

CHAMBER UPDATE

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Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2019 was an exciting year for the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce. We hit several milestones and move into 2020 with a new outlook to help our Membership and the greater Greer community continue to grow and succeed.

The Chamber's Executive Board and staff embarked in a two-day retreat that ended with a strategic outlook for the next three years. The retreat provided four key outcomes; Organizational Excellence, Membership, GreerMade, and Revenue.

In 2020 the Greer Chamber Board will work hard to make sure our membership is successful through programs, advocacy and by connecting and promoting their businesses. The Greater Greer business community will have access to the Chamber through a variety of means including a new Chamber web-site that will better promote their business.

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A quote below, by Zig Ziglar, is something that I want to share with the membership. This reminded me of my first year of working with such a great community. "Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting; in the trying, not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be."

As we look to 2020 I wanted to thank all of our members for their commitment and continued belief in the Chamber's role in the business community. From all of us at the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce we wish you and yours Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
David Merhib
President/CEO

Save the Date **UPCOMING**

January First Friday Luncheon

WHEN: **Friday, January 10**
TIME: **11:30 am – 1:00 pm** (Program begins at 12:00)
WHERE: **Greer City Hall**
TICKETS: **www.greerchamber.com, 864-877-3131**

Join the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce January First Friday Luncheon presented by Prisma Health Greer Memorial Hospital. One of the Chamber's signature events, this luncheon includes a networking lunch, chamber updates, and an informative speaker. This month, we're excited to welcome Greg Boone, for a 2020 Goal Setting and Strategies Session. The event is \$10 for Chamber members, and \$15 for guests. Pre-registration is required by December 8th.



FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON



Save the Date

Greater Greer Chamber of Commerces

82nd ANNUAL CELEBRATION

JANUARY 23, 2020

Presented by

Prisma Health Upstate Greer Memorial Hospital

COCKTAIL HOUR | 6PM DINNER | 7PM



82ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION PRESENTED BY PRISMA HEALTH UPSTATE

Join the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce for our biggest night of the year! Our 82nd Annual Celebration is here! The event will feature a cocktail hour, dinner and awards, and a networking reception following the awards. Awards presented include the Chairman's Award; the J. Sud Paget Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by Countybanc Insurance; the Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award; The Small Business of The Year Award, Presented by Owens Insurance; The J. Verne smith Award, Presented by Keith Smith Builders & Donna O. Smith Partners; the Margaret Burch Educator of the Year Award, and the Ryan Storrie Entrepreneur Award. Tickets are on sale now for this great event- don't miss your chance to get yours!

WHEN: **Thursday, January 23**
TIME: **6:00 pm - Cocktail Hour | 7:00 pm - Dinner & Awards**
WHERE: **Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Conference Center**
TICKETS: **www.greerchamber.com, 864-877-3131**

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Greenville Health System is now

LEADERSHIP
GREER

SPOTLIGHT



Leadership Greer
Helps Out Neighbors

Leadership Greer Class 40 and Junior Leadership Greer combined Human Services session this month, learning how we can help out our neighbors with the many non-profits in our area.

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MONDAY,
JAN. 13
8:30-9:30 AM

Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce
111 Trade Street, Greer

GREER CHAMBER
EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Jack Lucas - Chairman of the Board
- Brent Garrett - Chair Elect
- Mikelle Porter - Immediate Past Chair
- Waye Bobo - Vice Chair, Membership Excellence
- Lee Dumas - Vice Chair, Community Events
- Kevin Duncan - Vice Chair, Finance
- Chris Forrester - Vice Chair, Leadership Development
- Timothy Joner - Vice Chair, Public Policy
- Ben Waldrop - Vice Chair, Business Development
- Daniel Hughes - General Counsel
- William Grady - Director
- Tony Kouskolekas - Director
- Jennifer Jones - Director
- John Mansure - Director
- Larry Wilson - Partnership for Tomorrow Liason

JOINING THE COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP



His Therapy ribbon cutting

As the end of the year quickly approaches we look back at everything that has happened and can see that Greer is on a great path. As new businesses open or move to town and become a part of the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce our community continues to grow stronger making Greer a great place to work and play. Just two examples of the growth in Greer is the opening of Crate Restaurant and Wine Bar and His Therapy. Crate Restaurant and Wine Bar is located at 213 Trade Street. Here, you can experience small plate southern cuisine as well as entertainment by local musicians and comedians. For more information visit wineanddinecrate.com. His Therapy is a private physical therapy practice specializing in pelvic health and wellness and is located at 2 Parkway Commons. To learn more about His Therapy, visit histrytherapy.net. The Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce also hosted Dr. Bruce Yandle at Thornblade Club for an Economic Forecast Luncheon. According to Dr. Yandle, the economic forecast for 2020 is very similar to what happened in 2019. So, as we close out a great 2019 we can look ahead to another exciting and growth-filled year in Greer!

NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Edward Jones - Leslie Wilkerson
www.edwardjones.com

TruBlue of Greer
www.trubluehousecare.com

DR Horton
www.drhorton.com

Salon Bellissimo
118 Victoria Street, Suite 100, Greer, SC 29651

City Electric Supply
103 Lakeview Drive, Greer, SC 29651

Truliant Federal Credit Union
3621 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615

His Therapy, LLC
2 Parkway Commons Way, Greer, SC 29650

Agape Upstate Community Hospice House
260 Fairwinds Drive, Landrum, SC 29356

MEET
THE STAFF



David Merhib
President & CEO
Favorite Christmas Movie: Christmas Vacation



Debbie Bateman
Director of Accounting
Favorite Christmas Movie: A Charlie Brown Christmas



Patty Cornelius
Director of Administration
Favorite Christmas Movie: A Christmas Story



Nikki Huber
Director of Membership Engagement
Favorite Christmas Movie: The Santa Clause



Lynn Pascazio
Director of Leadership Development
Favorite Christmas Movie: Elf



Josh Shaffer
Director of Membership Development
Favorite Christmas Movie: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

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