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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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2008 Annual Membership Banquet 66TH ANNIVERSARY

Presenting Sponsor: Progress Energy
Sponsors: BB&T EMBARQ

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce invites members to mark their 2008 calendars for an exciting Annual Banquet on Monday evening, January 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center of Vance-Granville Community College.

Background music will greet attendees, followed by a buffet dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cindy S. Joy will be providing piano music during dinner.

A speaker of comedy, magic and inspiration, GLENN STRANGE will bring a motivational message to attendees. Yes, "Strange" is his name... his real name. Over 25 years ago, Glenn found a magic shop. Forty-eight hours later, he had business cards and was dangerous. He had discovered a tool (magic) that had given him a reason to be funny in public. Up until that time, he had only been funny for friends, family and co-workers (behind closed doors!). He started out by performing for kid's birthday parties... or anyone else who would stand still for two or more minutes.

Today, Glenn's funny business specializes in providing quality entertaining programs for corporations and associations all over the United States. His interactive program uses comedy and magic with true life, humorous stories to make people laugh, feel good about themselves and look at their life in a bit of a "Strange" way.

Don't miss this opportunity to laugh and be inspired with Glenn Strange!

Presenting program sponsor is PROGRESS ENERGY, with BB&T and EMBARQ also being sponsors.

Chamber members are receiving formal invitations to the 2008 66TH Anniversary Banquet. Please respond promptly in order to secure seats for the occasion.

BEST WISHES, GLENDA!

We regret that the Chamber has lost a valuable employee, Glenda Bragg. Glenda began new, full-time employment in Wake Forest in December. We know that members join the Chamber Board in wishing Glenda success in her new endeavor.

Until a new person is in place in the Chamber's South Office location, please use the Oxford office as a point of contact, 919.693.6125, or granvillechamber@embarqmail.com.

John Penn Ballot Nominations Due

A REMINDER: There are many county citizens who are worthy of recognition of the John Penn Award. A nomination form was enclosed in the November and December issues of *The Brightleaf*. Additional copies may be obtained from the Chamber's website, granville-chamber.com.

Nominations must be received by the Chamber no later than Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

KUDOS

CAPITAL BANK, Jason Finch and staff, for the wonderful Holiday Business After Hours that they hosted for our membership — the second consecutive year. The food, fellowship and entertainment were incredible!

Chamber member **Simply Delicious Catering, Debbie Vaughan** and her staff, are to be commended also.

ROYSTER, CROSS & HENSLEY's staff collected non-perishable items to donate to Area Congregations in Ministry (ACIM) for Thanksgiving. Their staff took the lead in supporting and donating to ACIM, challenging all county businesses to contribute to this worthy cause.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANVILLE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE!!!

Incredible results from our **2007 RELAY FOR LIFE** — Granville County was recently recognized as:

- **NUMBER 2** in the nation, based on per capita — 50,000-59,999 people.
- **NUMBER 1** in the nation, based on per capita growth from 2006 to 2007.
- **100% School Participation Award.**

2007 money raised is \$251,160, which is \$4.77 per capita.

2007 Relay Totals:

- National — \$403,545,870.
- South Atlantic Division — \$78,051,089.
- North Carolina — \$20,014,529.

NEW MEMBERS

Community Resource Solutions, LLC, is located at 1555 NC Hwy 56, Creedmoor with daily office hours, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Designated member **Warrick Stewart** and his staff offer case management services to consumers with HIV/AIDS diagnosis. This human services agency may be reached by phone 919.528.3511; fax 919.528.5746; or website, www.communityresourcesolutions.net; or by email, wstewart@communityresourcesolutions.net.

Welcome to the Granville Chamber!

Michelle and Paul Williford have acquired a new business, **GRANVILLE SIGNS AND TEES**, located at 1555 Lake Road in Creedmoor. They are open for business Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. where they prepare signs, t-shirts and vehicle graphics. They also have available beautiful, new concepts in signs for entrances, businesses, etc. Call or contact them by phone: 919.528.8177; fax, 919.528.7271; email, sales@granvillesigns.com or visit their website www.granvillesigns.com. Paul serves as Chairman of the Chamber's South Council Group and as an Ambassador.

