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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal



Citizens of Georgia Power,

The core value of Citizens has always been to "Be A Citizen Wherever We Serve". For us, this value has always translated into finding innovative ways to make our communities better.

The foundation that keeps this core value together is your willingness to take action and lend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in need. Our African American brothers and sisters need us right now. We need to stand with them in solidarity to fight racism, discrimination and injustice. I challenge you to have the conversation with your chapter members and approach this issue with empathy and a willingness to listen to understand. We need to work together, have dialogue and figure out how to influence change. As Citizens we know very well, that if we work together, we can accomplish anything.

I also wanted to let you know that the Legacy Projects Committee is open for business! We have approved a few projects so far this year and would love to see more. We understand there are limitations to the potential scope of projects, but I know you will overcome those challenges and figure out ways to get more projects and funds into your communities. As I mentioned at Leadership Summit, don't hesitate to reach out to other chapters for potential partnership opportunities.

The state office has been working hard to create a Citizens SharePoint Site for all things Citizens. If you haven't already, you will be getting more details from your Chapter Relations Chair. Please take some time to review the site and give us more ideas on what information you would like to see.

We are all having to do things differently and your Citizens leadership is no exception. The State Board and Advisory Council will be meeting virtually on July 10th. If you have any items you want us to discuss, please send them to your Chapter President or Chapter Relations Chair.

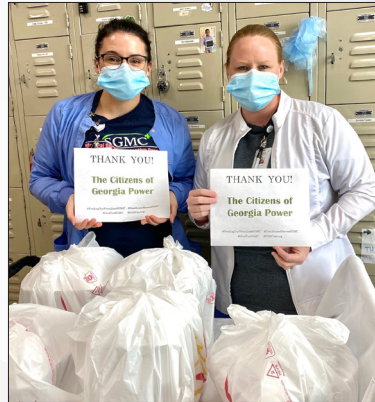
I want to thank you for all you do to make your communities better. I know the virus has afforded us some new challenges and opportunities, but I know you will figure out ways to keep making a difference in your communities. Let's continue our work to make this year **A Legacy of Service**.

Juan Madrigal



Valdosta

The Citizens of Georgia Power, Valdosta chapter donated meals to the 4T and 5T frontline workers at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Georgia. These employees have worked tirelessly for the Valdosta community to treat COVID19 patients, and the chapter wanted to show gratitude through providing meals for those frontline employees. In addition to the meals for frontline workers, the Valdosta chapter also partnered with a local restaurant and donated food to local businesses during this pandemic.



Athens

Athens Citizens members didn't let COVID-19 stop them from participating in the Piedmont Athens Regional in Their Shoes Virtual 10K Run and Walk to benefit The Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support. As a sponsor of the event, Georgia Power was proud to see so many Citizens members do so well. Check out these stats!

- Karl Langenbach Sales Manager – 2nd Overall Male Winner – MASTERS Male as they titled him!
- Stan Gantt, Spouse of Linda Gantt, Retired Madison Area Manager – 1st Male for Ages 60-64
- Jason Pollard, UAL 2 Athens – 1st Male for Ages 30-34
- Jackson Cummings, UAL 2 Athens – 1st Male for Ages 20-24
- Chelsea Phillips, Claims and Damage Specialist Athens – 5th Female for Ages 25-29
- Trevor Rich (Chelsea's Friend) – 1st Male for Ages 25-29

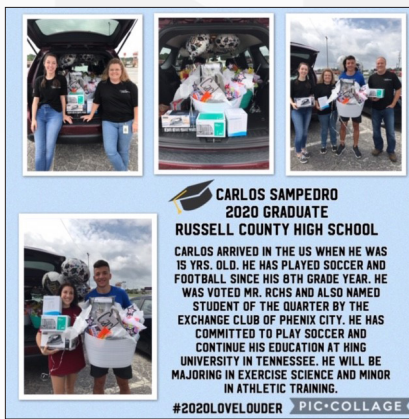
Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens of Georgia Power donated items to the Monroe County School System's Backpack Buddies which are out in the community providing nutritious meals for students over the weekend this summer and throughout the school year. For some students, this is the only nutritious meal they get all week. We are proud to be a part of this wonderful and fulfilling group, helping because we care, a true Citizen Wherever We Serve.



Columbus

COVID-19 has changed so many traditions for some many people, Columbus Citizens wanted to insure that celebrating some graduating seniors wasn't one of those! Might not have been the normal celebration but Alex Lindzy, Alana Reddish, Eli Richards, and Carlos Sampedro were surprised by chapter members with gifts and goodies for this awesome accomplishment! While presenting the gifts to these Seniors, chapter members had the pleasure of talking with them about their accomplishments and their plans. The future is sure to be bright and exciting for these four young adults.



**THOMSON
 CITIZENS
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Thomson

Never a group to back down from anything, Thomson Citizens gladly accepted the Buy Local Give Local Challenge from the Waynesboro Citizens to provide a meal to a deserving group of essential workers who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Loop Recruiting started the challenge by calling out Augusta Citizens to support a local business and help

an organization that is doing work in the community. Augusta challenged Waynesboro, who gladly met the challenge and chose to pass the baton

to Thomson. Chapter members provided a lunch to the staff of the Center for Primary Care McDuffie from Thomson's own Pigg-Ah-Boo's restaurant. Thomson Citizens kept it going by challenging Milledgeville Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter along with Dudley Nurseries. What a great way to honor Thomson and McDuffie County heroes and support local businesses!





Plant Bowen

Ellen Floyd and her friend Lori Kretchman have volunteered two afternoons a week for five weeks at Dinners TO GO sponsored by the Red Door Food Pantry. They served over 56,000 hot meals in the Bartow County area in the first 75 days of the COVID-19 shutdown. They've been busy cooking pasta for spaghetti, chopping peppers and onions for meatloaf, chopping lettuce for salads, chopping and cooking potatoes every way possible for 700 people per day. Dinners TO GO serves the homeless, local shelters and anyone that needs food.

Metro West

The Metro West Citizens chapter raised \$2,000 to support the Atlanta Community Food Bank during COVID-19. The chapter's support of ACFB allowed them to provide additional food throughout the Metro Atlanta community and helped them to feed families who have lost access to school meals in five local schools districts. Every \$1 donated provided enough food for up to 4 meals. Thank you to every member in the Metro West chapter who donated towards a great cause.

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CGP Metro West COVID-19 Food Drive

Thank you for visiting our Food & Fund Drive page! This is our fourth year of participation and we hope to make it the most successful! Please join us in fighting hunger in greater Atlanta and north Georgia.

Our community's low-income working families, children, and seniors are in need like never before. Over the last four years, the Food Bank has increased its food distribution by 67% just to keep up with the demand. But they can't do it alone!

How You Can Help

As schools and businesses close, many who have never needed to come for us for help now need assistance – and the seniors, children and families who rely on our services need us more than ever. It's especially important for our hungry seniors, who are the most vulnerable to COVID-19, to keep their immune systems strong with enough nutritious food. As schools and businesses close, many who have never needed to come for us for help now need assistance – and the seniors, children and families who rely on our services need us more than ever. It's especially important for our hungry seniors, who are the most vulnerable to COVID-19, to keep their immune systems strong with enough nutritious food. This drive will go from March 24th, 2020 until May 1st, 2020.

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 Support CGP Metro West COVID-19 Food Drive!
 CGP Metro West COVID-19 Food Drive
 Goal: \$2,000.00
 Achieved: \$2,000.00
 Make a gift!
 Thank You Donors



General Office

Since chapters were unable to volunteer for in-person service projects, General Office Chapter members are performing "Random Acts of Kindness" to recognize members of the community for serving us during these unprecedented times. When Chapter President Chris Newton presented her nurse, Tammy McNabb, with a Zaxby's gift card, Tammy replied, "I'm a hugger and want to give you one, but social distance won't let me!"

Ambassadors

Our retirees across the state continue to find ways to safely serve in their communities. Check out the Altamaha Chapter!

Altamaha Chapter

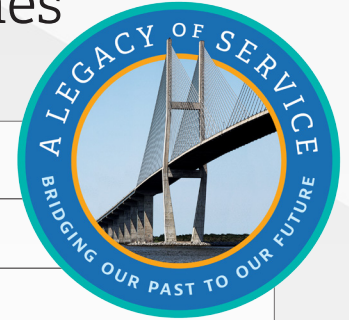
Members of the Altamaha Ambassadors chapter have been making masks for the local hospital in their area. The need is critical, and they have risen to the occasion.



The Altamaha chapter thanked all the frontline workers at Meadows Regional Hospital for their service during the COVID pandemic. Following all safety guidelines, the chapter set up a tent outside the employee entrance and provided treats along with words of appreciation as the night shift workers left work and the day shift entered. Thank you, Altamaha for recognizing these superheroes.



2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
July 10	Summer State Board Meeting
August 12	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 9	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
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 forms DUE
October 7	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
November 12-13	State Board Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
December 9	2020-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple 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 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple