

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Citizens of Georgia Power,

As I write this, we have just finished a "Hybrid" Leadership Summit – with a mix of in person and virtual attendees with respect for health and safety guidelines. It was wonderful to have over 100 in attendance including Chapter Leaders!! We were having so much fun, Felecia Watts brought Murphy, GPC Wellbeing dog, to join in! The information shared included a strong focus on tools and resources available to help all Citizens members be successful in the coming year.

It is encouraging that we are experiencing strong growth, with many moving into leadership roles for the first time. The focus for the Summit was to "re-engage" and move forward with renewed relationships and energy. I walked away feeling encouraged and amazed by the talent of the individuals who choose to serve. It is truly humbling to be working along-side these extraordinarily caring individuals who are so willing to give of themselves for the benefit of others!

Post-leadership summit, additional workshops are planned for new leaders and those that need more information. The workshops include social media and Treasurer's Training and possibly others. The Social Media workshop is set for March 1 and more details will follow on the other workshops.

February brings to mind two words – heart and love. Citizen's members share their hearts and demonstrate love in action when they work on many projects across our beautiful state. That love was demonstrated last month with all the MLK Day of Service projects – many of which were featured in the January Energizer. Huge thanks to all who participated!

It is the time of year when Citizens chapters are hosting membership drives across the state. We do have many perpetual members who have found reward in being involved with Citizens and we very much value and appreciate each of you! If you are not involved with Citizens, now is a perfect time to find out what Citizens is all about by attending a membership event. We say this often, but Citizens really is an opportunity to work on something you are personally passionate about for the betterment of your community and the people in that community.

Francis of Assisi is credited with the following quote: "For it is in giving that we receive." Citizen's members get to experience this, which is why we choose to serve. Looking forward to continually finding ways to demonstrate: The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere.

Betsy Tillman



Customer Care Center

Even with working remotely, Customer Care Center Citizens members found several ways to support their communities to honor Dr. King. Chapter members donated grocery gift cards for food to People Help Exchange in Locust Grove, donated new or gently used coats and luggage to be delivered to United Methodist Church in Henry County for the homeless, took advantage of Amazon Smile with all their Amazon purchases and finally donated food to Helping in His Name Food Pantry. Way to step up CCC!

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 National Day of Service @ Helping In His Name Food Pantry.
 MLK Day 2022. Thanks Barbara Tatum 😊!



Gwinnett

On February 14th, Citizens of Georgia Power - Gwinnett Chapter made a surprise trip to Gwinnett Fire Station #15 and provided cookies, cupcakes, and balloons to honor their local firemen for all that they do to serve the community. Great recognition for these awesome first responders!



To honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gwinnett Citizens members donated books to Gwinnett County Schools, A Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club, and Little Free Library program at G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds Environmental and Heritage Center. Their efforts netted 55 books for these great organizations!

Keeping the Dream Alive!

In Honor & Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Join the Citizens of Georgia Power - Gwinnett Chapter in Keeping his Dream Alive!

2022 MLK Virtual Book Donation

Total of 55 Books on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were purchased and donated to the following:

Gwinnett County Public Schools Attn: Media Services 437 Old Peachtree Road Suwanee, GA 30024 678-301-6432	A Worley Brown Boys & Girls Club Attn: Giovanni Sturgis 5360 Old Norcross Road Norcross, GA 30071 678-421-9894	"Little Free Library" Community Program G.R.E.A.T Little Minds Environmental & Heritage Center Attn: Jason West 2000 Clean Water Dr. NE Buford, GA 30519
18 Books Donated	20 Books Donated	17 Books Donated

The Citizens of Georgia Power - Gwinnett Chapter would like to express our appreciate to each of you for your book donations this year!

Heart of Georgia

Who doesn't like a warm hug?? Heart of Georgia Citizens members provided plenty of warm hugs to the residents at Archway Transitional Center in Macon. Members provided 60 blankets that will warm the residents all winter long!



Clayton

During the recent winter Storm Izzy, Clayton Chapter members, Brent Edwards and Jeremy Spradlin delivered extra meals to FAITH, Fighting Abuse In The Home and the Northeast Georgia Food Bank. So happy these two organizations could put our extras to great use!



General Office

Education Coordinator and General Office Chapter member Emily Matthews coordinated a great Arbor Day project with some students, parents, and grandparents at Garden Hills Elementary. The Guitar family planted 25 tree seedlings they received from the GPC Arbor Day seedling giveaway!! Little known fact: Ice cream is a requirement after tree planting!!! Great project Emily, General Office, and GreenKeepers!





DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/9/2022	Virtual State Board Meeting
2/24/2022	Virtual Leadership Summit
3/18/2021	State Office will verify service hours and financials
3/23/2022	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed
6/15/2022	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/14/2022	Summer State Board Meeting
8/12/2022	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/9/2022	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
9/23/2021	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
10/6-7/2022	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
10/7/2022	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
10/7/2022	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
11/10-11/2022	State Board Meeting – TBA
11/12-13/2022	Annual Meeting – TBA
12/9/2022	2023-chapter officer information DUE
12/16/2022	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2022	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/30/2022	All 2022 Service Hours entered into uBack