

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2021 State Board

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State President's Message

Mary Norris

Greetings Citizens!



I don't know about you, but as I've gotten older, it just seems the years go by so much faster than they once did. Can you believe we only have two months left in the year and what an exciting, but productive year it's been? I know I might also sound repetitious, but we're continuing to live up to our theme of being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve" during a time of challenges and restrictions & during a period of the unknown. We have acquired over 36,000 service hours and have close to 3,000 members onboard to serve our communities. It would have been so easy to just "stop" everything once the pandemic hit nineteen months ago, but it motivated many of you to meet the challenge head-on and as a result, you found other ways to get the job done.

Our legacy committee has approved twelve projects this year and one of the things that I've noticed besides the lasting impression that will be left with the service organizations is the way several chapters have joined together to make it happen. We all know TEAMS make the dreamwork and as Citizens, you do such a fantastic job when it's shown that joining together works better in completing a project. Also, just a quick note, there's money still available to do a Legacy Project.

Now, with everything that's been accomplished this year, it's time to celebrate. I know we won't be able to have our "casino night", nor get all the "hugs", nor a chance at some wonderful gifts, but we've still got next year to "HOPE". So yes, we are getting ready to do something new! You might ask, what's this all about and then you might just say, we've been doing "new" for the last 10 months and of course, you would be right.

Well, the invitations have been sent for the five regional celebratory meetings and we've all got some achievements we can share, plus you'll see some of your fellow Citizens that you probably have not seen in a while! What's new is each chapter will have the opportunity to highlight just what it wants to showcase. You know what you've done better than anyone else, so you get the opportunity to be that "shining star". As was mentioned earlier, we will also recognize the Mary Elizabeth Smith and Mamie K. Taylor winners along with remarks from our regional leadership, so we hope you'll join us virtually.

During these last months, I'd like to encourage you to finish the year strong by remembering those less fortunate and let's continue to find ways to get involved in our communities. Having a mask on has not deterred us in doing what's needed in our communities; in fact, I would say it's even made many more determined and we've found many times, doing things differently reaped even more of a reward in the end. Thank you for everything you are doing to change lives in a positive and blessed way.



Mary Norris

Carrollton and Plant Yates

Carrollton and Plant Yates Citizens Chapters partnered together to staff an Aid Station/Relay Exchange Station for the Carrollton Half Marathon, which had over 400 participants. The Carrollton Half Marathon raises funds for the Community Foundation of West Georgia, which goes back to the Carrollton Greenbelt upkeep and special projects. Carrollton also had a member that ran the half marathon!



Dublin

The Dublin Citizens of Georgia Power chapter hosted a bike reveal on October 8th in Dublin and October 9th in Cochran for Michael Mincey and Jesse Ledbetter with specially designed bikes fitted for them. Each bike has a specially made seat and comes with a front wheel, two wheels in the back, a bell, and racing flags. The chapter worked with Beth Bryan, Wellspring Wellness Center, to locate the children that would benefit from having the bikes. Volunteers got together the week before the reveal and assembled the bikes. This project was a great way for Dublin Citizens to give back to their community.



General Office

Members of the General Office Chapter joined other Southern Company employees for the annual Heart Walk at The Battery Atlanta on Saturday, October 2. Not only did chapter members have the chance to see each other again in person, but they also got the opportunity to see Murphy, the company therapy dog!



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens members continue to expand the learning horizons for the students at Hubbard Elementary. The school wanted a wooden base for their gazebo with a handicap ramp to be placed in their nature viewing area. The covered gazebo will serve as outdoor classrooms for STEM activities including demonstrations, experiments, and literacy/STEM activities. Additional opportunities will provide viewing area for special needs children housed only at Hubbard Elementary School. This project was made possible through the Georgia Power Foundation Legacy project donation. Special thanks to Griffins Lumber who donated the entire first lumber order!



Jefferson Street

Jefferson Street Citizens partnered with City of Refuge to supply 75 fully loaded adult back packs for their job training classes on campus. The Workforce Innovation Hub, inside the City of Refuge property, prepares unemployed and underemployed individuals to find meaningful employment. It was an amazing experience to supply these needs for the Atlanta working community. We thank everyone who donated and volunteered for this remarkable cause to provide individuals and families on an uninterrupted journey to self-sufficiency.



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 2 | Virtual State Board Meeting |
| November 9, 10, 16, 17 | Citizens Virtual Celebrations |
| 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 |