

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chamber 101

Thursday, August 6, 2009 9:30am
Location: Greer Chamber of
Commerce

Greer Night at Fluor Field!

Friday, August 7, 2009 7:00pm
For ticket information, please visit
www.greerchamber.com.

Small Business Consultation

Monday, August 17, 2009
12:00-3:00pm
Greer Chamber of Commerce
Please call Scott Whelchel to make
an appointment at 370-1545

"SSS" Sales Strategies for Success Event

"BizNet"
Tuesday, August 25, 2009
11:30-1:00pm
Greer City Hall
Bring your own lunch.
Register online at
www.greerchamber.com.

Outstanding Leadership Luncheon

Thursday, August 27, 2009
11:45-1:00pm
Thornblade Club
Speaker: David Shi
Price: \$27
Reservations required.
Register online at
www.greerchamber.com.

First Friday Luncheon

Friday, September 4, 2009
11:30-1:00pm
Location: Greer City Hall
Speaker: Nigel Robertson, WYFF
Presenting Sponsor of the Year:
Greer Memorial Hospital
Price: \$10 for Chamber members, \$15
for non-members
Reservations required.
Register online at
www.greerchamber.com.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



*Riverside Tennis Club
June 8*



*The Water Heater Experts
June 3*

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



*Nan Minor,
Awesome Touch
Designs LLC*

Greer Flooring Honored as 2009 Small Business of the Year

Lisa Forrester named 2009 Professional Woman in Business

The Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce recognized Greer Flooring Center, Inc. as the 2009 Small Business of the Year. The award was presented at the Small Business Awards Luncheon presented by Spartanburg Regional Corporate Health on Thursday, June 25, 2009. Greer Flooring Center, Inc. was established in 1992 and is a local flooring company. The company has grown from 2 employees to over 21 and revenues continue to grow each year.

Todd Ponder, owner of Greer Flooring Center, Inc. purchased Greer Paint and Wallpaper in 1992 because he wanted to be in business for himself. Todd's community support and service includes organizations such as the Greer Christian Learning Center, Greer Community Ministries, Daily Bread Ministries, Leadership Greer, The Greer Family Festival, and the Partnership for Tomorrow. The nominator of Greer Flooring Center, Inc. stated "Since its inception in 1992, this business has proven to the Greer community and indeed the Upstate that a successful business is possible through hard work, excellent customer service and a quality product.



Vic Grout, chairman of the Greer Chamber, stands with Todd Ponder, with Greer Flooring Center, Inc., winner of the 2009 Small Business of the Year Award, and Lisa Forrester, winner of the Professional Woman Award.

Todd leads a team of employees who are truly service oriented and who support this community in many, many ways. In nominating them, I have the opportunity to personally congratulate Todd and his employees for being an excellent business, and to thank them for possessing such a spirit of generosity in the

community."

John Kimbrell, President and CEO of the Greer Chamber adds, "I congratulate Todd and Greer Flooring Center for this tremendous honor and thank them for their commitment to the Greer business

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community.”

The purpose of the Small Business of the Year Award is to recognize small businesses that have a special entrepreneurial spirit, a unique marketing approach, or a special focus on the customer that results in a successful business. To qualify for the award organizations must have fewer than 100 employees or have sales of under five million dollars.

In addition, the qualifying firm must have completed three or more full years of operation and be locally owned and operated.

The Greer Chamber of Commerce honored Lisa Forrester of The Palmetto Bank with the inaugural Professional Woman in Business Award presented by Greer Memorial Hospital. The recipients of the Professional Woman in Business Award possess and demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Leadership roles in the community or business
- Mentoring activities
- Initiatives that inspire women to grow personally and professionally
- Volunteer efforts that have made a positive impact in the community.

Lisa Forrester began her business career in Greer in 2002 and immediately became involved with the Greer Chamber and the Greater Greer community. She is an active supporter of The Greer Heritage Museum; Greer City Development; Partnership for Tomorrow and The Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce. The area schools: Greer High School, Blue Ridge High, Riverside High and Calvary Christian



John Kimbrell congratulates the 2009 Professional Woman in Business Award recipient, Lisa Forrester.

Schools all can count on her to support them in their efforts to exemplify good citizenship to the children in the community. Lisa is active with the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. Lisa is a graduate of Leadership Greer Class 25, a member of the Leadership Greer Alumni Association and Junior Leadership Board of Regents. She was Vice-Chairman of Junior Leadership Greer Class XX and is Chairman of Class XXI. Lisa Forrester is a mother of 2 daughters: Kristin, a student at USC and Kaitlin at home.

John Kimbrell, adds “I had the great oppor-

tunity to go through Leadership Greer with Lisa and have the great respect for her leadership and professionalism. Her successful balance of her professional and personal life are remarkable and she is most deserving of this honor.”

During the 2009 Small Business Awards Luncheon the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce recognized all small businesses for their contribution to the Greer business community. David Wilkins, former US Ambassador to Canada and former Speaker of the House for South Carolina guest speaker.

Recent Graduate of Junior Leadership Class hired to serve as summer intern



Julia Williams

Julia Williams, a recent graduate of Junior Leadership Greer Class XX, has been hired to serve as a summer intern at the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce.

Williams began her work on July 1 and will assist the staff in various ways including administrative support, membership retention, office organization and marketing.

As a rising junior at Greer High School, Julia has been involved in both school and community activities.

Her extracurricular involvement includes: Yearbook Staff, Beta Club Member, Homecoming Float Committee, Greer High Prom Committee, and the Greer High Varsity Tennis Team. Also, she has been a

volunteer with First Presbyterian Church Greer Mission Madness and with Junior Leadership Greer.

The Junior Leadership Greer program, sponsored by the Greer Chamber, began in 1989 as a class project of Leadership Greer Class X.

The program is designed to identify potential leaders from area high schools, stimulate their awareness in the community, develop a spirit of cooperation for the accomplishment of goals, foster communication and understanding between student and community leaders, and to identify opportunities for community involvement.

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Per Article IV, Section 6 of the organization's by-laws additional names of candidates for director can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least seven (7) qualified members of the Association.

Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee within ten (10) days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated.

If no petition is filed within the designated period (August 14, 2009), the nominations shall be closed and the slate of four (4) candidates shall be declared elected by the Board of Directors.