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**GRANVILLE COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S  
MISSION STATEMENT**

“The Granville County Chamber of Commerce seeks to promote a healthy economy with good business conditions, support good government, improve community relations and market services and programs for Chamber members.”

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET 2005

The Granville County Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Annual Membership Banquet to be held Monday, January 24, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Civic Center at Vance-Granville Community College’s Main Campus.

This year’s featured speaker will be **Dr. Charles V. Petty**, Family Humorist. Dr. Petty speaks about achieving success at work and at home. Audiences laugh and cry. They give him standing ovations. Charles Petty is funny. People have literally walked out because their bodies hurt so much from laughing. He has the rare ability to package profound, life-changing truths in humor. He follows that great Southern tradition of being able to package the profound in humor. Dr. Petty entertains and talks meaningfully about what people are really interested in and what makes a difference in their lives. He uses no notes, speaks rapidly, is folksy, has a soft Southern accent and never uses off-color humor. His humor contains a powerful life-changing message. He can be serious or funny. When he speaks, his goal is always to help people be, as well as feel, better. Dr. Petty is a Certified Speaking Professional, conferred by the National Speakers Association. He is one of six Platform Professionals, two of whom (Jeanne Robertson and Al Walker) have spoken at Granville Chamber Banquets.

**PROGRESS ENERGY**, Martha Thompson and her staff, are the PRESENTING PROGRAM SPONSORS. **Wake Electric Membership Corporation** and **Sprint** are Contributing Program Sponsors. We appreciate the support of these Chamber businesses which enable us to have such a well-known speaker.

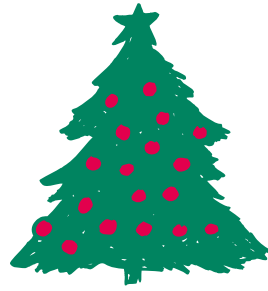
F. O. Finch II, chairman of the Chamber’s Recognitions Committee, encourages citizens to nominate individuals for the John Penn Citizen Award, which is presented at the banquet. Nomination forms were included in the November issue of *The Brightleaf*, as well as this issue. The presentation of this award will be made to a nominated individual who has made outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Granville County and is always a highlight of the Banquet. Nomination forms should be received at either of the Chamber’s office locations by Monday, January 3, 2005.

Formal invitations for the Annual Banquet will be sent to Chamber members.



## Lighting of the Greens

Please plan to participate in the annual Lighting of the Greens Pre-Ceremony and Ceremony events, scheduled for Friday, December 3rd in downtown Oxford. Activities are as follows:



- 3:30 – 5:45 pm Scrap Exchange in the Hugh M. Currin, Sr. Memorial Park
- 3:30 – 5:45 pm Visits/Photos with Santa, inside the Granville County Courthouse, Oxford Junior Woman’s Club and Paul Heidepriem, Photographer
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm Face painting by the Granville County 4-H Best Program Members, Charissa Rogers, Coordinator
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm Visit the Granville County Museum’s “Back to the Sixties” exhibit, Harris Exhibit Hall
- 4:00 – 7:00 pm Concession Stand, Oxford Lions Club (hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, popcorn, drinks)
- 4:15 – 5:00 pm Performance by Northern Granville Middle School Jazz Band, Tammy Schmidt, Director
- 5:00 – 6:00 pm Sleigh Rides – Weldon Ramsey, Court Street parking lot behind Main St./Littlejohn Street to Main Street
- 5:15 – 5:45 pm Performance by Center Stage Singers  
Cindy Clark, Director

## Ceremony

- 6:00 pm Welcome and Introduction of Oxford Mayor Alvin Woodlief, Jr. and wife, Anita, by Harrison Simons, chairman of the Chamber’s Meetings Committee
- Junior Girl Scout Troops #1294 and #1625 lead Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing Groups perform:  
C G Credle Elementary School Chorus directed by Sheree Preddy  
Wilton Elementary School Chorus directed by Su Rinas
- Candlelighting Ceremony and Lighting of the Greens
- Santa arrives ! ! ! !

*In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the Granville County Courthouse. Outside pre-ceremony events may be cancelled.*

## KUDOS

**The Christmas Committee** who assisted in the planning of activities and performances during the Lighting of the Greens; decorated the Courthouse and made the beautiful della robbia. Members are: Janet Gruchaz, Glenn Boyd, LeaLea Ivey, Helen Amis, Pat Kiesow, Jan Ritz, Mary Ruth Edmundson, Gaynelle Finch, Kenny Manning, Annette Evans.

