

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite presents service awards at annual meeting

Bank of Granite recently presented 39 service awards at its recent annual meeting to employees and directors with five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service. "Bank of Granite is such a great place to work because of our commitment to giving our customers the best service," said R. Scott Anderson, the bank's president and chief operating officer. "Our employees understand that and as a consequence, love what they do. The result of that is an enviable turnover rate at under eight percent for 2007."

The five-year recipients are: Clare Baker, Hibriten Office; Brandon Barrier, Loan Services, Hickory; Monte Clark, Lenoir Office, Boyd Coggins, Uptown Charlotte Office, Deborah Curtis, Granite Falls Office; Jennifer Davis, Hudson Office; Annette Hoskins, Operations, Granite Falls; Claudia Pitts, Hickory Office; Kenneth Turnmyre, Hickory Board of Directors; Spenser Cash, Morganton Board of Directors; and Dr. Rick Davis, Newton-Conover Board of Directors.

The 10-year recipients are: Pamela Adams, Hickory Plaza; Bonnie Duffey, Viewmont Office; Julie Justice, Baton Office; Louise McKinney, Hickory Office; Peggy Nichols, Whitnel Office; Debbie Parker, Springs Road Office; David Paul, Finance, Granite Falls; Pamela Rade, Uptown Charlotte Office; Frances Russell, Hickory Plaza; Candy Smalling, Conover Office; Brenda Suddreth, Whitnel Office; Kirby Tyndall, Finance,

Granite Falls; W. C. “Corky” Upchurch, Hickory Plaza; Robin Whisenant, Operations, Granite Falls; Bonnie Winslow, Loan Services, Hickory; Claudia Bujold, Granite Falls Board of Directors; Frances Hilton, Hickory Board of Directors; Steve Mull, Hickory Board of Directors; Rosemary Bass-Young, Hickory Board of Directors; and Tim Sigmon, Hudson Board of Directors.

Those receiving 15-year awards are: Imogene Turnmire, Operations, Granite Falls; Landon Lane, Jr., Hickory Board of Directors; and George Clark, Newton-Conover Board of Directors.

Twenty-year award recipients were: Jean Cook, Springs Road Office; and David Radke, Newton-Conover Board of Directors.

The lone 25-year recipient is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Charles Snipes, Hickory Office.

The two 30-year award recipients were Granite Falls Board of Directors Larry Huffman and Michael Mackie.

At the end of 2007, among Bank of Granite’s 22 banking offices, operations center, and two administrative offices, it employed 308 people, 292 of whom are full-time equivalents.

“It’s just incredible how loyal our employees are,” said Anderson. “We even have 13 people with 30 years of service or more. That says a lot about our bank and the working environment we have here.”

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “GRAN.” The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties, and a lending office in Guilford County. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville and Salisbury, N.C.

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