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HOMETOWN IN SERVICE



Energizer Newsletter

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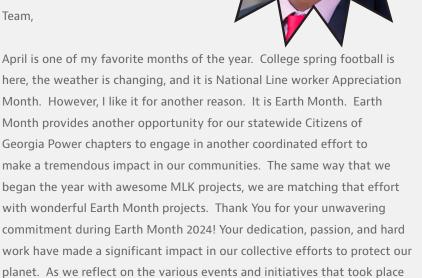


State President's Message

Patrick Harris

Team,

one of you.



throughout April, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every

Looking at the various projects around the state makes me wish that I had the powers of one of my favorite Marvel Universe superheroes, Dr. Strange. He was primarily known for his mastery of magic, but he could also teleport from one location to another by using some of his spells. If I had that power, I would love to teleport to Oakwood Elementary School where the Metro South chapter created and installed garden boxes for the students to learn about growing plants. I would love to teleport to Lake Sinclair where our Hometown Heroes participated in a lake clean up. Some chapters found some time to fit in other types of projects during Earth Month. I would have wanted to teleport to Atlanta where the General Chapter partnered with the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation to sort prom dress donation for students who are unable to purchase them. As we move forward, lets continue to be stewards of the Earth and our communities. Your volunteerism makes a difference, and together, we can create a more sustainable and resilient environment. Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to be 'Hometown Heroes in Service'.

Patrick Harris

Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members made and donated 15 Easter Baskets this past week to the Little Free Pantries in our community. Many offer support for the larger holidays, but not so much for Easter. Neighbors Helping Neighbors. One member even got to witness a child getting the basket as they were leaving. Thanks to April Hale, Abby Yates, Joyce and James Price, Scarlett Stone, Kathi Henson, and Sheila Thompson for your generous donation!





This past Saturday
Carrollton member
Abby Yates participated
at the "Sweep the
Hooch" event for
the Chattahoochee
Riverkeeper
organization at the
McIntosh Reserve Park.

Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power celebrated Earth Month by partnering with Keep Carroll Beautiful to build planter boxes for Community Action For Improvement, Inc. Head Start in Carrollton. Look forward to seeing them in use!







Altamaha Ambasssadors

The Altamaha Ambassadors completed several ramps for those in their community who had no safe entrance into their homes thru Open Doors, Inc. This group has provided over 200 ramps in the last 5 years.



Plant Yates

Got this note from Geneva Powell about Plant Yates' Legacy Project at Impact Shelter...."We are so thrilled to share that our 2023 legacy project to help Impact West Georgia open their community shelter has been completed. On February 21, 2024 our team had the great honor of attending the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony......This could not have been done without our wonderful Citizens volunteers stepping in and all our community partners."









In another note from Geneva she said, "I would like to Thank Connie Goolsby for partnering with the Yates chapter to set up a table at the #ServeCoweta event this past Saturday. This event gathers local volunteers to help serve the community with different projects in one day. These projects ranged from yard work to building a wheelchair ramp for a veteran."

Metro West

Metro West Citizens members and their families came together on a Saturday morning to raise funds and awareness in the battle against MS at the annual MS Walk in Marietta. Thanks to Lee Galloway, Lace Rolax, Jason Gaudion, Zoey Gaudion, Sarah, Gaudion, Billie Jo Powell, Johnny Powell, Kacey Bexley, David Bexley, and Brian DeFrates for walking for this great cause!





North Fulton

Earlier in March North Fulton Chapter volunteered with Unique Individuals Ranch to fill lots of Easter eggs. Part II on Sunday, April 7th the Easter egg hunt was held at Unique Individuals Ranch and member volunteers helped set up, disperse Easter eggs, and close out the event. The children, parents, and volunteers had a great time, and we even got a surprise visit from the Easter bunny!



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens continues to make a huge difference in their communities. Volunteers and golfers came together for their annual spring golf tournament to benefit Big Brother Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia. Through their efforts and the support of some great sponsors, they were able to donate \$40,000 to this great charity. Way to go Plant Scherer!





Dublin

The Dublin Chapter partnered with the City of Dublin and the Erin Garden Club to plant camellia bushes in honor of all of Georgia First Ladies. Dublin is one of the few cities in Georgia that now has a Camellia Garden established specifically to honor the First Ladies.



Metro Central Ambassadors

Continuing to the tradition of being A Citizen Wherever We Serve, Metro Central Ambassadors collected donations of paper towels, toilet paper and detergent for The Georgia Power Family House. Thank you all for continuing to choose to make a difference!



Golden Isles Ambassadors

The Golden Isles chapter of Ambassadors recently donated needed items to the Veterans Village of the Golden Isles. Veterans Village's mission is to build a transitional community of thirty (30) tiny homes and a community center to house homeless veterans and create a community where veterans can reside, gather, and receive physical and mental health services and job training. Proudly making the deliver are Tean Jackson, Ambassadors Service Hour Coordinator, George Ellis Ambassadors Corr. Secretary, and Marilyn Daly, Ambassadors First VP.





Customer Care Center

The CCC Chapter observed Earth Day safely this year, adapting to the constraints posed by major construction in the area. In a collaborative effort, the chapter partnered with the Carrollton Chapter to focus on recycling sneakers. Artavis Anthony, the chair of this event, has facilitated this initiative by placing donation boxes around the center to collect contributions. EcoSneakers, the organization at the heart of this effort, does more than just clean and repair shoes; it also donates them to those in need. Shoes that are beyond repair are not discarded; instead, they are recycled into other products, including stuffed animals, demonstrating a commitment to sustainability, and reducing waste.

Statesboro

Statesboro Citizens of Georgia Power had a great time assisting the Bulloch County Schools Literacy Council at the Arts Fest. Volunteers helped students find books, assisted with arts stations, and other fun activities. Thank you Cicley Sikes, Gavin Sikes, Ben Morris, Kendall Morris, Olivia Morris, Salina Hanner, Julia and Joel Hanner and Kelli and Cole Newman making this project a huge success!









2024 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook
February 7	State Board Meeting
February 8	Leadership Summit
March 1	Financials uploaded in electronic folder
March 5	State Office will verify financials and service hours
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 25	Summer State Board Meeting
August 12	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)
September 12	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders
October 6—7	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2025

October 11	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
November 6	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
November TBD	Citizens Annual Business Meeting Virtual Teams Meeting
December 8	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
December 13	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
December 29	All 2024 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms