

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2021 State Board

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State President's Message

Mary Norris

Greetings,

As I thought about what I would say to you, the first thing that came to mind was to thank you for allowing me to serve as your President; secondly, I would like to thank you for the awesome job you did last year in serving the needs of so many and I feel so blessed to work for a company that continues to give us the ability to be an anchor for so many communities in the state of Georgia.



I'm sure you would agree with me in saying 2020 was a year of "firsts" for all of us, but through it all, "We Made It" and we are still going strong.

As we look back at the numbers from last year, we ended with 25,736 service hours which came out to be \$690,228 and 3,519 members. This is quite an accomplishment considering it was done during the COVID 19 period which put many obstacles in place; however, it just shows the strength and passion you had because you found some very creative ways to make it happen.

This was the reason why I chose the theme **"Unmask the Opportunities for Service: 365 Days"**. We've been in this pandemic for almost a year now, and we don't really know when the masks will come off, but the needs of our community still need to be met; maybe even more so now and it's up to us to continue to find ways to serve and stay safe. I've seen chapters sharing their ideas as they've worked projects differently to get a job done; let's continue to do even more of that. Wearing the masks and having to be socially distanced has taught us the way we did it before just isn't going to work, but it's also opened up our eyes to new avenues we never imagined.

This is the 60th year of Citizens and for some of you, you might have been just cruising with your projects and your membership but let's let 2021 be the year that we re-focus, re-evaluate and reset our priorities. Last year, we got a kick-start and I encourage you to keep that momentum going.

It's a new year and as we set goals for our personal life, let's make a commitment to do it with our individual chapters. You might say, BUT; don't let that word deter you from doing some things you've always thought about doing, but never did. This is the perfect opportunity to try it---if it fails, don't give up and if it works, FANTASTIC!

I look forward to "UnMasking those opportunities with you this year and once those masks come off, we will celebrate and rejoice together!!

Mary Norris

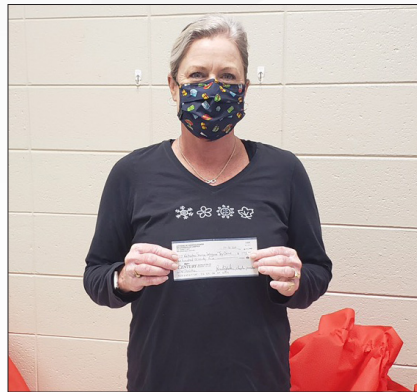
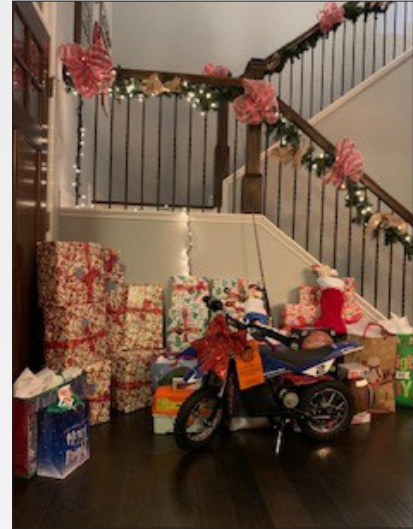


Athens

Even COVID and social distancing couldn't stop Athens Citizens members from brighten the Christmas for several groups. Using chapter funds and generous member donations, they were able to provide Christmas for four moms and thirteen children through Project Safe in Athens and The Lions Club in Jefferson.

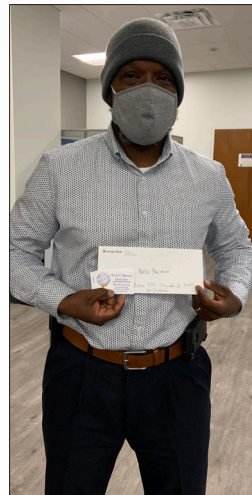
A donation of \$2,500 went to The Sparrows Nest to assist them in serving the homeless community in Athens. The chapter also made some food

and necessity donations to the City of Hope to assist in their mission of serving the homeless and less fortunate families in Athens. Athens Citizens had an outstanding Christmas and season of giving with help from their members and donations from their Golf Tournament that was cancelled. Many golf sponsors and participants were gracious and allowed the chapter to keep those funds to share with others.



Milledgeville

Milledgeville Citizens members spread holiday joy across middle Georgia. The chapter made donations to Meals on Wheels, Café Central Soup Kitchen, Eatonton City FD for Fireman Santa, B.A.S.I.C. Ministries, Church Central 'Shoe Box' Donation, River of Life and Eatonton Service League. The pastor at B.A.S.I.C. Ministries in McIntyre wrote *"We added 7 more kids to the Christmas wish list this morning. Thanks to the support of people like you guys, we are well able to fulfill these requests. Thank you all again and I pray God's favor continues to fall on your lives."*



Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen CGP chapter adopted five kids from DFACS for Silent Santa. Chapter members Angie Barnette, Ellen Floyd, and Jonathan Blair proudly presented the Christmas loot to LeeAnn Henson with DFACS.



Tifton

As you can see from the pictures, nothing was going to stop Tifton Citizens from making sure that kids in their area had a great Christmas through their longstanding support of Toys for Tots and Suitcases for Kids!! Amazing people willing to share their blessings. Great job Tifton!



Savannah

The Savannah Citizens Chapter supported PACK Savannah with their holiday food drive. PACK Savannah is an organization that helps provide children in the Savannah area with food to take home on the weekends when they do not have access to school lunches. They were able to donate approximately 150 bulk packages of food items thanks to several donations and used some chapter funds to purchase several additional bulk food packages to donate. While they were loading the food in their cars, a person driving through the Sam's parking stopped and asked what the food was for. After explaining the situation, he then handed them \$50 to purchase more food. What an awesome act of kindness from someone who had nothing to do with Citizens or Georgia Power. What a welcome reminder of how nice it is when the community comes together to support those in need!



Martin Luther King Day activities

Even though in person group volunteer efforts were suspended, that didn't stop some people from finding ways to serve individually and virtually to honor Dr. King and his legacy. Check out our folks across the state who chose to make a difference.

Carrollton

Chapter President Carry Lovvorn and her daughters Chloe and Landon donated goods to the food pantry at Bowden Elementary. Carry said the kids were able to help her stock the shelves while learning the meaning of giving back and serving others. Not a bad lesson to teach!!



Carrollton Area Manager and Citizens member Nick Martin and his kids delivered food and water to the THS Emergency Shelter.



Chapter member Joyce Price and her son James shopped and took food and water to THS Emergency Shelter.

Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen CGP members Jonathan Blair and Angie Barnette arrived at the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter in Cartersville on MLK Day with donations from employees for their coat and umbrella drive. Donations included \$125 in cash, 30 umbrellas, and 50 jackets and coats. Nice job Plant Bowen!



Savannah

President Jimmy Brown shared the chapter's efforts with an exciting MLK Day of giving back to those on the front-line battling COVID-19 daily. On King Day, Savannah Citizens of Georgia Power and Chicken Salad Chick teamed up to feed all three of the COVID Units at Memorial Medical Hospital, over 55 nurses and doctors! What a great way to show appreciation to all those that work so diligently to take care of those patients battling this virus. They are the light for a brighter day!



General Office

General Office Chapter members participated in several virtual projects for MLK Day 2021. Erika Yeager Fly and Wes Singletary picked up trash in their neighborhoods, Chris Newton wrote letters and sent a gift package to the staff at the A.R. Rhodes Assisted Living facility, Chris also bought items to support a local Food Pantry, and Helen Shuford's family purchased, assembled, and delivered snack bags to support the Westside Future Fund's Meal Pack Program.



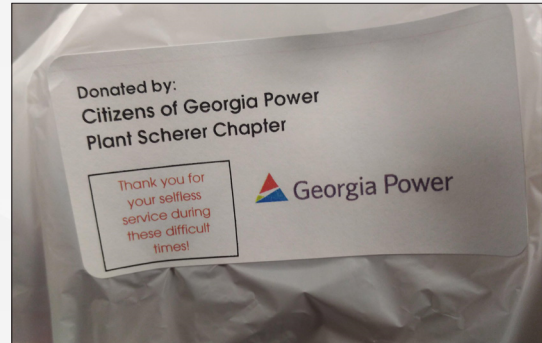
Plant Wansley

Plant Wansley Citizens Chapter President Sabrina Grimsley had plenty of help when she was stocking the Little Free Pantries in Carrollton!!



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer and their Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter provided 90 hot breakfast meals from Cracker Barrel to the DePaul Daybreak Center for the homeless in Macon. A hot breakfast and some fresh juice brighten the day for a lot of folks. Citizens members also packed and delivered 85 snack bags for the Monroe County Hospital staff. Due to the increase in Covid cases in the area, the workers needed something to grab and go. A variety of healthy snacks and a few less healthy options were a great way to say thanks! Both events were a part of being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve" on MLK Jr. Day, a day on, not a day off.



Metro West

Metro West chapter member and Past State President Krista Pierce found a way to brighten the day of residents at A.G. Rhodes Nursing Home. Using an app, she "painted" several pictures that will certainly brighten the halls and rooms at the facility.



Rome

This year, the Citizens of Georgia Power Rome chapter joined forces with the Community Foundation for Greater Rome, and the Rome Floyd Chamber of Commerce and partnered with several corporate sponsors to have approximately 500 meals delivered to local healthcare facilities from local restaurants on MLK Day. What an awesome way to show appreciation to the frontline healthcare workers in Rome and Floyd County who are working to fight the COVID19 pandemic.

THANK YOU TO OUR HEROES.

#Rome Floyd Heroes



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - Martin Luther King, Jr.



2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
February 5	Virtual State Board Meeting
February ?	Virtual Leadership Summit
March 18	State Office will verify service hours and financials in uBack to process first chapter incentive check of \$300
March 23	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed
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 12-13	State Board Meeting – TBA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – TBA
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