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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 26 • 7:30 A.M.

Food Donations for ACIM • Performance by 82ND Airborne Chorus

The Granville County Chamber's annual **Thanksgiving Breakfast** is being held Wednesday, November 26, at 7:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center of Oxford Baptist Church, Main Street, Oxford.

BANDAG, INC. — **Mark Averette and his staff** — is continuing their sponsorship for this traditional breakfast buffet. The Chamber is appreciative to **BANDAG** for their support of this popular event. Attendees may anticipate the same wonderful menu, prepared by the cooks at Oxford Baptist Church. The breakfast buffet will consist of bacon, sausage, ham, fried fat-back, eggs, grits, apples, home-made biscuits, milk gravy, etc.

Several years ago, the staff of **Royster, Cross and Hensley, LLP** challenged all Granville County businesses to participate in food donations for **Area Congregations In Ministry (ACIM)**. **ACIM** is in **DIRE NEED** of canned fruit, vegetables and meat. If you or your business does not have the opportunity to donate at a local business collection box, please bring canned food donations to the breakfast. There is no charge to attend the breakfast — just please bring canned goods for **ACIM**.

This year we are very fortunate to have a return engagement from the **82nd AIRBORNE CHORUS**, a nonprofit musical group composed of Division Troopers representing every unit within the Division. An informal organization, the All-American Chorus was formed in November 1967 to sing at Sunday services in the Division Chapel. At that time, the chorus consisted of about 15 members.

Members of the chorus underwent **RECONDO** training in March 1970 to prepare for their role as the Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon (**LRRP**). They recorded their first record entitled "The All-American Chorus," which contained several songs and ballads about the Airborne and the Army. In February 1971, the chorus was selected by the Division Commander to jump, as a unit, with the **MC1-1** steerable parachute, so that assembly time on the ground could be reduced.

During a period of increased emphasis on the All Volunteer Army, the chorus performed at several professional and college baseball and football games as part of the pre-game or halftime ceremonies. Since it was formed, the chorus has performed for several military and civilian dignitaries.

In 1985, the All-American Chorus produced a video for the 82nd Airborne Division to be used by various United States Army Recruiting battalions throughout the country as a tool to interest young people in joining the Army. In September of that same year, the chorus performed on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

The chorus participated in Operation Neptune in 1989. The operation was a recreation of the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy France. Like the original invasion, elements of the 82nd Airborne Division were transported to the United Kingdom. There, along with the chorus, they prepared for the jump into France. On the morning of June 6, 45 years and a few hours after the historic invasion, 2,500 paratroopers and the All-American Chorus dropped into a field near Ste. Mere Eglise, France.

After returning from Operation Neptune, the chorus produced their first professional recording since 1970. Also in 1989, the chorus was invited to sing in Washington, DC with country music star Lee Greenwood. Following their return from the

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Organized by Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP Staff

THIRD ANNUAL ACIM FOOD DONATION CHALLENGE

For the third consecutive year, the staff of Royster, Cross and Hensley, LLP has challenged local businesses to participate in a food donation for ACIM and organized a food drive. Because of the past support and contributions, the firm was successful last year, delivering 517 pounds of food to ACIM.

Once again, the ACIM (Area Congregations In Ministry, Annex II, 312 Williamsboro Street, Oxford) is in need of food and donations. As they did last year, the staff at Royster, Cross and Hensley will be glad to pick up the food from businesses and deliver it to ACIM.

They would like to place boxes in local businesses for contributions. If your business would be interested in having a box placed in your business to receive food

donations, please give Royster, Cross and Hensley a call (693.3131). They will deliver the box, pick up the donations and deliver them to ACIM by Nov. 14, so there will be food for families for Thanksgiving. ACIM has stated that they are in need of pork and beans and canned meat. This is just a suggestion.

Please be a part of this worthwhile project. "We are not asking for the impossible — just food. The need to be fed is something we all have in common, especially in this adverse economic climate. We hope this challenge will touch you in some way, and your office and/or business will join our support of ACIM. Thank-you for your anticipated support." — *staff of Royster, Cross & Hensley, LLP.*

NEW SOUTH COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN

Jeanette Cash, realtor with Coldwell Banker Advantage, has volunteered to chair our South Council Committee. She will be planning programs (every other month) for South Council Meetings. She will appreciate receiving ideas members may have for program topics. We appreciate Jeanette's involvement in the Chamber and are excited to work with her on South Council's activities and meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIMPLY DELICIOUS CATERING

Long-time Chamber member SIMPLY DELICIOUS CATERING, owned by Debbie Vaughan, recently celebrated a DECADE in business! What began as a home-based business has evolved into an incredible catering business for Granville and surrounding counties.

We celebrate with Debbie and her staff on this achievement and plan to continue to enjoy their delicious food and outstanding service.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Human Resource Committee members were treated to a great lunch, catered by Simply Delicious Catering at their October meeting. Hal Muetzel, owner of Express Employment Professionals, hosted the meeting at Oxford's Best Western Inn & Suites' Conference Room.

The Thursday, November 20 meeting is being hosted by Staffmark, Sarah Faulkner. HR Member. Wanda will send an email meeting notice by November 13. HR Committee members — mark your calendars for Nov. 20th.

JOHN PENN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

This issue of "The Brightleaf" includes a nomination form for the John Penn Citizen of the Year Award, which is presented at our annual banquet in January. We encourage members to nominate a citizen who has contributed and given outstanding service to Granville County.

The Chamber's Recognition Committee will review the nominees and make a decision in early January. Please give this award some thought and consider making a nomination.

OUR LATEST CHAMBER MEMBERS ARE...

M&M CONSULTANTS, INC., owned by Mike McConchie, is a new consulting business who has joined our Chamber. As a business coach, Mike is available Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to assist with your needs. The business is located at 3050 East Bay Court in Creedmoor, where he may be contacted at 919.529.0616/phone; 919.529.0616/fax or via email at mikemconchie@actioncoach.com. For additional information, please visit his website, WWW.ACTIONCOACH.COM/MIKEMCCONCHIE.

Mike has attended Chamber meetings, participated in the recent Business EXPO and just became a member of our Ambassadors group. We welcome him and appreciate his involvement!

Steve & Christine Darnell have joined their automotive repair and body shop business, SUPERIOR COLLISION CENTER as a Chamber member. They are open Monday – Friday, 8:00 until 5:00 p.m. at their 601 Wilkins Road, Butner facility. Superior Collision Center specializes in auto collision repair and auto repainting. Their contact information is telephone 919.575.9368; fax 919.575.9009 and email sdarn91662@aol.com. Call them about your car collision and repair jobs.

We appreciate Ambassador Christene Emory referring them as members.

Ann Tyson's GENTLE TOUCH NAIL CARE & REFLEXOLOGY SALON is

the ideal place to treat yourself. Ann's hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. The salon is located at 1556 Lake Road, Hwy 56, between Butner and Creedmoor.

Information about the services offered may be obtained from the website, www.gentletouchsalon.com or by contacting Ann at 919.939.1591. This is your chance to experience a professional pedicure or manicure, in a relaxing atmosphere. Or, you may want to experience a reflexology session to release stress that may be affecting your health. Past President Vickie Bailey and Ambassador Christene Emory referred Gentle Touch as a member.

GRANVILLE BUSINESS NETWORK is an "organization which brings business professionals together to provide a structured business networking system." They "promote the exchange of business ideas, interaction with other community business organizations and foster personal development." This non-profit group was referred for Chamber membership by Virginia Clay, Ambassador member.

Additional information may be obtained from their website, www.granvillebusinessnetwork.com or by emailing gbn@granvillebusinessnetwork.com. The GBN participated in our recent Business EXPO. Welcome!

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS EXPO 2008

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

Approximately 1,000 attendees visited the event during the 1:00 until 7:00 pm. Exhibitors had an opportunity to network among themselves and to meet and greet attendees at their booths.

Chamber member Ted's Catering provided boxed lunches for exhibitors. Pig Out Express and Domino's Pizza participated in the Business-After-Hours from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. by providing samples of their food offerings.

We had many event sponsors and exhibitors from the Granville County Chamber. We appreciate everyone's support and participation.

HOSTS FOR 2009 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Chamber's Meetings Committee will soon begin planning for 2009 monthly membership meetings. Some of you may be interested in hosting a *Business-Before-Hours* (the last Wednesday of the month) or a *Business-After-Hours* (the last Thursday of the month). We have several months for which meetings are already scheduled: January – Annual Banquet; July – no meeting; and, November – Thanksgiving Breakfast. Other than these three months, we are open for volunteers to host meetings.

The benefits of hosting a monthly meeting 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's website and email blasts to members

These popular monthly meetings could be held by co-hosts, a "parking lot" party, sidewalk social (with appropriate permission) — use your imagination! We do want to have the opportunity to visit many businesses across Granville County.

Please consider this opportunity and get in touch with a Chamber office to reserve a date. We appreciate your consideration and hope to hear from you!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4	8:30 am	Oxford Downtown Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
10	8:00 am	Chamber's Board of Directors	VGCC – South Campus
11		Veteran's Day Observance	
14	8:00 am	Government Forum Committee	Oxford Police Dept.
15	9 am-5 pm	Oxford Presbyterian Church's Book Fair and Peanut Sale	Oxford Presbyterian Church
15	4 – 6 pm	Oxford Kiwanis Club's Lobster Sale — \$15 — Pick-up 4-6 p.m. Call 693.5549 for information	
16	9-10 am & 12-1 pm	Oxford Presbyterian Church's Book Fair and Peanut Sale	Oxford Presbyterian Church
19	8:00 am	Ambassador Meeting	VGCC – South Campus
20	8:00 am	Leadership Granville Steering Committee	Chamber Boardroom
20	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting, Hosted by Staffmark	TBA
20	2:00 pm	Tourism Development Authority Board Mtg.	Chamber Boardroom
21		Grand Lodge Installation Weekend	Masonic Home for Children
22	9:00 am	St. Stephens Episcopal Churchwomen's Book Fair, Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale	St. Stephens Church Parking Lot
26	7:30 am	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast, Hosted by Bandag — Canned Food Donations to ACIM	Oxford Baptist Church Family Life Center
27	8:30 am - Registration	Annual Turkey Trot to Benefit ACIM Two Mile Run or Walk. Fee: Canned goods or monetary contributions to ACIM. \$100 and up for sponsorships. Contact Dr. Joanne Fruth, perfru@earthlink.net	Main Street, Oxford
27 & 28		Thanksgiving Holidays	
December:			
4	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Holiday Business-After-Hours, Hosted by Jason Finch and Staff	Capital Bank
5	4:00 pm	Oxford's Lighting of the Greens activities	Downtown Oxford
5	6:00 pm	Butner's Lighting Ceremony	Gazebo, Central Avenue
5	6:30 pm	Oxford's Christmas Parade	Downtown Oxford
5	7:00 pm	Creedmoor's Tree Lighting Ceremony	Lake Rogers
6	11:00 am	Creedmoor's Christmas Parade 528.0506	Downtown Creedmoor
6	2:00 pm	Butner's Christmas Parade 575.4131	Central Avenue
13	2:00 pm	Grassy Creek's Christmas Parade 693.1561	Grassy Creek Community

GOVERNMENT FORUM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

November's Government Forum topic will be "Law Enforcement," and will be held Friday, November 14, 8:00 a.m. at the Oxford Police Department, 204 East McClanahan Street, Oxford.

Come hear updates from Granville County law enforcement representatives at this informal gathering.

October's Government met at the Richard H. Thornton Library with library director Theresa Dodson updating the group on renovation plans for the Granville County Library System. We were delighted that the attendees were inquisitive about the plans and interested in the programs offered by the Granville County Library System.

Please remember November's meeting on the 14th at the Police Department.

NONPROFIT AWARENESS MONTH

In honor of the contributions made by nonprofits throughout the state, Governor Michael Easley recently signed a proclamation recognizing November 2008 as **Nonprofit Awareness Month** in North Carolina.

“North Carolina’s communities are enriched and enlivened by the contributions nonprofits make to the quality of life,” noted Easley. “Nonprofits provide more than 270,000 jobs in North Carolina and contribute \$29 billion to the state’s economy. Every North Carolinian benefits from nonprofits’ vital contributions of strengthening our social fabric, public policy, culture, sense of community and future.”

The purpose of Nonprofit Awareness Month is to educate the public about the contributions that nonprofits make every day in our communities; to help create a better understanding about the value and

importance of the sector to our state and to increase volunteerism and philanthropy.

With the support of the Governor and increased awareness of this effort, Nonprofit Awareness Month will continue to grow and serve as an example to other states. At the 2008 Nonprofit Congress in Washington, DC, North Carolina was featured as a national model.

The idea for Nonprofit Awareness Month emerged from the national Nonprofit Congress held in Washington, DC in 2006. North Carolina sent 13 representatives — the largest delegation in the country. Increasing public awareness and support of the nonprofit sector was identified as one of the top priorities by delegates across the nation. North Carolina representatives led the way in creating the first-ever Nonprofit Awareness Month in 2007.

Thanksgiving Breakfast

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Persian Gulf in late 1990, the chorus produced a professional video in June 1991.

To this day, the All-American Chorus performs for various occasions, special events, as well as for many dignitaries. Today the 82nd Airborne Division’s “All-American” Chorus performs throughout the continental United States. Though their primary mission remains serving the soldiers of the U.S. Army and Fort Bragg, their off-post performances continue to increase, so much that they have become one of the Army’s greatest recruiting tools. Appearing in their maroon berets, ascots and highly-shined jump boots, the troopers of the “All-American” Chorus are truly ambassadors for the 82nd Airborne Division.

The chorus’ appearance will make our Thanksgiving Breakfast an even more popular event. Reservations are **REQUIRED** with one of the Chamber offices: Wanda, 693.6125, granvillechamber@embarqmail.com; or, Theresa, 528.4994, theresa@granville-chamber.com.

Please make your reservation(s) by Wednesday, November 19th.

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