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I hope you are enjoying the hot, dry days of summer. Also remember to be safe and take care of your health as we survive this time of each year.

As we continue to live the slogan, "A Citizen Wherever We Serve", it is important that we track the service hours we devote to our retirees and our community. Let's encourage ourselves and all members to find a project or charity that gives us satisfaction and volunteer time and give back to our community. The Company values the service hours we devote to these projects. So, it's important to report the service hours you devote each month.



If you miss reporting for a month, please remember to catch up on reporting at your next meeting or notify the chapter of your service hours. We've had a great first half of 2019 in the service hours reported and I want to encourage you to continue this trend for the remainder of 2019.

Another focus of the Ambassadors during 2019 is to enhance the membership experience. We've sent out two surveys seeking feedback to learn things that we can do to make membership more beneficial to Georgia Power and Southern Company living in Georgia. The survey sent to non-members provided us with several retirees that have an interest in joining the Ambassadors. The local Chapters are contacting retirees living in their respective areas. We hope we can add to our membership from this effort. The other survey was sent to members to solicit feedback on how the members are being served. We will be discussing these results at a State Board meeting to determine if we need to make any changes or additions to our organization.

On behalf of the State Board, Thanks for everything each of you do to make the Ambassadors a successful organization.

David Pitts
State Second Vice President

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Altamaha

The Altamaha
Ambassadors have
been very busy
assisting with a local
Habitat for Humanity
build in their community. Thank you,
Altamaha for helping
to provide one of the
basic necessities of
life-Shelter.











Columbus

The Columbus Ambassadors heard great program from Dr. Chris Gray, Business Development Principal for Southern Company's new ventures team. Gray shared with the members some of the company's current and future investments in new technology and the cultivation of new business ventures.

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Athens

Kevin McCraney, Georgia Power Hartwell Area Manager, presented a program to the Athens Ambassadors on



"Drones in the Utility Industry." McCraney explained how the company is using drones



to assist in many of our daily functions. McCraney is a trained drone pilot also. It was a very informative meeting for all in attendance.





Augusta

The Augusta chapter held their annual picnic lunch recently on a beautiful sunny day at Spring Lakes located in Clarks Hill, GA. Everyone in attendance had a great time of fellowship, fun and food.

At their next meeting, Sara Lue with the GBI Cyber Unit, joined the chapter and presented





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Metro Central – Beekeeper

The Metro Central Ambassadors were visited by "Bee Downtown" beekeeper, Nicholas Weaver. Weaver is the primary caretaker of the three

hives located at 241 Ralph McGill Headquarters.

Weaver spoke on the importance of the hives here at the office, how the hives are helping sustain the bee population which is critical to our food supply, and the work done to keep the bees healthy. He then suited up and

showed the attendees the inner workings of the hives themselves. It was a very informational program for all in attendance.







Metro Central - BINGO

Fun was had by all at the recent Metro Central picnic meeting at 241 Ralph McGill Headquarters. Attendees enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch and enjoyed BINGO hosted by members, Garnett Grubb and Zann Hayes.





Metro South



Georgia Power Retiree turned author, Jim Barber, visited with Metro South Ambassadors and discussed his book, "Plowed Fields." Barber discussed the writing process and the challenges faced to get it published once it was complete. His book writing endeavor resulted in him forming his own publishing company, Morgan Bay Books.



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Metro East

Metro East Ambassadors had some very special guests at one of their recent chapter meetings-Canines for Kids from Children's Hospital of Atlanta. Kara Klein with CHOA explained how the 16



specially trained pups with the Canines for Kids program provide comfort and companionship to the patients at the hospital. According to their website, the dogs visit more than 300 patients a day. Nancy Peek, member of Metro East, assisted with the program by showing off one of the therapy dogs present at the meeting







Metro West

Metro West Ambassadors partnered with the Metro West Citizens chapter on the "Give a Kid a Chance, Inc." backpack drive. The Ambassadors provided eight backpacks full of supplies to the Citizens chapter. In all, 80 backpacks were donated to the organization for children in need located in Cherokee county. Great job Metro West Ambassadors and Citizens!



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South Georgia

The South GA Ambassadors held their annual Fish Fry recently at the Valdosta Headquarters office. Southwest Region Vice President, Ron Shipman presented a company update and the chapter's veterans were honored with a special ceremony. It was a time of great food, great fun, and great fellowship.everyone in attendance.















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Start off 2019 with a reunion! Join your local Ambassadors chapter

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	John Blewett	4th Thursday
Athens	Gene Ussery	1st Thursday
Augusta	Charles Cason	2nd Tuesday
Columbus	Gene Gosa	3rd Monday
Golden Isles	George Ellis	3rd Tuesday
Heart of GA	Vivian Thomas	3rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Jim Weldon	2nd Tuesday
Metro East	Jim & Alma Proffitt	4th Wednesday
Metro North	Karen Powell	2nd Thursday
Metro South	Jim Pitts	2nd Monday
Metro West	Bill Grant	2nd Monday*
Northeast GA	David Schreiber	4th Wednesday
Rome	John Kennedy	2nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Jim Utsey	4th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	JoAnne Clark	2nd Wednesday
South GA	Sandra Hughes	3rd Tuesday**
Southwest GA	Alonzo Morman	3rd Thursday
Statesboro	Kay Holland	3rd Wednesday
West GA	Aliree Helton	1st Tuesday

^{*}Meets every other month beginning with even months

^{**}Meets every other month beginning with odd months

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