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RAMSEY'S DINER, 4391 Old Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, KY (www.ramseysdiners.com)

One of our favorite restaurants is Ramsey's. Any of their four locations around town are wonderful (see website for the location nearest to you). They offer a broad menu of home cooking with many choices of fresh vegetables. It is not fancy, but it is very filling and they offer takeout. The prices are reasonable and it is good for lunch or dinner any day of the week.

DAN FICK, The Jockey Club:

JALAPENO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 294 W. New Circle, Lexington, KY, (859) 299-8299

Jalapeno's offers authentic Mexican food, not Tex-Mex. The atmosphere is very colorful and lively and my favorite thing to order is the chicken and avocado soupa. Prices are reasonable and it is a great place to go for a tasty, casual lunch or dinner.

PAZZO'S PIZZA PUB, 385 S. Limestone, Lexington, KY, (www.pazzospizzapub.com)

This is a favorite hangout of the UK students and a number of people in the Thoroughbred industry. It is also the spot to get the best pizza in town! They serve great food and have a large selection of draft beer. I order the Pazzo's Speical pizza and a Kronenbourg 1664. The dress is as casual as it gets and they are open late.

DAVID SWITZER, Executive Director, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association:

MERRICK INN, 1074 Merrick Dr., Lexington, KY, (www.murrays-merrick.com)

This is a great place to go if you are looking for a local, casual fine dining experience. The Merrick Inn is a very popular restaurant with the people from Lexington, and offers a patio with an entertaining atmosphere. The dishes you must try include walleye pike, green beans, stewed tomatoes or creamed corn. Prices are moderate and reservations are recommended.

PORTOFINO, 249 East Main St, Lexington, KY, (www.portofinolexington.com)

Portofino is another place that offers a casual, fine dining experience. It is located in downtown Lexington and its owner is involved in the horse business. My favorite dish is the pasta seafood with caesar salad. All of the dishes are offered at moderate prices. Also look into their "wine dinners."

BONEFISH GRILL, 2341 Sir Barton Way, Lexington, KY, (859) 233-3474

The Bonefish Grill is a great place to go for a casual meal that is popular with all age groups. As an appetizer, you must try the soft shell crab mixed green salad with goat cheese and follow it up with an entree of any fish they are offering. The prices are moderate.

METROPOL, 307 West Short St, Lexington, KY, (www.metropolinedining.com)

Located in Lexington's downtown Historic District, the Metropol is named after the Schraemli family chain of hotels in Switzerland which have been in business since the turn of the 20th century. The fine dining in the historic atmosphere provides a memorable experience for all. I recommend trying the roast duck or baby rack of lamb along with any fresh Kentucky Proud vegetables and salad. The prices are moderate considering the quality of the food and the atmosphere.

MIKE LEVY, Muirfield Insurance:

MALONE'S FAMILY OF RESTAURANTS, (www.malonesrestaurant.com)

When in Lexington, you must try any of the places that are in the Malone's family of restaurants. These include Malone's, Oscar's and Harry's. Each offer a slightly different product, but the same high quality. Malone's is one of the country's best steak houses and there are two locations, Lansdowne (Tates Creek) and Hamburg Place. Oscar's is an oyster and piano bar and features live music and an extensive collection of drinks. The atmosphere is sophisticated, yet relaxed. Harry's is a traditional American bar that is adorned with several mementoes from Lexington's history in the Thoroughbred industry. Brian McCarty and Bruce Drake love serving the horse crowd and are opening a new site just down from Keeneland which promises to be their best yet! Reservations at Malone's are recommended.