

ENERGIZER

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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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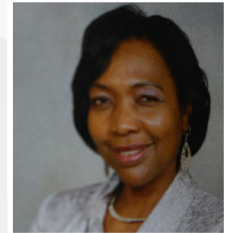
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State President's Message

Mary Norris

"Tell Your Story"



I can remember when I was growing up the one thing my parents stated was "Don't toot your own horn". The first time it stuck was after an event I had won where I bragged about what I had done. After that I kept my mouth shut because I realized I didn't do it all by myself.

However, I want you to know a lot of times, we need to "Toot our own Horn". As citizens, we do so much and it's up to us to tell our story. We do it!! Who can do it better than us? No one. So, we need to tell it!!

This message was brought so clear to me last week after I attended a celebratory luncheon. The speaker of the hour wasn't a famous person who's won all kinds of accolades, nor did she have all kinds of college degrees, however her words were so inspiring to many of us. She told "her story". It centered around the last five years of her life; being homeless and experiencing the lowest points she ever could imagine. As I listened to her speak about her journey, my heart was filled with compassion because I have never encountered any of the hardships she described. Blessings and being grateful were my first thoughts. By the time she finished "her story", not only was I teary-eyed, but overjoyed because her lemons had been turned into sweet lemonade. She and her son's life made a complete turnaround and all in a very positive way.

The place she talked about was one that a local Citizen chapter supports; it's been in business for over 30 years and it's continuing its work to change lives. I'm so glad we are a part of this organization because I truly saw not just what it's done for this young lady, but what it is doing for the whole community in various ways.

I've shared the full story with several people because it was a powerful message of hope, faith, love and success and wanted to share a portion with you because so many times we've done projects and/or service where we just do it and keep it moving. But have you ever gone a little deeper? Do you really know the impact of what you do and the positive effect that comes from what you do? Through so many of our social media platforms, we have this opportunity to spread the good news. So, let's tell our story.

As we get ready to go into July, I say thanks again for you've continued to find ways to do your membership drives, for supporting your brethren through times of need and for continuing to shine that bright light. I would ask that you continue to find ways to tell your story; it inspires and motivates others and remember, "Toot your Horn" and do it loudly so that others will hear and jump on board as we continue to "Unmask Opportunities for Service..365 Days".

Thank you and enjoy your 4th of July holiday. You deserve it.

Mary Norris



Athens

Athens Citizens members found a unique and healthy Earth Day project! Volunteers assisted Athens Clarke County with placing decals on the stormwater runoff drains along Prince Avenue in Athens. It was 2.56 miles roundtrip and it was fairly hot that afternoon, but six members accepted the challenge. Thanks to Chapter President Angie Brown, Tim Deaton Chapter Vice President, Kathy Turpin, Leigh Crawford, Tony Medina, and Jason Koberger. Great job!



Carrollton

The members of the Carrollton Citizens chapter continued their generous support of the Pregnancy Resource Center with a delivery of 17 packs of diapers and 5 blankets. Thanks to everyone who dropped their donations by the Operating Headquarters!



Leaving a legacy is a huge part of the foundation of Citizens. The Carrollton chapter has a long legacy of being part of maintaining their beautiful greenway. Joyce Price and her son James Price got some fresh air and cleaned their portion of the Greenbelt for June and collected one huge bag of trash.

Plant Yates

Chapter President and U.S. Navy veteran Troy Owens along with Chapter Treasurer Richard Gamble proudly represented Plant Yates Citizens members as they presented a banner for the Veterans Memorial Day display in the City of Whitesburg. Richard Gamble was instrumental helping to install the crosses, flags, as well as spreading the pine straw donated by Plant Yates.



Plant Vogtle and Augusta

Vogtle and Augusta Citizens chapters came together to support Golden Harvest Food Bank with their mobile market food distribution drive in Waynesboro. Augusta Chapter members Teresa Cobb and Suzanne Sharkey joined Jackie Churchville and an army of volunteers from the Vogtle chapter, to distribute more than 80,000 pounds of food to over 450 families in Burke County. Great job! Thomas Saunders' kids helped out with the hard to reach places to make sure no can was left behind!



General Office

Members of the General Office Chapter helped raise **\$955** for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life - Georgia Power Striders Team by participating in a virtual 5K. Again this year, members laced up their running or walking shoes to complete the 5K while at home in the neighborhood or on vacation at the beach or lake!



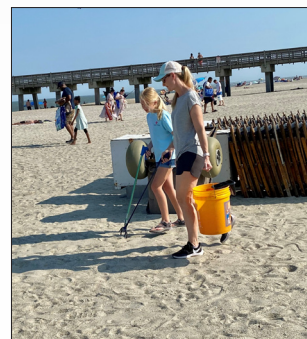
Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens volunteers found two beautiful Saturdays in a row to serve their community during the Energy to Serve campaign. Plant Scherer's volunteers served at the Salvation Army homeless shelter trimming hedges and removing bushes around their facility. They also lent some helping hands to Rebuilding Macon where they installed molding around the porch, added shutters, and put on a fresh coat of paint to a home in the community. Awesome way to help their neighbors and to be "A Citizen Wherever We Serve."



Savannah

The tradition of having a clean and safe beach for all to enjoy continues because of the efforts of Savannah Citizens members and their families. Nine volunteers helped with the 2nd round of Tybee Clean Beach Project of 2021 assisting the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers organization. There is no doubt that with summer arriving, there will be more beach clean-ups in the future. Savannah's Citizens members managed to fill 7 five-gallon buckets with trash from around the pier in less than 2 hours!



2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



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| 20 Monthly | Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE |
| June 15 | Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE |
| July 9 | Summer State Board Meeting |
| August 12 | State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office |
| September 9 | Call to Annual Meeting TBA |
| 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 - TBA |
| October 7 | Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office |
| November 12-13 | State Board Meeting – TBA |
| November 13-14 | Annual Meeting – TBA |
| December 9 | 2022-chapter officer information DUE |
| December 9 | State Office will verify records in uBack 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 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack |