



New Cops take over LR beat

By NANCY MULLER

In 1997, the North Carolina Special Police was organized to provide community oriented crime prevention and protective services to the residents, businesses, and communities of North Carolina. Although operated as a corporation, the NCSP is a law enforcement agency. Their purpose is to improve the quality of life in North Carolina communities.

NCSP was certified by the Attorney General of North Carolina as a Special Police Agency in June 1997. The NCSP is a priva-

tized full-service police department with headquarters in the capital city of Raleigh, North Carolina.

The complement of officers on staff at Lake Royale will be the following:

- 1 Supervisor
- 5 Police Officers
- 4 Guardhouse Telecommunicators

It will take at least ninety days (90) days in order to be fully organized and operational at Lake Royale. The present Lake Royale police officers will be given the opportunity to work for the North Carolina Special Police.



Pictured are some of the DAT members: (Front, from left) Delcie Wakefield, Barbara Wallace and Bill Wallace; (rear, from left) Bill Wakefield, Dick Maryman, George Franke, and T.J. Todd. (Photo Courtesy of The Wake Weekly.)

Mardi Gras dance set

The recreation committee is holding our annual Mardi Gras dance at the Clubhouse on March 24. Music will be provided by Fun Times D.J. Come and join in the fun. Wear your outrageous Mardi Gras outfit, or come as you please. The admission will be

5.00 at the door. Please remember to bring your POA card to present at the door, and as always, your guests are welcome to attend. **So come on down to the Clubhouse for a fun night on March 24th from 8 p.m. - 12 midnight and HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

President thanks supporters

By RONNIE HOLLOWAY

First of all, I would like to say to all the members that called, wrote and e-mailed me during my sickness thanks for your concern and prayers for me, and my family.

First impressions are very important. It is with regret that I find myself writing about myself. On November 24, 2000, (4) four

female POA employees sent out packets with statements that stated various allegations of sexual harassment by Mr. Harold Bessard, the Interim Chief of the Company Police Department, and me (Ronnie Holloway), POA President.

The legal concept of sexual harassment in the workplace has

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DAT Means Helping Others

By DICK MARYMAN

At dawn's first light, the harrowed residents of Lake Royale emerged from their homes to see what wrath Mother Nature, in the form of Hurricane Fran had visited upon us. The downed trees, damaged homes and destruction of utilities raised the question, to whom do we turn? The answer became clear, to ourselves. Volunteerism became the order of the day. Groups of residents formed together to clear roads, remove downed trees and help neighbors harder hit than themselves.

From this experience, it be-

came apparent that in this kind of disaster, and any future one, we, as a private community, needed to be ready to handle our own situation.

The initial step was the creation of an Emergency Management Committee. This group developed a comprehensive emergency response plan, part of which, was the organization of a shelter at our Clubhouse. Mary Lou and Jay Illingworth spearheaded this effort, and found that it was possible and far better to align our efforts with the Red Cross, and receive the training and benefit of their experience. Once this was accomplished, we found the Red Cross had other missions that were important to our community.

A hurricane or tornado is a major disaster for a community, but if your home burns, that is a major disaster to you. Who helps that individual? The Red Cross has an answer: the Disaster Action Team, volunteers trained to assist.

Under the direction of the Triangle Chapter of the Red Cross, the Franklin County Disaster Action Team (DAT) has been oper-

ating for two years with a core of ten members, all residents of Lake Royale. They are Bill and Delcie Wakefield, Bill and Barbara Wallace, Dick Maryman, T.J. Todd, Delano Borys, Mary Lou Illingworth, Ray Robinson and Captain George Franke.

This group operates as two or three person teams, on call 24-7 for three week stints. The 911 dispatcher usually calls the DAT after firefighters have the fire under control. On the scene, the DAT interviews the affected persons and determines what aid is required to meet their immediate physical needs.

Vouchers for food, motels, clothing, shoes and warm coats are issued as needed. Victims of the fire are referred to other agencies for additional assistance.

Fires are not the only disaster that the DAT has experienced. The resulting flood from Hurricane Floyd left many victims in Franklin county. The DAT cancelled the flooded areas, rendering the same aid.

