

Prestonwood Notebook

Food, love reign at Prestonwood Club

A wine-tasting and silent wine auction will be held Saturday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.

Steve Adams, wine representative for Mims Distributing will present members with the taste of Robert Mondavi and Beringer. There will be a selection of international cheeses and seasonal fruit and berries to accompany the tasting.

The tasting will be held during the auction so members will know the quality of wines they might be bidding for.

A Mardi Gras Mambo will be held Saturday, Feb. 21 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Chef Michael Chung will present an array of New Orleans cuisine so authentic you will think you are standing on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter, including: spicy boiled crawfish, corn on the cob, boiled new potatoes, hot sausage, gumbo ya-ya, blackened catfish with meuniere, jamba-laya, shrimp creole, red beans and rice, crawfish etouffe, blackened breast of chicken with creole mustard, bayou boulin sausage, array of andouille sausage, tasso, hogs head cheese, alligator tail, shrimp stuffed mirlitons, couchon du lait, salad buffet, and desserts including King cake, bread pudding with rum sauce, pralines, beignets, Mardi Gras Preston pie and pecan pie.

Live Dixie Land Music will be played, and prizes given to the best costume. The Mardi Gras event will cost \$32 per person.

The Valentines dinner featuring dancing to the Casablanca Orchestra has been sold out. The menu includes baked oysters Rockefeller, lobster bisque, a bundle of baby green laced with lavender vinaigrette, granny smith apple sorbet, chateaubriand, and a chocolate tart with grand marnier sabayon and golden raspberries.

Coming in April will be a Good Friday Seafood Buffet, and an Easter Buffet. Details are forth-coming in the March newsletter.

A 50s Sock Hop will be held Friday, Feb. 20 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for kids 5 to 10 years of age. Burgers, fries and maleds will be served through-out the evening and the club's own jukebox will blast that old-fashioned rock and roll. Cost is \$7 per person; registration is limited. Call Joy at 467-2566 for reservations; call Carol at 467-9601 with questions.

The first annual Mother/Son dinner will be May 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Moms and grandmothers will be honored guests for a gourmet dinner prepared and served by their sons. The boys, ages 5 to 10 will serve as chefs, servers, hosts, strolling violinists, pianists, and after-dinner entertainers.

This summer, weeklong sports camps will be held from 9 to noon Monday through Friday. Each day will feature a golf lesson, a tennis lesson and a swimming lesson.

Coming in April will be an Easter Egg Hunt and on April 5, the ever-popular Kid's Club Fashion Show & Tea will feature apparel from Talbots and the golf and tennis shops. Moms will also model some of the clothing.

Bill Murphy has been selected Fitness Member of the Month. At age 56, Bill continues to maintain a high level of fitness as he enters retirement. Bill par-

ticipated in three marathons throughout his military career. Over the years, however, high impact activities and a few military-affiliated injuries have forced Bill to rely solely on low-impact methods of strenuous exercise. Following two hip replacements, Bill has modified his exercise regi-men to stairclimbing, biking, weight training and lots of stretching. Even though the method of ac-tivity may differ, the end result is the same. Carry on, Soldier.

Lift and Learn is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Cybex room. The fitness team will highlight the muscle of the week and entertain questions regarding resistance training.

The Start Smart program, a 12-week condition-ing program, is designed to improve body composition, joint range of motion, muscle strength and tone, aerobic capacity and sport specific condition-ing. It will feature fitness evaluations, six per-sonal training sessions and a structured exercise program specific to personal goals. The last day to register for this new program is Feb. 28. Cost is \$200.

A lecture on "Training for your First 5K" will be presented by Mike Barker, fitness director, on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Cafe Pesto. Discover safe training guidelines that will condition you to achieving success with your first race.

Senior men's Golf Day is every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Winners for the month of January are Brian Nmiian, Jan. 7; Gene Guido and Ralph Marion, Jan. 14.

New officers for the men's golf association for 1998 are President, Jay Kynne; Vice President, Dan Steltz; Secretary, Chuck Tickle; and Treasurer, Dan Griffin.

Please call the tennis shop to check on the condition of the tennis courts before playing. During the colder months, the courts tend to freeze. The courts are open all year, but it is important to make reservations.

Spring Bridge Lessons will be offered Tuesday evenings beginning in February and concluding early in May. Standard American bidding, the fundamentals of declarer play and basic defensive methods will be covered. For more information, call Dave Cree at 467-1536.

