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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LUNCHEON — APRIL 23 —

Treat Your Administrative Assistant, Office Manager and Human Resource Manager  
To a Luncheon  
Wednesday, April 23 • 12:00 Noon  
Henderson Country Club

In Observance of Administrative Professionals Day

Hosted by: Granville County Chamber of Commerce, Warren County Chamber of Commerce, Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Please reply to: Granville County Chamber of Commerce, 919.693.6125 or 919.528.4994, by Wednesday, April 16<sup>TH</sup>

\$10.00 per person, payable to: Granville County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 820, Oxford, NC 27565 by Wednesday, April 16<sup>TH</sup>

*Lunch will be a Trio Salad, Dessert, Coffee and Tea*

Mike Collins, President of The Perfect Workday Company, an information company based in the Research Triangle region, will be presenting a program "Fun Is Not A 4-Letter Word." He will discuss a stress-management strategy called The FUN/ENERGY Connection. Research shows that managers and workers who look for "a lighter heart" each day have lower blood pressure and few bouts with depression.

The program will: quickly emphasize the basics of how stress effects us physically, mentally and emotionally; look at how other people can cause much of our stress; find the five times to look for the FUN/ENERGY Connection; discover what we would do if we did have time for fun; and understand how to use humor as a management tool.

In "FUN IS NOT A 4-LETTER WORD" Mike Collins uses a wide range of humor to show that stress doesn't have to kill you.

This will be a special way for bosses to take their employee(s) to lunch and enjoy an entertaining presentation.

**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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**2007 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 15**  
**LUNCHEON MAY 21ST**

Chamber members are encouraged to nominate a business to be recognized as the Granville County Small Business of the Year for 2007. Award criteria and form are available on the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com.

Our Chamber, along with Warren, Franklin, Vance Chambers and the Small Business Center at VGCC, will sponsor a Small Business Luncheon on Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 noon at Henderson Country Club to recognize area winners.

The luncheon will also include a presentation by Dr. Barnsley Brown entitled, "Beating the Business Burnout Blues." Watch for more information on reservation details.

# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	8:30 am	Downtown Oxford Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
8	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	VGCC - South Campus
	8:00 am	Ambassadors Meeting	VGCC - South Campus
11	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee Meeting	Oxford's City Hall
12	8:30 and 10:30 am	2nd Annual Million Meal Program (see article for details)	Oxford Public Works Bldg., McClanahan Street
12		Kerr-Vance Academy's "Tacking Up For Textbooks" Trail Ride; 492.0018	
17	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Gate Precast
23	12:00 noon	Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon	Henderson Country Club
24	5:00-7:00 pm	Monthly Membership Meeting, BUSINESS-AFTER HOURS, hosted by Bailey-Wright Realty/Donna Parham	Community House, The Preserve, Bruce Garner Road
25	Lunch & Dinner	Oxford Baptist Church Youth's Annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser; \$6.00/plate; 693.5181 for tickets	Oxford Baptist Church
25	11 am - 7 pm	Granville County Shrine Club's Fish Fry; 693.1959 contact number	Butner National Guard Armory
25	7:00 pm	Oxford Business & Professional Chain's 35th Annual Awards Banquet, Village Shoe Shop for tickets, 693.4661	Thorndale Country Club
26	6:30 pm	Granville Education Foundation's "EXTRAVAGANZA"; 919.693.7047 for tickets	Granville County Shrine Club

## LITTER SWEEP ROADSIDE CLEANUP SPRING 2008

APRIL 19 – MAY 3

The beauty of spring will soon be here! You can make spring in North Carolina even more beautiful by participating in the NC Dept. of Transportation's LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup April 19-May 3. This is a great opportunity to show support for a clean North Carolina by organizing a community cleanup during LITTER SWEEP.

NCDOT crews, local governments, Department of Correction inmates, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, churches, civic organizations, schools, businesses and concerned citizens across the state will be cleaning roadsides with you. The goal of clean and beautiful communities in our state can be obtained to working together.

Cleanup supplies may be picked up from the local NCDOT maintenance yard. Orange safety vests, orange trash bags, blue recycling bags and gloves will be available. Some counties will have pickup sticks, also. After your cleanup, call your local NCDOT maintenance yard to ask for the trash-filled orange bags to be picked up from the roadside.

To participate: Organize a local roadside cleanup and coordinate it with the local DOT maintenance yard. Get supplies from the NCDOT maintenance office (orange safety vests, gloves, orange trash bags, blue recycling bags, pickup sticks — call ahead to reserve supplies. Leave filled orange bags about five feet from the roadside and call the NCDOT maintenance office for pickup. When calling, provide them with the location of the bags and the number of orange bags to be picked up. If you use blue bags for items to be recycled, you may take those to a recycling facility and keep any money earned.

**CONTEST:** Your group may win a cash prize for the most unusual roadside litter found during cleanup. All participants will receive a Certificate of Appreciation by completing the certificate request form and mailing or faxing it in.

For additional information contact the Granville County Maintenance Office, 919-693-8164. The AAH Coordinator, Maggie Johnson, should be contacted for all matters pertaining to your adopted highway — 919-220-4750. The hotline number is 1-800-628-4394. This number should be used to report cleanup and request NCDOT to pick up orange trash bags. Also, visit their website, [www.ncdot.org/~beautification](http://www.ncdot.org/~beautification).

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bailey-Wright Realty/Donna Parham  
Cordially invites members of the  
Granville County Chamber of Commerce  
to attend  
**BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS**  
Thursday, April 24, 2008  
5:00 until 7:00 p.m.  
at the Community House Preserve  
Bruce Garner Road

Please reply by April 17th to:  
919.528.4994 or 919.693.6125

#### DIRECTIONS

**FROM CREEDMOOR:** Go out Brassfield Road toward Wilton. Go over 3 bridges; turn RIGHT on Lawrence Road; go to stop sign; turn LEFT on Bruce Garner Road. The Preserves is 1.1 mile on the left. The Clubhouse is at the beginning of the entrance on the left.

**FROM OXFORD:** Follow Hwy 96 South to stop sign at Brassfield Church; turn LEFT, still continuing on Hwy 96; go past Whitfield Chase and Mitchell Acres, turning at the next RIGHT onto Wayside Farm Road; go 3-4 miles (road dead ends) turn RIGHT onto Bruce Garner Road. Preserves is 1 mile on right.

### Human Resource Committee

Thursday, April 17th at 12:00 noon, HR member Judy Thompson, Gate Precast, will host the committee's monthly meeting. Members will want to note this date on their calendars.

Granville Health System, represented by Christina Blalock, hosted the March HR meeting at their College Street, Oxford facility. We appreciate their hospitality, lunch and good information.

We look forward to seeing everyone April 17th at Gate Precast Company — 12:00 noon.

### GOVERNMENT FORUM UPDATE

Friday, March 14, soon-to-be-retired Granville Economic Development Director, Leon Turner gave an excellent program on "The State of Granville County" — business and industry, figures, accomplishments and the Triangle North Hub. The group met at the Economic Development Office and was treated to coffee and an exceptional program.

On April 11th at 8:00 a.m. Oxford Economic Development Director Linda Sigmon will host the group and present the program at Oxford City Hall (ground floor entrance, training room to the left). Interested citizens are invited to attend.

# 2008 ALIVE AFTER FIVE EVENTS

**Thursday, May 8 • Oxford**  
**“The Craig Woolard Band”**

**Thursday, August 28 • Creedmoor**  
**“The Castaways”**

**Thursday, September 15 • Oxford**  
**“Jim Quick & Coastline”**

An exciting line-up of very popular performers awaits this year’s ALIVE AFTER FIVE attendees. The Chamber’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce the dates and performers for 2008 ALIVE AFTER FIVE.

Our first event will be held Thursday, May 8, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at Oxford’s Downtown Parking Lot. “THE CRAIG WOOLARD BAND” will be the entertainers for the evening. In August, Creedmoor’s event will feature “THE CASTAWAYS” and in September, we will have “JIM QUICK & COASTLINE” in Oxford.

We will need approximately 60 VOLUNTEERS per event to check ID’s, sell tickets and serve beverages. Hopefully, everyone will take a turn and volunteer so that these events will continue in the style to which we are accustomed. Please ask your business associates to join you in volunteering.

Watch for more details in local newspapers, on the radio station, in “The Brightleaf” and on the Chamber’s website, www.granville-chamber.com. Mark your calendar now for all these dates. *See you there!*

### **About “The Craig Woolard Band”...**

With the classic style of Ray Charles, the dynamics of Marvin Gaye and Rod Stewart, the Soul of James Brown, the vocal prowess of Steve Perry of Journey, combined with the passion of Sam Cook and Michael McDonald, you have “The Soul Man of Beach Music,” Craig Woolard.

As the ambassador of beach music, Woolard has enjoyed a stellar career as the front man of one of Carolina’s premiere bands, The Embers. After 27 years with his former group, Woolard has taken on a new persona in what is claimed to be the South’s number one Beach Music, R&B, Top 40, Motown, 70’s & 80’s, and Rock & Roll Party Band... Craig Woolard is The Real Thing!

The Craig Woolard Band wows their audience with one of the most diverse repertoires and original crowd participation shows in the industry. It is no wonder they have become one of the most highly recommended and sought-after bands for events in the southeastern United States.

The band’s first year out in 2005, they were honored as “GROUP OF THE YEAR,” while Craig walked away with Entertainer of the Year, Male Vocalist, Best Smoothie Song and Song of the Year. Their arrangements are exciting and ever so danceable.

Craig’s #1 beach music mega hit, “Love Don’t Come No Stronger,” is the longest-charting beach song ever. His second solo release “What In The World Am I Gonna Do Without You” was a #1 hit, and is almost as successful. Other favorites include “Meet Me In The Middle” and “Til The Day After.” Woolard has had several signature tunes — “What You Do To Me” and “Georgia.” The band’s catalog of music is diversified. It includes all the standard beach music songs and much more. Their CD, “Making Waves” went to #1 within weeks of its release. Their #1 Hit Song “I’ve Got A Feeling” won Song of the Year in 2006.

If you were to hear Craig sing “Georgia on My Mind,” you would swear Ray Charles was in the house. His version of “Hot Legs” and “Have I Told You Lately That I Love You” might even fool Rod Stewart. Tina Turner might even move over for his version of “Rolling on The River,” or “Let’s Stay Together.” Other artists with close resemblances are Huey Lewis, James Brown, Bob Seger, Marvin Gaye, Otis Redding, Al Green, Sam Cook and David Ruffin of The Temptations.

Band members include: Sam Bryant, drums; Keith Stone, trumpet, trombone, flugelhorn, vocals; J. K. Loftin, lead guitar, vocals, sax; Terry Nash, keyboards, organ, vocals; Andy King, trumpet, trombone, keys, vocals; Alan Wentz, soundman; Greg Watson, bass, vocals; and Lady Soul — three beautiful sisters who sing back up — Katha, Sal and Mattie.

Craig was born and raised in Washington, NC, where he was voted class President at Washington High. He went on to attend Duke University. His dad, now deceased, was an attorney, and had high hopes of Craig following in his footsteps — that didn’t happen. Craig was destined to be an entertainer.

The Craig Woolard Band will be bringing their incredible showmanship to the Chamber’s first Alive After Five event of 2008. *Don’t miss it!*

## **ROTARIANS WORKING TOGETHER TO END WORLD HUNGER**

# **SECOND ANNUAL MILLION MEAL PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12 • 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. • PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX, OXFORD**

More than 800 million people across the world are hungry. Every day more than 30,000 people die from hunger-related causes — 1,250 people every hour — 20 people every minute — and one person every three seconds. By the time you finish reading this information, 20 people will have died from hunger.

The Oxford, South Granville and Henderson Rotary Clubs invite their communities to help make a difference. On April 12, local volunteers will come together to package more than 80,000 rice-based

meals. The initiative is part of a district-wide Rotary goal to fund and produce ONE MILLION MEALS for distribution to children in Haiti, Bolivia and other developing countries through Rotary International’s network of clubs. Rotary is working in partnership with the Raleigh-based non-profit Stop Hunger Now.

**GET INVOLVED!** Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 12. Individuals and groups are needed to help package meals in shifts of two hours each. Work shifts begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**RECRUIT A TEAM!** Invite friends and family to join you. Thirty teams of nine people are needed to help assemble more than 80,000 meals — all in a half day!

**DONATE!** Make a gift to support The Million Meal Program. Groups are asked to consider contributing just \$10 per participant. This will purchase enough food supplies to feed 50 people. Donations may be made to Oxford Rotary Club; checks to P.O. Box 1584, Oxford. Donations are not required for participation.

## NEW MEMBERS

What an exciting time as the **TOWN OF BUTNER** incorporates and joins our Chamber! We welcome the Mayor, Town Council and Manager to our membership. **Tom Lane, Mayor**, has already become an active member of the Chamber's Board of Directors. Tommy Marrow has also been involved in the Chamber through his previous job. The town's office is located at 205-C West "E" Street in Butner. They may be reached at 919.575.3030.

An antique shop is coming to downtown Oxford! **YESTERDAY'S TREASURES** is owned by **Miranda Causey** and will be sharing an office space with Vacuum Cleaner Solutions at 144 Hillsboro Street. Miranda has been attending many of our Chamber events and is anxious to be involved. We eagerly await the opening of her shop and the antiques she will offer for sale. Reach Miranda at 919.693.1717 and look for open house/ribbon cutting details soon.

Need home health care, which provides personal care services to the elderly and/or disabled? **HEALTH CARE OPTIONS OF THE TRIANGLE** at 110 Hillsboro Street in Oxford is the place to contact. **Anessa Williams** and the staff are available Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to discuss options and make plans to care for your loved one. Contact information is: phone, 919.693.1846; fax, 919.603.1793; [www.healthcareoptionsnc.com](http://www.healthcareoptionsnc.com); or [awilliams@healthcareoptionsnc.com](mailto:awilliams@healthcareoptionsnc.com).

### AMERICAN RED CROSS...

#### **"WHAT COLOR DO YOU BLEED?" CAMPAIGN**

It's a great time to show your school spirit and support the American Red Cross. By purchasing a T-shirt for \$15.00 you can contribute to local Red Cross projects. Shirts are available in Duke blue, Eagles maroon, Wolfpack red, or Tar Heel blue. Contact Granville County Branch Coordinator Twanna Jones at 693.6550 or [arc@gloryroad.net](mailto:arc@gloryroad.net) for additional information.

## MEET OUR NEW EMPLOYEE, BONNIE MEELER

The Chamber's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Bonnie Meeler, a Granville County native, has joined our staff as Administrative Assistant in our South Office.

Bonnie owned and operated a real estate business for 28 years, with incredible sales and management experience. The Chamber position offers her "a second career where I can further expand upon my previous experiences and various skills."

Bonnie hails from the Oak Hill/Blue Wing community in Granville County. She is a graduate of J. F. Webb High School and completed business courses at Piedmont Community College. She is also a graduate of the Realtors Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill and has her Real Estate Broker License in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. For the past twenty-eight years, she has owned and operated a real estate business in Person County.

Her primary responsibility with the Granville County Chamber of Commerce will be membership retention and recruitment. Bonnie also will serve as a liaison for the Chamber's Ambassador Group, chaired by Hal Muetzel of Express Personnel. She will be involved in other aspects of program offerings — Women in Business group, Alive After Five, Business EXPO, etc.

Bonnie and her husband, Eldridge, live on Mayo Lake. She has two children, a set of twin granddaughters, two step-children and four step-grandchildren. Her interests include boating, classic cars, time at the beach and dancing. She and her husband teach shag dance classes at Piedmont Community College in Roxboro.

We are pleased to have Bonnie to join our staff.

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