

# ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Mary Norris



Greetings:

Spring is finally here and it's my favorite season because it's not too hot, nor too cold; like Goldilocks said, it's just right and for me, I just get an extra boost of energy. Now the weather we've had recently might not seem like it, but very soon we will see a renewal as leaves on trees turn green, flowers will begin popping up and the grass will grow even more.

Just as Spring brings forth a renewed energy; our Citizens' chapters spring into action as more membership drives happen and projects that you've not been able to do because of not only the weather, but the pandemic.

It's been one year since COVID changed all our lives, but through all the challenges we faced, we made it! None of us could have imagined we would still be wearing masks and keeping in tune with the social distance—but there's a time and season for everything that happens in our lives. So, like March 2020, our Spring looks a little different because we won't be able to do the normal March of Dimes or the Relay for Life, but hopefully, you are gearing up for some April magic that will allow you to do some earth day projects. It's time to get outside, get some Vitamin C, enjoy yourself, stay safe and lastly, "tell your story". We need your photos and/or video to share and inspire others.

This time of spring renewal is also an opportunity to pop our heads out and see our chapters with fresh eyes. Setbacks in life happen, but it's how we deal with them that sets us apart. Last year, we were thrown a setback with the pandemic; yes, we slowed it down, reevaluated, altered some things and kept it moving. This is what sets us apart; we found resources and creative ways to do it differently and, in some cases, the "new" is even better.

Let's keep that momentum going; glimpsing over the horizon is a rainbow of hope that lets us know we are moving in the right direction, so I encourage you to continue on this journey of serving the needs of others in our communities.

Last year during this time, we didn't know what 365 days would bring, but I've realized even more the importance of life, its beauty, and how blessed I am. Being a Citizen gives us the ability to join together and be a blessing to others in ways that would not be possible by ourselves. During this season of renewal, I am asking if you have not already done so, to renew your membership and commit to work with others on a service project that interest you. I might also add, it's just the platform to expand your leadership skills, where you could work on a special committee or aim higher and become a member of the board. We want and need you. In closing, a big thanks to everyone who's already on board. Let's continue to **Unmask the Opportunities for Services 365 days.**



Mary Norris

## Milledgeville

Milledgeville Chapter secretary Tim Nipper, his wife Becky and his son Connor gave blood as a family this week. This was Connor's first time giving blood and Tim says they plan to make this a regular family event! Tim's mother recently passed due to illness but during her hospital stays she had to be given blood and plasma. Tim says he gave blood before without too much thought, but now it means so much more to him.



Milledgeville chapter has donation boxes set up at the operating headquarters identifying immediate needs for local groups. In February they supported Café Central and Lori's Wildlife Rehab. Miss Ann at Café Central said they always have a need especially for dry and canned milk, canned fruit, and small bags of meal and flour so you can see the chapter's donations got a few family's covered! One very full box of blankets and towels was delivered to local wildlife rehabber Lori Morgan. Lori always has a need for used towels, sheets and blankets as she cares for squirrels, opossums, racoons or any wild animal that's too young or hurt to care for itself.





### Milledgeville and CCC

Janet and Don Martin are members of Milledgeville and Customer Care Center chapters of Citizens. Janet and Don purchased 25 cases of water and delivered them to the Henry County Police Dept to be loaded on a truck headed to help the citizens of Texas. Great job Janet and Don!

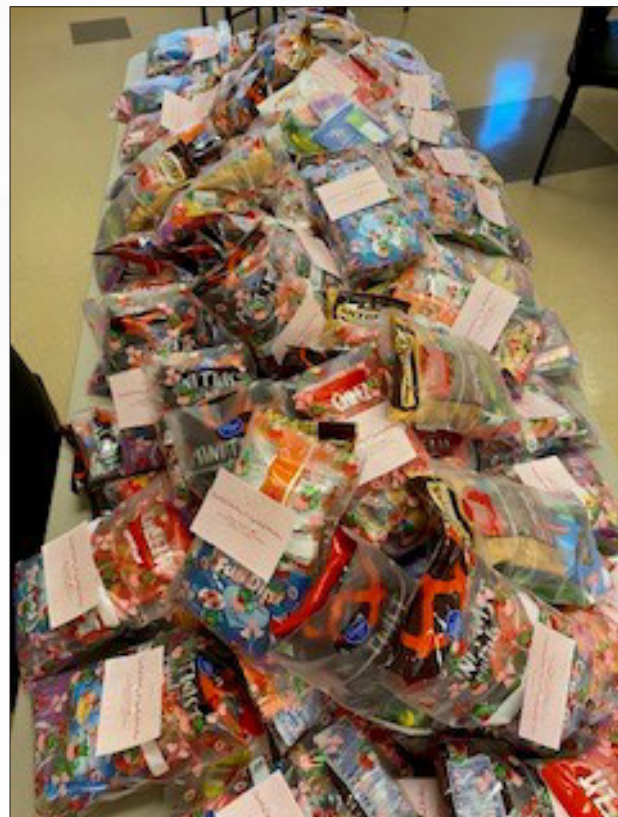


### Athens

Through generous donations of snacks and money, Athens Citizens were able to assemble and deliver 96 goodies bags for essential front-line workers. Cheese Its, Goldfish, Pretzels, Granola Bars, Trail Mix, Cookies, Fun Dip and Smarties were enjoyed by workers at Piedmont and St. Mary's Hospitals. What a great way to thank these workers who continue to serve!

*Essential Workers to Essential Workers*

Celebrating the month of L♥ve  
 Thank you for all of your hard work on the frontline!  
 -Citizens of Georgia Power







### Plant McDonough

This week the Plant McDonough chapter made a donation to Scott Elementary School. Members collected about 60 reusable water bottles for the students to use. Because of COVID-19, the water fountains have been turned off at the school. With the reusable water bottles, the students will stay hydrated and safe. Chapter members and employees also collected breakfast food items for the students.

### Rome

Rome Citizens members turned Arbor Day into a true family affair. Robin Burk's sons, Ryan and Owen, worked hard to plant a redbud tree, while Chris Buckalew's kids, Bryndall and Cayson got their yard ready for spring with a new crepe myrtle.





## Carrollton

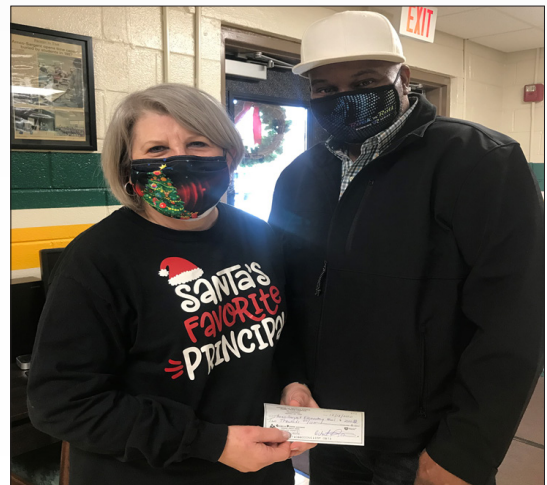
Carrollton Chapter members Steve Williams, Carrly Lovvorn, Joanna Isbell, Aubree Van Winkle, and April Hale took advantage of the late March sunshine and participated in the Great Greenbelt Cleanup 2021. They cleaned up their adopted portion of the greenbelt and their efforts made sure 7 bags of trash went where it should go!!



## Plant Yates

In spite of everything that was thrown at them last year, Plant Yates Citizens members didn't miss a beat! They continued to find new and innovative ways to be *A Citizen Wherever You Serve*. Check out some of their efforts.

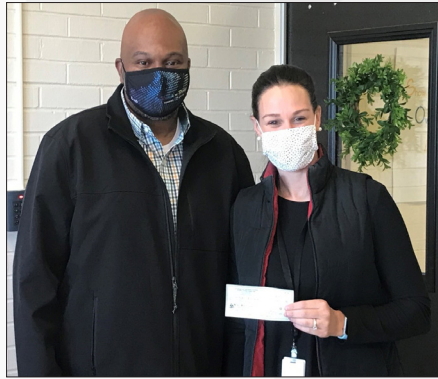
Chapter President Troy Owens proudly presented Arco Sargent Elementary School Principal Vicki L. Vaughn with a \$2,000 donation for school projects.



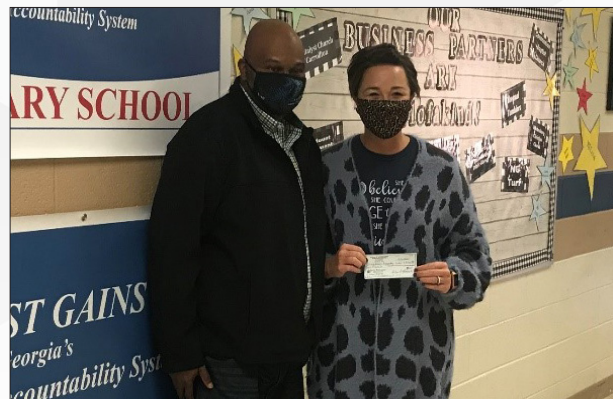


**Plant Yates *continued***

Western Elementary School Principal Cheryl McChargue was excited to accept a \$2,000 donation from Yates Chapter President Troy Owens. With this donation, the staff was able to host a Day of Magic for the students focused around science experiments and a math themed carnival.



The generosity of Plant Yates Citizens members allowed Chapter President Troy Owens to present Whitesburg Elementary Principal Lindsey Long with a \$2,000 donation for school projects.



Citizens Chapter Vice President Lenny Huling proudly represented the chapter as he presented a \$2,000 donation to Whitesburg CARE Officers and Staff Patricia Whatley, Shirley Robinson and Lucy Gamble.

Plant Yates Citizens chapter has been a long-time supporter of the Whitesburg Area Christian Ministries Food Bank. Advisory Board Member and Past President Rev. Darryl Hessel proudly presented Chapter Treasurer Richard Gamble and Chapter President Troy Owens an appreciation plaque for their many years of support including their 2020 donation of \$2,000.



## 2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
<b>July 9</b>	Summer State Board Meeting
<b>August 12</b>	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
<b>September 9</b>	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
<b>September 23</b>	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
<b>October 6-7</b>	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
<b>October 7</b>	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
<b>October 7</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
<b>November 12-13</b>	State Board Meeting – TBA
<b>November 13-14</b>	Annual Meeting – TBA
<b>December 9</b>	2022-chapter officer information DUE
<b>December 9</b>	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
<b>December 16</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 16</b>	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
<b>December 31</b>	All 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack