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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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Women In Business

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 12:00 NOON • VGCC-SOUTH CAMPUS

The first meeting of 2008 for the Granville County Chamber's Women in Business group will be held Tuesday, February 19 at 12:00 noon at Vance-Granville Community College's South Campus (Exit 191/I-85).

Dr. J. Weldon Hampton of Premier Women's Health Professionals will give a presentation, "New Minimally Invasive Surgical Options in Women's Gynecologic Health." He will be discussing minimally invasive hysterectomy options for treatment of abnormal bleeding, fibroids, endometriosis, pelvic pain and abnormal pap smears.

Granville Health System is sponsoring the event, providing small gift items and door prizes. Simply Delicious Catering will be providing a box lunch (choice of sandwich, pasta, pickle, cookie and beverage).

Cost to attend is \$10.00. Please make reservations by February 12 to 919.693.6125 or granvillechamber@embarqmail.com.

GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM'S GIFT SHOP REOPENS

Annie Nesbitt, Director of Volunteer Services, announces that Granville Health System's gift shop has reopened. She encourages everyone to view the new lines of merchandise and know that a credit and debit card service is also being offered. Nesbitt states that, "The Gift Shop is not just for patients and employees, but for the whole community. We have lots of great gifts for all ages and occasions."

Proceeds from the Gift Shop benefit the Granville Health System Foundation, which was established in 1984 to raise funds to support the work of Granville Health System. It is staffed totally by volunteers, so there are no administrative costs to maintain it. All net proceeds go directly for services to benefit the community.

February's Monthly Membership Meeting

BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS at GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM

*Granville Health System
cordially invites the
Chamber of Commerce Membership
to attend Business-After-Hours
Thursday Evening, February 28
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.*

1010 College Street, Oxford

Enjoy Hors D'Oeuvres, A Short Program and Tours

*Please respond by February 21, to:
693.6125 or granvillechamber@embarqmail.com*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4	12:00 noon	Granville Education Foundation Meeting	Northern Granville Middle School
5	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
5	7:30 pm	Oxford Historic Preservation Commission's Town Meeting	Oxford City Hall
7	6:30 pm	Granville Education Foundation's SPELL-ebriation	J F Webb High School
8	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee	Chamber Boardroom
12	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	VGCC – South Campus
13	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	VGCC – South Campus
13	10 am - 2 pm	Blood Drive	Granville Health System's Education Classroom
19	12:00 noon	Women in Business Meeting	VGCC-South Campus
21	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
21	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	VGCC
23	6:00 pm	Relay for Life's Auction (Preview 5-6 pm) (call Frances Garrett for details)	Masonic Home for Children's Gym
28	5:30-7:00 pm	Business-After-Hours	Granville Health System
29	11 am - 6 pm	Oxford United Methodist Church's BBQ Chicken Plates; \$7.00	Methodist Church

Granville Education Foundation's SPELL-ebriation

Thursday, February 7
6:30 p.m.

J. F. Webb High School

Support children in the Granville County School system and have a fun-filled evening by having your business participate in the Granville Education Foundation's SPELL-ebriation.

The event has three packages to choose from: Basic Bee, Bumble Bee and Queen Bee. The package costs include registration fee, free words (depending on the package) and a light meal for the team.

This popular event helps the Foundation administer grants for teachers and other programs for Granville County's public school students and staff. Contact GEF's Executive Director, Shields Blackwell, at 919.693.7047, edfoundation@earthlink.net or visit their website, www.GranvilleEdFoundation.org for additional information.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT ... NEWSLETTER INSERTS

One of the benefits of Chamber membership is the opportunity to place a flyer in a monthly newsletter – **FREE** – one time per year. Regulations limit the number of inserts which can be included.

Interested persons should contact the Chamber early-on to reserve the month they wish to include an insert.

It's very simple: reserve your month; on the 10th of the month **PRIOR** to your insert month, provide the Chamber with 600 copies of the insert – **MUST BE 8 1/2 x 11"** paper, folded in half, top to bottom. There are no exceptions allowed on size or fold of the inserts. They must be the same as the newsletter.

Contact the Chamber at 919.693.6125, or granvillechamber@embarqmail.com and sign up!

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

January's HR Meeting was held at the Employment Security Commission with member and ESC Director Monica Satterwhite as host. Monica provided a delicious meal, time for member updates and planning program topics for 2008 monthly meetings.

Thursday, February 21 at 12:00 noon, is the date for the next meeting. Committee members will be notified of meeting details and location one week prior to that meeting.

"THE AMAZING FEATS OF AGING" GRANVILLE COUNTY MUSEUM

The Harris Exhibit Hall began a new exhibit at the end of January – "The Amazing Feats of Aging." This exhibit will explore the mysteries of how humans, as well as animals, age in this colorful carnival-themed exhibit. It is designed for families, adults and school groups. Everyone is invited to come see how they will look after aging 25 years!

Visit the museum's website at www.granvillemuseumnc.org.

NEW GRANVILLE COUNTY MAPS

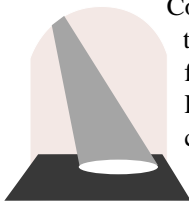
The Chamber partnered with its past map company to produce a new Granville County map. The layout is similar in design with Granville County being displayed on one side and the five municipalities on the reverse side.

Maps are available for \$3.00 each. They are also available to Chamber members at a cost of \$1.50 each when purchasing six (6) or more maps. Please call or visit us to purchase these.

DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE?

The Chamber's Board of Directors wants to serve the membership in the most efficient and effective ways possible. A suggestion has been to offer the opportunity for our monthly newsletter, "*The Brightleaf*", to be sent electronically, rather than hard-copy. Members who wish to receive the newsletter electronically should contact Wanda, at 919.693.6125, or granvillechamber@embarqmail.com.

Chamber Ambassador Profile: Andres Guzman, Bandag



Andres Guzman and his family have been living and working in Granville County for approximately two years. They moved from the “other” side of Raleigh, near Apex. He comments that they “love the extra space — especially the larger lot. In our previous house, we had about a quarter acre of land and now have an acre. Our son and dog have plenty of room to run and play.”

For almost two years, Andres has worked for Bandag as their maintenance manager. His job is challenging, as he is continuously improving their processes to ensure that they stay competitive in the new, global economy. As everyone knows, Bandag recently merged with Bridgestone/Firestone, becoming part of Bridgestone Americas. It is an exciting time for the company, as Bandag can benefit from Bridgestone’s vast resources and experience in the tire industry. They also hope to assist in improving their profitability and grow the business together by offering a full range of products and services.

Andres and his wife, Vicky, have a two-year-old son, Landon. They are expecting their second child in April.

Andres is a *HUGE* Tarheel basketball fan, as he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He remarks that “it is especially exciting when we have a strong team, such as we have this year and have the potential to contend for a National Championship.”

Andres is a graduate of Leadership Granville’s Class of 2007. We appreciate his comments that it was a “great opportunity to learn about the county and how various departments work.”

As one of the Chamber’s newest Ambassadors, Andres is looking forward to “meeting people in the community, learning more about business in our area and how the Chamber can help those businesses succeed.”

The Chamber Ambassadors Group is fortunate to have Andres involved!

2008-2009 CHAMBER OFFICERS

The following slate of officers and directors will be serving the Chamber this year:

Executive Committee

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

Board of Directors

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

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors begin their duties following the Annual Banquet on January 28, with responsibilities beginning at the Board of Directors Meeting in February.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS JOIN US

An organization which strives to enhance student performance in cooperation with the Granville County Schools, **THE GRANVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**, is a new, non-profit Chamber member. The Foundation is represented by **Executive Director Shields Blackwell**, and is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Their office is located on 112 Wall Street in Oxford, where they may be contacted at 919.693.7047/phone; 919.693.5246/fax or edfoundation@earthlink.net. Citizens are encouraged to visit their website, www.GranvilleEdFoundation.org.

A new hotel/motel/lodging category addition is the **HAMPTON INN – ROXBORO**, represented by **Shirley Julian**, General Manager and **Darlene Ryland**. Shirley was formerly manager of the Henderson Hampton Inn. This facility is located at 920 Durham Road in Roxboro and is open 24/7. For information on reservations and meeting facilities, call them at 336.599.8800 or fax to 336.599.8700. Shirley and Darlene may also be reached at shirley.julian@hilton.com and darlene.ryland@dalyseven.com.

THE CREEDMOOR BUSINESS PARK, LLC provides lease space for flex space, retail and warehousing use Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Represented by **Boyd Taylor**, the business park is located at 2150 Hwy. 56-East in Creedmoor. This facility’s parking lot is the site of last year’s Alive After Five in Creedmoor. Taylor may be reached for information on rental properties/residential/com-

mercial by calling 919.524.4096, faxing 919.528.0844 or boydtaylor@nc.rr.com.

Mike and Kathy Arrington have opened a new business, **LINDY’S OXFORD BAR AND GRILL, LLC**, which is the site of the former Oxford Bar and Grill, at 108A East Industry Drive in Oxford. A private member club and restaurant, they offer live music and special events. Call them for details on their schedule of activities — 919.693.1645 fax, 919.603.1647. Watch for details on their restaurant menu and other exciting happenings!

The attractive new window display on College Street in Oxford is the home for the newest retail business, **LADY KATHYS**. Owner **Mary Harrison** has worked in retail previously and is excited to open the business of her dreams. Stop by and visit Mary at 129 College Street and browse her selection of fashion apparel for plus-size women. She may also be contacted at 919.691.0921 or LadyKathys-235@ yahoo.com. *Welcome!*

Did you know that there is an activity company which comes on location for birthday parties, corporate events, team building, camps, schools, churches and fundraisers with art and aviation programs? **CRAFTS ON WHEELS/100 YEARS OF FLIGHT** is the business to call! **Cheryl Elman’s** business is located on 920 Barker Road in Henderson 27537, and she may be contacted at 919.757.8480. Check out her website, www.craftsonwheels.net or email her at craftsonwheels@earthlink.net for more information. *Glad to have you join us!*

AMBASSADORS CLUB 2008

The Chamber's Board of Directors is proud of the reorganized Ambassadors Club group, who has been so dedicated and committed to the Chamber and its membership goals. Ambassadors volunteer at Chamber events, educate other members about our Chamber of Commerce — its programs and benefits, attend ribbon cutting ceremonies for member businesses and contact members for feedback on ways to improve Chamber services and benefits.

Hal Muetzel, owner of Express Personnel, and chairman of the Ambassadors group, is to be commended for his leadership of the group. Also, we recognize the members of the Ambassador Club and express appreciation for their commitment:

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| Sherenia Branche | SunTrust Bank |
| Sharon Buchanan | Granville Health System |
| Virginia Clay | Smith Barney |
| Jayne Currin | American Dream Properties |
| Eddie Dickerson | School of Graphic Arts |
| Chris Emory | South Granville Exchange Club |
| Andres Guzman | Bandag, Inc. |
| Twanna Jones | American Red Cross |
| Susie Lee | Joe Bryan & Associates, Inc. |
| Sheila Owen | Remax in the Country |
| Donna Parham | Bailey-Wright Realty |
| Kristi Perkins | Granville Health System |
| Paul Williford | Coldwell Banker Advantage |
| Larry Wilson | Lewis Electric of Oxford |

Government Forum Report & February Meeting Information

The Chamber's Government Forum Group enjoyed a visit in January to the Oxford Housing Authority's Training/Meeting Facility on Raleigh Street. **OHA Director Xavier Wortham** gave an interesting presentation on the programs there which focus on education and job training. Xavier and his staff are to be commended for their innovative learning sessions and their commitment.

February's program will be held Friday, February 8 in the Chamber's Boardroom at 8:00 a.m. **Jackie Sergent**, Health Promotions Coordinator with the Vance-Granville Health District, will give a program on the "Granville Greenways." Jackie's commitment and enthusiasm for this project will make for an interesting meeting. *Interested citizens are invited!*

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 23

Although April 23 seems far, far away, it will be here before we know it! The Chamber wants to help businesses recognize their staff members who run the operation and help it succeed — ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS!

Wednesday, April 23 is **Administrative Professionals Day**. Vance-Granville Community College's Small Business Center and the area Chambers of Commerce are planning a special lunch meeting and speaker to honor Administrative Professionals. VGCC's Small Business Center has arranged for Mike Collins to present a program, "THE PERFECT WORKDAY."

Please mark this date on your calendars and watch for lunch and location details. *We hope many of you will join us!*

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