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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Amy Anderson

Citizens,

I was extremely fortunate this month to have the opportunity to attend the 11th Annual Power Clays tournament, a clay shoot organized by Matt Goff and the forestry department. What a great event! This annual clay shoot raises funds for Electric Kids, one of our 3 registered 501(c)3 charities. On behalf of the Electric Kids charity and those it serves, I would like to say thanks to everyone who worked so hard to put on such an amazing event.

Electric Kids is a charity founded in 1991 to help the children of deceased or disabled Georgia Power or Southern Company employees based in Georgia. It is the charity's goal to remove some of the financial burden these families have been left with in the wake of tragedy.

Each child may receive up to \$4,000 per year in assistance from Electric Kids. This assistance comes in different forms. Sometimes we pay health insurance premiums or mortgage payments. Sometimes it is for clothing or back to school expenses. Other times it is Christmas presents or summer camps. Our Volunteer Services staff works with each family to determine their unique needs and help provide assistance in the way that best benefits them.

Once the child graduates from high school the Collin Banks Educational Fund (part of the Electric Kids charity) provides up to \$4,000 per year per child for up to five years for higher educational expenses.

On average the Electric Kids charity assists between 25 and 30 children each year that have been left in need by a tragedy. It is a privilege to be able to assist these families thanks to the fundraising efforts of Citizens members around the state. Did you know that you can payroll deduct a donation each month to the charity or give to Electric Kids through the Club of Hearts? Contact our Volunteer Services staff if you have questions on how to give.

If you are unfamiliar with all our charities or all the work that Citizens does each year in our community, I challenge you to Discover the Possibilities this year and learn about all that Citizens has to offer. And get involved with making an impact in your community. There are chapters across the state waiting for you to join and get involved!

Amy Anderson



Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation hosted their annual CGP Golf Tournament to benefit the March of Dimes and Shriners Children’s Hospital. Even though the weather could have been better, everyone enjoyed themselves. Both charities had representatives at the golf tournament who expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the positive impact that this event makes for their organizations. The event raised a total of \$24,000. This is an OUTSTANDING accomplishment and Savannah Generation Citizens are grateful to everyone who participated in all their events to help worthwhile charities in their communities.



This year the Savannah Generation Chapter chose to partner with our local Effingham Shrine Club to support the Shriners Children’s Hospital. With funds from the golf tournament and other fundraising efforts, they were able to proudly present the Shriners Children Hospital a check for \$12,176.



Citizens of Georgia Power Savannah Generation was the Presenting Sponsor for the 2019 March of Dimes March for Babies held at Daffin Park in Savannah. Through their golf tournament, lunch sales, and donations from numerous individuals, the chapter was able to present the March of Dimes a check for \$12,176.

Congratulations to the Summit Spotlight winner this month – Brunswick Chapter. The chapter has been busy doing some great work in the community. They also win this month for leveraging social media to advertise their events and their successes. Great Job Brunswick chapter!



Brunswick Citizens members were able to support a local church, Pine Ridge Baptist, that provides a ride and church services for children who are less fortunate in the community. The chapter raised money for some groceries to help stock their pantry and fridge. This church group feeds 20-30 kids twice a week from the community.



The 32nd Annual Employee Spring Golf Classic was held at Jekyll Island Golf Course, GA on April 26th-27th. A field of 200 employees and retirees participated in the two-day event. As they do every year, the Brunswick Citizens of Georgia Power chapter provided the cooks and the servers for Friday's lunch.

Metro South and Customer Care Center Chapters

The Metro South and CCC Citizens Chapters came together to support Operation Lunchbox. The CCC and other Metro South facilities will serve as donation collection sites for individually wrapped food items. These items will be packed for homeless and needy children in Henry, Clayton, Butts, and Coweta schools.



Metro West Chapter

Metro West Citizens members and their families participated in the Relay for Life Cobb County. Through their efforts they have raised over \$1,000 for the fight against cancer.



Carrollton Chapter

Saturday April 27th was a GREAT day for the Carrollton Chapter! They hosted their 3rd Lightning Dash 5K along the Greenbelt Trail. This year's event had 226 registered participants! Through community and chapter support they were able to donate \$3,000 each to the March of Dimes and West Georgia Area Relay for Life!



Jefferson Street Chapter

The Jefferson Street Chapter participated in the fundraising efforts for the Lupus Foundation, and the Lupus Walk. The chapter's efforts raised a total of \$1,098.



Chapter members kept a long-standing tradition by participating in the fundraising efforts and the March of Dimes Walk for Healthy Babies. This year their efforts brought in more than \$782.



General Office Chapter

Another successful Relay for Life was led by team captain Deborah Baker! Funds were raised through Jeans Month button sales and on-site sales through a partnership of the General Office, Jefferson Street and Metro East Chapters.



Plant Bowen Chapter

Plant Bowen Citizens members showed up in force to support the 2019 Polk County Special Olympics. Everyone was inspired by these courageous athletes!



General Office Chapter

Members of the General Office Chapter prepared Easter Baskets for youth of the Christian City Children's Village, a "refuge for children in need of a loving home" in Union City.



Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC Chapter hosted a baby supply drive to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center. Through the generosity of their members, the chapter collected nearly 700 items. Thanks to Nikki LeGrant and Rey Baily for leading this event.



Metro West Chapter

Thank you to all who donated towards the shoebox project and for those who came to assemble the boxes! Chapter President Lisa Santos delivered a total of 57 shoeboxes to United Way. Big thanks to the folks at the Environmental Lab who assembled 17 boxes! This year the chapter decided to use the shoebox storage containers, which will allow the homeless men, women, and children to store items in them after they use their toiletry items. It was a great idea, thanks to Gloria Mize and Meghan Pressley.

Legacy Projects

Plant Bowen Chapter Earth Day and Legacy Project

Plant Bowen Chapter got a twofer! They combined their Earth Day project at the Murphy Harpst Children's Center with their chapter Legacy project. Volunteers from Plant Bowen and Plant Hammond planted vegetables and herbs, built a path surrounding existing raised beds, installed a paver patio, planted bushes, perennials and annuals around the amphitheater, set up a recycling bin area and did some touch-up painting in the Weight Room/Art Room.



Legacy Projects



*In Memory of
 James "Rabbit" Flowers
 and
 Sarah Jeffords*

Brunswick Chapter

Brunswick completed their first Legacy project for the year at Hospice of the Golden Isles. Volunteers demoed and replaced decking on an outside area where patients and families go to relax. Twenty-two members came out to support this project which was dedicated to chapter members James "Rabbit" Flowers and Sarah Jeffords, who passed away last year from cancer. Thirteen of their family members were able to attend and a few helped with the project. Flat Juan even showed up to work the saw! Great job Brunswick!



Metro South Chapter

The Metro South Citizens Chapter had the honor of attending the House of Dawn groundbreaking ceremony in Jonesboro. They presented a check for \$10,000 from the Georgia Power Foundation as part of our 2019 Legacy campaign.



Jefferson Street, Forest Park, and General Office Chapters



The Jefferson Street Chapter, Forest Park Chapter, and General Office Chapter partnered on an Earth Day project at Bright Futures Atlanta. The project, done over two days, consisted of cleaning up the outdoor area and some indoor cleanup of the construction areas at the Gary Road facility.



Customer Care Center Chapter

On April 27th, the CCC Chapter hosted an Earth Day project to clean up McDonough. Volunteers assisted in picking up trash and cleaning up Patrick Henry Parkway. Thanks to Alicia Lowe-Washington and Contavia Goolsby for leading this event.





Tallulah Falls Chapter

On Saturday April 20, Tallulah Falls Chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power constructed a raised bed community garden at the North Georgia Hydro office area. Volunteers purchased the supplies and constructed a fence, assembled the raised beds and planted the garden. Plantings included tomatoes, onions, peppers, cabbage, broccoli, celery, and marigolds for pest control. People in the community will get the benefit of fresh vegetables throughout the year!



Jefferson Street Chapter

Two of Jefferson Street's members represented their chapter proudly at another Earth Day project in Vine City Park. It was a Georgia Power partnership with the Falcons to clean up and beautify Vine City Park.

Plant McDonough Chapter

Plant McDonough Citizens members partnered with West Atlanta Watershed Alliance to clean up a portion of Lindsey Creek that runs through Lindsey Street Park.





Dublin Chapter

Dublin Citizens members recently celebrated Earth Day by restoring the flower beds around the Rail Road Park sign on Telfair Street. The Earth Day project was facilitated by Keep Dublin-Laurens Beautiful. Citizens of Georgia Power members donated their time, labor and plant materials to restore the beds and create a welcoming gateway to their community.



Carrollton Chapter

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power joined with Keep Carroll Beautiful and members of Carroll EMC to plant a community garden at Legends Park.



Gainesville Chapter

On April 29th, the Gainesville Chapter of CGP met at Elachee Nature Center to rebuild benches at an outdoor classroom. With this project, volunteers increased seating and added a center aisle. Now the nature center, a nonprofit, can offer to host weddings as a way to raise funds. Thank you to everyone that volunteered!



Tifton Chapter

Last year for Earth Day, Tifton Citizens members built bee pollinators to aid the bee population in the area. This year volunteers planted flowering bushes to attract bees and planted two larger trees. Great to see the focus on projects that tie in with the area's agricultural interest!





Thomson Chapter

Through their partnership with the Family Y, Thomson Citizens had a great Earth Day project at Camp Lakeside. Volunteers constructed three raised beds to form a butterfly garden and also installed a pamper pole challenge. Big thanks to Mil Hamrick for coordinating the pole project and Carla Cole getting this project together with the Family Y.



Statesboro and Hinesville Chapter

April 18th was recognized as National Thank A Lineman Day. This special day spotlighted linemen across the nation and acknowledged the hard work they do to keep the lights on. This year, the Statesboro and Hinesville Citizens Chapters proved that it's never too late to **Thank A Lineman!** These two chapters hosted a surprise breakfast for all the linemen in their area. Employees took time to express how much they believed in the power of their linemen with words of appreciation. This small, yet kind gesture showed that these chapters cherish the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication linemen make every day.



2019 Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Plant Bowen Relay for Life Golf Tournament	Plant Bowen	Fri., June 14	Tari Whiteman tnreynl@southernco.com
Bowling for Scholars - Fundraiser Bowlathon	Metro West	Sat. August 10	Lisa Santos llsantos@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Car Show and BBQ	Plant Bowen	Sat. August 10	Ashlie Ward ashward@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Relay for Clay Shoot	Plant Bowen	Fri., Sept. 13	Tari Whiteman tnreynl@southernco.com
Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton and Gainesville	Mon., Sept. 16	Charles Henley cwhenley@southernco.com
5th Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic	Valdosta	Thur., Sept. 26	Dana Fender djfender@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Toys for Tots Golf Tournament	Plant Bowen	Fri., October 4	Tari Whiteman tnreynl@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
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 jlspgradl@southernco.com

2019 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
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