

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Citizens of Georgia Power,

Spring is one of my very favorite times of year for many reasons: the beauty of nature with everything budding and blooming, the longer days, the warmer temperatures – but not too hot yet, and springing forward for more daylight hours!

It is truly a wonderful time of year to get outside, enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, and spring flowers. Personally, I love the sound of the wind in the trees and the birds “talking” to each other. It is also a great time to do some of those outdoor service projects you have been looking forward to.

Citizens members have been springing forward already to make BIG impacts and be of service to others in our local communities. From Career days to race volunteers to book donations to care packages to fundraisers, Legacy projects and many more! This is just a very small sample of the BIG impacts that have been made and will continue to be made this year!

Chapters across the state are actively engaged in membership drives right now. Even if the membership drive in your area is past, you can still join in! Reach out to any member of your local chapter and get involved! There is no better feeling in the world than giving back to others!

Keep an eye on the CGP Volunteer Services page for an updated calendar with volunteer opportunities across the state. You can join in with any that interest you.

While we all enjoy the personal satisfaction from volunteering, there are many additional benefits to being involved with Citizens of Georgia Power. You have a personal invitation to learn more about those benefits. I would like to encourage you to participate in a livestream event “What Volunteerism Means to You” hosted by Volunteer Services and GPC Leaders on Thursday, March 31st from 9 to 10 a.m.

This will be a livestreamed discussion on how volunteerism can help: benefit you personally and professionally, shape your career, become a transferrable skill, and help you identify ways to serve in your local community. What Volunteerism Means to You

As my friend, Chris D’Andrea often says – we are blessed to “get” to work for a company that values service to others and making the communities we live and serve in better. Huge thanks to all Citizens members and their families for all that you do to make a difference to others.

Let’s all continue to spring into action and look for opportunities - The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman

Plant Bowen

Georgia Power employee volunteers from Plant Bowen joined in on the Great American Cleanup on a cold Saturday in March. Volunteers teamed up with Keep Bartow Beautiful to remove five pickup trucks full of debris from around Bartow County Government's Casey Lake Collection Center in Adairsville. Casey Lake is one of Bartow County's 12 collection centers that provide free disposal of solid waste and recycling to Bartow County Citizens. Keep Bartow Beautiful had been receiving many complaints of trash building up outside of this collection site and the Bowen volunteers were glad they could join in and help!



Metro South

Metro South Citizens held their annual Member Appreciation Pancake Breakfast for the month of February. The team hosted 3 breakfasts at the Newnan, Oakley, and Noah's Ark Operating HQ's. Over 300 hundred pancakes were flipped and buttered by JDA-liaison Ryan Hansen and engineering supervisor Megan Bryant. The breakfasts were focused on extending appreciation to current members and to provide new and potential members an opportunity to learn more about becoming "A Citizen Where We Serve". The event garnered a total of 19 new memberships and was a huge success!



Plant Wansley

Plant Wansley Citizens volunteers joined forces with the Carrollton Housing Authority to assist with a Point in Time Count. The count determines the number of homeless in Carroll County at a given time. Wansley volunteers surveyed the Temple/Villa Rica area. They made in person contact with four people experiencing homelessness and as word got out, performed some phone interviews as well. The volunteers handed out winter care bags to them after the survey and even gave them the ponchos they were wearing. Cowboy Don, shown in the picture with Brandy Marengo from the Carrollton Housing Authority and Citizens volunteers Sabrina Grimsley and Geneva Powell, was interviewed by 11 Alive for his street corner art studio. He sells his art to earn money. Everyone they met had some very humbling stories. Sabrina Grimsley said "I couldn't help but think about Don, Kevin and Harold being out in the rain trying to stay warm after I got home and finally got warm after being out in the rainy and cold weather yesterday evening. It really made me appreciate all the blessings I have."



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Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation hosted a membership drive at Plant McIntosh. Everyone on-site was invited to maximize not only their membership signups but also raise funds for the chapter. All who attended enjoyed the burgers and hot dogs. Several new members signed up. Can't go wrong with hamburgers and hotdogs!



General Office

On Sunday, March 6, members of the General Office Chapter participated (in person and virtually) in the Hunger Walk/Run at the Home Depot Backyard at Mercedes Benz Stadium. The annual event benefits the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local hunger relief organizations across metro Atlanta and North Georgia. The goal is to fight hunger and help neighbors struggling with food insecurity, and just \$1 can equal as much as four meals for a family in need.



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!



Carrollton

Carrollton chapter members have been cleaning the Carrollton Greenbelt every two weeks. Larry Wood continues to lead the charge and rarely misses helping. Great job Larry!



On a VERY cold and windy Saturday, chapter volunteers April Hale, Joanna Isbell, and Larry Wood helped the West Georgia Track Club with their Road Race on the Greenbelt. Larry even got in a little bit of extra trash pickup while he was out there!



Little Free Pantries has become a regular project for the Carrollton chapter, with members choosing to stock a pantry near them. Big thanks to Larry Wood for stocking the Bremen Pantry and April Hale for stocking the Centralhatchee Pantry!!



Metro South

Metro South Citizens of Georgia Power and MVP volunteered at the NASCAR Folds of Honor 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway on Saturday, March 19th, in support of Speedway Children's Charities. The volunteers were part of the Red Bucket Brigade, sponsored by Georgia Power, and collected donations for the organization from spectators at the event.





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