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ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Amy Anderson

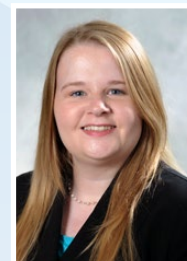
Citizens of Georgia Power,

On February 9th the state board hosted our Leadership Summit in Atlanta. Chapter Officers and engaged members from across the state gave up a Saturday to come together and discuss this year's vision and strategy for Citizens. Thanks to all of you that came with your questions and remained engaged throughout the day. I felt a lot of excitement in the room for the year ahead of us. Chapters, as you begin to plan your year I encourage you to get creative in your ideas and determine what projects your members are truly passionate about. Be willing to try different ways to make an impact. Discover the Possibilities down roads less traveled or as Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path a leave a trail."

This month's Energizer is filled with photos and stories of your MLK Day of Service Projects. We had 831 volunteers working across the state for our Day of Service. Most of you braved a very cold Monday to participate in your service projects. You pushed through the cold to install landscaping at reading gardens, clean up neighborhoods and cemeteries, mulch playgrounds, man race day water stations, package food boxes, and construct Habitat houses. You sorted, painted, washed, weeded, organized and built. You gave of your talents and your time to impact the communities in which you live. Thank you to all of you who participated and made this Day of Service an impactful day across the state.

Membership Breakfasts and Drives are being held around the state. Don't forget to renew your membership this year. And if you are not a member of a Citizens chapter I encourage you to join and get involved. Begin to Discover the Possibilities with Citizens.

Amy Anderson





Customer Care Center Chapter

On Tuesday, February 5th, the Customer Care Center Chapter hosted a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross. A total of thirty-four units were collected including six first time donors. Thanks to Todd Chesnut and Lanel Richardson for spearheading this volunteer event.

Plant Bowen Chapter

Plant Bowen Citizens members appealed to everyone's sweet tooth with their chocolate covered apple sale to benefit March of Dimes. More than 20 volunteers sold over 250 apples that allowed them to donate more than \$1,307 to this great cause!!



Carrollton Chapter

A host of Carrollton Citizens members were present at their February meeting to proudly present a check to Community Christian Council. The Legacy Project check will allow this great charity to expand their food bank and community kitchen.



Jefferson Street Chapter

Project Overcoat provides thousands of metro Atlantans with new and gently used coats and blankets for those in need. The Jefferson Street Chapter participated in Project Overcoat by holding a coat drive and collected a total of 15 coats and 1 scarf.



Chapter member Kimberly Brewer volunteered at the Allstate Hot Chocolate 15k/5k Run this month. The proceeds from this great event went to Make-A-Wish.



Citizens Leadership Summit

On a cold Saturday in February, more than 120 officers representing 35 chapters across the state came together to "Discover the Possibilities" at the 2019 Citizens Leadership Summit. The Citizens State Board, the Citizens Advisory Council, and their partners in Corporate Communication delivered



General Office Chapter

The General Office Chapter and Ambassadors have collected "pop tabs" from soft drink cans for several years. Volunteers gather and deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House for recycling, with all proceeds supporting the Ronald McDonald House operations. Last year, \$5,000 was raised, and since the program began in 1998, over \$148,000 has been collected. Every little bit helps!



an informative and interactive program that had the chapters excited to explore new ways to serve their communities.





Martin Luther King Day of Service Projects



Plant Yates Chapter – Citizens members from Plant Yates sorted food at One Roof Ecumenical.

General Office Chapter

The General Office Chapter partnered with Vamos Chicos and the Eco-Art bus for an art-inspired MLK Day service project for employees' children. The dual lingual Spanish art project session incorporated a variety of art techniques and items found in nature to create commemorative artwork honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Statesboro Chapter

Christian Social Ministries is more organized because of the efforts of Statesboro Citizens members and their families.



WHY DO I SERVE?>



"It's the right thing to do!"



"For the remembrance of the ones who served before us"



"Being a Servant Leader to Bartow County"



"Blessing to give than to receive"



"It's important to give back"

Conyers Chapter

Conyers Citizens members sorted food items and cleaned warehouse space at Rockdale Emergency Relief.

Plant Bowen Chapter

Bowen Citizens of Ga Power volunteers, including Paul Bowers and his wife, and the Mayor of Euharlee, Steve Worthington, came out on a very chilly Monday morning for MLK Day to help preserve and beautify the Black Pioneers Cemetery in Euharlee.



Customer Care Center Chapter

CCC Citizens members spent the day sorting food at Helping in His Name Food Pantry.



Heart of Georgia Chapter

Man was it cold!!
Thanks to all the volunteers from Heart of Georgia who worked with Habitat for Humanity to install railing for the front porch and cleanup work for two houses on Worsham Avenue.



Dublin Chapter – Dublin Citizens members made sure WINGS Shelter is looking good for its residents.



Vidalia Chapter

Vidalia Citizens members, their family members, and other community volunteers worked to fence in a baseball field area at the Vidalia Boys and Girls Club.



North Fulton Chapter

Twenty-one hearty volunteers sorted clothes, housewares and did some general cleaning at Community Assistance Center in Sandy Springs.



Carrollton Chapter

Carrollton Citizens members worked at Community Christian Council doing painting and general cleaning.





Thomson Chapter

Thomson Citizens members were out in

force at Family Connections. The volunteers weeded some flower beds, did some general maintenance work and some much-needed cleanup around the playground area!



Savannah Generation Chapter

Citizens members from Savannah Generation volunteered at the Manna House Ministries Food Pantry.





Gainesville Chapter

Gainesville Citizens members and their families chose to spend a day on at the Georgia Mountain Food Bank.



Savannah Chapter

Chapter members worked at the Kicklighter Center pressure washing and painting the building and spreading mulch on the playground.





Metro South Chapter

Metro South Citizens spread out all over the region with projects at Habitat for Humanity, Bloom Closet, and Christian City.

Tifton Chapter

Food and fellowship brought the Tifton Citizens out to serve a warm meal to clients of the Tifton Area Soup Kitchen.





Bainbridge Chapter

Bainbridge Citizens members spruced up the Friendship House with fresh pinestraw in their flowerbeds.



Valdosta Chapter

Citizens members worked hard to make the inside and the outside of the Youth Impact Center in Lakeland look like new!!





Metro West Chapter – Metro West Citizens showed up in force at both Cherokee FOCUS and Davis Direction Foundation.



Rome Chapter

The YMCA got a top to bottom cleaning from the Rome Citizens volunteers.



Brunswick Chapter

Faithworks Ministries has a fresh new look thanks to the volunteers from the Brunswick Citizens chapter.





Athens Chapter

Athens Citizens members and their families pitched in at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia on King Day.



2019 Upcoming Projects

| EVENT | CHAPTER | DATE | CONTACT |
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| CGP Power Lines Fishing Tournament | Augusta | Sat., March 9 | Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com |
| Topgolf Fundraiser | General Office | Thurs., March 28 | Wes Singletary wesingle@southernco.com |
| Relay for Life and Leukemia Society Golf Tournament | Athens | Mon., April 8 | Angie Brown ackinley@gmail.com |
| Tallulah Falls Sporting Clays | Tallulah Falls | Sat., April 13 | Rhonda Brookshire rbrookshire01@gmail.com |
| Savannah Generation MOD Golf Tournament | Savannah Generation | Fri., April 19 | Lonnie Shaw loshaw@southernco.com |
| "Cast for a Cause" Bass Fishing Tournament | Columbus | Sat., April 20 | Amy Evans adevans@southernco.com |
| Augusta Softball Tournament | Augusta | Sat., April 20 | Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com |
| Lightning Dash 5K Run/Walk | Carrollton | Sat., April 27 | Joanna Isbell jkisbell@southernco.com |
| PowerClays | Metro South | Fri., May 3 | Matt Goff dmgoff@southernco.com |
| GoodBoats: Dragon Boat Race | Augusta | Sat., May 4 | Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com |
| Plant McDonough Clay Shoot | Plant McDonough | Fri., May 7 | Tim Van Hagen tvanhage@southernco.com |
| Plant Wansley MOD Golf | Plant Wansley | Fri., May 31 | Sabrina Grimsley sgrimsle@southernco.com |
| Bowling for Scholars - Fundraiser Bowlathon | Metro West | Sat. August 10 | Lisa Santos llsantos@southernco.com |
| Kylan Warren Golf Tournament | North Fulton, Metro West, and Gainesville | Mon., Sept. 23 | Charles Henley cwhenley@southernco.com |
| 5th Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic | Valdosta | Thur., Sept. 26 | Dana Fender djfender@southernco.com |
| Augusta Kickball Tournament | Augusta | Sat., October 5 | Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com |
| Jefferson Street Citizens 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament | Jefferson Street | Wed., October 9 | Kimberly Allen kkstarre@southernco.com |
| Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament | Clayton | Fri., November 15 | Jeremy Spradlin jspradl@southernco.com |

2019 Target Dates and Deadlines



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| 20 Monthly | Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE |
| March 15 | State Office will verify service hours and financials in SmartSimple to process first chapter incentive check of \$300 |
| March 22 | Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed |
| July 12 | Summer State Board Meeting |
| August 9 | State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office |
| 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 |