**BUSINESSES WHO MADE DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:** Progress Energy, Penny Furniture Co., Tarheel Land Co., Betts & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Joe Bryan & Associates, Inc., Currin-Tingen Jewelers, F. O. Finch Insurance Agency, Inc., Floyd Management & Realty, Inc., Clayton Homes of Oxford, Gentry, Newell & Vaughan Funeral Home, Inc., Village Shoe Shop, Edmundson & Burnette, LLP, Morton & Sherman Implement Co., Oxford Credit Union, Dr. David A. Satterwhite, RBC Centura, Waste Industries, LLC, Plastic Ingenuity, Inc., Whitmore Retirement Center, Sunrise Biscuit Company, Granville Furniture Co., Winston, Williams & Creech, LLP, and Nu-Look Beauty Salon.

Monetary support from these businesses assists with costs of decorations at the Granville County Courthouse, free activities prior to the Lighting of the Greens Ceremony and other incidentals that accompany such an event.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !**

## Cheap Advertising

A benefit of being a member of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce is that you have the opportunity to place an insert in our monthly newsletter, *The Brightleaf*, free of charge, once a year.

Requirements are:

- Call the Chamber, 693-6125, and reserve a space in the month you wish to advertise. We encourage members to sign up promptly, as **space is limited**.
- Provide the Chamber with 575 copies of your 8½" x 11" insert, FOLDED IN HALF (may be printed on both sides) NO LATER THAN THE 15th of the month prior to the newsletter edition in which your insert will be included. Exceptions are December and January newsletter inserts, which need to be received by November 10th and December 10th in order to comply with holiday deadlines.
- Reap the benefits!

If you want your business to "be seen" or to advertise a special sale or promotion, this is a wonderful way to advertise.

Call us and let us help you!

## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3	3:30-6:45 pm	Lighting of the Greens, Oxford	Courthouse Area
4	11 am	Creedmoor Christmas Parade	Creedmoor
4	2 pm	Butner Christmas Parade	Butner
5	3 pm	Granville County Christmas Parade	Oxford
7	8:30 am	Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
9	3:00 pm	Granville County Tourism Authority Board Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
9	5:30-8 pm	Holiday Business-After-Hours	Central Carolina Bank's Main St/Oxford location
10	8 am	Government Committee Forum Group	Chamber Boardroom
10		<b>DEADLINE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER INSERTS</b>	
11	2 pm	Grassy Creek Christmas Parade	Grassy Creek Comm.
14	8 am	Chamber's Board of Directors Mtg.	Chamber Boardroom
23, 24, 27		Christmas Holidays	

## HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

November's Human Resource Committee Meeting was hosted by Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company, Kay Hobgood and Anne Squires. The program, "Stress Management and Heart Health" was given by Phyllis Averett of Cardiovascular Care.

There is not an HR Committee Meeting in December. However, members should expect an e-mail reminder around January 13th about the January 20th meeting, which will be held at the Employment Security Commission Office on Lewis Street in Oxford and hosted by member Al Carraway.

## NEW MEMBERS

**COMMUNITY IMMEDIATE CARE CENTER OF GRANVILLE MEDICAL CENTER** is located at 1614 NC Highway 56 in Creedmoor. Gwen Rogers is the contact for this new, state-of-the-art medical and occupational care facility. This urgent care center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am 'til 7:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, with Sunday hours being 1:00-5:00 pm. They may be reached by phone, 919.528.7171; fax, 919.528.8797 or e-mail [grogers@granvillemedical.com](mailto:grogers@granvillemedical.com). We welcome them to our Chamber membership and appreciate their service in our county.

**HUCKLEBERRY KIDS LIMITED** is a retail children's clothing store which will be opening in March 2005 in Creedmoor, off Hwy 56. Owned by Lavonna and Dale Harvey, the store will be open 10:00 am 'til 7:00 pm daily, with Saturday hours to be announced. Several well-known name brands will be offered for children, newborn through age 7. Watch for grand opening news and plan to visit Huckleberry Kids Limited at their soon-to-be-announced location. WELCOME!

## DECEMBER DATES TO INCLUDE ON CALENDARS

Friday, December 3	3:30 – 6:45 pm	Lighting of the Greens Downtown Oxford
Friday, December 3	6:00 pm	Butner Singing in the Park Gazebo on Central Avenue
Friday, December 3	7:00 pm	Creedmoor Tree Lighting Ceremony Intersection of Hwys #50 & #56
Saturday, December 4	11:00 am	Creedmoor Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 4	2:00 pm	Butner Christmas Parade
Sunday, December 5	3:00 pm	Granville County Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 1	12:00 pm	Grassy Creek Christmas Parade

## GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE FORUM

Friday, December 10th at 8:00 am, the Chamber's Government Committee Forum will gather to discuss program topics for the 2005 monthly meetings

Input of citizenry is strongly encouraged at this meeting, which will be held in the Chamber Boardroom, 107 Williamsboro Street, Oxford. Plan to join us!

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