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LakeRidge Social  
Committee Mission  
Statement

The LakeRidge Social Committee is comprised of a group of LakeRidge residents whose goal is to promote and plan neighborhood social functions thus developing good relationships and increasing the friendliness, safety and well-being of our community. Membership on the committee is voluntary.

Upcoming LakeRidge  
Events:

Dining Group

Biaggi's  
1060 Darrington Dr  
March 18, 7:00PM

Preston Village Yard  
Sale

Saturday, March 29

Carolina Mardi Gras

Saturday, April 5,  
5:00PM

In the Street  
@ Lake end of  
Great Lake Drive

**Love Makes  
Your Soul  
Crawl Out  
From Its  
Hiding Place**

Created by the LakeRidge Social Committee



# LakeRidge Ledger

## *Dining Group for March*

Last month's dinner at **Chop House Grill** was the largest turnout ever (32) for the dining group. We all enjoyed a fun, albeit a bit long evening over scrumptious food and drink. So let's repeat that on March 18 at 7:00PM at Biaggi's Ristorante (corner of Darrington Drive and Cary Parkway). If you haven't been there yet you'll find that Biaggi's is a fun, casual, white-tablecloth restaurant that offers an extensive menu featur-

ing a full selection of house-made and imported pasta, soups & salads, pizza, seafood, chicken, veal, steaks and of course desserts.

Some of the menu choices are: **Lobster & Shrimp Stuffed Trigger Fish, Lamb Porterhouse with Espresso and Herb Rub, Osso Buco**, as well as the more traditional dishes like **Veal or Eggplant Parmesan and Shrimp Oreganata**.

So bring your appetite and a friend and join us in March. The more the merrier.

## *In Memory of Ernest Begun*

Our neighbor, Ernest Begun of Great Lake Drive passed away on January 21 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife Beatrice. They were originally from Massapequa Park, New York where he was a social worker, They

have a son who lives nearby and daughter who lives in New York.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Begun family.

## *Mardi Gras Comes to LakeRidge*

Do you have April 5 circled on your calendar yet? That's when the LakeRidge version of Mardi Gras is going to be held and you don't want to miss it!! Oh, and it's also when the March Madness final game is being played. Now you might think that's a conflict. But we have thought of everything. We will have a TV set up so you can watch the game and still enjoy the fabulous Creole food and fun. And so everyone can attend, it will be held in the street at the Lake end of Great Lake Dr. We know that some people have a tough time negotiating the rough terrain when we hold it on the grass and hope this will allow more of you to join in the fun.

As always we will have beer on tap and will also be serving main dishes and desserts inspired by the Creole and Cajun influence of the real Mardi Gras such as Jambalaya, Muffaletta sandwich, Kickin' Pork Ribs, Vegetar-

ian Creole Rice, salads and the LakeRidge version of the famous King Cake.

Put on your best Mardi Gras costume (or not) and join in the fun. There will be Bocce to play and boat rides on the lake with the Captains Bob—great for the kids, or kid in all of us!!

We ask that you bring a chair, a drink of your choosing (if you don't drink beer), an appetizer to share and \$5 to help defray our costs. Oh and don't forget to bring a couple of extra dollars because we will be having our famous 50/50 raffle. There will also be a drawing for free giveaways and we have a few more surprises we know you'll enjoy.

Please spread the word and bring your family and friends.... The more the merrier!! Hope to see you there!!

**Note:** There will be parking available for those that need to drive.

## Welcome to the New Neighbors

The Matzinger family has recently moved onto Lake Brandt after having lived elsewhere in the area for a year. Originally from San Diego they chose our neighborhood because it is so quiet — and they are in their 20's!! Imagine that.

Over on Great Lake we have the Rubinoffs who hail from New York. Sandy was a teacher there for 35. Their two children also live in this area.

And we have new neighbors on Badin Lake

too. The Robertsons found our community after having lived in the area for awhile. They have 2 sons, one in college and the other a senior in high school. Phillip, the dad, trades in and teaches foreign currency, loves golf and is a helicopter pilot and instructor. Sounds like the guy to get to know! Brenda is a native Carolinian—rare these days, and works at Home Depot. They both love to travel. We welcome you all to LakeRidge and hope to meet you at the Mardi Gras in April.

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Living quietly among us is one heck of a gal. Linda Lawrence is a native Carolinian who has a warm and giving heart. She has been active in our community from the time she moved in.

Currently Linda heads up the Welcome Com-

mittee and is also an active member of the Social Committee. She headed the nominating committee last year and was a member again this year.

Linda, we want you to know that we appreciate your involvement in our community.

## Tea for Newcomers a Big Success

We have started a new tradition, an annual Welcome Tea for all the folks who have moved into our community during that year.

The first one was held at the Lawrences and was a huge success. Sixteen people (men & women) attended and had a great time getting to know each other. Everyone commented on how much they appreciate the way the Welcome Committee greeted them

when they first moved in. They bring a bag filled with local information to each newcomer and some yummy baked goody or even hearty soup.

The committee members: Linda Lawrence (Chair), Angela Reppert, Pat Young, Dolly Hunter and Martha van der Linden all deserve a round of applause for the great work. Kind of makes you want to move out and back in again doesn't it?

## Tables for Rent

The **Preston Village Yard Sale** is coming up on March 29. Do you have enough tables to display all of your treasures? The Social Committee has several lightweight but sturdy tables that we use during our parties. They are available to rent for a fee of \$5 per table. We

currently have (7) six foot tables and (3) eight footers. Contact anyone on the committee to arrange for their use. The only time they would not be available is during a Lake-Ridge social event.

## Hazardous Waste Collection

You lock your doors, you check the batteries in your smoke detector. Now take the next step to protect your family—reduce your household hazardous waste.

On the first Saturday of each month (8AM-

4PM) you can take things like paint, aerosol cans, motor oil, drain cleaner disinfectants, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides and much more to the North Wake Landfill on Deeponie Dr. For more information on what they accept and how to get there call 856-5597.

**Two Wrongs  
Don't Make A  
Right, But  
Three Lefts Do.**

