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LEADERSHIP GRANVILLE STEERING COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR THE CLASS OF 2006-07

The Steering Committee for Leadership Granville is meeting to make plans for the upcoming year's program. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Granville County Schools and Vance-Granville Community College, the program offers citizens of Granville County the opportunity to acquire knowledge of the community and develop their leadership potential.

Sessions are held from mid-September until early April. They include program topics such as: leadership assessment; history; agriculture; county, city, state and national governments; human relations; human services; health services; small business tour; arts; education; judicial system; northern and southern Granville tours.

Returning Steering Committee members are: Jodi Anderson, Granville County Schools; Kathy Arrington, retired, Co-Facilitator; Eddie Crews, NC Probation & Parole; Ginnie Currin, Chamber of Commerce; Mary Epps, Granville County Schools, Co-Facilitator; Eleanor Fowler, City of Creedmoor; Hubert Gooch, County Commissioner; June Manning, Union Bank; Annie Nesbitt, Harold Sherman Adult Day Center; Barb Rote, stay-at-home-mom, Chairman; George Summers, retired; Leyhe Wade, retired; Cecilia Wheeler, VGCC South Campus; Jim Wrenn, Hopper, Hicks & Wrenn, LLP.

New Steering Committee members are: Donna Hosch, City of Oxford; and Debra Weary, Granville County Economic Development Commission.

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee to select a cross-section of interested, motivated and committed participants from all segments of the community. The tuition fee is \$300.00. Businesses who wish to sponsor a participant are encouraged to do so.

Interested persons may call a Chamber office to request an application: 528.4994 – Glenda, or, 693.6125 – Wanda.

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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Honesty In The General Population

👍 10% will always be honest. 👎 5% will always be dishonest.

👉 85% are basically honest; however, will be dishonest under the right circumstances:

- ① desperate for money,
- ② able to rationalize that it is okay,
- ③ risk free opportunity.

CAUSES OF SHRINKAGE: 48% – employee theft. 32% – shoplifting.
20% – vendor fraud and paperwork errors.

It is up to you, as the retail store owner, to remove all risk free opportunities and provide the controls to eliminate as much of the theft opportunities and paperwork errors as possible. Good controls help minimize shrinkage and increase profit. At 5% Net Profit, it takes \$2,000 in sales to make up for \$100 lost to shrinkage.

SOURCE: Retail Management Advisors, NC Retail Merchants Association, "The Retailer" — May 1, 2006

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	7-10 pm	Butner Street Dance (Rain Location — Butner Armory)	Body Fitness Center and Gym
3	9 am – 4 pm	Butner Chickin' Pickin'	Central Avenue, Butner
6	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
7	12:00 noon-1 pm	Caregiver Support Group, hosted by Harold Sherman Adult Day Center. Bring a bag lunch; beverages and cookies provided. For info, call 690.3273.	Granville Medical Center
9	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee	Chamber Boardroom
9	10 am-7 pm	Granville County Crimestoppers "Fish Fry"; Nancy Smith, 528.2403	Oxford Armory
10		Mike Daniel, underwater explorer and locator of Blackbeard's flagship, speaking — contact 693.9706 for details	Granville County Museum
13	8:00 am	Chambers' Board of Directors Meeting	Jon's Main Street Grill, Creedmoor
14		Flag Day	
15	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
15	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting Host: Tonya Jones	Granville Medical Center
15	1-4:00 pm	"Customer Service Secrets & Skills" Call 492.2061, Small Business Center for more information	VGCC – Bldg. 7, Room 7107
17	10:00 am	Central Children's Home Day	Central Children's Home Campus
19	12:00 noon	South Council Meeting	Bob's Barbecue
20	5:30 pm	Community Meeting with Embarg and Granville, Warren and Vance Chambers	Wildflower Cafe Garnett Street, Henderson
22	5:00 pm	Business-After-Hours with the Henderson-Vance Chamber, hosted by Oxford Park	Oxford Park
23	4-8 pm	Granville County Cattlemen Association's Beef Earth Roast — Ticket info call 693.7651 or 438.5649	Granville County Livestock Arena
24		St. John's Day	Masonic Home for Children
27	6:30 pm	Safety Banquet, honoring Granville and Vance winners, sponsored by NCDOL	Middleburg Steak House

Eleventh Annual . . .

Central Children's Home Day Is Saturday, June 17

The eleventh annual Central Children's Home Day will be held Saturday, June 17, beginning with a parade in downtown Oxford. At 11:00 a.m., campus activities will include many vendors — food, crafts, T-shirts, etc.

There will be varied entertainment for children of all ages.

For information on booth rentals, parade entries and other information, contact the Central Children's Home at 919.693.7617.

St. John's Day at the Masonic Home for Children

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is proud to once again celebrate St. John's Day on June 24, the annual Founder's Day Celebration. For the 28th year, Masons, friends and neighbors will travel across the state and from around the country to meet at The Masonic Home for Children.

St. John's Day has something for everyone — wonderful food, entertainment, Shrine Parade, local musical talent and the chance to visit North Carolina's oldest home for children.

The popular Parade will line up and start from the intersection of Spring and Belle Streets, proceed down Belle Street, turning left onto Williamsboro Street, following to a right turn on College Street, where it will end inside the Masonic Home for Children's grounds.

For additional information, visit www.mhc-oxford.org.

GOVERNMENT FORUM UPDATE

The Chamber's Government Forum group held its May meeting at the Tobacco Research Station, Providence Road, Oxford. It was an interesting and very informative meeting.

June's meeting, scheduled for Friday, June 9, at 8:00 a.m. will be held at the Chamber's new office location, 124 Hillsboro Street, Oxford. Granville County Manager Dudley Watts and Dave Currin, Chairman of the County Commissioners, will give a Granville County update.

SOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 19 AT BOB'S BARBECUE

The next South Council Meeting will be held Monday, June 19 at 12:00 noon at Bob's Barbecue, Hwy #56, Creedmoor. Carlene Fletcher, chairperson of the South Council, has arranged for Leon Turner, Director of the Granville County Economic Development Commission, to update attendees on "Growth and Projected Projects for Southern Granville County."

This informal gathering always provides an excellent opportunity to network with fellow Chamber members and learn more about their businesses, as well as hear an informative program.

Members will receive a formal notification from Glenda Bragg with a request for a response on attendance from you and your business. Please respond promptly so meeting arrangements may be prepared accordingly. Contact Glenda at 528.4994 or glenda@granville-chamber.com.

2005 Small Business Award Presented to Robert "Bob" Meeker of Preferred Communications

An area celebration recognized small business owners from Granville, Vance and Franklin counties at a presentation sponsored by SPRINT and the Chambers of Commerce from Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren Counties.

Bob Meeker/Preferred Communications was nominated as a ten year old Granville County business. The company has grown from a one person operation in a home office in Creedmoor to a five person operations with its own facility in Butner.

The company is committed to community organizations as is evidenced by the participation of its President/CEO, Bob Meeker. He has been involved in the Creedmoor Chamber of Commerce, Fourth of July Celebration, Granville County United Way, South Granville Rotary Club, First Baptist Church in Creedmoor, and is a graduate of Leadership Granville.

Preferred Communications is a satellite communications provides products and services to all North Carolina state and county emergency management organizations.

Meeker was presented a recognition plaque by Julia Stovall Overton, last year's Granville County Small Business winner. Meeker's co-workers, George Sloan, Danielle Ray and Carlyn Lehman were present for the presentation. Chamber President Hugh M. Currin, Jr. and Treasurer Jason Finch were also in attendance.

The Small Business Week luncheon also featured Denise Ryan, Firestar, who gave a delightful presentation, "TOP MISTAKES COMPANIES MAKE AND SHOW HOW TO AVOID THEM." Ryan was sponsored by the Small Business Center at Vance-Granville Community College. Revlon donated makeup bags for the event.

Members should anticipate information in March 2007 with requirements and nomination form in the "BRIGHTLEAF" newsletter and on the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com.

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Charles Bentley, owner of **BENTLEY HOME IMPROVEMENT**, has joined our Chamber. He may be contacted 24/7 at 919.693.3393 to give estimates on building additions, cabinets, countertops and garages. Bentley's business is located at 5049 Old Hwy 75 in Oxford. He did some of the construction on the Chamber's new office. We welcome Bentley to the Chamber membership!

Real estate office **BAILEY-WRIGHT REALTY**, represented by **Donna B. Parham**, has joined our membership. Located at 6604 Six Forks Road, Suite 204 in Raleigh, this agency is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm and 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Bailey-Wright is a real estate sales office, providing professional service to buyers and sellers of real property. For information or to schedule an appointment, call 919.847.7172, fax 919.847.7182, or e-mail Donna at donna@baileywrightrealty.com. You may also visit their website, baileywrightrealty.com.

We're delighted to have **TONY'S COUNTRY COTTAGE CAFÉ** join the Chamber at their remodeled, former location, 5593 Tabbs Creek Road in Oxford. Contact **Robert Wilkins** and **Tony Oakes** for reservations, menu selection or catering ideas and pricing at 919.693.0808/phone, 919.693.5563/fax or at superchef1028@verizon.net. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm and 5:00 until 9:00 pm. Weekend hours are Saturdays, 8:00 am until 9:00 pm and Sundays, 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.

CREEDMOOR PARTNERS is a real estate development company, represented by **David Fowlkes**. Their office is located in Raleigh at 8310 Bandford Way, Suite 101, and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 5:30 pm. For information on their projects, call 919.571.8263, fax 919.571.1521, or david@creedmoorpartners.com. You may also visit their website, www.creedmoorpartners.com for additional information. Creedmoor Partners is busy in Granville County. We thank them for joining our Chamber.

The **OXFORD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION** has been providing youth soccer for ages 4 – 16 for many years. We are delighted to have them and their President, **Andy Power**, join our membership. Youth soccer is offered spring and fall seasons. They also offer a summer camp each year. The office address is 104 Belle Street, Suite 1, in Oxford, (office hours vary) phone 919.690.8372. Power may be contacted at 919.528.0922. We appreciate your commitment to the youth in Granville County and are glad to have you join the Chamber.

OXFORD PARK HOST JUNE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The new neighborhood in town will be hosting our June monthly membership meeting on Thursday, June 22 at 5:00 pm in Oxford Park. The Vance Chamber members will be joining us for this occasion.

Mark your calendar now and look for additional details soon about this exciting evening. There will be music, food, entertainment, door prizes, and lots of fun! We hope that many of you will attend. Everyone will receive an invitation.

We thank Oxford Park for interest in hosting a Business-After-Hours.

GRANVILLE COUNTY MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBIT

The Granville County Museum announces that "Treasures from the Past" exhibit is now available until September 16. Individuals, civic organizations, school groups — everyone will want to take advantage of the opportunity to view this exhibit.

Also, on Saturday, June 10, the Museum will have Mike Daniel, Underwater Explorer, as a speaker. Daniel was the diver who located Blackbeard's flagship. His family is from Granville County. This will be an interesting program. Call the Museum for details . . . 693.9706.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The May 18th Human Resource Committee Meeting was hosted by Phil Huber of Certainteed. The meeting was held at the City of Oxford, due to the construction project at Certainteed. Huber's arranged a panel discussion on "Hiring Hispanic Employees."

June's meeting will be held Thursday, June 15 at Granville Medical Center, with Tonya Jones as host. Committee members will receive an e-mail reminder with details one week prior to the 15th.

2006's First Alive After Five

The first Alive After Five of 2006 was a tremendous success! Guesses are that we could have experienced a record-breaking crowd, had we not had the late afternoon thunderstorm and the later short-lived shower.

The Chamber's Executive Board and Board Members express appreciation to **all individuals and businesses** who were a part of the success of the event.

Entertainers for the evening, **THE FANTASTIC SHAKERS** are just that "*fantastic!*" Their varied selections and warm personalities kept the crowd involved and entertained. The Shakers were delighted with the audience and their commitment to be at the event — even if it meant returning after the rain!

Their appearance was made possible because of many sponsorships:

STAGE: Harris, Inc. and Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

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Oxford Economic Development Corp., Whitco Termite & Pest Control.

SHAGGER: BB&T; Currin Building Supply, Inc.; Knight Custom Homes; RBC Centura – Creedmoor & Oxford.

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Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP.

These sponsors will also be sponsoring upcoming Alive After Fives in Creedmoor on August 24 with **THE COASTLINE BAND** and in Oxford on September 28 with **THE EMBERS**.

Media sponsors are: Butner-Creedmoor News, Oxford Public Ledger, The Daily Dispatch, Mike Brooks TV Production & Entertainment, WLUS FM 98.3 / Lakes Media.

Volunteers play a key role in the success of these events. Over 60 volunteers from across Granville County were involved.

Solectron **again** manned the Coca-Cola wagon.

We will need volunteers for August 24 and September 28. Please consider taking your turn. Let us hear from you if you are available for our next two events.

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