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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Amy Anderson



Citizens,

We kicked off November by holding our Citizens Annual Meeting on November 9th. It was wonderful to see all of you that were able to attend and to look out into the crowd and see so many new faces at the meeting. We took time to celebrate the successes of our chapters, honor those volunteers who have gone above and beyond this year, discuss successful legacy projects and hear from several people who have been blessed by our charities. If you missed Annual Meeting, then you missed a great opportunity to see the impact our Citizens chapters and our registered charities have all across Georgia. Thank you to the Augusta, Heart of Georgia, Statesboro, Thomson and Vidalia chapters for serving as host chapters and helping to put on an outstanding event.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I can't help but think about everything I'm grateful for in my life. I am extremely thankful to be part of an organization focused on reaching outside of ourselves and impacting those around us. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." In a world where it is all too easy to focus on the negative, I'm proud to be a part of Citizens and the positive impacts we make each month in our communities. I'm thankful that I get to serve alongside some of the best people in this company.

Our chapters are usually extremely busy in the last few months of the year hosting food, toy and clothing drives, serving at local soup kitchens and food pantries, hosting holiday parties for needy families, brightening seniors' days at local nursing homes and blessing their communities in many other ways. Thank you for all you do in these last two months of the year to make the holidays special for those around you and to meet the needs in your community.

I challenge each of you to reach out to your local chapter and see how you can help give back during this time of thanksgiving. Discover the Possibilities with Citizens during this season of giving and get involved!

Amy Anderson





Plant Bowen Chapter

Plant Bowen really outdid themselves with their annual canned food drive this year. This year's



effort, the largest ever, netted over 1,586 pounds of food! Thanks to everyone who donated, shopped, gathered, and weighed all the donations. The donations will be split between Kingston Elementary and Cartersville Primary schools. Congrats to Compliance for bringing in 606 pounds of food, followed by Maintenance with 553 pounds, Fossil Fuel with 271 pounds and System Owners with 156 pounds.



What a huge impact this project made on the communities where our employees live and serve!



SOCKtober was a huge success again this year, thanks to your donations. Chapter volunteers were able to take in 150 pairs of socks to benefit those in need at the homeless shelter. THANK YOU to everyone who brought in or donated to this event!

Plant Bowen CGP and VO.I.C.E. were able to present a check for over \$7,000 to Toys for Tots for the funds raised by the 1st Annual Golf Tournament. The event also brought in 70 new toys! A huge thank you to all who donated and volunteered for this successful event.





Dublin Chapter Brad Duke and a proud group of Citizens volunteers presented a check for \$800 to Johnny Payne Local Director of the Heart of Georgia United Way in Dublin from the Dublin Chapter. Great job Dublin!

General Office Chapter

Last month, PRIDE Power members joined the General Office Chapter to donate pet food and play bingo with PALS (Pets Are Loving Support). PALS provides ongoing care and support to the pets of Atlanta-area persons living with disabilities, and PALS host monthly bingo fundraisers to support its mission.



Carrollton Chapter

The Carrollton chapter presented \$500 to PASS, Partners Advancing Students Success. The PASS advocate at each high school works with students who are at-risk of dropping out of school due to social, financial or family issues. This donation will pay senior fees for four students at Central High School, Carrollton. The donation was made possible by generous giving from the Carrollton chapter members.



Jefferson Street Chapter

The Jefferson Street Chapter has been collecting toiletries throughout the year to assist various charities in the area. As part of the Southern Company Week of Service, chapter volunteers organized them and donated the toiletries to Our House in Atlanta.



General Office Chapter

Chapter members – led by Gena Scott - hosted an early holiday dinner for the residents of the Hope Lodge, a facility that provides short-term lodging for out-of-town cancer patients undergoing treatment in Atlanta.



After a long absence, the Chapter returned to Lutheran Tower for a Halloween party on October 31st. As always, Mary Norris

provided a delicious meal, great prizes and an inspirational message to the residents of the Midtown senior facility!





Savannah Generation Chapter

The Savannah Generation chapter completed its Legacy Project at Family Promise of Effingham. The funding provided a storage building that will



be used to store items donated to the sheltering families. Not only did the chapter provide the building, they also installed insulation, plywood, and a small window air conditioning unit. Family Promise serves homeless families with children by providing them shelter for up to 90 days. While in shelter, Family Promise provides case manage-



ment, parenting classes, financial literacy classes and other resources. They help families out of homelessness and assist them with being independent again. This was a great project and Family Promise will now be able to use the available space to better assist families in need.



Arkwright Award

Much deserved recognition was given to the two Arkwright Award nominees, Angela Gillis and Ann Marie Herrera, at the Citizens Annual Meeting. Their tireless volunteer efforts truly exemplify being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve". Congratulations to the 2019 Arkwright Award winner Ann Marie Herrera.



Citizens Annual Meeting



All year, Citizens chapters across the state have been challenged to "Discover the Possibilities" of serving in their communities. When they came together at Annual Meeting in Macon, it was evident by the numbers and the celebration that they more than accepted the challenge! The weekend began with a dinner honoring out Past State Presidents whose foundation of service and leadership continues to let us grow and thrive. With close to 300 in attendance, chapters were recognized for everything from membership, to best video, and even a first ever best social media award. It's impossible to capture everything but here's a few more highlights:

- Citizens and its three charities have a net worth of over \$2.68 million
- More than 24 Legacy projects have been funded for almost \$200,000
- Over \$58,000 raised for March of Dimes and over \$161,000 for Relay
- 2020 State President is Juan Madrigal, Coastal Area Transmission Maintenance Manager



Congratulations to the Summit Spotlight winner this month – Metro South Chapter.



As part of their 2019 Legacy project, Metro South Citizens of Georgia Power members and their families spent a morning in late October working with HomeAid Atlanta at House of Dawn in Jonesboro assembling and installing a pavilion and landscaping. The Legacy funding from the Georgia Power Foundation allowed HomeAid and Georgia Power volunteers to build an outdoor gathering space for the young women served by House of Dawn. HomeAid is currently building a new facility at House of Dawn, The Second Chance Home, led by Chris Knight of Knight Homes. When complete, it will provide 10 beds for very young homeless mothers, ages 13 – 19, and their children. House of Dawn provides a stable, loving home and life skills programs for expectant and young mothers at risk for homelessness and abuse.

Mamie K. Taylor

2019 Service Awards

Albany	Jay Smith
Athens	Angie Brown
Augusta	Tyler Arrington
Bainbridge	Larry Taylor
Brunswick	Graham White
Carrollton	April Hale
Clayton	Jeremy Spradlin
Columbus	Bryan Richmond
Conyers	Charlie Bleakley
Customer Care Center	Charlotte Fenn
Dublin	Brad Duke
Forest Park	Jason Breen
Gainesville	Drew Stewart
General Office	Kristi Dow
Gwinnett	Australia Edwards
Heart of GA/Macon	Dawn Burgamy
Jefferson Street	Kim Brewer
Metro East	Seth Eaton
Metro South	Tangela Martin
Metro West	Jeff Butterworth
Milledgeville/Branch	Pam Gattie
North Fulton Area	Jennifer Simon
Plant Bowen	Tari Whiteman
Plant Hatch	Gerald Martinez
Plant McDonough	Enola Taylor
Plant Scherer	Chris O'Neal
Plant Wansley	Julie Arp
Plant Yates	Richard Gamble
Rome	Dwayne McGhee
Savannah	Jarred Rankin
Savannah Generation	Donna DeLoach
Statesboro	Randy Mayfield
Tallulah Falls	Barry Brookshire
Thomson	Carla Cole
Tifton	Lynn Lovett
Valdosta	Jessica Ricketson
Vidalia	Greg Hudgins

2019 Target Dates and Deadlines

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions 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

