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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 Thanksgiving Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • FOOD DONATIONS FOR ACIM

The annual Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held Wednesday, November 21, at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center at Oxford Baptist Church, Main Street.

**BANDAG, Inc. – Marshall Tanner and his staff** are once again sponsoring the traditional breakfast buffet. We are so appreciative of the continued support of **BANDAG** for this popular event. Attendees anticipate this special breakfast prepared by the cooks from Oxford Baptist Church. They will be preparing their famous breakfast buffet — bacon, sausage, ham, fried fat-back, eggs, grits, apples, homemade biscuits, milk gravy, etc.

Also, the staff of Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP is challenging all county businesses to participate in food donations for Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM). ACIM is in need of canned fruit, vegetables and meat. If your business has not had the opportunity to donate at a local business collection box, please bring canned food donations to the breakfast.

The Thanksgiving Breakfast is always an outstanding, well-attended event. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and should be made by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th**. This is NECESSARY to plan seating arrangements and to prepare accordingly for the meal. Please plan to join our community as we celebrate this special season of the year.

Contact either of the Chamber's offices: 528.4994 Glenda, [glenda@granville-chamber.com](mailto:glenda@granville-chamber.com); or 693.6125 Wanda, [granvillechamber@embarqmail.com](mailto:granvillechamber@embarqmail.com) to make reservations.

### SECOND ANNUAL

## ACIM FOOD DONATION CHALLENGE Spearheaded by Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP

### Collection Box Locations Needed

Last year the Staff of Royster, Cross & Hensley challenged local business to participate in a food donation for ACIM (Area Congregations in Ministry). The Chamber had requested that non-perishable donations be made at the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast to present to ACIM. Royster, Cross & Hensley challenged each law office and business to donate to this local need.

This year, their staff is once again asking for support of and contributions to this worthwhile organization. The ACIM is in need of food — canned fruit, vegetables and meat. Employees at the law firm will be glad to pick up the food donations and deliver them to ACIM.

They are requesting that any business who is interested in placing a collection box in their office contact them — 693.3131. They will provide a collection box and pick it up for delivery to ACIM. Pick-up deadline is November 16, so there will be food for families for Thanksgiving.

*"We are not asking for the impossible — just food. The need to be fed is something we all have in common. We hope this challenge will touch you in some way, and your office and/or business will join our support of ACIM."*

—Staff of Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP

## **SOUTH COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

November's South Council Meeting is being announced by Chairman Paul Williford for Friday, November 30 at 12:00 noon at Bob's Barbecue, Hwy #56, between Butner and Creedmoor.

Scottie Wilkins will be discussing the newly approved Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Granville County. We hope that many of you will plan to attend this informative meeting.

## **Government Forum Committee**

In October, the Government Forum Committee, along with the Granville County Human Relations Commission, sponsored a Municipality Candidate Forum. This was an exceptional event — well-attended and represented by all municipalities. Butner did not participate as active candidates, as they will not be holding an election in November, however, they were represented at the forum.

It is the hope of the Chamber and the Human Relations Commission that future candidate forums will be jointly sponsored.

The November meeting of the Government Forum Committee will be held Friday, November 9th at 8:00 a.m. at the Oxford Police Department. The program will be a county law enforcement update. These monthly meetings are informal and informative.

You are missing out on excellent information if you do not attend. *Hope to see you there!*

## **Successful Business EXPO 2007**

The annual Business EXPO, sponsored by the Granville County Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce and VGCC's Small Business was a huge success.

Many attendees visited the event during the 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. time, which also provided an opportunity for the exhibitors to network among themselves. Chamber member **SIMPLY DELICIOUS** provided boxed lunches, exhibited and provided samples of their products during the Business-After-Hours.

We will have a complete listing of Granville Chamber member participants very soon. We THANK all participants who helped make this year's EXPO a success!

## **HOSTS FOR 2008 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

The Chamber's Meetings Committee will soon be planning for 2008 monthly membership meetings. We hope to hear from some of you who are interested in hosting a *Business-Before-Hours* or *Business-After-Hours* event. January's Annual Membership Banquet serves as a monthly membership meeting, no monthly meeting is held in July and November is the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. Other than those months, we are open for volunteers!

There are many benefits of hosting, which include:

- Opportunity to market your business in your own surroundings
- Network with business and community leaders
- Showcase services and products
- Express appreciation to customers
- Receive free advertising through "The Brightleaf" media, Chamber website and email blasts

Interested businesses are encouraged to reserve a date early. **Business-Before-Hours** (breakfast meetings) are held the last Wednesday morning in the month. **Business-After-Hours** are held the last Thursday evening of the month. It's interesting to visit ALL areas of Granville County. We hope to hear from you!

### **Getting the Most for Your Chamber Membership**

## **Participation Is Key**

Chamber membership is like membership in any other organization. Participation is the reward. Are you aware of the many, many opportunities your Chamber provides each month for learning, networking and information? Customary monthly meetings are Government Forum (2nd Friday, 8:00 a.m.); Human Resource Committee Meetings (3rd Thursday) for HR Managers in member industries; Monthly Membership Meetings (last Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Business Before Hours) or (last Thursday 5:30-7:00 p.m. Business After Hours). In addition, the South Council group meets every other month, and the Women in Business group meets quarterly.

All events are listed in our monthly Chamber newsletter, "THE BRIGHTLEAF," and on our website calendar, [www.granville-chamber.com](http://www.granville-chamber.com). Our staff regularly reminds members via email blasts. New members are assigned to members of the Ambassadors group who contact and encourage attendance.

Special events throughout the year include the Annual Banquet in January, three Alive After Five events (May, August, September), the New Teacher Breakfast, the Business EXPO in October and ribbon cuttings for new businesses. Additionally, Leadership Granville is offered as an outstanding program, with sessions September through March. This program is an opportunity to learn about all areas and aspects of the county and to encourage participants to assume leadership roles through civic organizations, community projects and as elected officials.

Members have the opportunity to advertise their business free of charge, once per year, in our newsletter, "THE BRIGHTLEAF" simply by reserving the month to include an insert in the newsletter. This is an inexpensive advertising opportunity with little effort.

In addition, the Chamber's website, [www.granville-chamber.com](http://www.granville-chamber.com) includes information on our events, as well as county events, which are listed on the website calendar. With over 30,000 hits per month, the Chamber's site is the place to visit for information on member services, demographic information and community events.

Communication and participation are key. Please let us know how we may improve our communication to you, our members. We hope you and your business associates will join us at any and all of our Chamber offerings.

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	5:30-7:30 pm	American Red Cross' 90th Year Celebration — call 693.6550 for information	
1	6:30-7:30 pm	Tax Credits & Historic Property Rehabilitation, hosted by Oxford's Historic Preservation Commission. Call 603.1100 for information.	Oxford City Hall, Third Floor, Board Room
2	9 am-5 pm	St. Stephen's Episcopal Women's Book Fair, Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale	Ed Lit Bookstore, College St., Oxford
3	9 am-1 pm	St. Stephen's Episcopal Women's Book Fair, Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale	Ed Lit Bookstore, College St., Oxford
3	2:00-5:00 pm	Wine Tasting	Stovall's Gifts
6	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
6	6-8 pm	Oxford Jr. Woman's Clubs' Downtown Ladies' Night Out. Call Betsy Stovall 693.5957 for information. Tickets: \$5. Proceeds donated to community projects.	Downtown Oxford
8	4:00-7:00 pm	Entrepreneur Forum — Help for the Small Business Owner. 693.5911, Granville County Economic Development Office.	VGCC's Civic Center, Main Campus
9	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee	Oxford Police Dept.
9	11 am-7 pm	Arts and Crafts Bazaar — 603.1350	Oxford National Guard Armory
10	9 am-5 pm	Arts and Crafts Bazaar — 603.1350	Oxford National Guard Armory
12		<b>Veterans Day Observance</b>	
13	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	VGCC – South Campus
14	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	VGCC – South Campus
15	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Granville County Schools
15	3:00 pm	Tourism Development Authority Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
21	7:30 am	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast	Oxford Baptist Church's Family Life Center
30	12:00 noon	South Council Meeting	Bob's Barbecue
30	4:00 pm	Oxford's Lighting of the Greens, 603.1116	Downtown Oxford
30	6:30 pm	Oxford's Christmas Parade, 603.1116	Downtown Oxford
30	7:00 pm	Creedmoor's Tree Lighting Ceremony, 528.0506	Lake Rogers
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
1	11 am	Creedmoor's Christmas Parade	Downtown Creedmoor
1	2 pm	Butner's Christmas Parade	Downtown Butner
8	2 pm	Grassy Creek's Christmas Parade	Grassy Creek Community

## PLEASE NOTE...

Long-standing Chamber member and community supporter, **SOLETRON**, has been purchased by **FLEXTRONICS**. We appreciate Solectron's participation and anticipate the same spirit of volunteerism from Flextronics. The Chamber is especially grateful to **Teresa Walker** and **ALL THE VOLUNTEERS** who have manned the Coca-Cola product wagon at **ALL** of our *Alive After Five events* — 5 years!

## HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Byron Satterwhite hosted October's Human Resource Committee Meeting at Revlon. We appreciate, as always, the warm reception, delicious lunch and excellent program Byron provided.

The November 15th meeting will be hosted by Dr. Abram Liles, with Granville County Schools. Members will be notified with complete meeting details via email. Please mark your calendar for November 15.

## John Penn Citizen of the Year Nominations

This month's newsletter includes a nomination form for the John Penn Citizen of the Year, which is presented at our annual banquet in January. We encourage members to nominate a citizen who has contributed and made outstanding service to Granville County. The Recognition Committee will review the nominees and make a decision in early January. Please give this some thought and make a nomination.

## KUDOS

The **AMERICAN RED CROSS** is celebrating 90 Years of service in Granville County Thursday, November 1. If you would like to be involved in this celebration or have information about the history of the Red Cross in our county, please contact Twana Jones at 693.6550.

### GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT!

Chamber Member **DAVID L. HOLDEN, CFP, CLU, CLTC, Holden Mickey & Mickey, Inc.**, has been awarded the Chartered Life Underwriter designation by the American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Governor Mike Easley has appointed **J. DAVID BROOKS** to the North Carolina Appraisal Board. Brooks, a county native, is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of VGCC, a member of the NC Professional Appraisers Coalition, a member of the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers and state director of the NC Farm Bureau. He is also owner and senior appraiser of **Brooks Appraisals, Inc.** This is a *deserving appointment* for Brooks!

**HARRISON SIMONS**, founder of the Education Liturgy Resources Bookstore, was recently awarded a doctor in divinity (honoris causa) at Virginia Theological Seminary's annual academic convocation October 2. Simons began the Ed Lit Bookstore, as we all know it, in 1979. He is chaplain to the Oxford Fire Department, active in the Kiwanis Club and has served for many years as Chairman of the Chamber's Meetings Committee, as well as being an active and very involved Chamber member. This newest distinction is one of many received by Simons. *The Chamber offers its sincere CONGRATULATIONS!*

# AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT



November's Ambassador of the month is a well-known, soft-spoken individual who is a dedicated employee and a committed community volunteer — **Twanna Jones**. Twanna has been our local contact person for the American Red Cross for three years, since October 2004.

As Branch Coordinator for the Central NC Chapter of the American Red Cross, Twanna is responsible for providing comfort and support to hurting people in their time of crisis. She also offers encouragement and lets them know that there is hope for a better tomorrow. Many of you know that Twanna is a very sincere and caring person — such a fit for her role.

Her favorite pastime is spending time with her family and friends, reading, scapbooking with her children and taking nature walks with her family. She is also involved in her church and volunteers as a mentor to young children in our community.

“As a flower gives out its fragrance to anyone who approaches or uses it, so love from within us radiates toward everybody and manifests as spontaneous service,” (*Ramdas*). This is a fitting favorite quote for someone such as Twanna, whose warm spirit radiates to those around her.

The Chamber's Ambassador group is fortunate to have Twanna as a member. She remarks that she enjoys “networking and building long and lasting relationships.” We are grateful that she has been an enthusiastic Chamber member and supporter.

# NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

A most unique business — **SEND OUT CARDS/21576** — is our newest Chamber member. Owner **Donna Wayne** creates personal cards with an internet system which uses a person's own handwriting to send a paper card with a stamp. Donna is open 24/7 as an on-line service at [donna-wayne@gmail.com](mailto:donna-wayne@gmail.com). Interested persons may also visit her website for additional information, [www.creedmoorcardlady.com](http://www.creedmoorcardlady.com).

Send Out Cards is located at 2569 Jasmine Court in Creedmoor where contacts may be made by phoning, (919) 529-0210. Just as quickly as Donna joined the Chamber, she also participated in our recent Business EXPO! She states that her “EXPO experience not only was an awesome opportunity to participate,” but also “enjoyed meeting business people, the public and the high school business class who attended.” We appreciate Ambassador Susie Lee for encouraging Send Out Cards to join our Chamber.

**GRANVILLE FARMS, INC.**, a beef cattle farm, which aids and assists farmers in supplementing beneficial nutrients for agronomic uses, is also a new Chamber member. Represented by Joyce Barrett, they are located at 8220 Hwy #96 North in Oxford, P.O. Box 1396. They may be contacted during their hours of operation, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Other contact information is: phone, (919) 690-8000; fax, (919) 690-1157 or at [gfi@ncol.net](mailto:gfi@ncol.net). Granville Farms is interested in being involved in our community. We welcome them and look forward to their participation!

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