We appreciate his commitment, involvement and membership for the new business.

MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES is a leading provider of home health care and wellness services. Their services are designed to ensure continuity of care in comfortable home surroundings. Their office is located at 102 Broad Street in Oxford with operational hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Reach them at phone 919.603.1977; fax 919.603.1933; email lybrown@maxhealth.com; or visit their website, www.maximhealthcare.com.

We welcome their office contact, Lyndsay Brown, and her staff and look forward to having them participate in our Chamber!

Dr. Leilani Sabin and her staff at **OXFORD VETERINARY HOSPITAL** are pleased to join our Chamber. Appointments or information about their veterinary services should be directed to **Katie T. Graves**, contact person at their

631 Roxboro Road, Oxford office. Dr. Sabin is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Contact them by calling 919.693.6911; faxing 919.693.6962; or emailing KTGD@msn.com.

We thank them for joining the Chamber!

Government Forum Committee

Pat Kiesow and Lois Pauluzzi have arranged for the Friday, January 11, Government Forum Group to meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Oxford Housing Authority's Training Center on Raleigh Street, Oxford (across the street from the OHA office).

Authority Director, Xavier Wortham, will give an update on programs that are offered in their new facility. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Human Resources Committee to Meet at Employment Security Commission

The Chamber's Human Resources Committee will reconvene on Thursday, January 17th, at 12:00 noon at the Employment Security Commission's Oxford office, 518 Lewis Street.

Member Monica Satterwhite will host this first lunch meeting of the year. Members will also be planning program hosts and topics for the 2008 year.

Members will receive an e-mail reminder with a request for response one week prior to the meeting.

GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM

2008 BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars now to participate in the 2008 Blood Drive to be held on February 13 in the Education Classroom at Granville Health Center, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There is always a need for blood donations. Please encourage coworkers to be a part of this worthwhile community project.

South Council: January 14

The Chamber's South Council will hold its first meeting of 2008 on Monday, January 14 at 12:00 noon at Vance-Granville Community College's South Campus. Randy Parker, President, and Cecilia Wheeler, Director, will give a presentation on the recent renovation and expansion, as well as curriculum and programs.

A boxed lunch will be available. Reservations should be made by calling 919.693.6125 or emailing Wanda at granvillechamber@embarqmail.com — deadline is Monday, January 7th.

Watch for further details. Hope to see you there!

OAK HILL HERITAGE HOUSE'S

"Read to Succeed" Project Sponsoring Poster Contests

Oak Hill Heritage House and Library's "Read to Succeed" Project is sponsoring "The Journey of a Nation-on-the Move" poster contest for Granville County school children in grades 5 and 6. Read a Black History Book / Make-a-Poster from a concept, Win-a-Prize for the most original poster. To enter, download an application at www.wiica.org or call 919.693.4014. Deadline for submitting February Black History Month Poster Contest is January 31, 2008.

The completed application should be returned to a school principal or designated person at the school; fax 919.693.7363 or mailed to WIICA/Oak Hill Heritage House and Library, 7682 Goshen Road, Oxford 27565. Submit application now to almackbullock@aol.com. Contact them for additional information.

The Oak Hill Heritage House and Library's "Read to Succeed" Project is also sponsoring a MLK Best Image Poster Contest for Granville County school children in grades 7 and 8. To enter, download an application at www.wiica.org or call 919.693.4014. Deadline for submitting the MLK Image Poster is January 15, 2008. Submit application now to almackbullock@aol.com.

The completed application should be returned to a school principal or designated person at the school; fax 919.693.7363 or mail to: WIICA/Oak Hill Heritage House and Library, 7682 Goshen Rd., Oxford 27565. Contact them for additional information.

Nominating Committee Report to the Chamber

Vickie Bailey, past-president and chairman of the Nominating Committee, along with committee members, have submitted the following slate of officers and directors for the 2008 Chamber year:

President	Johnny Balmer	Carolina Sunrock
President-Elect	Mark Averette	Bandag
Vice-President	Dorwin Howard	Granville County Schools
Treasurer	Jason Finch	Capital Bank
Past President	Thomas Combs	Union Bank

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Terms expire 2009	Gerald Lloyd*	RBC Centura
	Linda Taylor	Coldwell Banker Advantage
Terms expire 2010	Melinda Pritchett	Merle Norman
	Lillian Gray	Dutchville Builders
Terms expire 2011	Carl Williams	J & M Manufacturing
	Janet Herzberg	Granville Health System

*Filling an unexpired term

APPOINTED

Brian Alligood	Granville County Manager
Jack Day	Mayor, Town of Stem
Bob Schaumleffel	Manager, City of Creedmoor
Tommy Marrow	Manager, City of Oxford
Edgar Smoak	Mayor, Town of Butner
Janet Parrott	Mayor, City of Stovall

Newly-filled positions are Vice-President and two Board of Directors terms (expire 2011). As stated in the Chamber's By-Laws, the following will apply:

C. Nominations by petition. Additional names of candidates for directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signature of at least ten (10) qualified members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be filed within ten (10) days after the notice has been gives of the names of those nominated. The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the legality of the petition shall be final.

D. Determination. If no petition is filed within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of two (2) candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors. Installation of the Executive Committee and the Board shall take place at the Annual Banquet with responsibilities beginning in February of the new year at the Board of Directors Meeting.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1		New Year's Day Holiday observance	
8	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
8	8:30 am	Downtown Oxford Roundtable	TBA
9	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
9	12:00 noon	Recognitions Committee Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
11	8:00 am	Government Forum Meeting	Oxford Housing Authority's Training Center
14	12:00 noon	South Council Meeting	VGCC – South Campus
21		Martin Luther King Holiday observance	
17	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Employment Security Commission, Oxford office
18	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
28	7:00 PM	CHAMBER'S ANNUAL BANQUET 66TH ANNIVERSARY	VGCC'S Civic Center

Ambassador Spotlight

A familiar face is this month's Ambassador spotlight — **LARRY WILSON, JR.** Larry has lived in Granville County all his life, working here for 18 plus years.

He is president of Lewis Electric of Oxford, Inc., where he has worked for almost 15 years, with the exception of a short period when he worked in Raleigh. Larry comments that he loves his job and what he has accomplished while here. He enjoys living and working here because of the opportunity to meet new people everyday while exploring new opportunities for a growing community.

He remarks that "From an early age, I always dreamed of the day I could work with my dad and be able to do the things he did." A tradition of work ethic and commitment has been instilled in "Little Larry" by his father and his grandfather, Nelson Wilson.

He likes the satisfaction of completing a project and making people happy. He tries to approach every project

and customer with the attitude of doing his best. Larry has been a sponsor of Alive After Five since its beginning, always being "on call" for electrical needs and projects.

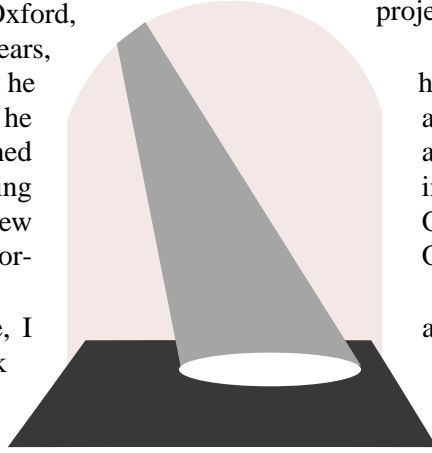
His hobbies include spending time with his children (of whom he is very proud!). He also likes to fish at the local lakes and ponds and attend Durham Bulls games. His civic involvement includes membership in the Oxford Rotary Club and past president of the Oxford Jaycees.

His favorite quote is "Take life one day at a time" — "that's what I do."

As an active member of the Chamber's Ambassador Club, he remarks that he has enjoyed meeting new and old friends, serving his community as best he can

and watching our county grow economically.

We are fortunate to have Larry Wilson as a Chamber Ambassador!



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