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Welcome to **Quest Corner**, our newsletter with spotlights on lifestyle information, financial tips, local happenings, and more. We hope you will find this to be a valuable and entertaining resource.

Advisor Message



I hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with laughter, love, and plenty of well-deserved relaxation. As we step into 2025, it's the perfect time to hit the refresh button and get our finances in order for the year ahead. Whether it's revisiting your budget, reviewing investment strategies, or setting new financial goals, January offers a fresh start.

This month, I'll be focusing on something that's always top of mind as the new year begins: tax season. With tax filing for 2024 just around the corner, it's a great time to review the upcoming changes and start preparing for what's ahead. Be sure to check out the article on the latest updates to tax brackets and income thresholds for 2024, and how they might impact your filing this year.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss strategies for the year ahead, please don't hesitate to reach out. Here's to a year filled with success, growth, and happiness. Wishing you a fantastic start to the new year!



Financial Tips

What are the tax brackets for tax years 2024 and 2025?

Big changes are coming to income tax brackets in 2025, impacting how much you'll owe—or save—when filing. These updates reflect inflation adjustments that could mean more room in your current bracket or an opportunity to optimize your financial strategy.

- 👉 How will these changes affect your tax bill?
- 👉 What strategies should you consider now to prepare?

This article from USA Today breaks it all down so you can plan with confidence.

[Click to learn more.](#)

Lifestyle

65 Achievable New Year's Resolutions You'll Actually Keep

Ready to make resolutions that *really* work? This year, it's all about setting goals you can achieve—and actually enjoy! From small health tweaks to mindful habits, these ideas are designed to fit your lifestyle and set you up for success.

💡 *Discover simple resolutions that stick*

💡 *Learn how to stay motivated all year*

Good Housekeeping has tips on how to make 2025 the year you keep your promises to yourself.

Learn more [here](#).





Triangle Happenings

North Carolina Symphony Young People's Concert: *January 4th, 2025*

Tchaikovsky Discovers America- Enjoy a musical story of the life and music of Tchaikovsky as he travels to America—featuring his best-loved works including the 1812 Overture, The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake, and more performed by your North Carolina Symphony. This one-hour Young People's Concert is a fun-filled afternoon for the entire family! Get your tickets [here](#).

North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival: *November 16, 2024 - January 12, 2025*

Cue the lights because the region's most stunning holiday tradition is back! Cary's Koka Booth Amphitheatre will once again welcome the North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival when it returns this winter for a 9th year. Chinese artisans are already busy crafting more than 40 all-new displays, each one comprised of hundreds of parts, and thousands of LED lights. These larger-than-life lanterns will captivate visitors at every turn with amazing craftsmanship and artistic beauty. Cultural arts performances will take place each night on the main stage. Details

are online at [this location](#).

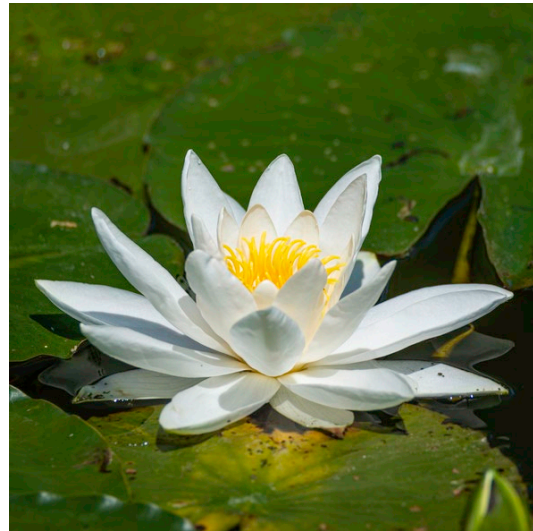
Triangle Restaurant Week: January 27 - February 2, 2025

Triangle Restaurant Week is a week-long celebration of culinary excellence designed to incorporate the premier Raleigh and surrounding area restaurants. During TRW, participating restaurants offer special 2-3 course menu options, a great opportunity for residents and visitors alike to indulge in the area's finest cuisine! No reservations, tickets, or passes are required. Pricing for the event is \$15 for a three-course lunch, and \$25, \$30, \$35, or \$40 for a two- to three-course dinner. The price is for each person and does not include beverages, tax, or gratuity. Learn more at [this location](#).

Word of the Month

The Word of the Month is: **Palingenesis** (noun): Rebirth or regeneration, especially in a spiritual or metaphorical sense. It's a profound word that encapsulates the idea of starting anew or undergoing a complete renewal—a perfect match for the transformative energy of the New Year

Sentence: "This New Year represents a palingenesis for me—a chance to shed old habits and embrace a completely renewed perspective on life"





Thanks for reading. Would love to hear your thoughts!

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