and placed in service during the taxable year.
- \* OTHER CREDITS (foreign tax, work incentive, etc) are also available. If you'd like to know more, HOWARD COHEN will conduct an interesting Tax Seminar in our PARTY ROOM on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 8PM.

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EASY TRANSPORTATION DOESN'T GROW ON TREES!!!

If you're thinking about getting a real Christmas tree to enjoy over the Holidays, here's some tips to help you transport it into the building:



1. Take an old bedsheet with you to the tree lot, wrap the tree in it before you put it in your car trunk and leave it wrapped up until you get it into your home. You won't have as many needles to pick up and this will also help in keeping the halls and service elevators clean.
2. Water the tree regularly. You may want to investigate one of the "tree preserver" watering aids to help the tree last longer.
3. TO REMOVE THE TREE, take all the ornaments off, remove it from the stand and call the management office. It will be removed free of charge.

And, if you have a plastic tree ... good luck in getting it back into the box (that seems to get smaller each Season)!



LIVING IN A  
HIGHRISE ...  
HAS ITS "UPS AND DOWNS"!

And most people call them elevators!  
When we're angry with the elevators, we  
call them something else!!!

Let's face it, all of us have been upset with the  
wait for an elevator from time to time. And, un-  
fortunately, there is little that can be done to change this  
situation without major structural changes to the building.  
The Board of Directors has been working with Westinghouse  
Elevator Company to expedite service, and some improvements  
have been made. But the rest will have to be up to us ... and our patience! There  
are some things that residents can do to prevent breakdowns and make elevator use more  
comfortable for all -- the suggestions are:

1. Press the floor button only ONCE, using your finger ... not an umbrella, key, etc.  
Once you've pressed the button going up OR down, the call has been registered.  
Pressing the button more often will not bring the elevator any faster.
2. If you must hold the door open for an extra second or two, PRESS THE "DOOR OPEN"  
BUTTON -- DO NOT HOLD YOUR HAND IN THE DOOR TO KEEP IT OPEN.
3. DON'T SMOKE IN THE ELEVATORS... IT'S ILLEGAL AND ANNOYING TO OTHERS.
4. Be extra mindful of wet umbrellas, large suitcases or how you can move out of the way  
for other passengers. Large items belong on the service elevators.
5. Ladies aren't always first on an elevator. To avoid congestion and wasting of time,  
leave the elevator in the order that you are standing in it -- nearest the door first.
6. WATCH OUT FOR YOURSELF when getting on or off, the platform could be slightly off  
the regular floor level or the doors could be closing.
7. THE PASSENGER ELEVATOR IS A COMPLEX VERTICAL TRANSIT SYSTEM DESIGNED TO MOVE PEOPLE.  
FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, TREAT THE ELEVATOR WITH RESPECT. "HORSEPLAY AND GAMES"  
ON ELEVATORS CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY ... BOTH TO THE PASSENGERS AND THE ELEVATOR!!

--- ELEVATORS SURE BEAT WALKING!!!---

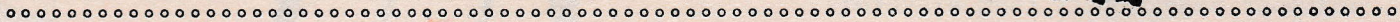
An "Early Winter Party" for all Park Tower residents is being planned for Friday, December 4th. Please watch for more information on this fun get-to-gether.

HOWARD COHEN, C.P.A. answers questions on the subject of TAXES IN THE 80's. With the year drawing to a close, you'll be able to get a jump on some of the usual taxing problems when you join Howard in the Party Room on Tuesday, December 8th. Check the bulletin boards for the correct time.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF PARK TOWER FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE!



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4  
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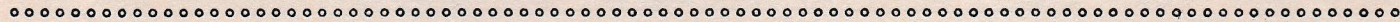
ONE DELIGHTFUL WAY OF GIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON is to remember others.

*The  
spirit of  
Christmas  
...giving of  
yourself.*

Many residents in Park Tower know MARGARITA JOSEPHY, as a former long time resident. Margarita celebrates her 90th birthday on December 15th. Wouldn't it be nice if we all took the time to send her a birthday card? She is currently at the SELF HELP HOME, and is bright and happy as we all remember her.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARGARITA! And, if you want to send her a card, the address is:

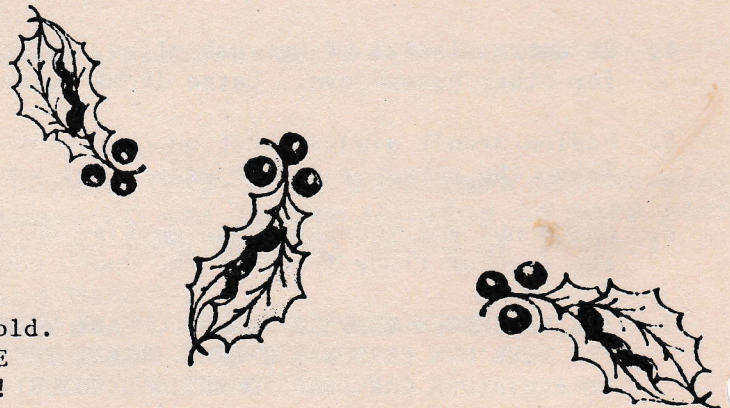
Margarita Josephy  
Self Help Home  
908 West Argyle  
Chicago, IL 60640



Give an extra holiday smile away;  
Go an added mile each day;  
Sow the seed ... for joy it brings  
When it's sent on loving wings.

None resists so great a light --  
Soothing, magnetic to the sight.  
Smiles, accomplishing their goals,  
Light up windows of our souls.

The wealth we own is only gold --  
and gives no comfort until it's sold.  
LIFE IS RICHER ... MORE WORTHWHILE  
WHEN WE GIVE AWAY A HOLIDAY SMILE!



MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BE A PART OF OUR LIFE THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

THE PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
and JAN ZIELKE, Editor.