Serving on the DAT is not your ordinary method of volunteer ser-

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POA Dues for 2001-2002 Set

The POA Board of Directors at the February 17 meeting set the annual dues for the association for the fiscal year April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 at **\$306.85**. These dues will be billed in March and are payable on or before **April 1. Please pay your dues promptly.**

To save the effort of writing a check (and possibly postage), the POA Office now has the

ability to accept VISA or MASTER CARD payments for your past or upcoming 2001 dues. You may drop by the office during office hours and make your credit card payments. Or even easier, you may save yourself a trip by simply picking up the phone and calling in your payment to the POA office. Our staff is ready and willing to help you.

Manager's corner

By NANCY MULLER

In this month's issue of the Royale Reporter you will find a survey that hopefully many property owners will have the opportunity to read and submit back to the association. In order for the newsletter committee to acquire a better feel of what you would like to see in the paper, your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and your comments will be informative to the staff. The survey form is on Page 5

Some good news for those who have abandoned campers and could not find a place to remove them off the property:

Mr. John Faulkner, with the Solid Waster Dept. stated if all owners of abandoned campers will call at 496-5002 and set up an appointment with the Solid Waste Department, they will make sure the Timberlake association will assist in breaking down the old campers.

Important note: The campers must be hauled to the Franklin County -Timberlake land fill location and not just left there. You must call ahead first. The wheels must be removed from the camper. The interior of the camper (such as appliances must be removed).

The operating hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To keep the POA records current we need the property owners help in keeping us informed. If you have recently sold your property, the POA office needs a recorded deed copy of the new owners who purchased the property. If you have moved, we need your new forwarding address.

The annual billings for the association will be in process during the time this publication is being distributed. The association will save time and your money, if we are kept informed of address changes. Please help us eliminate actions and postage on returned bills marked either "incorrect address" or "non-forwardable".

At the January 20, 2001 Board of Directors meeting it was discussed by the board to either keep the police security in-house, or to employ an outside company to assist with the protection of the association.

The board voted to pursue this further but requested additional cost comparison information for in-house police services versus the cost for employing an outside company to perform the services. The findings were as follows:

To stay with the in-house police the cost would be:

\$391,189.00

To employ an outside company the cost would be: \$357,074.00

Thus, the association would save \$34,115.00 by engaging the services of an outside police company.

The Board of Directors met at a special called meeting on January 30, 2001. The meeting was an open meeting for attendance by all property owners. Based on the results of the financial comparisons, and the other information available to the board members, the board voted to enter into a contract with the North Carolina Special Police Company to take over the responsibility of the Lake Royale Police Department.

The Chief of Police of the North Carolina Special Police Company is Mr. J. William Thompson, and the Sergeant who will be in charge of Lake Royale will be Mr. James Wright.

For many years the property owners have spoken in regards to the need of improvement of services that the police department provided. The property owners spoke loud and clear this year and the board listened. The association is looking forward to these improvements with great anticipation that security will be improved at Lake Royale. The North Carolina Special Police Company will be stationed in the office complex at the main entrance.

We welcome Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wright and hope all property owners will allow them the opportunity to learn our property, become knowledgeable of our problems, and work to improve the areas of concern and need.

The Nominating Committee has received the candidate's applications that submitted their names for the vacancies on the board for the year 2001/2002. The Nominating Committee met on February 8th to review the applicants, and scheduled interviews on February 12th with the candidates.

Reminder for location of meetings: The board workshops are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. and the regular board meeting the third Saturday of the month. During the time of these meetings **the exercise room will be closed.**

Bookmobile to visit

The Franklin County Bookmobile is scheduled to be at the Lake Royale Clubhouse between the approximate times of 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on March 7 and March 21.



LARUBY JOY

Getting to Know Our Staff

The Royale Reporter is pleased this month to feature Ms. LaRuby Joy, one of our POA employees.

LaRuby Joy has been a POA staff member for almost 2 years. Last year she was promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager.

Before joining the POA, Ms. Joy was Marketing Director for North Carolina Wesleyan College's satellite school in Research Triangle Park. She is a Cer-

tified Talent Plus Analyst, a Licensed Notary Public for the state of North Carolina and is owner and President of Joy, Infinity, LLC, an Executive Management recruiting firm. Ms. Joy was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Her husband of 21 years, Marvin, is the Director of Education for the American Institute of Applied Science. They reside at The River Golf Course and enjoy golfing and spending time with their grandchildren.

First teen function of new year largest ever

On February 10th we had our first teen function of the year, which was a big success. We had about 42 teens in attendance. This is the largest number we have had since starting these teen functions. We hope to have more teen functions throughout this coming year, and encourage everyone to participate.

The recreation committee would like to thank everyone who participated, and hope to see a lot of new faces at the next teen meeting on March 10th. Parents, you

are welcome to come and sit in on this meeting to see what we will be trying to accomplish for this year and years to come.

In addition to attending this meeting we ask for your help. When bringing your teens to the dances we ask that you or the person responsible for them sign them in and sign them out when you come to pick them up. This will help us know with whom they are supposed to go home and insure the safety of your teenagers.

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Community News

By MARGE NEWLIN

Get well wishes:

- Brian Coley, son of Albert Coley, who works with our Maintenance Department here at Lake Royale, is home from the hospital and is doing well. Brian was treated for Leukemia at Duke Hospital this past fall. Brian had a minor operation a few weeks ago to correct some details from a transplant he received. He is glad to be home with his family. The Coley family wishes to express their gratitude to all of those who donated to our fundraiser for Brian here at Lake Royale, and for all the prayers and concerns shown to their family during this difficult time. We are so pleased to hear of Brian's progress, and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Brian for a speedy and complete recovery.

- Continued get well wishes are extended to Connie Keig of 135 Huron Drive.

- Our prayers and get well wishes are also for Jim Hales of 132 Wichita Way.

Congratulations:

- To Al and Marge Newlin on the birth of their granddaughter, Carolyn Gail Sveden, born February 1, 2001, to their daughter, Sandy, and son-in-law, David Sveden, who live in Crystal Lake, IL.

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Gospel Sing Scheduled

A benefit Gospel Sing in memory of Anna Brooke Parker, the twenty-two month old daughter of Chris and Melissa Parker of 408 Shawnee Drive who died on January 24, is being held at **7:30 p.m., March 23, at Englewood Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC.**

The proceeds of the benefit event will go to the parents of Anna Brooke to assist in medical bills associated with her extended illness and long periods of hospitalization. Featured groups at the Gospel Sing will be "The Ambassadors" and "The Oak Grove Boys." Other local talent will also participate.

There is no charge for admission; however, a "love offering" will be collected. Those who cannot attend the Gospel Sing, but who wish to make a donation, may send their checks to: The Anna Brooke Parker Fund, 1361 Country Club Road, Rocky Mount, NC, 27804. Checks should be made payable to Chris Parker. There are perhaps many from the Lake Royale community who would like to attend this event and help support this cause, and enjoy some good Gospel Music.

Questions or other inquiries may be directed to Ms. Joanne Carpenter, 252-937-2800 EXT 1516, the event organizer.



Birthay Party in Indonesia. Pictured are: Delcie Wakefield (left) with her son and his family

Wakefields visit family in Indonesia

By BILL WAKEFIELD

If you enjoy traveling, you could have experienced a superabundance of joy if you had joined Bill and Delcie Wakefield in January. Leaving their home on Sagamore Drive, this couple traveled half way around the world to the country of Indonesia. Travel time from Raleigh to Kediri Indonesia by way of Cincinnati, San Francisco, Seoul, Singapore and Surabaya (Indonesia) took over 50 hours of flying, waiting in airports and driving from Surabaya to Kediri. The return trip however was short— only 42 hours!

Indonesia is a fascinating country. Overcrowded, scattered on 13,500 islands over thousands of miles of ocean, this is a lush tropical country that sits astride the equator. The foods are exotic, wonderful and sometimes challenging! The people of Indonesia are generally warm and friendly, and they welcome visitors from the United States.

As interesting as the country is,

the Wakefields made this trip primarily to visit family rather than to tour the country. Phil Wakefield, their son, is a missionary physician working in a hospital in Kediri. Jeanie, Phil's wife, is a homemaker and teaches English and Bible in the school of nursing that is a part of the hospital. With them are four of the Wakefields' grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 13. Spending time with the family made the long hours of travel worthwhile. Jeanie home schools the four children, and Bill and Delcie were able to participate in this. With Jeanie interpreting, Delcie spoke to the class of nursing students that Jeanie teaches. Phil interpreted as Bill preached in two churches with which Phil works. The couple toured the hospital where Phil works, watched him work with patients and teach skills in dermatology to Indonesian doctors. Each day was marked by long, satisfying conversations with each member of the family, as the Wakefields made up for over 2 and 1/2 years

since the families had seen each other. And each day there was lots of time to play together, read together and just enjoy one another.

It takes days, even weeks to fully recover from the combination of jet lag and the stress of over 40 hours of non-stop travel. But the rewards of seeing one's family and experiencing their lives in an overseas setting makes it all worthwhile!

(Editor's note: Bill and Delcie Wakefield live at 1015 Sagamore Drive. They are both retired Baptist missionaries, and have spent their own active missionary life in many Asian countries. We are fortunate to have the Wakefields as neighbors, and are glad they picked our Lake Royale community to reside for their retirement.)

BROAD Plans Dinner-Dance

BROAD, Inc. (Bunn Residents Organized Against Drugs) is planning its **3rd Gala Twilight Jazz Dinner-Dance** to be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Lake Royale Clubhouse from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Attendance at this event is **by reservation** for a \$25.00 donation. Tables of eight may be reserved for \$200.00. The dress for the evening is: After Five. BROAD, Inc. is arranging for live music and entertainment to be provided by Outstanding Artists for the pleasure of all attendees. Co-Chairmen for this event are Lillian Benton and Jennie Lucas. The Honorary Chairman is The Honorable Senator Allen Wellons, 11th District. Proceeds for the evening will go to benefit

BROAD, Inc. Backdoor Theatre.

The DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MARCH 15. Please call one of the following numbers for more information: 919-496-1884, 919-496-6212, or 252-478-7777. All donations to BROAD, Inc. are eligible for a tax deduction as a charitable gift.

Needed — Loving, mature, experienced person to care for our 17/ mo. old girl in home (The River) or drop off, Monday through Wednesday, or as needed 8:00 - 5:30. Salary negotiable. 478-5238

Free to a good home!

By BOB WINTERS

I have quite a few Moon Flower seeds available for anyone who wants some. Moon flower is Ipomoea alba. It is related to the Morning Glory and has a similar twining climbing vine with large (5-6 inch), fragrant white flowers

that bloom at night in the summer. They are great for attracting hummingbirds at dusk. They need full sun during the day and wires or string to climb.

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Clubhouse Monitors Wanted

Do you have extra time on your hands and are bored? Are you retired and looking for something to do with your spare time?

The POA is looking for special individuals who have extra time to volunteer throughout the week and weekends to monitor the Clubhouse. What does this entail? Simply keeping an eye on POA items inside the Clubhouse ensuring they are not being damaged, or carried out of the clubhouse; Making sure that the children, teens and adults do not leave the place in a mess, when they have finished using the facilities; ensuring care is taken in use of the billiard table, cue sticks, the vending machines, books in the library for reading, etc.

The hours of operation will be determined when the number of volunteers who are willing to serve can be determined.

We would like to set something up as follows: The police would open and close the clubhouse. Volunteers would assist on 2 hour shift intervals: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon — 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you have the time, and would be dependable, and could work one of these shifts weekly, we would love to schedule you as one of our Clubhouse Monitoring Committee members. Please fill out the form below if you would be interested in volunteering your services, and drop off at the POA office desk or in the mail slot in the front door. We will nominate a chairperson, etc. to keep this committee going.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone #: _____

Time you could work: _____

The Gardening Corner

Now is the time to prepare new beds. If you have been bothered with moles or voles, mix in a generous amount of pea gravel or PermaTill to discourage the dirt-diggers.

Make sure your motorized garden tools will run properly by removing gas from last season. Old gas can gum up carburetors, leading to repair work when you need the tool most.

Summer-flowering shrubs, such as althea, buddleia, crepe myrtle, and vitex (also called chaste tree) can be pruned now to encourage more blooms.

Ornamental grasses can be pruned to get them in shape. Overcrowded clumps can be divided and replanted.

Give your roses the final pruning. The general rule is to leave the 3 strongest prongs cut back to 12 - 16 inches. Remove other prongs. Remove winter mulch and replace with fresh organic covering. Do not cut climbers until after their first burst of blooms.

Begin a regular fungicide schedule. Try "kitchen chemistry" fungicide for black spot by mixing two teaspoons of baking soda and one teaspoon of vegetable oil in a gallon of water. Fertilize the first week of April.

Applying a time-released fertilizer to shrubs, roses, and evergreens now will minimize this chore during the growing season.

It is time to trim liriopae back before new growth begins.

Anyone wishing to have their homegrown cool season veggies, such as, leaf lettuce, mustard greens, sugar snaps, radishes, spinach, onions, kale, swiss chard, and

potatoes should start now. The third or fourth week of this month you should start your beets, broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage.

So you don't have room for a vegetable garden? Mix the vegetable plants in with your flowers in the flower garden!

Keep spent Camelia Japonica blooms removed from the ground to help prevent Camelia petal blight. Feed with organic cottonseed meal.

Start watching for insect pests. In particular, aphids and cutworms love to chew on new plants and fresh spring foliage.

Prepare for incoming feathered friends by giving bird baths and feeders a good washing. Clean old trash out of birdhouses.

As you select new plants this spring, consider those that have multi-season interests, including flashy fall colors.

Choose plants for the wildlife; plants that have either berries, seed, nectar, or cover will also add greatly to the enjoyment of your garden.

Decide your project and good luck with something new for you this spring.

Herbally yours,



Lake Royale residents enjoyed themselves at the Valentine dance at the clubhouse last month. The next big event planned by the Recreation Committee is the adults-only Mardi Gras Dance set for March 24

DAT Means Helping Others

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vice, but may well be one of the most rewarding. More volunteers are needed! **You are needed!**

Volunteering for the American Red Cross offers a way to give back to your community and serve your fellow man in his hour of need. Should you wish to join this

dedicated group, contact the American Red Cross, (800) 989-2721, George Franke, 478-9017, or any team member. You'll not regret it.



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Fifty Plus Club news

By EVE BALDUS

The monthly 50+ social was held Saturday, January 6, at the Lodge. No special entertainment was planned, but everyone shared the great food and enjoyed the fellowship.

On January 19 we had our regular 3rd Friday Luncheon which was chaired by Dale Dodson. Many of our Fifty Plus-ers attended, and once again enjoyed wonderful food.

New officers were elected for our club for the year 2001. They are: President, Gordon Popple; Vice President, Doris McLendon; Secretary, Eve Baldus; Treasurer, Delcie Wakefield; Member at Large, Lee Robinson

Congratulations to these new officers. Everyone is looking to another great year of Fifty Plus activity under their leadership.

Our new president, Gordon Popple, stated that two of his goals for this year will be (1) to update our membership lists, and (2) to improve attendance.

The Lake Royale 50+ Club objectives, which were reviewed with our luncheon attendees by our new Vice President (and Program Chairman) Doris McLendon are:

1. To provide the structure within which people of good will,

who are 50 or older (or a couple with one person 50 or older), is eligible to be a member. They must also be a member of the POA "in good standing."

2. To demonstrate their love for and willingness to serve their fellow man.

The strategy to accomplish these objectives is:

1. To meet together each month (once for lunch, and once for dinner or other social events)

2. To enjoy good food and each other's company

3. To share with each other items of interest

4. To make Lake Royale a better place to live

5. To identify and discuss problems which may arise

6. To lend support to those who take a leadership role in solving problems

The Fifty Plus Club generally meets the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for an evening pot luck meal and social event. They also meet the third Friday of each month at 12:00 noon for a luncheon/social/business meeting. Please check the Recreation Calendar for any changes to this schedule. If you are one of our POA members who meet the eligibility prerequisites, we invite you to come and sincerely hope to see you at our next Fifty Plus event.

Looking for a few good teens

By KELLY NORTH

The Recreation Committee is looking for any teens interested to help with planning teen events within our community. All ideas and suggestions will be welcome. This Teen Council will help plan, execute, and participate with fun

events and service projects for our teen community. There will be scheduled meetings starting March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Any questions please contact Kelly North at 478-7169 or Jennifer Webster at 478-3686. The new Teen Council hopes to see a lot of new faces ready with great ideas.

Business Calendar

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| <p>March 1
• Royale Reporter Meeting- POA-10 a.m.</p> <p>March 2
• Beautification Committee Meeting-POA-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 3
• Beautification Workday- POA-9 a.m.</p> <p>March 4
• Recreation Committee Meeting-Clubhouse Kitchen-7:15 p.m.</p> <p>March 7
• Board Workshop-Clubhouse-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 8
• Emergency Management/ Safety Committee-POA-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 10
• Finance Committee-POA-9 a.m.</p> | <p>• Teen Council-Clubhouse- 7 p.m.</p> <p>March 12
• By-Laws Committee- POA-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 13
• Building Committee- POA-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 15
• AMVETS-Police Office Complex-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 17
• Board Meeting-Clubhouse-10 a.m.</p> <p>March 21
• Welcome Committee- Clubhouse-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 26
• By-Laws Committee- POA-7 p.m.</p> <p>March 27
• Building Committee- POA-7 p.m.</p> |
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Playgroup fun for all

By JENNIFER WEBSTER

Are you a stay at home mom or dad and have children that do not go to school yet? Why not come and join others at our playgroup twice a week at the Clubhouse on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 to 12:00, and we have a great time. We have children aging from infants to 5 years old. This is also a great way for moms and dads to meet other moms and dads from their community. We do crafts with the children and sometimes we just do what our title says "PLAY." It is a good time to be had by all. Right now we have about 13 children that participate, but there is ALWAYS room for more! So why not come on and join in our fun. It's kind of funny because after a while our kids start calling it a moms group, because they can see that it's not only fun for them, but for the parent as well.

So we hope to see you there. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jennifer Webster at 478-3686 or Kelly North at 478-7169.

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In addition, what other topics would you like to see included? _____

Should the RR be published monthly _____ bimonthly _____ quarterly _____

The RR needs additional writers and committee members. Are you interested?

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Other comments/suggestions: _____

Please submit to the POA office. You may drop it through the mail slot at the front door. Thank you for your participation.

(The deadline for placing articles for the RR is the 15th of the month. Please put your submission in the RR box located in the POA office.)

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POA Board has varied business during January 2001 meeting

By JACK HUGHES

Board Motions:

1) General Manager Nancy Muller requested that the Board approve the updated revision of the Lake Royale P.O.A employee Policy and Procedures Manual. Tom Nichols made a motion to accept the updated Policy and Procedures as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

2) General Manager Nancy Muller requested that the Board act quickly in deciding if the association is going to hire a Chief of Police or a Company Police Force. The Board discussed this item and agreed that the Board needed more financial data of the actual cost of running our own Police Department before we can make an intelligent decision. Nancy agreed to extract this data and mail this information to each Board Member the week of 1/22/01. A Special Meeting was scheduled for 1/30/01 to discuss and make a decision on this important action item.

At the 1/30/2001 Special Meeting the Board approved of proceeding with entering into a contract with the North Carolina Special Police Company (NCSP) to provide police and security services to our association, contingent on approval of a contract by our attorney.

Other Highlights:

1) General Manager Nancy Muller reported to the property owners that our association has received many complaints from property owners regarding the performance of our police department. As a result, with the Board's direction, she interviewed two (2) different police/security companies. These two companies came to our Board meeting to present their written proposals to provide police and security service to our association. The North Carolina Special Police and the Wackenhut Company Police and Security Services both gave an overview of their organization and the services that they would provide to our community. Both companies opened their presentations for questions from the Board and attending Property Owners.

2) The Finance Committee reviewed the proposals of the police companies. The Finance Committee recommended the following:

- The initial contract should be a multi-year contract; up to three (3) years with defined increases year to year

- The initial cost in the contract should be negotiated from the proposed figure

- The contract should contain an "escape clause" allowing each party to terminate the contract on acceptance of a 90-day notice

- That the contract should include a maximum increase for future agreements for comparable services

3) Utility Chairman Bob Winters presented that he had a conversation with the Louisburg Postmaster regarding home delivery of mail. The Postmaster requested for Bob to submit a proposal in writing to have our mail delivered to our homes. Bob mentioned that this will take an extra effort, and for him to proceed with this effort he wants to have approval from the Board. The Board discussed this issue and took a poll from the property owners attending the meeting. The poll was not unanimous for home delivery; therefore the Board informed Bob not to proceed. The Board will investigate this action item further.

4) General Manager Nancy Muller reported the following:

- A letter was sent to the parents of school children regarding the safety of their children when departing their school bus. The school children are continuing not to follow good safety practices. Additional steps are being pursued with the Franklin County school system to provide extra bus stops for the children. Parent approval will be required.

- Notices to solicit new candidates for the Board of Directors have been posted in the Lake Royale complex. The notice contains instructions to obtain an application form from the P.O.A Office.

- The plan for mailing the billing for year 2001 dues is no later than 03/15/01.

- A contract with Coca-Cola has been finalized. All current drink machines should be removed and replaced with Coke machines no later than 01/29/01.

5) Dan Henigan announced his appointment of three (3) property owners to the Nominating Committee. They were Donna Affleck, David Downey, and Susan Schott. The three (3) committee members were to be sent copies of the Nominating Procedures prior to 1/31/01.

6) Jack Hughes provided each Board Member a package to review regarding the proposed process for fining Property Owners

who are in violation of our Restrictive Covenants. Jack asked that each board member read and provide input to the package at the February 2001 workshop.

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Board studies mail delivery

By BOB WINTERS

Recently some talk about changing mail delivery has surfaced at the lake. Apparently, we are running out of mailbox space again, at least at the mail station at the entrance. In addition, there is a daily traffic problem at the mail station which some feel is "an accident waiting to happen."

I volunteered to investigate a bit and met with the Postmaster at Louisburg. We discussed having home mail delivery and she seemed quite receptive. She laid out the procedure that we (the POA) would have to follow to make that happen.

Essentially, we would have to send a letter to her requesting a change from our current situation. The letter would have to contain demographic information including, but not limited to, how far some people now have to drive to get to their mailboxes, ages, hardships, etc.

She would forward this request, with her comments, to an area manager in Raleigh who would make a determination.

After talking to other residents, I was surprised to find quite a bit of resistance to the idea of home delivery. Reasons given were abuse to the shoulders of our roads and the hazard of having a mail truck stopped at the valleys of some of our most tortuous roads. Others said that they would miss meeting with those neighbors that they seem to "run into" only at the mailboxes. Good reasons for maintaining the status quo, but we still have a problem.

I know of some people who live on the West side that drive over to the mail station at the pavilion every day to get their mail. For them, it's about a ten-mile round trip. Our new residents are being given the same option. That is not acceptable for most.

What can we do about this?

- Our residents at the golf course

already have the option of having home delivery and I think most have done just that.

- For those on the East Side, there are about seventy-five mailboxes still available at the pavilion. Each can move their box to the pavilion site, minimize their drive, and would only incur the expense of changing their address.

- We could go forward with a pursuit of home delivery.

- We could build a larger mail station at the gate area, perhaps in the office complex.

- We could build other small mail stations around our community, perhaps at recreational areas, comfort stations, etc.

- We could let our new residents fend for themselves.

All of the above scenarios involve expense, fiscal or social. Let your board representatives know your feelings before the next meeting (held on the third Saturday of each month). They have asked for our input.

Recipes of the Month

By MARGE NEWLIN

Thanks to Marlene Dodson for sharing with us this month a couple of her favorite recipes.

MMMMMMM Good! If you have some favorite recipes you would like to submit, we encourage you to bring them to the POA office and place in the Royale Reporter Input box.

APPLE KUCHEN

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut (if desired)
- 4 cups sliced apples
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts (if desired)

Heat oven to 350. Cut margarine into flour, salt, 1/3 cup sugar until crumbly. (Mix in coconut) Pat mixture lightly into ungreased 13x9 pan, building up slight edges. Bake 10 minutes. Arrange apple slices on warm crust. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Mix 1/3 cup sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over apples. Mix remaining sugar with egg and sour cream. Drizzle over apples (this does not completely cover apples). Sprinkle with nuts, if desired. Bake 25 minutes or until edges are light brown.

GERMAN COLE SLAW

Grate 1 head cabbage. (Can add grated carrots or grated green pepper.) Boil 1 cup sugar, 2 cups vinegar and 3 cups water, add salt, pepper and celery seed. Pour over slaw and refrigerate overnight. Drain and serve

POA President thanks supporters

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been developed by the courts as a form of discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

At this time the POA Management and POA Lawyer promptly, adequately and completely responded to a problem of complaints and they documented their investigation.

The evidence that was uncovered showed no wrong doing by me (Ronnie Holloway) and "Any action regarding Mr. Holloway's term as president of the POA was up to the Board. Whether or not the Board elects to take additional action is a matter in their discretion. However, we (the POA Lawyer) do not feel that Mr. Holloway's removal is a necessary response to the Claimant's allegations and demands."

On January 20, 2001, the Board of Directors stood behind me as the POA President at Lake Royale. At the same time, George Walker Bush became the 43rd President and pledged "civility, courage, compassion and character with an appeal to the Americans for self sacrifice and greater service to the country."

I am also calling for solidarity at the Lake Royale community and that we "HEEL AS ONE." Of course, a vital component of a successful Board of Directors is the continued input and support

of this membership.

I feel very optimistic about what we can accomplish together this new year for all the members

of the Lake Royale Property Owners Association.

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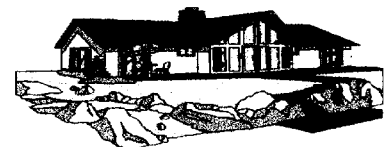
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- March 1**
- Sr. Men's Golf-8 a.m.
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 2**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
- March 3**
- 50+ Social-Clubhouse-6:30 p.m.
- March 4**
- Covered Dish Breakfast/Worship Service-Clubhouse-8:15 a.m.
 - Square/Liners Dancing-Clubhouse-6:00 p.m.
- March 5**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 6**
- Ladies Golf-9 a.m.
 - RoyaleAires Practice-Clubhouse-7:30 p.m.
- March 7**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Bookmobile-Clubhouse-9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
- March 8**
- Sr. Men's Golf-8 a.m.
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 9**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
- March 11**
- Covered Dish Breakfast/Worship Service-Clubhouse-8:15 a.m.
 - Square/Liners Dancing-

- Clubhouse-6:00 p.m.
- March 12**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 13**
- Ladies Golf-9 a.m.
 - RoyaleAires Practice-Clubhouse-7:30 p.m.
- March 14**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
- March 15**
- Sr. Men's Golf-8 a.m.
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 16**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - 50+ Luncheon-Clubhouse-Noon
- March 17**
- Steak Night-Clubhouse-6 p.m.
- March 18**
- Covered Dish Breakfast/Worship Service-Clubhouse-8:15 a.m.
 - Square/Liners Dancing-Clubhouse-6:00 p.m.
- March 19**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 20**
- Ladies Golf-9 a.m.
 - RoyaleAires Practice-Clubhouse-7:30 p.m.
- March 21**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.

- Bookmobile-Clubhouse-9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
- March 22**
- Sr. Men's Golf-8 a.m.
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 23**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
- March 24**
- MARDI GRAS DANCE-Clubhouse-8 p.m.-12 M (This is an **Adults Only** dance)
- March 25**
- Covered Dish Breakfast/Worship Service-Clubhouse-8:15a.m.
 - Square/Liners Dancing Clubhouse-6:00 p.m.
- March 26**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 27**
- Ladies Golf-9 a.m.
 - RoyaleAires Practice-Clubhouse-7:30 p.m.
- March 28**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.
 - Coffee with Mgr.-Clubhouse-10:30 a.m.
 - Children's Playgroup-Clubhouse-10 a.m.-12 N
- March 29**
- Sr. Men's Golf-8 a.m.
 - Bridge-Clubhouse-1:30 p.m.
- March 30**
- Exercise-Clubhouse-9 a.m.

Do you change your oil?

By BOB WINTERS

PLEASE don't pour the used oil on the ground. Contrary to popular myth, it will not control weeds.

What it will do is eventually find its way into the lake. The Auto Zone store at 334 South

Bickett Blvd. in Louisburg will take your used oil. This auto parts store as well as perhaps others in the area offer used oil disposal as a free service. You do not have to purchase your oil from them.

There are a few limitations though, so call the store at 919-340-4429 for details.

Lake Royale POA Financial Report

Cash Assets December 31, 2000	353,655
January, 2001 Income	
Dues	24,348
Other	6,351
Total	30,699
January, 2001 Disbursements	<75,097>
Cash Assets January 31, 2001	
Petty cash	225
Cash-checking	50,670
Cash-interest	1,065
Payroll checking account	115
Cash-CD-Money Market	249,142
LRPOA postal account	1,572
Emergency Management Fund	912
Checking-PoliceDept.	5,556
Total cash assets	309,257

Signs of Spring

By MARGE CAUSEY

Spring is just around the corner and with springtime comes the challenge to do some CLEAN UP, FIX UP, and PAINTING around Lake Royale. Residential and Camping property owners will be busy improving the appearance of their property.

It is also time to get out the paintbrush and refurbish our Lake Royale signs on Sledge Road. Glenn and Marge Causey have volunteered to bring back the beauty without investing in new signs by the POA. Frank Potochar of A-Brite Powerwashing has also volunteered his services to the project. Anyone who would like to volunteer in any phase of the project can contact Glenn or Marge at 478-1927.

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