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# LakeRidge Ledger

## *A Time of Thanksgiving*

**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.

Did anyone see the rainbow on Saturday, 11/15? It was so big and bright that it made everyone who looked break into a smile. Rainbows are thought to be a sign of hope and good luck.

Our minds may not be filled with lots of positive thoughts right now, but maybe the rainbow should be seen as a reminder that we do have many things to be thankful for.

Although our pocketbooks may not be as full today we still have the love of our families and friends to rely on. We can look around us

and see Mother Nature's glorious paintbrush reflected in the colors of the trees and bushes. Even if our health is not what it used to be, we can be thankful that we are still active and can take care of ourselves, live in our own homes. Whether we agree with the politicians or not, we can be thankful that we live in a country where we have the right to make those choices. Maybe we should all make a gratitude list and keep in mind the positive things in our lives, especially as we move into the holiday season.

### **Upcoming LakeRidge Events:**

**Holiday Decorating Judging**  
December 13, 6PM

**Caroling**  
December 14

**January Dining Group**  
Sunday, January 18,  
1PM  
**Vivace**  
4209 Lassiter Mill Rd  
North Hills, Raleigh

## *A Caroling We Will Go*

Please save the date of December 14 at 6PM so you can join us as we stroll through LakeRidge, singing carols. This has been well received in years past so we are continuing the tradition this year.

We will be starting at the Lake end of Great Lake Dr. in front of number 222. Songbooks will be provided. Also, if you have a lantern to

bring that would be great. There will be a get-together at the Lloyd's for the carolers to warm up and visit after they're done.

Please mark your calendars so you can either come along and sing with us or be home to enjoy those that do. As always, friends and families are welcome.

## *In Memory*

Sadly, one of our neighbors passed away this past week. Bonnie Bracciante died peacefully at home after losing her fight against cancer. She was a generous and giving friend to many of us in LakeRidge. Her upbeat manner through this battle was an inspiration to any-

one who knew her. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob Maiz and their family. She has been sent home to New York where there will be a service for her. There will be one here in Cary in the near future, but no date has been decided.

## *Service Recommendation*

Recently I had a bathroom redone and needed quick and professional work done on it. David Jones and his team from Reasonable Solutions responded quickly and did excellent work for me. They installed lights and faucets,

tilled the floors and painted. I highly recommend David Jones for any work you might need done. Make sure to tell him Nancy Butters gave you his name. 868-7330

**If the professor on  
Giligan's Island  
could make a radio  
out of a coconut,  
why couldn't he fix  
a hole in a boat?**

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**Can you cry under  
water?**

## Thursday Nights On Great Lake

There is a group of fun loving and hardy souls who have been getting together on the green at the end of Great Lake Drive for a few months now. They want you to know about all the great times they're having in hopes that you will wander over and join them too. They meet at 7PM every Thursday night, rain or shine, cold or hot. See what I mean about hardy?

If inclement weather tries to interfere, they

simply move their fun into the Salley's garage. They bring food and drink and sit around kibitzing and laughing for 2-3 hours. Sounds like a good time to me!

So since weather is no excuse, why not join them soon. They have no plans of stopping any time soon.

Call Greg Salley if you have any questions.

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## Welcome to Our New Neighbor

Please wish a belated welcome to Diane who has moved onto Lake Brandt Dr.. We have been remiss in getting her information and apologize for that. We aren't always this slow, Diane.

She is a retired schoolteacher and has moved

here from Long Island NY. Maybe you had a chance to meet her at the Rock Around the Clock party. Her daughter lives in the area and has given Diane a new granddaughter to keep her young. Her hobby is Feng Shui.

How fun!!

## January Dining Group

Last January we tried something new for the dining group. We went to brunch together at Vivace in the North Hills area of Raleigh and since it was a great success we have decided to do it again this year.

The restaurant serves Italian cuisine with an open kitchen, wood-fired grill and house made pastas that set the stage for contemporary Tuscan fare. The brunch is an "off the menu" style rather than buffet. The menu includes such things as: asparagus & goat

cheese frittata, mascarpone & berry stuffed crespella, grilled chicken saltimbocca panino and salty egg pizza.

Then after the great meal and scintillating conversation we will head over to either catch a movie or do some shopping—make a day of it!!

Please join us for this new tradition at 1PM on Sunday, January 18 and bring along your friends and family too. Contact Pat Young for reservations.

## Holiday Decorating Contest



**Why do people pay to go up on tall buildings and then use binocluars to look at things on the ground?**

Have you gotten out last year's Holiday decorations yet? Better get to it soon. We're having our decorating contest again this year and can't wait to see how you fancy up your place. So drag out the lights and garlands and do it up big so you can have a chance of winning the highly coveted award on your front lawn. Last year's winners, the Rafetto's can tell you what a thrill that was.

And as last year's winners, the Rafetto's will become members of the judging panel who will come around on 12/13 at 6PM to make their decision and place the prize plaque on the winner's lawn. Please note that any house can only win once in 5 five years to give room for others to be the champs. Make sure to have your lights turned on—12/13, 6PM.