The Ladies Day Bridge Marathon is held the last Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Call Janet Basselman 460-8631 or Fran Luchansky at 469-1796 to get on the "sub list."

The A.M. Ladies Party Bridge Group plays on the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the ladies card room. All levels of play are wel-come. Call Sheila Morris at 467-6844 for information.

The Evening Couples Party Bridge Group plays the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next "match" is Feb. 3. For more information, call Dot Boullia at 380-0629.

The Co-Ed Evening Marathon Duplicate Bridge Club meets the second Tuesday of each month. This month the meeting will be Feb. 10 at 7:15 p.m. in the private dining room.

Ladies Duplicate Bridge meets the second Wednesday of every month.

Prestonwood Country Club is a private club and attendance at all functions and activities is for members and their guests only.

Numbers don't lie: Cary residents should tone down the attitude

By Roxanne Powers

A few weeks ago, when I read an article published in The News and Observer written by Kyle York Spencer, about "Mimi Morrisville," I somehow felt vindicated.

Ms. Spencer pointed out that Morrisville boasts one of the largest per capita tax bases in the state at a whopping \$228,000 per resident compared to Cary's \$70,000 per resident.

Now, don't get me wrong, as our first home in North Carolina, Cary will always hold a special place in my heart. But too many Cary residents value people or areas by the size of their almighty dollar, and there are some egos in Cary that could use some up-to-date down-sizing. And I'm not just referring to David Letterman's listing of Cary High as the "Third snobbiest school in the country!"

(My daughter relates with a chuckle that when she and her fellow Cary High classmates go to games in Garner, some of the kids chant, "Gar-ner play-ers all re-lat-ed!," and that Garner chants back in answer, "Ca-ry play-ers ov-er rat-ed!")

Consider these encounters I experienced in 1997. 1) While shopping in Cary one day, I waited patiently for the shop owner to make a phone call. When she did, I approached her with a question. She shushed me, and proceeded to dial another number! 2) Never one to dress for much more than com-

fort, I entered one Cary store, only to have the shopkeeper insinuate that I couldn't afford her merchandise. 3) At Cary Lazy Days, the wife of one craftsman literally scoffed when I attempted to give her information about a craft show sponsored by the Rurians in Morrisville. When I defended Morrisville by pointing out that it couldn't be too much of a "hick" town, due to its proximity to Preston and Research Triangle Park, she scoffed again, and said, "Well, it's nice to know it has something going for it!"

Like so many others in our area, we are part of a no-man's land. A more-or-less Morrisville, but kinda-Cary resident. (We have a Morrisville mailing address, but can't vote in Morrisville, though we do have to meet Cary's building codes because we are Cary ETJ. Some of our kids go to school in Apex, some in Cary, though we can't get Cary water. See what I mean?)

Anyway, in spite of its entertaining politics, I've often thought that "poor" little Morrisville got a bum rap. I guess it's true that when it comes to the two towns, my loyalties are as split as their claims to my land. There is one thing I am irrefutably not duplicitous about: For those Cary residents (or anyone else) who esteem themselves over others because of the size of their bankbooks, shame on you. And, uh, raspberries from Morrisville.

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Science the subject at 'go-round'

Morrisville Elementary School was turned into a science laboratory Jan. 22 as students moved from room to room learning at various science exhibits.

The Science-Go-Round for tracks 1 and 2 was bigger and better than ever this year, with a Starlab tent in the multipurpose room where children could climb into a dark area and see stars, and a presentation on light from Berry Barnett, Inc., a local science education center.

During the course of the day, students had the opportunity to attend nine sessions, including Micro-Worlds, by Judy Topkins, where they looked through microscopes; making tracks by Bonnie Schneider, where they studied animal tracks; the Starlab, sponsored by the N.C. Museum of Life & Science in Durham; "Meet the Animals," sponsored by the N.C. Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh; Origami Geometry by Glenn McNitt, the resident origami expert; Eye Spy by Leslie Cooper; Light Magic, by Berry-Barnett; Body Basics, by Carolyn Gentry and Donna Balint; and Enviroscape, by Beth Chesson, where students gathered around a large model of an environment to discuss taking care of the earth.

Volunteer parents helped out through the day in each area.

After a successful day, coordinators can sit back and take a deep breath, before they prepare another big day later in the year for Tracks 3 and 4.

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