

ENERGIZER

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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal



Hello Citizens,

As I mentioned last month, the board and advisory council met on July 10th and had a great discussion about our organization. The great work you all have done was highlighted and we wanted you to know we are proud of all your efforts around the state to make our communities better. One of the main topics we discussed I wanted to highlight is that we will be doing annual meeting a little different this year because of the pandemic. Several representatives from the board and advisory council will work with me to come up with a plan so we can still celebrate the great work you do. I will keep you posted on our progress.

For the last few months, I've been asking you to find different ways to help your communities knowing that the pandemic has presented you many challenges. As always, you continue to make a difference! Many of you have taken advantage of the virtual opportunities or planned your projects around all the guidelines to keep your members and the community members we serve safe. I want to thank you for all of those efforts and ask that you continue to focus on the needs of your communities. Many of you have reached out with questions about potential projects and I want to encourage you to keep doing that. The level of creativity you have shown to work around issues and restrictions due to the pandemic continues to demonstrate your commitment to making a positive impact.

I know this year has been tough but I want you to remember that despite all of those challenges, you continue to do a great job at upholding our core value of being **"A Citizen Wherever We serve"**.

Juan Madrigal



Dublin

Dublin Citizens members didn't let quarantining keep them from some great Earth Day projects at home that they are continuing to enjoy this summer! Brad and Amy Duke, Bill Glisson and Jay and Mitzi Studstill did everything from landscaping projects to gardening.



Savannah

The Savannah Citizens Chapter had a great service event assisting the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers organization. Ten volunteers helped clean North Tybee Beach by picking up trash left behind on the beach. Beach traffic has increased significantly recently, leaving more trash on the beach. This was the chapter's first event after quarantine, and it was great to get back out and help their community by helping keep the beach clean. Safety, as always, was at the forefront during this event. Volunteers worked hard to maintain social distance and when not possible, we wore face coverings.



North Fulton

North Fulton Citizens have continued to find a way to serve from the safety of their homes. Due to COVID-19, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life gathered virtually to help save, celebrate lives and lead in the fight for a world without cancer. The fight against cancer may have looked a little different this year but their chapter stepped up for the challenge!



Thomson

Thomson Citizens members didn't let COVID-19 interfere with their support of the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life. Chapter members logged 140 MILES and 34 SERVICE HOURS for the Thomson Citizens of Ga Power! The winner of the members' drawing for a \$50 gift card was Stephanie Goldman with her 5:00 AM steps! Stephanie and others met the criteria for the members' drawing by submitting hours, miles and a photo! Great job Thomson!

CANCER FIGHTERS UNITE

East Coast Relay For Life:
A Virtual Experience

140 MILES
34 HOURS

Thomson Citizens of Georgia Power

#EastCoastRelay2020

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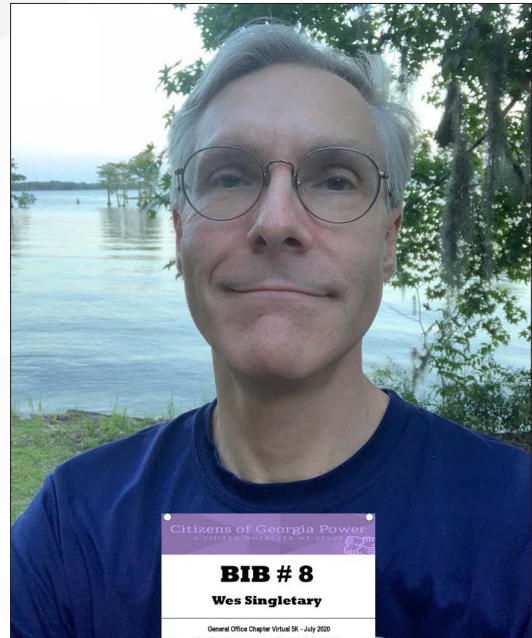
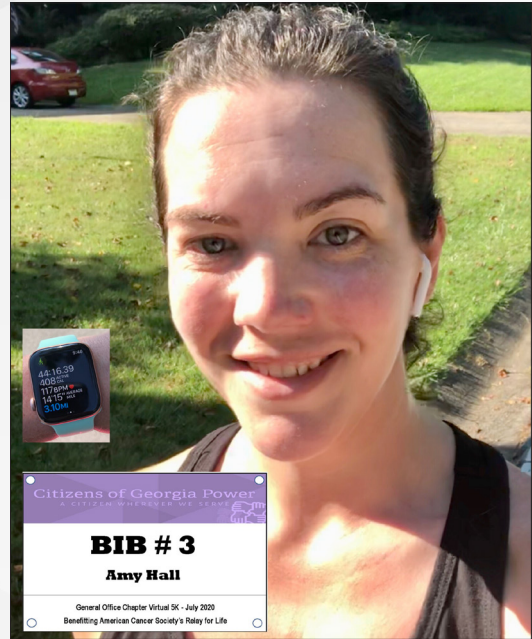
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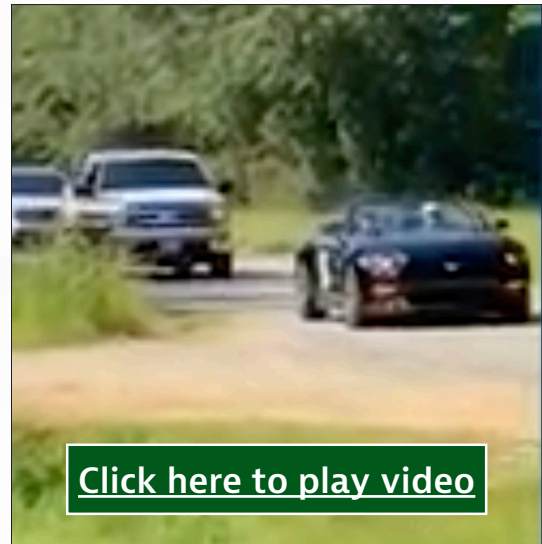
After the cancellation of this year's in-person event, the General Office Chapter organized a virtual 5K to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Georgia Power Striders team members walked/ran five kilometers at their own pace during the month of July to support the ongoing fight against cancer.



Despite the July heat, members of the General Office Chapter volunteered two mornings at Piedmont Park for a socially-distanced mulching project in the Dog Park.

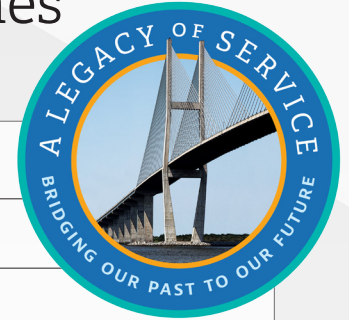
Albany, Bainbridge, and Valdosta

Citizens members from Albany, Bainbridge, and Valdosta, along with a host of other community volunteers, came together with one of our great Club of Hearts agencies, Make A Wish Georgia, to help put a smile on the face of young David Chapman. David was an active young boy who loved being outside. David suffered a severe spinal cord injury from a freak accident and has limited mobility and doesn't like going outside anymore. Make A Wish Georgia stepped in and organized a shopping trip to get David some things he could enjoy including a chicken coop and a popcorn machine. His mom said now he wants to go to the flea market with his grandparents to set up a table to pass out popcorn while people shop. He hasn't expressed interest in leaving his bed since quarantine started, and now he is so excited to go outside again! Make A Wish Georgia helped organize a community car caravan to celebrate the day David got his gifts. Check out that smile!!!



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2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
August 12	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 9	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
September 23	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 6-7	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
October 7	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms DUE
October 7	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
November 12-13	State Board Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
December 9	2020-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	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 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple