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ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Amy Anderson



Citizens,

It's summer in South Georgia and it is hot! I'm not sure how it is across the rest of the state, but it is sweltering down here. Typically, in the hotter months we see our Citizens activities slow some due to everyone taking vacations and working summer thunderstorms. But many of you are getting creative and finding ways to help the community and still enjoy the air conditioning. Many of you have called on the generous nature of our members to fill backpacks with supplies for the upcoming school year. One chapter has packed lunches to feed children while they are out for the summer. Another chapter is planning a bowling fundraiser to beat the heat. What great ways to stay engaged throughout the summer!

Your state board held our summer meeting this month. One of the items we handle each July is approving new education loan applicants to the Educational Loan Fund, Inc (ELF). ELF is one of the three 501 c (3) charities that is operated by the Citizens of Georgia Power. The board approved 23 loans for the 2019-2020 school year totaling \$43,500. ELF provides interest free tuition loans for the college age dependents of Citizens of Georgia Power members. Currently, you must be a Citizens member and pay ELF dues for the 3 consecutive years prior to applying for the loan. Students may borrow up to \$2,000 a year for a max of \$8,000 and the funds can be used for tuition and expenses at accredited colleges and vocational schools. The state board had a healthy discussion about the ELF dues and bylaws with a goal of meeting even more needs for these students across the state. Look for changes coming that we will vote on at our annual meeting in November.

We have encouraged you this year to try new things and make changes to your chapters that help benefit your members. Your state board has taken the same charge. For the last few years we have been taking a critical eye to our organization and trying to find ways to improve. This year has been no different. The state board is continuing to work on ideas and changes to advance Citizens across the state.

Annual Meeting is right around the corner so be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9th and make plans to attend this year's meeting. We are working to put together a great meeting that will celebrate all your hard work this year. You don't want to miss it! I challenge each chapter to bring one person this year to annual meeting that has never attended before. It is a great way to Discover the Possibilities of Citizens and get others excited about our organization. I look forward to seeing you all then. Until November, keep up your great work in the community and keep your eyes open for paths that may lead to new destinations in service.

Amy Anderson



Plant Bowen Chapter

In just a few hours, Plant Bowen employees raised over \$600 to support the Citizens school supply drive. This money allowed the chapter to purchase a ton of school supplies for Taylorsville and Euharlee Elementary Schools. Great job Plant Bowen!



Plant Bowen does everything big and their Relay for Life Golf Tournament was no exception! This annual event brought 120 golfers together who helped raise over \$14,346 for the American Cancer Society.

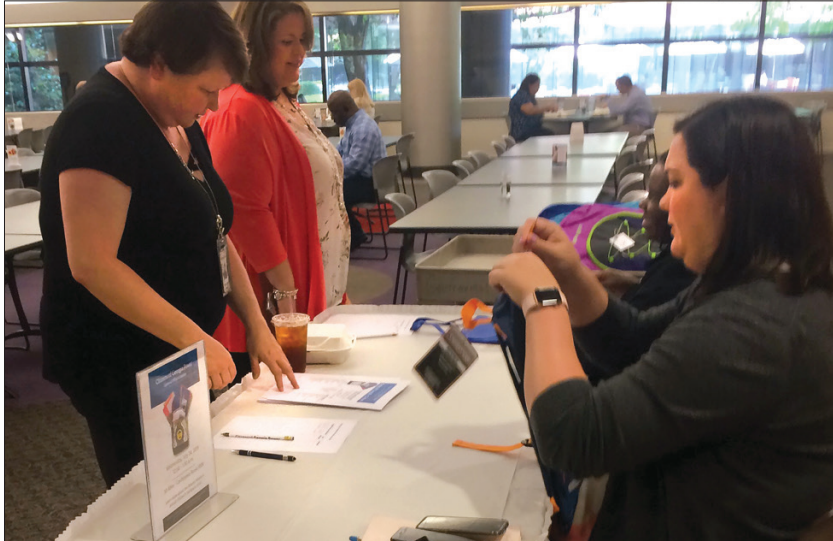


General Office Chapter

The General Office Chapter hosted a Mexican fiesta-themed dinner for the residents of the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Decatur. The following week, the Hope Lodge staff participated in the monthly chapter meeting, and members wrote letters of encouragement to the out-of-town patients undergoing medical treatment in Atlanta.



The new school year is just around the corner, and members of the General Office Chapter checked out backpacks in early July to return filled with school supplies for the children of the Atlanta Mission. This annual project is one of the Chapter's most popular and successful projects!



Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC had a great turn out on Saturday June 29 at A Friends House. The volunteers cooked breakfast and provided



the remaining meals for the day. Chapter members say this is always a rewarding experience and a chance to help their community. The staff and teens were grateful to see them all!



Columbus Chapter

Columbus Citizens members proudly presented a \$6,000 check to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. This generous donation came from the proceeds from their Cast for a Cause Fishing Tournament. The tournament was founded to celebrate the memory of Maddie Richmond, daughter of Transmission Lineman Bryan Richmond, and her inspirational fight against this horrible disease. The chapter would like to thank everyone who support this great event.





Gainesville Chapter

The Gainesville chapter of CGP made over 50 lunches for children in Gainesville at risk of not having a meal. The chapter gave away every sack lunch they made and have raised their goal to 100 lunches for their next effort. The program is administered through Action Ministries and the Gainesville Citizens have helped them for the past two years.



Carrollton Chapter

Chapter member Joyce Price enlisted her son James Price and one of his friends to clean the chapter's portion of the Greenbelt. The trio collected three large bags of trash. Great job engaging the next generation!





North Fulton Chapter

North Fulton Citizens Legacy project was held at Alexander Academy, a very small fully accredited non-profit school that serves 18 to 25 students per year with learning differences and special needs. Chapter volunteers painted classrooms and provided technology needs for their upcoming school year. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out for this great charity!



Plant McDonough Chapter

Chapter members Josh Brooks, Plant Manager and member Eric Johnson, and State Board member Enola Taylor were proud to represent the Plant McDonough chapter in presenting a check for over \$28,477 from their sporting clays tournament to Shriners' Children's Hospital. Great job Plant McDonough!



Congratulations to the Summit Spotlight winner this month – Metro West Chapter.

Metro West Citizens, along with Metro West Ambassadors and the crowd at the Environmental Lab, held their annual backpack and school supply drive supporting Give A Kid A Chance, Inc in Cherokee County. The stats are impressive, 76 supply filled backpacks, gift cards and monetary donations to buy supplies along with an additional 78 empty backpacks. All were delivered to a grateful charity who will distribute them at their 14th annual Back to School Blast.



2019 Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Tallulah Falls Citizens Charity Golf Tournament	Tallulah Falls	Tues., August 6	Raymond Franklin rdfrankl@southernco.com
Bowling for Scholars - Fundraiser Bowlathon	Metro West	Sat., August 10	Lisa Santos llsantos@southernco.com
American Heart Association Golf Tournament	Jefferson Street and Gwinnett	Mon., August 12	Kim Allen kkstarre@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Relay for Life Clay Shoot	Plant Bowen	Fri., September 13	Tari Whiteman tnreynol@southernco.com
Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton and Gainesville	Mon., September 16	Charles Henley cwhenley@southernco.com
5th Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic	Valdosta	Thur., September 26	Dana Fender djfender@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Toys for Tots Golf Tournament	Plant Bowen	Fri., October 4	Tari Whiteman tnreynol@southernco.com
Jefferson Street Citizens 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Wed., October 9	Kimberly Allen kkstarre@southernco.com
Customer Care Center 19th Annual Golf Tournament	Customer Care Center	Fri., October 25	Don Martin dvmartin@southernco.com
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Fri., November 1	Jeremy Spradlin jlspradl@southernco.com
Plant McDonough Golf Tournament	Plant McDonough	Fri., November 1	Tim Van Hagen tvanhage@southernco.com

2019 Target Dates and Deadlines

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

