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The Granville County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the rollout of a new and updated website. The new website will give members access to cutting-edge news and information, with an emphasis on ease-of-use, and will provide community members access to information in a rapidly changing media and information landscape.

The new site has also been designed to increase Granville County Chamber member's exposure in the online market place and provide additional value for the community as a whole. Check it out now!

[Visit Our New Website!](#)

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### January Calendar of Events

January 1  
HOLIDAY – New Year's Day

January 3  
John Penn Citizen of the Year nominations due to a Chamber office  
[Download the nomination form here](#)

January 9; 8 am  
Chamber's Board of Directors Meeting  
VGCC's SOUTH Campus

January 11; 12 noon  
Chamber's LUNCH 'n LEARN  
Creedmoor Business Center  
109 Elm St., Creedmoor  
Chamber Members Only: Introduction to new "CHAMBER MASTER SYSTEM"  
A membership opportunity/perk; Come and learn what and how your business can add and update your business information on the Chamber's website. Contact a Chamber office to reserve your space by January 5th [Learn More Here](#)

January 12; 7:45 am  
SUNRISE Forum  
Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Co.  
3220 Knott's Grove Rd, Oxford  
Light breakfast, tour and information about Santa Fe  
RSVP by January 5 to a Chamber office

January 15

HOLIDAY - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

January 16; 8 am  
Chamber's AMBASSADORS MEETING  
Chamber Boardroom; 124 Hillsboro St., Oxford

January 18; 8 am  
Leadership Granville Steering Committee  
Chamber Boardroom; 124 Hillsboro St., Oxford

January 18; 12 noon  
Human Resource Committee Meeting  
City of Oxford; Justin Ayscue, host  
Details will be emailed to HR members

January 18; 6 pm/social; 6:30 pm/dinner  
Cooperative Extension's Appreciation Banquet  
Granville County Expo Center  
Hwy 15-S, Oxford

January 29; 6:30 pm  
CHAMBER'S 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET  
VGCC's Main Campus ~ Civic Center

Our Events Calendar

## GRANVILLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018; 6:30 PM**

**VANCE-GRANVILLE COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE'S CIVIC CENTER**

**Featured speaker: Adrian H. Wood, PhD.  
"Tales of an Educated Debutante"**

Banquet sponsors are: B B & T, CERTAINTEED, DUKE ENERGY, GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM, HICKS AND WRENN LLP, VANNESS CHEVROLET and THE SCHOOL OF GRAPHIC ARTS.

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.

A buffet dinner will be provided. Tickets are \$40 each. Corporate tables of 8, with reserved seating, are available for \$300.00 Corporate tables of 10, reserved seating, are available for \$380.00.

Tickets/reservations are required prior to the event. Checks or credit card payments are accepted by contacting one of the Chamber's offices – 919.693.6125, [wanda@granville-chamber.com](mailto:wanda@granville-chamber.com) or 919.528.4994/Toni Anne, [tawheeler@granville-chamber.com](mailto:tawheeler@granville-chamber.com).



Adrian H. Wood, PhD., author of "Tales of an Educated Debutante" will be the featured speaker. "She is a rural Eastern North Carolina mother of four – one with extra-special needs. Past preschool teacher, nanny, children's ski instructor, early interventionist, college professor, early childhood researcher, wife and full-time mama. In writing after a twenty year hiatus, she offers personal glimpses where satire meets truth, faith meets irony, despair meets joy and this educated debutante escapes the laundry and finds true meaning in graceful transparency."

More about Adrian

### CALL FOR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOSTS

*Interested?*

Is your business or industry interested in bringing



## business before OR after hours

customers in to see your facility? An easy way to have some assistance with the planning and execution of such an opportunity is to partner with the Chamber! This can be a Business-Before-Hours with pastries, muffins, coffee and juice, or it can be a Business-After-Hours with snacks/light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

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

Perhaps some of your "neighbor" businesses wish to partner and have one event, co-sponsored by several member businesses. There are so many options — outside, inside, in a parking lot, etc.! 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 the Chamber may assist you in advertising your host meeting — [919.693.6125](tel:919.693.6125) [wanda@granville-chamber.com](mailto:wanda@granville-chamber.com); [919.528.4994](tel:919.528.4994) [tawheeler@granville-chamber.com](mailto:tawheeler@granville-chamber.com). FYI: Plans are already in place for January and February. So, beginning with March 2018, we have openings to host. THANKS!

## John Penn Nominations Due Jan 3

The Chamber's Meetings/Recognitions Committee requests that individuals and businesses give careful consideration to nominating an outstanding citizen to receive the 2018 JOHN PENN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

The nomination form is available [on our website](#), or at one of the Chamber's offices — 1598 NC 56, Butner or 124 Hillsboro St., Oxford. Nomination forms must be received by January 3<sup>rd</sup> at one of the office locations or via email to [ginnie@granville-chamber.com](mailto:ginnie@granville-chamber.com).

Presentation of the John Penn Citizen of the Year Award, as well as other community services awards, will be presented at the Chamber's annual banquet — Monday, January 29, 2018

### John Penn Citizen of the Year - Granville Chamber of...

The Outstanding Citizen Award or Citizen of the Year award was presented in years past. In 1996, the committee created a new name for the award to honor Granville County's first and perhaps most outstanding citizen.

[Read more](#)  
[granville-chamber.com](http://granville-chamber.com)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT to the PEOPLE

Angela Allen, Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, along with the committee members, submits the following slate of officers and directors for the 2018 Chamber year.

### Officers

President - Hal Muetzel - Express Employment Professionals  
President-elect - Tanya Evans - Duke Energy  
Vice-President - Larry Wilson - Lewis Electric of Oxford  
Treasurer - Jason Finch - Union Bank  
Past-President - Kyle Puryear - B B & T

### Board of Directors

Terms expire 2019  
Annette Myers, Associate Member  
Cecilia Wheeler, Vance-Granville Community College

### Terms expire 2020

Sandra Pruitt, Granville Insurance Agency  
Jason Jones, Granville County Farm Bureau

**Terms expire 2021**

Reba Bullock, Vance-Granville Community College  
Bailey Alston, VanNess Chevrolet

Newly-filled positions are President, President-elect, Past President, two (2) Board of Directors terms (expire 2021).

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

## Sunrise Forum Hosts

The Chamber has monthly Sunrise Forums the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## KUDOS TO SPONSORS OF DECEMBER BUSINESS-AFTER-HOURS

The Chamber's holiday Business-After-Hours held on December 7<sup>th</sup> was an absolutely wonderful event. We would like to recognize our sponsors for their support:

**UNION BANK/JOHN BURNS JASON FINCH  
NORTHERN POINT REALTY / BENJI HIGHT  
WHITCO TERMITE & PEST CONTROL / MARK HARRISON  
THE HUB/LISA AND PIERRE GINGUE  
OXFORD ACE HARDWARE / THE WILLIFORDS  
WEST OXFORD CAR WASH / ROB WILLIFORD AND DANNY CURRIN**

The delicious hors d'oeuvres were prepared and donated by Chamber member restaurant and caterer owners. They were incredible!

[Click here to check out our photo album on Facebook!](#)

**BOJANGLE'S / TRI-ARC FOOD SYSTEMS  
GEORGE'S RESTAURANT / GEORGE AND JULIE AKYAR  
HARVEST RESTAURANT / JAMES DUTRA  
MAIN ST. OASIS / THANOS AND CHANCY THOSUMBOS  
SPICE RACK CATERING / JAMAAL FULLER  
UPTOWN 101 – AMERICAN BISTRO / DAVID AND SHERNITA POWELL**

***THANK-YOU!!!!!!***

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