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A Statewide newsletter for  
Citizens of Georgia Power

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# State President's Message

**JD Wilson**



Citizens,

As we exit the hundred days of summer and college football season begins, it's natural for us to look back at how far we've come. Thinking back through our year of Leading In Service, I continue to be so proud of what we've done. Just in just the past month, I've witnessed successful golf tournaments for the Plant McDonough, Gwinnett and North Fulton Area chapters. Georgia State Parks day had a number of opportunities to beautify our state. Georgia Pre-K Week is still around the corner for us to invest in our youth.

I want to offer some encouragement to each of you to finish this year as strongly as you have progressed through it. For the first time, we've spent our entire legacy project budget putting big dollars into impactful projects. You're continuing to deploy our service project dollars in places that matter. As the pictures come in, you can see the joy on face of those we work alongside. It can be hard to maintain the high standard you've set so far this year, but I have confidence we have the stamina to finish our race strong.

Let's not lose track of the fact that we still have 3 months left positively impact our communities. You have been consistent in your ability to find ways to make a positive impact. Let's work together to make this a year we won't forget!

In Service,  
J.D.

# Carrollton

During a back-to-school cleanup in July at Bowdon Elementary School, Carrollton Citizens members were asked to put a door back on the Little Free Pantry. As they made these temporary repairs, they decided it needed a complete renovation. After many hours in the hot August sun, the pantry is now ready for use. Chapter volunteers also stocked it to get them started and will help keep it stocked throughout the year. Neighbors helping Neighbors. Great job Carrollton Citizens!





## General Office

This month General Office Citizens distributed over 30 hygiene kits to Safehouse Outreach for their weekly shower night. SafeHouse Outreach's mission is to help restore lives experiencing extreme poverty to independent living by connecting with people in need through street outreach, hot meals, health and hygiene services, and assistance with basic necessities.



# Chattahoochee Hydro

On Aug 22, Chattahoochee Hydro Generation volunteered with the Chattahoochee-Valley House of Hero's group to clean and fix up a disabled veteran's home in Columbus, Georgia. A group of 13 dedicated volunteers braved 100-degree heat to help this veteran. Members cut grass, pressure washed, cut trees and limbs, painted, and did general clean up that the homeowner could no longer handle. What a great way to serve one who chose to serve for us!



# Savannah and Savannah Generation

Got a great note from Savannah Chapter President Justine Keller:

*"A huge thank you to the twenty-three volunteers from Citizens of Georgia Power Savannah chapters that came together at Tharros Place to continue the mission of helping get a safe house for human trafficking survivors. In addition to that, a big thank you to Kim Greene for her continued support and efforts to help raise awareness for this cause! These efforts are a true representation of being a citizen wherever we serve!"*





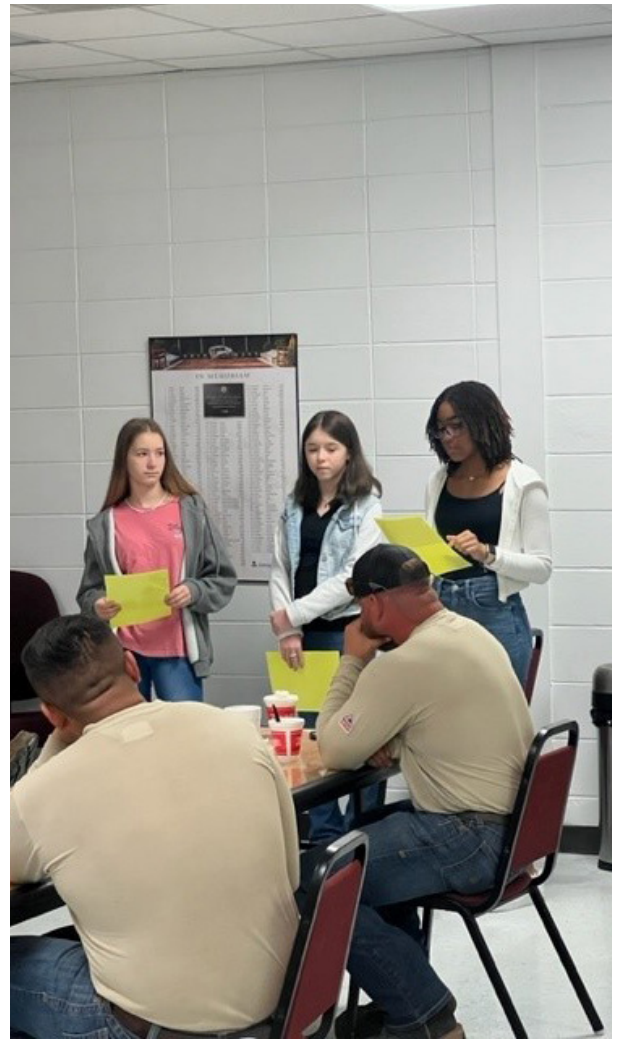
## Metro West Chapter Brings Back Its Bowl-A-Thon for Communities In Schools

On Saturday August 26, Metro West successfully executed the return of its fundraiser bowl-a-thon in partnership with Communities In Schools of Georgia in Marietta/Cobb County. The event, held at Bowlero Marietta, featured 40 bowlers and 4 event sponsors – Geosyntec Consultants, Georgia Power, Croy Engineering and the Haight Family. Awards were given to the top two bowlers and the top “good-try” participant, and door prizes were given to all participants. The event raised over \$2,000 for Communities In Schools of Georgia in Marietta/Cobb County.



# Linemen Appreciation

Hahira Middle School students showed their appreciation to first responders by writing letters to them after Hurricane Idalia impacted the Valdosta area, Labor Day weekend. Approximately 120 letters were written to GPC crews. Breakfast was also provided as a few students read their personal letters aloud. I think it goes without saying, what our linemen do for our communities across the state, really does make an impact to ALL customers.







## Making a Difference Everyday

Chattahoochee Hydro employee and Carrollton and Columbus Citizens member Tony Edmondson has been giving back and serving his community for years. His efforts are contagious, and he continues to enlist co-workers, friends, and neighbors. Together they lift others and make their community better. Recently Tony and his crew were made aware of a situation where a gentleman was living in less-than-ideal conditions in a campground. I'll let Tony take it from here:

*"A friend of mine lives in this campground... His stepdaughter temporarily lived there because her house flooded. They met this man just by being friendly and noticed they never saw him outside so my buddy Mark Whitley had some extra food one day went to offer him some of his leftovers, this was the beginning. One Sunday he was going to have extra and so was his stepdaughter. Mark took over a plate of food and later Haley the stepdaughter did so as well, she came back crying and said Mr. Bruce said he couldn't take the food because his refrigerator wasn't working and didn't have a place to keep extra. They immediately went and bought him a small refrigerator that night, then they find out the AC wasn't working in August and we all know how hot August was also the ceiling was falling in the bathroom so that Sunday night Mark called me and explained the situation ,as he was talking ,I was typing on Facebook to get the word out about this man's living conditions and hoping we could make something happen fast, and it did. The next day an offer came in about a camper, we met and went to look at it. It was a no go, but just a few hours later another came in and it was perfect. Now the money started to come in and the 2nd camper was sold to us for \$2,500. valued at about \$8,000-10,000. Arrangements were made for the camper to be delivered and give it to Mr. Bruce and a fish fry followed that afternoon. Over \$5,000 dollars was donated in 6 days. This past Saturday we built the deck so he would have an easier way in and out. Money is still coming in and we have a reserve of about \$1,500 now, I think. Through discounts at Home Depot in LaGrange, and the generosity of the community we were able to make this happen fast."*



## Hurricane Idalia

We have all heard the comments that Georgia Power is like family and glad to be a part of the Georgia Power family. No time that I can think of where that has been more evident than with Hurricane Idalia. Husbands and wives went to work for days leaving spouses to hold down the fort at home. Those spouses support and presence is the essence of Georgia Power family. Environmental Affairs Manager Joe Brownlee said it better than I ever could:

*"As the sun came up the morning after Idalia came through Valdosta, DAT teams were spreading out across the town. Elizabeth Brownlee saw her dad with his hard hat and vest and demanded to be a part of the recovery! Later that day she and her mom Mary Beth ran into Kim Greene at the Governor's press conference where they were working with other volunteers throughout the region. For so many Georgia Power Employees this truly was a family affair."*



DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/21/2023	State Board Meeting
2/22/2023	Leadership Summit
3/3/2023	2022 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
6/15/2023	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/25/2023	Summer State Board Meeting
8/11/2023	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/12/2023	Call to Annual Business Meeting (Virtual Teams Call)
10/5–6/2023	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2024
10/13/2023	Committee Chairs application due to State Office
10/27/2023	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
11/2/2023	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/9/2023	Annual Business Meeting – Virtual Teams Meeting
12/8/2023	2024-Chapter Officer information DUE
12/15/2023	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2023	All year-end donations distributed and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/29/2023	All 2023 Service Hours entered into uBack