

# ENERGIZER

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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

## 2021 State Board

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## State President's Message

Mary Norris



Greetings:

Well, it's almost the end of what many might call the "Heart" Month. For many, it's truly a time when people show their true love. Think about how good it makes you feel when someone goes out of their way to show they care and how good you feel when you do the same for others.

As Citizens of Georgia Power, this is something we don't just choose to do in February; it's being done 365 days a year. Now you might wonder, how could I say that? Well, each one of us in our own way can choose to "give" each day, especially in the times we are in now. To further break it down, let's choose to join in with our local chapters and find out what they are doing to make a difference. If you are already doing a project and feel it's something that can grow into something bigger; notify your chapter; they are always looking for new ideas. Or if you have a passion for a project, but just don't have the resources you need, let them know. With our masks, let's do our part with social distancing while revealing those service projects that enhance and improve the lives of so many in our communities.

Last month, you had the opportunity to see several amazing shots displaying the commitments of so many of our citizens. I want to give a special thanks to all our chapters who completed their virtual projects during our annual MLKing Day of Service. Even with the restrictions that were in place, there were 15 projects done very successfully, so if you've been wondering where you can start, check out the listing below; they can all be done this year and make a positive and powerful difference for those on the receiving end.

- Purchased MLK related books for underserved schools
- School food pantry donation
- Made Masks
- Coat and umbrella drive for homeless shelter
- Partnered with local businesses and restaurants to buy meals for front line workers
- Wrote letters to senior centers; Painted pictures for senior citizens
- Picked up trash in neighborhoods
- Helped stock free food pantries
- Provided meals to the homeless shelter and snack bags for healthcare workers

On February 15th, the State board hosted a Virtual Leadership Summit Kickoff where all chapter leaders were invited; there were over 100 people in attendance and with the conversations held, it's obvious our chapters are fired up and ready for this year. Information was shared on ways chapters can benefit by joining together and there were many examples given of what others are doing. We do not have a goal set for service hours nor service projects because we feel it's more important to concentrate on serving with passion; this way you will get the fulfillment and we know with COVID, we are limited with the number of people that can be involved with project work. Thanks to everyone for your dedication and participation.



We are planning three sessions to help our leaders and those interested in learning more; they include Social Media, Legacy Projects and Treasurers' Training. Once they are finalized, a link will be sent to the chapter presidents.

Membership drives are being held across the state, so if you are not a perpetual, please sign up and join us this year as we "Unmask the Opportunities for Service, 365 Days. With your support, the Citizens of Georgia Power will continue

Mary Norris

### Carrollton

Chapter member Nick Martin and Chapter President Carry Lovvorn cleaned up the Carrollton Greenbelt as part of their commitment to Keep Carroll Beautiful. For several years, the chapter has agreed to keep the trailhead and their adopted part of the greenbelt cleaned once a month. Great outdoor project!



### Plant McDonough

Plant McDonough Citizens did a collection in January for Scott Elementary School. The chapter adopted this school and tries to help them as much as they can. Previously the school had been doing online learning and just recently went to in person learning. Citizens members collected breakfast type items and school supplies for the school. Since the water fountains have been shut off due to COVID, the school recently installed water bottle filling stations. The chapter's next collection will be reusable water bottles. Great way to support the efforts of both the teachers and the students!







### General Office

Kimberly Allen, 1st VP of the General Office Chapter, and her family participated in a neighborhood community cleanup on MLK Day to honor Dr. King's legacy in a socially distanced way.



Again, this year, General Office Chapter volunteers assisted the Green Keepers with its annual Arbor Day seedling handout. Employees stopped by GPC Headquarters on February 17 to pick up Crepe Myrtle, Dogwood, Northern Red Oak and Redbud seedlings to plant in their local communities.





### Tifton

Tifton Citizens members cooked grilled chicken for approximately 70 people for the staff of the Tifton Soup Kitchen to serve to their diners. The grill masters were Jonathon Scheller and John Wyatt. Dextra Lindsey, Chapter President, and Jonathon Scheller delivered the chicken to the facility.



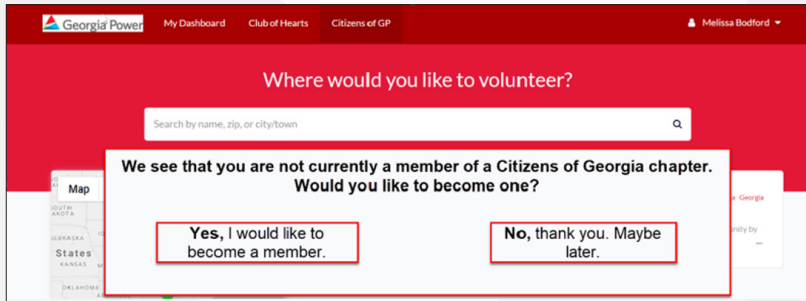
### Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens members get a chance to play in the dirt again! The chapter handed out close to 400 seedlings for Arbor Day. The chapter purchased some seedlings from the Georgia Forestry Commission and received others from Keep Bartow Beautiful. Things are looking green in northwest Georgia!



## 2021 Virtual Leadership Summit Kickoff

More than 100 chapter officers gathered virtually for the 2021 Leadership Summit Kickoff. State President Mary Norris introduced the State Board, shared her thoughts about the year and her confidence that, despite the pandemic, chapters would find a way to serve. She challenged them all “unmask the opportunities for service”!



Second VP J.D. Wilson discussed membership and offered several ways to engage new members and even had one of the chapters tell about their drive thru membership drive where they will trade a membership form for a biscuit! J.D. also presented a quick “how to” presentation on the new membership platform.

Select Chapter \*

Albany
  Athens
  Augusta
  Bainbridge
  Brunswick
  Carrollton
  Cartersville
  Clayton
  Columbus
  Conyers
  Customer Care Center
  Dublin
  Forest Park
  Gainesville
  General Office
  Gwinnett
  Heart of GA/Macon
  Jefferson Street
  Metro East
  Metro South
  Metro West
  Milledgeville
  North Fulton Area
  Plant Bowen
  Plant Hatch
  Plant McDonough

Please select your home chapter \*

Select Home Chapter

Are you entering on behalf of an active employee or a retiree? \*

Employee
  Retiree

Enter Employee SCID \*

Search Employee SCID

Enter a Nickname

Enter Nickname (Optional)

Would you like to add a spouse to your membership? \*

Yes
  No

Spouse First Name

Spouse Last Name

Spouse Email

Select Chapter For Spouse

Select Donation Amount

Educational Loan Fund	
Electric Kids	
Georgia Power Family House	
Employee Emergency Fund	
Membership Dues	
Donations	
Total	

First VP Betsy Tillman led a great discussion about service hours and service projects. Ideas were shared about virtual opportunities as well as safe socially distanced “boots on the ground” projects. Brunswick chapter discussed a large four-chapter Legacy project they hoped to get started on this year. Betsy also told everyone to be on the look out for an invite to an upcoming session on the ins and outs of Legacy Projects.

## 2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>March 18</b>	State Office will verify service hours and financials in uBack to process first chapter incentive check of \$300
<b>March 23</b>	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
<b>July 9</b>	Summer State Board Meeting
<b>August 12</b>	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
<b>September 9</b>	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
<b>September 23</b>	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
<b>October 6-7</b>	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
<b>October 7</b>	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
<b>October 7</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
<b>November 12-13</b>	State Board Meeting – TBA
<b>November 13-14</b>	Annual Meeting – TBA
<b>December 9</b>	2022-chapter officer information DUE
<b>December 9</b>	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
<b>December 16</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 16</b>	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
<b>December 31</b>	All 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack