



GRANVILLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Kicking off 2016 with a BANG in Granville County!

John Penn Nominations

due January 4th

The Chamber's Meetings Committee requests that individuals and businesses give careful consideration to nominating an outstanding citizen to receive the 2016 John Penn Citizen of the Year Award.

The nomination form is available via the Chamber's website, www.granville-chamber.com or at one of the Chamber's offices - 1598 NC 56, Butner or 124 Hillsboro St., Oxford.

The Chamber must receive nomination forms by January 4th at one of the office locations or via email to ginnie@granville-chamber.com.

Presentation of the John Penn Citizen of the Year Award, as well as other community service awards, will be presented at the Chamber's annual banquet - Monday, January 25, 2016.

Monthly Membership Meetings

Interested in hosting in 2016?

Is your business interested in bringing customers in to see the facility? An easy way is to host a Chamber monthly membership meeting. This can be a Business-Before-Hours with pastries and coffee or a Business-After-Hours with snacks.

The Chamber hopes to assist members in bringing customers in to see products and services offered by our members. Please let our offices know how we may help you plan for one of these meetings.

Perhaps several of your "neighbor" businesses wish to partner and have one event, co-sponsored by several member businesses. There may even be a parking lot event with tents, food and fellowship. The possibilities are limitless!

Contact the Chamber's office manager, Wanda Garrett or membership coordinator, Toni Anne Wheeler, to reserve a date and to learn how we may assist you in advertising your host meeting -
919.693.6125 wanda@granville-chamber.com;
919.528.4994 tawheeler@granville-chamber.com.

Nominating Committee

Report to the people

Cecilia Wheeler, Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, along with the committee members, submits the following slate of officers and directors for the 2016 Chamber year:

Officers

President, Angela Allen - Granville Co. TDA

President-elect, Kyle Puryear - B B & T

Vice-President, Larry Wilson - Lewis Electric of Oxford

Treasurer, Jason Finch - Union Bank

Past-President, Mike McConchie - M & M Consultants

Board of Directors

Terms expire 2017

Jason Jones, Granville County Farm Bureau

Melanie Diehl, Your Social Media Gal

Terms expire 2018

David Martin, Bridgestone

Reba Bullock, Vance-Granville Community College

Terms expire 2019

Annette Myers, Associate

Hal Muetzel, Express Employment Professionals

Appointed

Michael Felts - Granville County Manager

Renee Green - Mayor, Town of Stem

Mike Bonfield - Manager, City of Creedmoor
Mike McLaurin - Interim Manager, City of Oxford
Vicki Cates - Mayor, Town of Butner
Janet Parrott - Mayor, Town of Stovall

Newly-filled positions are President, President-elect, Past President, one unexpired term (ending 2017), one unexpired term (ending 2018) and two (2) Board of Directors terms (expire 2019).

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 given 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 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.

Granville County Chamber of Commerce 74th Annual Banquet

Monday, January 25, 2016, 6:30 pm

VANCE-GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CIVIC CENTER

SPEAKER: Scott Mason
WRAL - TV Reporter ~ "The Tarheel Traveler"

Presenting sponsor: Duke Energy

B B & T CertainTeed Granville Health System
The School of Graphic Arts
Time Warner Cable

The Chamber's Annual Banquet has been scheduled for Monday evening, January 25th, 6:30 pm in Vance-Granville Community College's Main Campus Civic Center.

Meetings committee chairman William Adcock announces that the evening will once again include the presentation of the Chamber's most prestigious award, the John Penn Citizen of the Year Award, recognizing outstanding community service.



Guest presenter for the evening will be well-know WRAL-TV's news reporter, SCOTT MASON, aka "The Tarheel Traveler." Mason is a broadcast journalist with more than 30 years of television experience. In 1997, he became WRAL's Documentary Producer. He researched, wrote and produced nine documentaries before adding his talents to the nightly news team as a reporter specializing in features. Today, Scott is know as THE TAR HEEL TRAVELER.

A buffet dinner will be provided by Chamber member Ted's Catering. Tickets are \$40 each. Corporate tables of 8, with reserved seating, are available for \$300. Corporate tables of 10, reserved seating, are available for \$380.

TED'S CATERING
Southern Catering At It's Best!

Invitations have been mailed to Chamber-member businesses, with reservations requested by January 15th. Tickets/reservations are required prior to the event.

Sunrise Forum Hosts

The Chamber has monthly Sunrise Forums the 2nd Friday of each month (except July). This is the perfect opportunity for a business, industry to host this group of approximately 15 - 20 members in to visit their facility and learn of their operation.

If your company is interested in hosting a light breakfast, info session and perhaps even a tour - just let the Chamber know



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January Calendar of Events

Jan. 1

HOLIDAY - New Year's Day

Jan. 4

John Penn Citizen of the Year nominations due to the Chamber

Jan. 7

12:00 noon; Recognition Committee
Chamber Boardroom

Jan. 8

7:45 am; Sunrise Forum
Revlon, 1501 Williamsboro St., Oxford
Meet in the main lobby under blue awning
Enjoy a light breakfast, overview of Revlon and tour
Please reply if you plan to attend

Jan. 10
2:00 pm; "Oxford in the World"
Mural dedication at Oxford City Hall

Jan. 12
8:00 am; Board of Directors' Meeting
VGCC's South Campus

Jan. 12
12:00 noon; South Council/Lunch & Learn
Bob's Barbecue; Hwy 56, Butner
Program: Allen Eggleston/Holden, Moss, Knott, Clark & Copley
"2016 Tax Topics for the Business Owner and Individual"

Jan. 14
4 - 6 pm/Open House; 5 pm/RIBBON CUTTING
Carolina Fellows Family Dentistry
115 Hilltop Village Shopping Center
Williamsboro St., Oxford

Jan. 21
8:00 am; Leadership Granville Steering Committee
Chamber Boardroom

Jan. 21
12:00 noon; Human Resource Committee Meeting
Location: NC Works; Williamsboro St. @ Hilltop Village Shopping Center
Host: Monica Satterwhite

Jan. 18
HOLIDAY - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 19
8:00 am; Ambassadors Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

Jan. 25
6:30 pm; 74th ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET

Join us in supporting these Chamber members!



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Let the Celebration Begin!



Lewis Bowling's latest book, "Looking Back - Oxford's 200 Years" is now available now at Oxford Ace Hardware, Stovall's Gifts and Collectibles, This-N-That and the Granville County Museum's Harris Exhibit Hall.



"This Day in Oxford History" 2016 calendars are available at Oxford Ace Hardware, Stovall's Gifts and Collectibles, This N That and the Granville County Museum's Harris Exhibit Hall.



January, 2016 - Banners will line the downtown streets announcing our bicentennial to residents and visitors.



Sunday, January 10, 2016, 2:00 p.m. - We will gather in the lobby of City Hall for the dedication of "Oxford and the World" Nick Bragg's generous gift to Oxford. An onsite reception honoring Nick Bragg will follow.



February 11, 2016, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Series starts - These presentations will be conducted at the Richard H. Thornton Library. The first of these entitled "The History of the Oxford Fire Dept." will be given Dr. Richard Taylor. He will talk about the rigors endured by firefighters in the late 19th century and the spectacular fires that destroyed the town, not only once but twice. Presentation followed by a reception.



Thursday, March 10, 2016 - 3:30-4:30 p.m. - The Distinguished Speaker Series continues with local author and historian, Ms. Bessye McGhee. "Our Story" depicts the lives and customs of Oxford's African-American leaders and citizens.



Saturday, March 19, 2016 - Granville Health Systems Ambulance Chase



Saturday, March 19, 2016 - The first of three Oxford Living History Walks will take place.

See our schedule of Spring and Summer Events in the next Newsletter!

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