

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Amy Anderson

Citizens of Georgia Power,



As I sit down to write this month's article I realize that it is the first day of spring. I don't know about where you live, but here it has felt and looked like spring for a while now. The azaleas are blooming and my normally gray car has turned lime green from all of the pollen in the air. Spring brings to mind new growth and nature becoming alive again. This time of year always makes me want to get outside and go for a long walk or drive. There is a song by Rodney Adkins that always comes to mind where the lyrics state "Makes me wanna take a back road, makes me wanna take the long way home; put a little gravel in my travel; unwind, unravel all night long." I always find that I do my best thinking and relaxing when I take the time to get off the beaten path and enjoy a little bit of nature. I encourage you to do the same. Spring is a busy time of year for most Citizens chapters and most of you are planning Earth Day events for next month. Dust the pollen off your boots and car. Go for a hike or a drive off the beaten path and let it remind you of why Earth Day is so important. Let it inspire you to plan a great environmental project to ensure future generations can do the same.

Relay for Life and March of Dimes events are also kicking off across the state. For many of us, these organizations and causes are important because of those we know and love that have been touched by these diseases and challenges. In the past, we have put a great deal of emphasis on fundraising for these causes. While the fundraising is important, I encourage you to make this year's event a family night. Focus on spending time with your coworkers to honor, remember, and celebrate those people important to you. We've walked many miles for both of these causes and each one of those miles stand for people in our lives. We want to honor them at Annual Meeting this year with a video. Take team selfies on the track. Grab quick videos of your team members and ask them "Why do you Relay? or "Why is March of Dimes important to you?" Tell us your stories.

We have a new addition to the Energizer this month. We have added our "Summit Spotlight" award that will be given away each month this year to recognize a chapter for outstanding work. The winning chapter will receive \$100. This month's winner was recognized because of a great community partnership project. As you plan projects this year, remember that many hands make light work. Utilize the connections you have in your community to invite other organizations to join your projects. Or partner with another chapter to accomplish greater things.

Thank you to all of you who choose to serve and make your communities better places to live and work. If you are not currently a member of Citizens, I encourage you to take the leap and get involved! Start **Discovering the Possibilities** with Citizens this year.

Amy Anderson

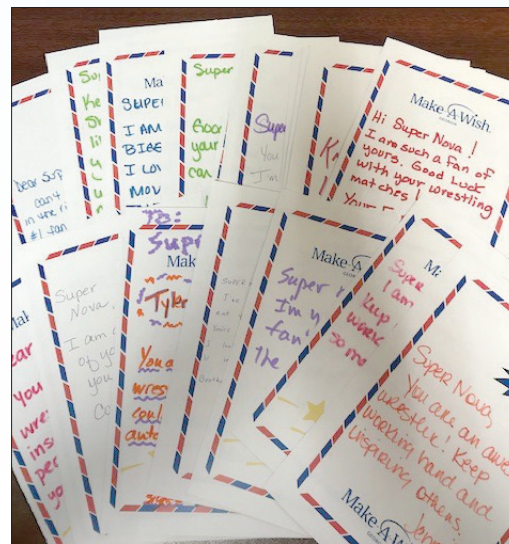


## Augusta Chapter

The Augusta chapter recently presented a \$5000 Legacy Project check to the Columbia County School District. The chapter will assist with the extension of the Euchee Creek Elementary School's nature trail and installation of a weather station to support the district's STEM Education Program. All the work will be done in conjunction with Earth Day.



The Augusta chapter held their Annual Membership Drive breakfast. Thanks to all who volunteered to make the morning a great success..



## General Office Chapter

Make-A-Wish Georgia visited the General Office Chapter with a video about "Super Nova," a wish kid whose dream of becoming a professional wrestler recently came true. After the presentation, members wrote "fan mail" to the young wrestler, as well as, thank you notes to Make-A-Wish supporters.

## Metro East Chapter

The Metro East chapter distributed trees to the community in Decatur in support of Arbor Day.



## Brunswick Chapter

The Brunswick Chapter, in cooperation with GPC forestry, had members attend the Woodbine Tree care Seminar and hand out seedling trees to attendees for Arbor Day.



## Augusta and Thomson Chapters

The Augusta and Thomson Chapters of Citizens participated in the American Heart Association's CSRA Heart Walk, joining a crowd of over 4,000 people raising awareness for heart disease and stroke victims. Between the two chapters, 14 volunteers participated in the event. Leading up to the Heart Walk, they worked with the Director of Development for the American Heart Association to raise funds for future lifesaving research and education. They set their company goal at \$3,000 and surpassed that by raising \$3,317.06 through T-shirts & cups sales and social media exposure! The chapters thank everyone for their support, as it was a very rewarding experience for all involved. They look forward to building onto our success with this event in 2020!





### CCC Chapter

The Customer Care Center chapter hosted a Lunch for Lunch event sponsoring Operation Lunch Box. Sixty-one volunteers participated and prepared 585 lunches. Thanks to Tristen Alexander, Tyisha Johnson and Shaun Wilson for spearheading this event.



### Jefferson Street Chapter

Jefferson Street held their annual lunch for lunch event. Members used their lunch breaks and prepared 610 lunches. The lunches were donated to Crossroads Ministries to provide to those in need.



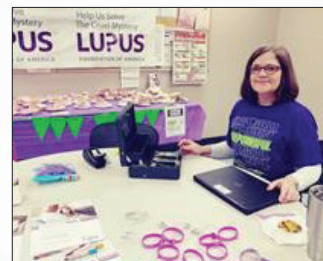
## Bainbridge Office

The Bainbridge Citizens have been participating in STEM initiatives through their local school systems. If your chapter would like more information on STEM projects in your area, check out [<this link>](#) for more information



## Jefferson Street Chapter

The Jefferson Street Chapter held a bake sale to fundraise for the Lupus Foundation. The chapter raised a total of \$614.64.



## Thomson Chapter

The Thomson CGP chapter hosted their annual membership drive breakfast at the Thomson HQ. Twenty-four employees enjoyed a great hot breakfast consisting of sausage, bacon, eggs, grits, biscuits, fruit, and muffins. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and were encouraged to join the chapter to continue the fantastic projects that are performed in our community.





## “Summit Spotlight” – Savannah United Way

The Summit Spotlight is a new award that will be given away each month in the Energizer. We will be nominating chapters based on projects submitted to the energizer or shared in social media that are examples of the outstanding work you all do each month. The winner is voted on by our State Officers.

This month's winner is the Savannah Chapter. The Savannah chapter joined forces with the United Way of Coastal Empire, Gulfstream and Savannah Parks and Recreation for a “Team Up, Clean Up” event to help “spruce up” Kennedy Park in Savannah. Projects included replacing mulch around the playground equipment, painting benches and clearing debris. Local television station WTOC TV covered the event also. Check out the video below.



[<See the video>](#)

## 2019 Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Relay for Life and Leukemia Society Golf Tournament	Athens	Mon., April 8	Angie Brown <a href="mailto:ackinley@gmail.com">ackinley@gmail.com</a>
Tallulah Falls Sporting Clays	Tallulah Falls	Sat., April 13	Rhonda Brookshire <a href="mailto:rbrookshire01@gmail.com">rbrookshire01@gmail.com</a>
"Cast for a Cause" Bass Fishing Tournament	Columbus	Sat., April 13	Amy Evans <a href="mailto:adevans@southernco.com">adevans@southernco.com</a>
Savannah Generation MOD Golf Tournament	Savannah Generation	Fri., April 19	Lonnie Shaw <a href="mailto:loshaw@southernco.com">loshaw@southernco.com</a>
Augusta Softball Tournament	Augusta	Sat., April 20	Tyler Arrington <a href="mailto:tarringt@southernco.com">tarringt@southernco.com</a>
Lightning Dash 5K Run/Walk	Carrollton	Sat., April 27	Joanna Isbell <a href="mailto:jkisbell@southernco.com">jkisbell@southernco.com</a>
PowerClays	Metro South	Fri., May 3	Matt Goff <a href="mailto:dmgoff@southernco.com">dmgoff@southernco.com</a>
GoodBoats: Dragon Boat Race	Augusta	Sat., May 4	Tyler Arrington <a href="mailto:tarringt@southernco.com">tarringt@southernco.com</a>
Plant McDonough Clay Shoot	Plant McDonough	Fri., May 17	Tim Van Hagen <a href="mailto:tvanhage@southernco.com">tvanhage@southernco.com</a>
Plant Wansley MOD Golf	Plant Wansley	Fri., May 31	Sabrina Grimsley <a href="mailto:sgrimsle@southernco.com">sgrimsle@southernco.com</a>
Plant Bowen Relay for Life Golf Tournament	Plant Bowen	Tues., June 14	Tari Whiteman <a href="mailto:tnreyonl@southernco.com">tnreyonl@southernco.com</a>
Bowling for Scholars - Fundraiser Bowlathon	Metro West	Sat. August 10	Lisa Santos <a href="mailto:lsantos@southernco.com">lsantos@southernco.com</a>
Plant Bowen Relay for Clay Shoot	Plant Bowen	Fri., Sept. 13	Tari Whiteman <a href="mailto:tnreyonl@southernco.com">tnreyonl@southernco.com</a>
Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton, Metro West, and Gainesville	Mon., Sept.16	Charles Henley <a href="mailto:cwhenley@southernco.com">cwhenley@southernco.com</a>
5th Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic	Valdosta	Thur., Sept. 26	Dana Fender <a href="mailto:djfender@southernco.com">djfender@southernco.com</a>
Augusta Kickball Tournament	Augusta	Sat., October 5	Tyler Arrington <a href="mailto:tarringt@southernco.com">tarringt@southernco.com</a>
Jefferson Street Citizens 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Wed., October 9	Kimberly Allen <a href="mailto:kkstare@southernco.com">kkstare@southernco.com</a>
Customer Care Center 19th Annual Golf Tournament	Customer Care Center	Fri., October 25	Don Martin <a href="mailto:dvmartin@southernco.com">dvmartin@southernco.com</a>
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Fri., November 15	Jeremy Spradlin <a href="mailto:jlspradl@southernco.com">jlspradl@southernco.com</a>

## 2019 Target Dates and Deadlines



<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>July 12</b>	Summer State Board Meeting
<b>August 9</b>	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
<b>September 5</b>	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
<b>September 5</b>	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form
<b>September 20</b>	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
<b>October 2-4</b>	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2020
<b>October 2</b>	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due
<b>October 2</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office
<b>November 8</b>	State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
<b>November 9</b>	Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center, Macon GA
<b>December 3</b>	2020-chapter officer information due
<b>December 6</b>	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
<b>December 13</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 13</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 2019 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple