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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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2006 BANQUET REPORT

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce held the 64th Annual Banquet Monday evening, January 23 at Vance-Granville Community College's Civic Center.

Approximately 380 Chamber members, friends and community leaders attended the event. Pre-dinner entertainment was provided by Rodney and Clifton Preddy and Friends. Their bluegrass music greeted attendees as they entered the Civic Center. During the dinner, Cindy S. Joy provided background piano music.

Hawley Middle School's Honor Chorus, under the direction of Susan Shell, performed several selections. It is customary that local county talent performs at the Banquet.

Outstanding Community Service Awards were presented to Leonard Pruitt by Tempie Forbes and to Mrs. Mary Bowling by Phillip Finch. Both were recognized for their generosity in community service, attitude and humble gestures to the sick, shut-in and nursing home residents.

The prestigious John Penn Citizen of the Year Award was bestowed upon Boyce Harvey for commitment to his family, education, youth — through becoming a "retired" teacher at Northern Granville Middle School and Boy Scouts. Harvey's Boy Scout background includes his own personal achievements within that organization, as well as current troop involvement. Doan Laursen, presenter, also noted Harvey's commitment to the Oxford United Methodist Church and his previous job with the Soil and Water Conservation Service.

Patrick Henry, guest speaker, entertained the group with personal songs about his life experiences and his insistence on making the time between birth and death — the "dash" — meaningful.

Chamber members are encouraged to mark 2007 calendars now for next year's banquet, **THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY**, scheduled for Monday, January 22 at Vance-Granville Community College's Civic Center. The Meetings Committee will be making plans early-on for this exciting anniversary celebration.

Monthly Membership Meeting

BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS AT BACK2SCHOOL

Kim and Frank Currin, owners of BACK2SCHOOL, will be hosting the Chamber's Monthly meeting on **Thursday**, February 23, from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. This exciting, educational and fun business will be a wonderful place for Chamber members to gather and see the business and its many offerings.

Kim and Frank will treat attendees to refreshments and answer questions about their products and tutoring service. Members are encouraged to attend and be involved in this perfect networking opportunity.

Please note that as a suggestion from the Meetings Committee, the meeting day has **changed from Wednesday to Thursday**. We will be holding most evening monthly membership meetings on Thursday so we do not interfere with members' church commitments.

Please rsvp to one of the Chamber's offices: 528.4994, glenda@granville.chamber.com, or 693.6125, granvillechamber@earthlink.net.

NEW CHAMBER OFFICERS 2006

The following Chamber members will be serving on the Chamber's **Executive Board** and **Board of Directors** for the coming year:

- PresidentHugh M. Currin, Jr., *Royster, Cross and Currin*
- President-ElectThomas Combs, *Union Bank and Trust*
- First Vice-President....Johnny Balmer, *Carolina Sunrock*
- TreasurerJason Finch, *Capital Bank*
- Past PresidentVickie Bailey, *Mayo Realty*

Board Members are:

- Mark Averette, *Bandag*
- Trinity Delorme, *Oxford Floral, Framing and Café*
- Julia S. Overton, *Stovall's Gifts and Collectibles*
- Dorwin Howard, *Granville County Schools*
- Jon Zbonack, *Jon's Bar & Grill and Knight Custom Homes*
- Linda Taylor, *Coldwell Banker Advantage*

Appointed 2006-2007:

- Dudley Watts, *Manager, Granville County*
- Tommy Marrow, *Manager, City of Oxford*
- Robert Schaumleffel, Jr, *Manager, City of Creedmoor*
- Tom McGee, *Manager, Town of Butner*
- Janet Parrott, *Mayor, City of Stovall*
- Jackie Day, *Mayor, City of Stem*

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors began their duties following the Annual Banquet on January 23, with responsibilities beginning at the Board of Directors Meeting in February.

Health for Every Body: Because Diets Don't Work

Here we go again! Many of us have set health-related New Year resolutions. And many of us will give them up before the end of February and feel guilty about it. Chances are you've dieted before, lost weight and gained it back. Perhaps, like so many others, you have done this all of your adult life.

We know that diets don't work, are unsafe, can lead to disordered eating and can erode self-esteem and confidence.

That's why the **Granville County Center of NC Cooperative Extension** is offering a diet antidote: The *Health for Every Body* program, a series of ten one-hour sessions at noontime at the Granville County Extension Center, Mondays, February 27 to May 1.

Instead of dieting, over-exercising and dissatisfaction with self, the *Health for Every Body* program is centered around healthy eating, active living and positive self/body image.

Learn how to: shift your focus from weight to health; cope with emotions without using food; honor your hunger with gentle nutrition; enjoy physical activity every day; respect body-size diversity, yours and others.

The result is improved health. If you are interested in learning more about this "Health At Every Size" approach, an informational session will be conducted on Friday, February 10 from noon to 12:45 pm. Come, bring your lunch and see if it's for you.

Employers wanting fliers for the series or more information may contact the Extension Center at 919.603.1350.

GOVERNMENT FORUM GROUP

The Chamber's Government Forum Group heard an excellent presentation at their January meeting from Lindsay L. Mize, Executive Director of the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority.

Mize gave a brief history of the formation of the SGWASA and previous duties, as well as discussed the details of the present operation and future plans.

February's program will be on the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Chairman Gary Honeycutt is planning an interesting program for Friday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber's 107 Williamsboro Street, Oxford location.

This is a most informative hour and each second Friday at 8:00 a.m. interested persons are welcome to attend.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Human Resource Committee member Al Carraway, with the NC Employment Security Commission, hosted the first meeting of 2006. His delicious lunch was followed by an interesting presentation from Vincent Gilreath with the Kerr-Tar Job Link Career Center.

January's agenda also included members volunteering to host a monthly meeting. Open slots are March 16, September 21 and November 16. HR members are encouraged to call or e-mail the Chamber (granvillechamber@earthlink.net) to reserve one of these dates to host a Human Resource Committee Meeting.

Thursday, February 16 at 12:00 noon, Johnny Balmer will be hosting the meeting at Carolina Sunrock's facility in Butner. Committee members will receive an e-mail meeting notice one week prior to the meeting date.



NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

THE LIGHTHOUSE ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX, owned by Nancy and Michael Smith, is an exciting addition to our membership. The Smiths' location at 100 Park View Drive West in Henderson is *THE* place for children's entertainment, on and off site.

Their office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am 'til 5:00 pm. Open Bounce is Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am 'til 2:00 pm and 4:00 'til 8:00 pm. Facility leasing and entertainment for children's private parties is Saturdays, 10:00 am 'til 6:00 pm and Sundays 1:00 'til 6:00 pm.

Offerings are Bounce Parties, Tea Parties and Stuffed Animal Creating Parties. The Youth Club is held Saturday nights from 8:00 pm 'til midnight for 11-15 year olds with free membership and a \$5 nightly cover charge.

More information may be obtained at www.lighthouseentertainmentnc.com, lighthouse@vance.net, 252.438.7737 phone, or 252.438.6593 fax.

Welcome the Smiths and visit or call them to plan your next children's event!

Creedmoor has a new coffee house, serving bagels and muffins, and offering gift items as well!

C & C COFFEE & TEA is owned by Kim and Joe Belmonte and is located at 208 Main Street in Creedmoor. Stop by and visit them Monday through Friday, 5:30 am 'til 1:00 pm and Saturdays, 7:00 am 'til 12:00 noon. They are also open Thursday evenings, from 5:00 'til 8:00.

Phone them at 919.528.1398 about their café offerings and take-out orders. We are delighted to add **C & C COFFEE & TEA** to our Chamber membership!

Well-known former Granville County Superintendent of Schools Tom Houlihan and his wife, Diane, are owners of a new consulting business, **IBP – INSTITUTE FOR BREAKTHROUGH PERFORMANCE**.

An Education Consulting business, they are located at 112 Wall Street, Suite 4, in Oxford, with office hours of 9:00 am 'til 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Reach them by phoning 919.693.1900 for details of their consulting business.

We look forward to seeing them as they "return" to our business community!

THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR is joining our Chamber as our newest government member. Contacts are Mayor Darryl Moss, City Manager Bob Schaumleffel and City Finance Director Eleanor Fowler.

Located in their new facility on Masonic Street in Creedmoor, the offices are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am 'til 5:00 pm. They may also be reached by phone, 919.528.3332; fax, 919.528.3052; and at City of Creedmoor.org.

We are delighted to have **THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR** join the Chamber and look forward to a continued working relationship with this outstanding municipality.

North Carolina Vietnam Veterans

Photography Exhibit Opens at Granville County Museum

January 18, 2006 marked the opening of a special photography exhibit showing pictures taken by North Carolina Vietnam Veterans during the Vietnam War. It has been said that "A picture is worth a thousand words," and that's what these photographs show about this significant period of history.

The exhibit entitled *A Thousand Words: Photographs by Vietnam Veterans* is organized and circulated by the Sawtooth Center for Visual Arts in Winston-Salem. In scenes captured during different periods of the Vietnam war, we see only a small portion of the battles, the living conditions, the people, the war action, the fear, pain, anguish, frustration and injury that Vietnam War Veterans experienced.

Included with the photographic exhibit is a power point presentation featuring more photographs and quotations by Vietnam Veterans. There is also a memorial exhibit honoring those veterans missing or killed in action.

The Granville County Museum marks the fourth stop on the nationwide tour of this exhibit. Granville County Vietnam Veterans are encouraged to bring in their picture, in uniform, for the Granville County section of the exhibit. There is no charge to attend. Special group times can be arranged by calling Pam Thornton, Museum Director, at 919.693.9706.

The Granville County Museum is located at 1 Museum Lane in Oxford and is open Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 am 'til 4:00 pm, and Saturdays, 11:00 am 'til 3:00 pm.

FEBRUARY BOOKS SANDWICHED-IN

February 6 – Mary Ann Brewer "First Families" by Bonnie Angelo

February 13 – Mary Alice Elliott on Southern Gardens

February 20 – Pat Kiesow "Harriet Tubman, the Road to Freedom" by Catherine Clinton

February 27 – Willie Darby African-Americans in Granville County

Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board Announces Funding For Employee Training

Kerr-Tar Workforce Development staff is accepting grant applications for the N.C. Department of Commerce Incumbent Workforce Development Program, which provides money to businesses for occupational skills or educational training for employees. To qualify, area businesses must have been in operation for the entire 12 month period prior to the preceding date of the application, and current on all state and local tax obligations.

Specified employer and employee outcomes will need to be detailed in the

application. The annual maximum funding for any project is \$37,500. This amount includes grants a business and any of its subsidiaries in North Carolina receive. There is a lifetime maximum of \$50,000 per business entity.

The next deadline for receipt of proposals is Friday, February 24, 2006. To receive an application and technical support in preparing a proposal, you may contact Vincent Gilreath, Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board Director, (252) 436-2047.

FEBRUARY 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6	12:00 noon	Granville Education Foundation Meeting	Granville County Schools
7	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
9	3:00 pm	Tourism Development Authority	Chamber Boardroom
10	8:00 am	Government Forum Group	Chamber Boardroom
12	5:00 pm	Chamber Day at Carolina Hurricanes Game	RBC Center, Raleigh
14	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
16	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
16	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Carolina Sunrock
16	11:30 am-1:30 pm	Granville County Sheriff Department's Brunswick Stew Sale for Relay for Life, \$6.00 per quart. Call 693.3213 to pre-order!	Behind Sheriffs Dept.
23	5:30-7:00 pm	Monthly Chamber Meeting, Business-After-Hours	Back2School, Main Street, Oxford

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