

Room at the Inn by Renee Shea

In his book, *Seven Stories of Christmas Love*, Dr. Leo Buscaglia wrote of a very intriguing experience he had one Christmas Eve, thirty years ago in Bali. The author/professor had been traveling through the area and spent the night with some natives of a remote village of that country. These villagers had never heard of Jesus Christ, Christianity or Christmas. So, Leo told them the wonderful story of the birth of a Savior.

When he finished, his audience looked at him in amazement and asked, “What do you mean there was no room at the inn? How could there not be room for a pregnant woman? There is always room for one more.” The concept of no room at the inn was much too foreign to them to imagine.

Dr. Buscaglia took that as a lesson for us all. He stated that we should always have room for other human beings in our lives or risk losing out on something wonderful. I think that is what The Villa is all about.

We reach out to everyone, indeed, anyone who wishes to be part of this very special community. People tend to look at our efforts to fill our building to its capacity as a motive to make money; or because it is our job to do so. This is true. We are a business, and we do strive to make this business successful.

However, the truly joyous part of our jobs is to make a positive difference in other people’s lives. We know our residents are treated well here. They become our friends, our extended family. If you think about it, we actually tend to spend more time with the residents than we do with our own families. That is why we work hard to make the building safe, comfortable and beautiful; the food nutritious and tasty; the activities stimulating and entertaining; and the entire experience of living here just plain wonderful.

So please, keep an open door to your friends and family members. Invite them to join you here for an interesting event, or a home-style meal. Let them know they are welcome and we will always find room for another person.

You already know that if you get someone to move in here permanently, you will receive \$1,000.00 off your following month’s rent. But more importantly, you will share with the rest of us the joy you find in knowing that person. As they say on TV, “priceless!”

I wish you and your loved ones much peace and joy this holiday season.

Merry
Christmas



