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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 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD PRESENTED TO ROYSTER, CROSS AND CURRIN

An area event recognized small business owners from Granville and Vance counties at a luncheon sponsored by EMBARQ, the Chambers of Commerce from Granville and Vance Counties and the Small Business Center at Vance-Granville Community College.

Royster, Cross and Currin, LLP, Attorneys, which was founded in 1888 by General B. S. Royster, was Granville County Chamber's recipient of this recognition.

Partners Sam Royster, Jim Cross, Hugh Currin and Dale Hensley, along with their staff of eight, have provided exceptional legal services for many years. In addition, the attorneys and their staff have participated and spearheaded charitable and community projects, which have impacted our county and state.

Staff involvement includes donation to Locks for Love, Chamber of Commerce President, Boy Scout Capital Campaign, Vance-Granville Community College Endowment Board, Richard H. Thornton Library Board, Granville Education Foundation Board Member, School Board Attorney, Granville Community Foundation, Board of Governors of the N.C. Bar Association, Colonial Dames – Granville and Vance Counties, and N.C. Agency for Public Telecommunications.

Their staff organized an effort to donate non-perishable items to the Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM) during Thanksgiving. Oxford law firms, other professional offices and small businesses were challenged by the women staff to also make contributions to ACIM, with their office being the collection point and delivery team.

Royster, Cross and Currin made contributions to local community causes, established a scholarship at VGCC for a Granville County student and endowed the Royster, Cross & Currin Charitable Fund with the NC Community Foundation.

Partners Sam Royster, Jim Cross and Dale Hensley accepted a recognition plaque from George Sloan, representing Preferred Communications, last year's Small Business Award recipient.

The Small Business Week luncheon also featured a presentation by Jess McLamb, sponsored by Vance-Granville Community College's Small Business Center. Chamber members who provided door prizes were: Coley Bunch Nursery, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Sonic Restaurant and Stovall's Gifts.

Chamber members should anticipate information in March 2008 with the requirements and nomination form in the "*BRIGHTLEAF*" newsletter and on the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com.

THANKS FROM "OUR CHILDREN'S PLACE"

Melissa Radcliff, Director of Our Children's Place, has expressed appreciation for the show of support and offers to help as a result of their hosting our Business-After-Hours in April. This event provided them an opportunity to introduce Our Children's Place to members of the community and to learn of local resources.

She also notes that as Our Children's Place continues to develop, they will be in touch to explore partnership possibilities and share community resources. The staff and board members are available to speak to interested community church and civic groups.

They may be contacted at 919.843.2670 or ourchildrensplace@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S DAY AT MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Masonic Home for Children will be celebrating St. John's Day on June 23. This is the 29th year that Masons, friends and neighbors travel to meet at the home for this event.

The parade will begin the day's activities, followed by other events: Too Much Sylvia Band; The Johnny Dollar Band; children's games and activities; tours of the Home and the Cobb Center, Museum of History; food available from Lancaster's Barbecue.

For additional information, contact the home at 919.693.5111 or visit www.mhc-oxford.org.

Join The Chamber in Cracking Down On LITTERBUGS!

NC Mean About Clean / NC Dept. of Transportation, encourages citizens to report litterbugs who are trashing our beautiful communities.

Report LITTERBUGS online at www.NCDOT.ORG/~BEAUTIFICATION by providing the following information: N.C. license plate number, date, time, county, city,

street/highway and type of violation. Postcards are also available at Chamber offices, thanks to Jason Falls, Director of Environmental Programs for Granville County. Let's all do our part to educate those who litter.

OAK HILL HERITAGE HOUSE & LIBRARY'S FAMILY DAY

Saturday, July 14, the Oak Hill Heritage House and Library in northern Granville County, will be holding a Summer Extravaganza, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Activities will include: cars and motorcycles show; competition; youth activities; tour; vendors; musical entertainment; concerts — gospel, folk, jazz, R&B, oldies.

Contact Mack Bullock for information regarding participation by phoning (919) 693-4014; or faxing (919) 693-7363; or via E-mail at info@wiica.org.

JUNE'S MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Anderson Homes' Pine Valley Subdivision will be the host for our Monthly Membership Meeting on Thursday evening, June 28th. Attendees will enjoy the networking opportunity, combined with tours and refreshments.

Pine Valley is near the location for our August Alive After Five. This will give

everyone a preview of directions for that event. Watch for additional details, but please mark your calendar now so you won't miss this great summer evening!

12TH ANNUAL CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME DAY

The Annual Central Children's Home Day Celebration will be held Saturday, June 16, beginning with a parade at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Oxford.

In addition, the on-campus celebration will begin at 11:00 a.m. This will include entertainment, baseball teams, singing groups, steppers and many activities for children. Spaces for booths to sell favorite wares or food items may be reserved on a first-come basis.

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

GOVERNMENT FORUM JUNE 8

June's Government Forum Committee will meet on Friday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m. at Granville County's Senior Center, 120 Orange Street in Oxford. Center Director Kathy May will present the program on the services offered by the Senior Centers in the county.

This will be an interesting program and an opportunity to visit the Center first-hand and see all the activities and involvement that goes on there. *Guests are invited!*

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Butner Street Dance	Body Fitness Parking Lot, Butner
1	11:30 am - 7:00 pm	New Horizons Baptist Church — Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser	West Oxford Elementary School
2	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Butner Chickin' Pickin' Day	Central Avenue, Gazebo Park, Butner
5	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
6	7:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Doug Berger — Discussion of N.C. Budget	County Commissioner's Meeting Room
8	8:00 am	Government Forum Meeting	Granville County Senior Center
8	11:00 am - 7:00 pm	Granville County Crimestoppers Fish Fry	Oxford Armory
9	11:00 am	Arrival of first riders in the American Diabetes "Tour de Cure" Ride	Masonic Home for Children
10	8:00 am	Departure from MHC — "Tour de Cure"	Return to Cary
12	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Granville County Sheriff's Satellite Building
13	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
15	11:00 am - 6:00 pm	J. F. Webb Band/Color Guard Fish Plate Sale	
16	10:00 am	Parade — Central Children's Home Day	Downtown Oxford
16	12 noon - 5:00 pm	Activities for Central Children's Home Day	Central Children's Home Campus
19	6:30 pm	N.C. Department of Labor's SAFETY AWARD PRESENTATION	VGCC South Campus, Seminar Room
21	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
22	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Granville County Cattleman's Association Beef Earth Roast	Granville County Livestock Arena
23	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	St. John's Day Celebration	Masonic Home for Children Campus
27	12:00 noon	WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON (see article for details)	Thorndale Country Club, Oxford
28	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	City of Oxford Training Room
28	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Monthly Membership Meeting — Business After Hours	Anderson Homes — Pine Valley Subdivision, Creedmoor

AMBASSADOR PROFILE CHRISTENE H. EMORY

Christene Emory has lived in Butner since 1972. Originally from Marshall, NC, she received her BS from East Tennessee State University, Registered Nurse from Duke University and Master's from North Carolina Central University. She retired from John Umstead Hospital Staff Development Department where she was a nursing instructor, and currently works part-time as a "pool nurse."

Christene has been a single Mom since 1972 to children Vorita Wennermark, Charline Emory of Clayton and Stanley Emory, who was murdered in 1978. She has an adopted daughter, Patricia, a grandson, Danny, Jr. and two great grandchildren, Caroline and Soloman.

As a member of Butner First Baptist Church, she is secretary-treasurer of Women on Mission, assists with children's choir, assistant church clerk and other roles. She is Director of Women On Mission for the Flat River Baptist Association. Christene participates in mission trips with church and with Missionary Ventures from Florida, where she has been to Rome and to Guatemala twice to work in clinics, teach and prayer walk. She is also a member of the Ruth Helms Prayer Group in Butner and Vice-Chair of the Butner Church Council.

Community service is also an integral part of her life as she is an elected member of the Butner Advisory Council, chair of the Zoning Committee, member of Butner Public Safety Fireman's Association, John Umstead Human Rights Committee Chairman, South Granville Exchange Club, a Trustee for the N.C. Child Abuse Prevention Board and a member of the State Employees Association.

In her "spare" time, she enjoys reading, working in her yard, and trips to the mountains, beach, bus or cruise trips. Her favorite quote is, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," because she loves to reach out to the people around her and feel she is a positive influence on the lives of others. Christene is obviously a "people" person. She certainly is an asset to the Granville County Chamber of Commerce!

ALIVE AFTER FIVE MAY REPORT

**AUGUST EVENT:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, CREEDMOOR**

The first *Alive After Five* of 2007 was a tremendous success! A record-breaking crowd and fabulous weather contributed to

the exciting evening. The Chamber is grateful to sponsors and volunteers who are the backbone of these events.

Our second event will be held Thursday evening, August 23 in Creedmoor in the former Kayser-Roth parking lot on Hwy #56, just past South Granville High School on the opposite side of the street. Volunteers play a key role in the success of these events. Sixty (60) plus volunteers are needed at each event. We hope some of you will consider taking a turn at the check-in tables or serving beverages. Please contact one of our offices for more information – 528.4994/Glenda or 693.6125/Wanda.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 AT NOON
THORNDALE COUNTRY CLUB, OXFORD

A special treat is in store for attendees at the Chamber's next WOMEN IN BUSINESS luncheon. Melinda Pritchett, owner of Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, will be giving a presentation on makeover tips and accessories. She will address sun protection, importance of finding the right foundation, feeling comfortable in makeup, lipstick application and accessorizing basic outfits.

Melinda's previous background at Touch of Class and her new business as a Merle Norman consultant, will provide a delightful and fun event.

Plan to join us on Wednesday, June 27 at noon at Thorndale Country Club in Oxford. The club's staff will be preparing lunch, which is being sponsored by **GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM**, formerly Granville Medical Center. We appreciate this offer from Granville Health System!

All you have to do is call or e-mail your reservation(s): 528-4994, glenda@granville-chamber.com or 693-6125, granvillechamber@earthlink.net.

20TH ANNUAL SAFETY BANQUET

The North Carolina Department of Labor, the Granville County Chamber of Commerce and the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the annual *Safety Awards Banquet*, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Vance Granville Community College's South Campus.

North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry, and her staff will be presenting awards to the following Granville County businesses: Carolina Sunrock, Clayton Homes, Altec Industries, Bluelinx Corporation, Employment Security Commission – Butner and Oxford offices, and Certainteed.

Chamber member Simply Delicious Catering will be preparing the dinner. Tickets are \$25. Award winners have received invitations for the event. Other businesses and industries are welcome to attend. Please call the Chamber offices, if anyone from your organization is interested in attending.

CONGRATULATIONS to our SAFETY AWARD WINNERS! Watch for details on their accomplishments in next month's "BRIGHTLEAF."

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

June's Human Resource Committee Meeting will be held one week later than usual — June 28th — at Oxford City Hall's Training Room. (Enter City Hall off Williamsboro Street, overlooking the ball fields; turn left to the hallway, go right, entering the first door on the left.)

HR Members Don Jenkins (City of Oxford) and Frances Garrett (Clayton Homes) will be hosts for the meeting, with Jenkins presenting the program.

May's meeting was held in the Chamber's Boardroom, hosted by Express Personnel Service — Hal Muetzel and his staff. Attendees were treated to a delicious lunch and great program. Thanks!

CLASS OF 2007-08

LEADERSHIP GRANVILLE

The Steering Committee for Leadership Granville is making 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 the opportunity to acquire knowledge of the community and develop 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.

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee to represent a cross-section of interested, motivated and committed participants from all segments of the community. Interested persons should contact our Chamber for more information and an initial registration form.

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

A land development company, **MILLRIDGE INVESTMENTS, INC.** has joined our Chamber. Their designated member, **Jeff Ward**, may be reached at 919.556.5418 phone; 919.556.6672 fax; or, at request@millridgeco.com. Information may also be obtained from their 818 South White Street office in Wake Forest or at www.millridgeco.com. Millridge's office hours are Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Welcome to our Chamber!

DEREK WHITTEMORE has recently opened a general landscape construction business that can answer all lot clearing, grading, digging and general landscape construction needs. He can be reached at 919.482.0506 or by e-mailing DWHITTEMORE@EARTH-LINK.NET for service and bid information. Whittemore's business is located at 2177 Elliott Street in Oxford. His work schedule is 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. Give him an opportunity to price your next job!

Our newest realtor member is **INTEGRITY REALTORS** out of Raleigh, at 8450 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 106. Represented by **Becky Martin**, their operational hours are 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Feel free to visit their website, www.cozycarolinahomes.com. For services and available listings: contact Becky at 919.637.6883 phone; 866.805.6413 fax; or, becky@cozycarolinahomes.com. They are interested in getting involved in our Chamber and in the county.

Beautiful, quality custom interior and exterior woodworking products are produced at manufacturing company, **SOUTHERN WOODCRAFT**. Owned by the Drew family, their daily manufacturing operation is located at 114 Southgate Drive in Oxford. **Trinity Delorme**, formerly with Oxford Floral and Framing, is the contact person at their facility and may be reached at 919.693.8995 phone; 919.693.2397 fax; or, Trinity-SWD@yahoo.com. We appreciate that Trinity and Dana Drew have already gotten involved by volunteering at Alive After Five.

SPOKEN-4 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC is a Therapy Service Provider; Speech-Language/Occupational Therapy business owned by **Lisa Smallwood-Howell** (P.O. Box 244, Butner 27509). Lisa's hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. She provides speech, language and occupational therapy service and offers free screenings by appointment. For additional information or appointments, call 919.528.4474, or contact her at spoken4@ncrrbiz.com. Her business may also be visited at www.spoken-4.com or information faxed to 919.528.4478. Join us in welcoming Lisa and her business to the Chamber!

NETWORKING GROUP PROPOSAL

Two Chamber members have presented a proposal to the Board of Directors to organize a Networking Group(s) within the Chamber. Virginia Clay, Smith Barney Investments, and Hal Muetzel, Express Personnel Service, are interested in a group to be sponsored by our Chamber.

Meetings would be monthly or semi-monthly with teams of 20 to 40 members — one representative per company per team. Each team member has a required number of referrals per month. A one-on-one meeting with other networking members is also required, as is attendance. It would be a self-funded group.

Benefits include: generation of business within membership; keeps business in Granville County; sharing of "best practices"; relational marketing vs. selling and advertising; generates Chamber membership and is a added value for current Chamber members.

According to the proposal, the "Process is a systemized approach to developing business relationships through structured meetings promoting: personal, supportive relationships among members; predefined number of participants; succinct business presentations from members; active attendance and participation requirements; qualified referrals that generate business; no-nonsense meeting structure."

Members who are interested in a Networking Group should respond to granvillechamber1@earthlink.net by June 15th.

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