



# The Greenville ROTARIAN

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WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL, GOLD BALLROOM

**Please join us on Tuesday as Greenville Chamber of Commerce President Ben Haskew and Kym Petrie, Vice President of the Downtown Greenville Initiative, give us an update on the joint downtown economic development effort in Greenville**

## Ben Haskew



Ben Haskew began serving as President / CEO of the Greater Greenville (South Carolina) Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

The Greenville Chamber's Vision states "We will Build One of the Premier Business Communities in the World".

Haskew is a 34-year veteran of chamber management. He received the Certified Chamber Executive [CCE] distinction from the American Chamber of Commerce Executives [ACCE] in 1991 and was named South Carolina's Executive of the Year in 1994.

Currently, Haskew serves on the Board of ACCE's Community Growth Foundation and is a member of the Certified Chamber Executive Commission. He also serves as a member of the US Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 100 and is President-elect of the Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Additionally, Haskew serves an active community role including service on a variety of Boards of Directors for organizations throughout the Upstate.

## Kym Petrie



When Kym Petrie visited Greenville for the first time in the spring of 2007, she and her family knew they had found their home.

Kym brings with her over 15 years of practical knowledge developing and implementing projects at both strategic and operational levels in the corporate, government, tourism, luxury residential and economic development sectors.

Her role as the youngest person to be named to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Board of Directors gave her a first hand look at the impact of effective public private partnerships. Kym has lived and worked in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, New York City, Osaka Japan, Milan Italy, Amsterdam and Paris.

The adage "One person with passion is equal to forty who are merely interested" is a favorite mantra Kym often uses when speaking about the new Downtown Greenville Initiative. She is thrilled to be a part of the team that will continue to drive Greenville's comprehensive commitment to the community's vision of a thriving downtown core.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Chuck Head and his staff have begun dismantling the displays but they need our help.

We are planning to work this coming Saturday, January 10th, at the Roper Mountain Science Center.

Our efforts will be contained to the Winter Wonderland area in which we need to do the following:

- Remove light stakes and landscape lighting
- Take down curtains in the warehouse
- Carry the three dimensional Christmas trees from the amphitheater to the warehouse
- Carry the Penguin displays to the warehouse
- Remove and store all of the Christmas cards
- Take the landscape lights out of tree and bushes throughout the area

We will begin working at 8:30AM and need 25 volunteers to accomplish all of the work at hand.

As always please let Mark Dullea [dullea9217@charter.net](mailto:dullea9217@charter.net) know if you will be able to attend.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

JANUARY 27TH,  
11:15AM

LOCATION:  
SYMPHONY BUILDING OFFICE  
(TWO DOORS SOUTH FROM THE  
WESTIN POINSETT)

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

**JAN. 27TH** ISLAM: HISTORY,  
MISCONCEPTIONS, IMPACT ON  
WORLD EVENTS W/  
MAZEN ABUSHANAB

**FEB. 10TH** LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS HOUR

January  
Health and Happiness Hour  
will be held:

Monday, January 19, 2009  
from 5:30-7:00 at  
Caesar's Restaurant  
McAlister Square  
225 South Pleasantburg Dr

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres  
Cash bar

## DISCOVER ROTARY

Friday, January 30, 2009  
7:30am  
Innovate Building  
3rd Floor  
148 River Street, Downtown Greenville

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