

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite Appoints Hinson to Newton-Conover Advisory Board**

C. Ralph Hinson has been appointed to the Bank of Granite's Newton-Conover Board of Directors. Charles M. Snipes, President and Chief Executive Officer of the bank made the announcement. "Ralph is such a great asset to this board," Snipes said. "All our local boards are so important to us. We rely heavily on their advice and assistance to provide the best banking services possible to the folks in their communities."

Hinson grew up in Anson County and graduated from Lilesville High School. He has Bachelor of Science in business and Master of Business Education degrees, both from East Carolina University. Hinson started his career with Rospatch Labels out of Grand Rapids, Mich., and later moved to Quality Southern Labels in Newton. In 1972, while at Rospatch Labels, he founded Riddle Fabrics, manufacturing narrow fabric for print labels in King's Mountain. It continued to operate until last year. He founded Tarason Labels in 1982 where he is the president.

Named Entrepreneur of the Year in 1990 by Ernst and Young, Hinson is also involved in the community. He is a member of the East Carolina Commerce Club and Rotary Club of Newton-Conover. He is a former Jaycee and Optimist member, as well as, past director of the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce.

Hinson and his wife, Robin, reside in Hickory and are active members of First Baptist Church of Hickory. They have four adult children and two grandchildren.

Other members of the Bank of Granite Newton-Conover Board of Directors are Larry A. Bowman, George W. Clark, R. Gary Corne, Dr. J. Rick Davis, Jerry T. Hodge, Carolyn V. Isenhower, David B. Radke and C. Leon Robinson.

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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