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State President's Message

Mary Norris



Greetings Citizens,

Volunteering for me is something that I've always done, even during a time when I really sometimes didn't want to...I say that because my mom instilled in me at an early age the "act of service" to others. There were many weekends I wanted to do other things, but I along with my two siblings found no way to avoid it (even begging to stay home with our dad didn't win). However, over the years, I saw the impact it made in my life and I began to find activities on my own that were geared towards "service" as well. Being a member of Citizens has given me even more opportunities to make a difference and if you're not a member, I would encourage you to join and see how your life can be changed!

If you are doing volunteer work outside of the Citizens, please seek out your local chapter. There are many activities that are now being done that can be counted as service hours.

As most of you already know, one of the big events of the year for Citizens is the Annual meeting in November and one of the awards given in the past has been the Mamie K. Taylor Award where each chapter recognizes an individual for their dedication and commitment to service. This is such an honor for the person because in many cases he/she is nominated and voted on by their peers.

Now, during the month of April, there's an event called National Volunteer Week (April 18-24) to recognize all volunteers for their service. So, I want to say **"THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS" for your SERVICE**. It's been said if you want to touch the past, touch a rock, if you want to touch the present, touch a flower, if you want to touch the future, touch a life. Through your efforts with Citizens, you are touching the lives of so many and making a difference.

Volunteering your time, energy, skills, talent and resources is one of the most powerful ways to make a difference in not only our communities, but the world and at the same time it can enrich your life and give you a broader purpose and a boost of motivation that lets you know it's all **GOOD**.

I also want to give a special thanks to all our chapters who supported our Earth Day efforts. April 22, 1970 marked the start of the environmental movement; as a result, there have been many policy changes and of course a greater awareness for the environment. Some of the chapters are highlighted in this newsletter. They include: Plant Bowen who helped with a plant sale and they also did a recycling video; Savannah who did a clean-up at Tybee Beach and Carrollton where a member and her son cleaned up the chapter's adoption portion of the Greenway Trail. Let's all continue to do our part for the good of the environment.

In closing, here's hoping you continue to enjoy your Spring and of course every opportunity you get, find a way to **"Unmask the Opportunities for Service"**.

Mary Norris



Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens have a busy Earth Week schedule planned. These pictures show Taylorsville Elementary School students using glow germ kits and learning about STEM projects. The chapter also provided materials for toothbrush robots and ecosystems in bottles. As part of Earth Week and their on-going support of Euharlee Elementary School Bowen Citizens donated 45 cases of food to the Euharlee Elementary School Backpack Buddies program. CGP president Jonathan Blair and CGP member George Isabel are pictured loading up the loot! Other Earth Week activities include participating in the Woodland Middle School plant sale, providing plants for the Children's Shelter vegetable gardens, and creating a recycling video for plant employees showing them the importance of recycling.



Gwinnett

The Gwinnett Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power donated 26 Easter baskets to the Home of Hope at Gwinnett Children's Shelter. These baskets brightened the Easter for children from 5 months to 11 years old. Great job Gwinnett!!



Carrollton

Carrollton member Joyce Price and her son James Price cleaned up the chapter's adopted portion of the greenway trail. Their efforts netted 2 bags of trash and ensured the greenway remain clear and beautiful for all to enjoy!



Savannah

Ten volunteers from Savannah Citizens gathered at the beach to assist the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers organization with their beach clean-up effort. Citizens members managed to fill 10 five-gallon buckets with trash from around the north beach in less than two hours! Social distancing was maintained, and masks were worn when distancing was not possible. What a great project for Citizens and the environment!!



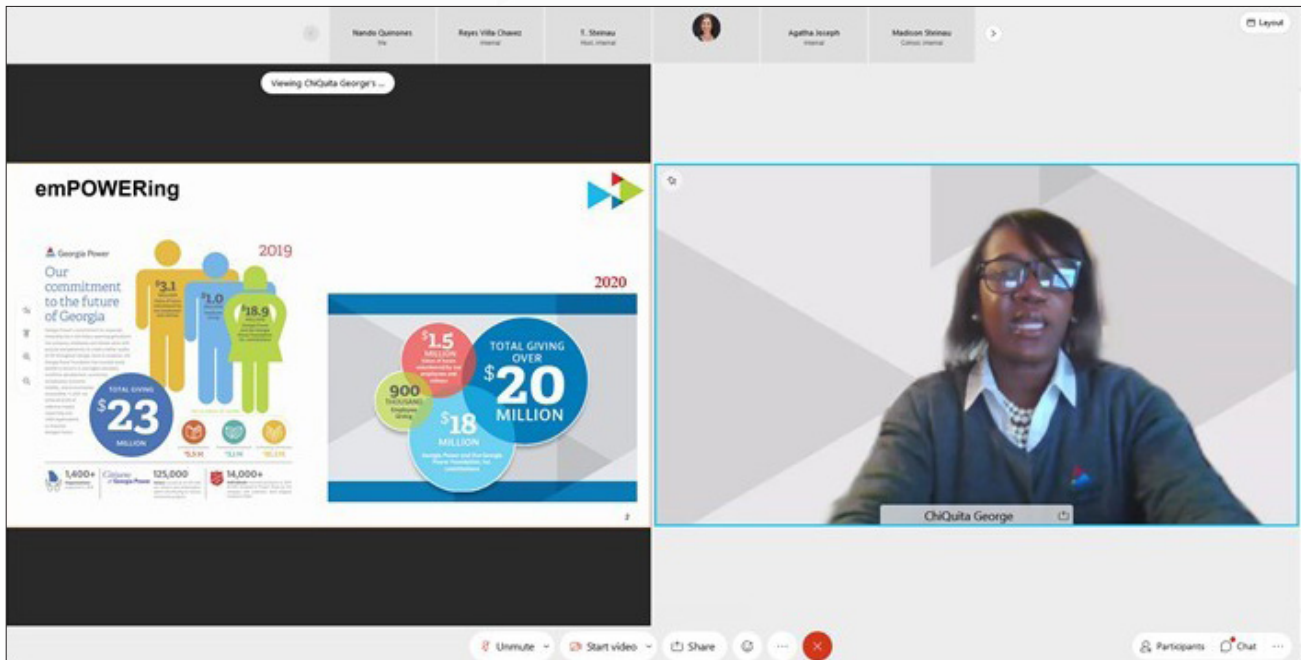
General Office

General Office Chapter provided a basket full of special treats for Easter for five girls at Christian City Children’s Home. Included in the basket were tickets to the Georgia Aquarium for everyone, even the new houseparents’ Kelvin and Jacqueline Parker! Chapter Member Leslie Lawrence did all the shopping and Angela Gillis made the delivery.



Metro East

On April 20th, the Metro East Chapter partnered with Georgia State University Perimeter College, Decatur by participating in a virtual Earth Day Celebration entitled, “A Day of Sustainability”. Various companies and organizations were invited to display their initiatives on sustainability to students, faculty, staff and to the community.



2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
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