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ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Amy Anderson



Citizens,

This year our theme has been about Discovering the Possibilities with Citizens. We've challenged you to think outside the box to plan your projects. We've asked you to take a critical eye to all aspects of your chapters and come up with ways to freshen up your chapter and membership. We've asked for your ideas and input and you all have not let us down.

One of the big changes across the state in the past 2 years has been Legacy Projects. No longer are we focusing on chapter matching funds and presenting a check to a charity at the end of the year. While there is nothing wrong with financial donations, we kept hearing that you all had ideas of big impact projects you would love to do if you had the funding for them. Out of this passion, Legacy Projects were born. Now, each chapter across the state can request funding for a service project that they would like to accomplish during the year. So far this year the Legacy Committee has approved 19 legacy projects with a total funding of \$140,000. These projects have been making huge impacts across the state!

We focus on three of those projects in our Energizer this month. Thomson Chapter and Jefferson Street Chapter both presented checks to the charities that were beneficiaries of their Legacy Project. Jefferson Street is working with Fulton Leadership Academy to improve facilities for STEM related activities. Thomson worked with the Family Y's Camp Lakeside. The funds were used by the chapter to build a butterfly garden, pamper pole challenge and water table for the kids. Our Summit Spotlight this month is the Clayton Chapter that worked to build a kayak access point on the Tugaloo River – a first of its kind installation in that area. Be sure to check out the videos of the work and finished product!

The legacy projects being done around the state are as unique as each one of our chapters and reflect your chapter's passions and the needs of your individual communities. If you have not completed a legacy project this year it is not too late to begin. Reach out to a state board member for questions on how to get started. We will be glad to work with you on making a lasting impact in your community.

Author and psychologist Ben Sweetland once said "We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own." Whose path are you brightening today or with your next Citizens project? I guarantee the rewards of service far outweigh the time and effort you put into the project.

Get involved with your chapter's next Citizens project and start Discovering the Possibilities this year.

Amy Anderson

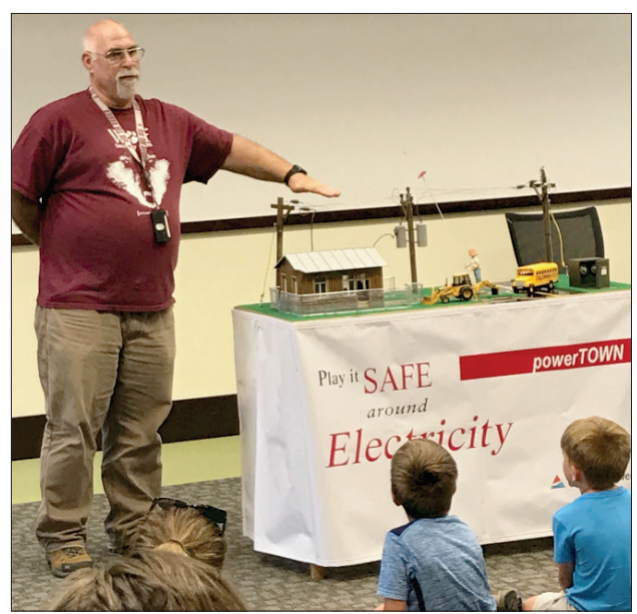


Plant Bowen Chapter

Chapter member Darnell Jackson really stepped it up this year heading up the 2nd Annual Back to School Music Fest and Supply Giveaway. Through the help of donors and sponsors, they were able to giveaway over 430 bookbags full of supplies and extras, 3 laptops, free haircuts and hair braiding. Over 500 people enjoyed a great day at this annual event!



Plant Bowen members continue to support Back Pack Buddies at Taylorsville Elementary. The Bowen Warehouse team raised \$204 that went toward much needed food supplies for this great program. Way to go Warehouse gang!



As part of the Cartersville Library's summer reading program, chapter member Kevin Farren presented how to be safe around electricity with PowerTown to 22 excited kids.

Plant Bowen Chapter

Thanks to all Plant Bowen employees for showing out at the gate drive to benefit Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter. Their generosity raised over \$1,857!!



Jefferson Street Chapter

The Jefferson Street Chapter partnered with the Gwinnett Chapter in the golf ball drop fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association. A total of \$2,070 was raised. The winner, Mike Cady, received \$1,035 and the other half was donated to the American Heart Association.



Jefferson Street Chapter

Fulton Leadership Academy's management team was proud to accept a check from Jefferson Street Citizens to fund their Legacy Project. The project, which will occur over multiple dates, will expand and enhance the Academy's computer laboratory. The larger lab will elevate their STEM activities and motivate their Scholars to achieve even greater heights in their educational pursuits. Great job Jefferson Street!



Coming together to ensure school kids started the year off right, the Jefferson Street Chapter packed and donated backpacks to Bright Futures Atlanta. Awesome job Jefferson Street!



Tifton Chapter

Tifton Citizens President Sabrina Rouse and Citizens Treasurer Brent James were excited to deliver school supplies to Lacey Donahoo at Northeast Middle School in Tifton. Lacey is the granddaughter of Larry Hornbuckle a retired Forman for Georgia Power.



Metro West Chapter

Community In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County is over \$2,000 richer thanks to Metro West Citizens and their friends. The chapter held another successful bowl-a-thon for this great community charity! Thanks for an awesome turnout!

Thomson Chapter

Chapter officers were proud to represent the Thomson chapter in presenting a check for \$4,112 to the Family Y to benefit this year's legacy project at Camp Lakeside. These funds were used to build a butterfly garden, pamper pole challenge, and water table for the kids at Camp Lakeside. Officers present were Carla Cole, Matt Goldman, and Marcus Ferguson. Receiving the check for the Y was Berry McCorquodale, VP of Facilities.



Metro West Chapter

Metro West Citizens, the Environmental Lab, and the Metro West Ambassadors have once again fulfilled our slogan to be "A Citizen Wherever We Serve". Through their efforts, they collected over 173 pounds of food and more than \$600 for the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

Metro South Chapter

Metro South Citizens of Georgia Power members collected hygiene items and accessories for Family Life. Family Life, founded in 1982 and supported by private donations, tirelessly assist the neediest in their community.



Tifton Chapter

Lynn Lovett, Tifton Area Manager and Citizens member proudly presented school supplies purchased by the Tifton Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter to support the National Night Out Against Crime in Ashburn.

Metro South Citizens, MVP, and VOICE volunteered at Congressman David Scott's 15th Annual Health Fair at Mundy's Mill High School in Jonesboro on Saturday, August 10th. The event brings together healthcare professionals to provide vital healthcare services, screenings and information, all free of charge.



Brunswick Chapter

Brunswick Citizens members made it seem like Christmas in August for some teachers in Glynn and McIntosh Counties. Their delivery of much needed supplies was a great way to kick off the year!



Thomson and Augusta Chapters

In conjunction with Make-A-Wish Georgia, the Augusta area GPC team had the pleasure of hosting a Welcome Back party for Robert who recently returned from his wish trip to Disney World. Seven-year-old Robert has battled surgery and chemo from Wilms tumor. Robert was presented several mementos from the group, one being a Citizens of Georgia Power Super Hero T-shirt presented by Courtney Hart. The Make-A-Wish foundation and sponsorship from GPC Foundation enabled Robert and his family to enjoy the dream vacation at Disney and surrounding theme parks.



General Office Chapter

Again, this year, the General Office Chapter members collected school supplies for the residents of the Children's Village at Christian City. The smiles on the girls' faces show how much they appreciate the donated items



Congratulations to the Summit Spotlight winner this month – Clayton Chapter.



The Clayton Chapter of CGP designated the Stephens County Foundation and their new waterway trail as the Chapter's 2019 Legacy Project. The Tugaloo River trail is an 11 mile stretch of the Tugaloo River that runs from the Georgia Power park at Yonah Dam to the broken bridges at Hwy 123 heading into South Carolina from Toccoa.

The Yonah Dam Park access is the first official kayak access point developed by Stephens County Foundation. In collaboration with Georgia Power's land department and local leadership throughout Stephens County, The Clayton Chapter worked to make the dream of a kayak access launch a reality. The Clayton Chapter of CGP together with the local Ambassadors chapter amassed more than 218 service hours during the project. Thanks to Georgia Power's Foundation for making this possible.



Click [here](#) to see the Projects Video



Click [here](#) to see the Results Video

General Office Chapter

The annual “door snake” project to benefit clients of the Midtown Assistance Center, one of the General Office Chapter’s most popular projects, took place this month in the Arkwright Auditorium. The “snakes” serve as draft blockers to help the clients stay warm during the winter months and conserve energy: a win-win situation for the recipients and Georgia Power!



2019 Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Heart Walk	Heart of Ga and Plant Scherer	Thurs., September 12	Dawn Burgamy dmburgam@southernco.com
Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament	Vidalia	Thurs., September 12	Cliff Wall cwall@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Relay for Life Clay Shoot	Plant Bowen	Fri., September 13	Tari Whiteman tnreynol@southernco.com
Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton and Gainesville	Mon., September 16	Charles Henley cwhenley@southernco.com
5th Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic	Valdosta	Thur., September 26	Dana Fender djfender@southernco.com
Plant Wansley Clay Shoot	Plant Wansley	Fri., September 27	Ashley Getwan agetwan@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Toys for Tots Golf Tournament	Plant Bowen	Fri., October 4	Tari Whiteman tnreynol@southernco.com
Jefferson Street Citizens 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Wed., October 9	Kimberly Allen kkstarre@southernco.com
Customer Care Center 19th Annual Golf Tournament	Customer Care Center	Fri., October 25	Don Martin dvmartin@southernco.com
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Fri., November 1	Jeremy Spradlin jspradl@southernco.com
Plant McDonough Golf Tournament	Plant McDonough	Fri., November 1	Tim Van Hagen tvanhage@southernco.com

2019 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
September 5	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
September 5	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form
September 20	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 2-4	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2020
October 2	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due
October 2	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office
November 8	State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
November 9	Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center, Macon GA
December 3	2020-chapter officer information due
December 6	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 13	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 13	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2019 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple