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**LakeRidge Social
Committee Mission
Statement**

The LakeRidge Social Committee is comprised of a group of LakeRidge residents whose goal it 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

El Meson de Fuentes
120 Morrisville Sq Way
(Off Morrisville-
Carepenter),
Morrisville
April 17, 7PM

Spring Fling

April 1, 4-8PM
Gazebo on Our Lake

LakeRidge Luau

June 23
Watch for info

***Golf wear is the
disturbing thing
that happens
when men take
an interest in
fashion.***

Created by the LakeRidge Social Committee



LakeRidge Ledger

Spring Has Sprung!

Yes, SPRING IS HERE!! So let's get outside and enjoy the beauty and fun of the season at our 3rd Annual Spring Fling on April 1, at our Gazebo on the Lake from 4-8PM. This is a "Rain or Shine" event. If it's raining we will move to behind the Kistenmacher's at 222 Great Lake.

The Social Committee will be supplying Beer (many thanks to Gail Poitras for this!!), Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and all the fixin's. As always, we appreciate and look forward to your yummy contributions to the food table as well. Its always fun to try the goodies that you cook and bring to share.

Bob Pierce will have his boat available for rides or fishing on the lake. Thanks Bob! This has been a great hit in the past, especially with the kids. But then, we're all kids at heart, right? Remember to bring a few dollar bills so you can take a chance on the 50/50 raffle.

Also, we would like to thank Sunrise Landscape for their generous cash donation to our party funds.

Please join us for the festivities and spend time relaxing by the lake with your neighbors. And remember that your family & friends are welcome to come too. The more the merrier!!

Giving Back

Over the past few months we have been hearing more and more about opportunities to give of our time to help others. We thought you might be interested in hearing about some of them. It is always said that those who benefit most from volunteering are not the recipients but the givers. So here are some ideas for you:

SeniorNet:

Bob Pierce made us aware of the local organization of SeniorNet. They offer volunteer Computer instruction and coaching for the Seniors who sign up for their courses at the Cary Senior Center. If you would like to volunteer, there are several benefits: (1) Take the courses yourself for free. (2) Observe a class or coach a class before you decide to coach or instruct it. (3) Stay abreast of technology changes and have access to some savvy computer folks and the Senior Center computer lab. (4) Get a free annual membership to "SeniorNet" as well as various discounts, free chat rooms and courses etc. (5) Provide a valuable community service and have a good bit of fellowship and camaraderie with some very nice folks. The students are seniors who have decided to get on board and the courses go from fun-

damental to advanced applications like PhotoShop, e-Bay, home networking etc. To volunteer or for more info or questions call **Bob Pierce @ 481-4115**. Or go to their website: www.seniornet.com.

Duke Cancer Patient Support Program:

Charlene Lloyd is a 14 year volunteer and has found that the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program offers a unique opportunity to those who wish to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

A four hour weekly volunteer commitment consists of visiting with, catering to and assisting in anyway to make the ordeal of cancer treatment more tolerable. You can make a difference in a patient's attitude and ability to face the future. Volunteers are trained by counselors and medical staff on a daily basis, and have opportunities to attend in-service educational programs conducted at the Duke Cancer Center. Commute time, from LakeRidge to Duke is only 23 minutes and parking is free.

For more information, please call **Charlene Lloyd @ 462-9072**.

We hope this column will become a regular feature, so if you are aware of or involved in other opportunities, please contact me **Nancy Butters @ 463-9451** or magicmidas@nc.rr.com.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

A sure sign of Spring is the buying and selling of homes all over Cary. There are a few homes in LakeRidge that are currently on the market and a few that have recently sold. We have new neighbors at 213 Lake Tillery., the Gould family and their dog, Molson. He's an adorable 8 month old GoldenDoodle. They are originally from New York but have been in the Cary area for awhile. Welcome to the neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Fling! Our new neighbors on 106 White Lake Court are the Joe and Kathy. They came to Cary from Connecticut. Joe is a Service Ad-

visor for Crown Honda and Kathy is a home health care provider for the elderly. They are also the proud parents of two adult daughters. One lives in Maryland and is getting married in May. The other is already married and the mother of their 10 year old granddaughter. I'm sure they would love to show you photos of their family!! Kathy and Joe both enjoy ballroom dancing and are avid "Dancing with the Stars" fans. So don't call them on Monday nights!! Welcome to the neighborhood and we hope to see you both at the Spring Fling too so we can get to know you better.

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Italy & India—Now Mexico

For our February Dining Group was at Daniel's Pizza and Pasta Café on Rte 55 in Apex. All that attended enjoyed the "Little Bit of Italy" atmosphere. They supped on pizzas and pasta, beer and wine. What could be better than that? And in March the Dining Group tried the new Saffron Restaurant right down the street at the corner of McCrimmon's Parkway and Davis Drive. It was a group of about 12 LakeRidgers (that's a new word!) and they were seated in a separate room which made it great for mingling. Think our reputation preceded us? The group enjoyed several of the authentic dishes from many different regions of India. The April Dining Group is going to go to Mexico on Tuesday, April 17 at 7PM. The restaurant we have chosen is El Meson de Fuentes in Morrisville, which translates to

"The Restaurant of the Fuentes". The Fuentes family currently operates 8 restaurants in the area. Their mission is to offer a sampling of the Mexican culture and cuisine. Some of the items on the varied menu are: Mojarra (seasoned/Fried Tilapia), Carne Asada, Huevos Rancheros, Chilaquiles Verdes (Tortilla chips with sauce, chicken and cheese), Texas Fajitas (Shrimp, steak and Chicken), Camarones al Mojo de Ajo (Shrimp seasoned with garlic and spices). They offer 20+ combination plates that are all under \$8 in case you have trouble deciding on just one thing. And of course they have Margaritas. They even have a special on Lime Margaritas for \$2.99. So grab your serape and sombrero and join the fun! The restaurant is located just off Morrisville-Carpenter Road between Davis Drive and Chapel Hill Road. It's in the Morrisville Square Shopping Center. Please call Kay Carey to reserve seats.

Credit Security

Once we give up searching for approval, we often find it easier to earn respect.

Here are a few great ideas to help to safeguard your credit: Instead of signing the back of your credit cards write: "PHOTO ID REQUIRED" If writing a check to pay a credit card, only write the last 4 digits of your account number on the check. They'll figure it out. Put your work phone on your checks rather than your home number. And if you have a

PO Box, use that instead of your street address. If your credit card(s) are stolen, immediately call the 3 national credit reporting organizations to place a fraud alert on your name. Also call the Social Security Fraud Line. Here's the numbers: Equifax: (800)525-6285 Experian: (888)397-3742 Trans Union: (800)680-7289 Social Security Fraud Line: (800)269-0271