



The Value of Being a Volunteer

One of the greatest values of the Ambassadors is the amount of community service hours donated by our members each year. Having worked for so many years under the slogan “A Citizen Wherever We Serve”, it’s only natural for us to want to continue our service to our communities.

The Company benefits from the goodwill in the community generated by the service of both the Citizens of Georgia Power and the Georgia Power Ambassadors. One of the goals of State President Gene Ussery is for each Ambassador Chapter to partner with their local CGP Chapter and work together on projects. This will take a greater effort on communication between the two organizations. With the combined efforts of these two groups, we will contribute to the brand awareness and loyalty felt for Georgia Power and Southern Company. Most corporations agree that employee/retiree volunteerism directly affects the bottom line as it helps strengthen the acceptance and “public face” of the Company. The 19 Ambassador chapters concentrate on Red Cross, Cancer Initiatives, environmental, educational, and special chapter projects.

Our communities benefit because the value of each donated hour (\$23.07) saves the charity from having to pay an employee for the same duties. Our retirees continue great relationships in the community where they live. Many times, they are able to provide information on available resources to the charity where they volunteer. Volunteerism addresses critical social issues where we live and where Georgia Power serves.

The biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of others and making their community a better place. You also know you are working toward making a better world for your children and grandchildren. You will feel pride, satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment when you participate in service projects. In addition, when you share your time and talent you connect to others and improve not only their lives, but your own. There has been a great deal of research over the past two decades which indicates that you receive individual health benefits in addition to social ones when you serve. Research shows volunteerism is beneficial to older individuals because it provides physical and social activity and a sense of purpose at a time when their social roles are changing.

You will also get to know your fellow Ambassadors and CGP members as you work together with them on projects. We are all fortunate to work for a company that values our community service and our talents.

Garnett H. Grubb
State First Vice President



Community Impact

Metro Central

Members of the Metro Central Ambassadors Chapter faithfully volunteer to work the canteen at the 241 Corporate Headquarters Blood Drives. Volunteers begin their day at 7:00 A.M. and welcome all donors in with a friendly smile. They make sure all donors receive a snack after making their donation to the drive and have a great time seeing co-workers they previously worked alongside before retirement. Metro Central Ambassadors, THANK YOU for your continued support of our American Red Cross Blood Drives. We could not do it without you!





Community Impact Altamaha

And the building of ramps continues! As of June 2, the Altamaha Ambassadors have built thirty-nine ramps for those in need in their community. That's thirty-nine people who before the ramp, had no safe access in and out of their home. Thank you Altamaha! Keep changing your community one ramp at a time!





Community Impact Through Partnerships

South GA

Members of the South GA Ambassadors chapter recently participated in the Earth Day project performed by members of the Valdosta, Waycross and Tifton Citizens of Georgia Power chapters. Ambassadors provided homemade refreshments for all participants that day to help them throughout the project which was doing some much needed maintenance and repairs at a community park in Homerville, GA. A huge thank you to all four chapters for their support of this project.





Community Impact Through Partnerships Rome

Keith and Debbie Crews, Rome Ambassador members, recently partnered with two Citizens Chapters, Plant Bowen and Northwest Mountain, to help on two projects.

Plant Bowen chapter recently held a yard sale/bake sale for March of Dimes. Volunteers manned tables throughout the day all in the name of the cause raising over \$900 for March of Dimes of Bartow County. The Crews assisted during one of the shifts for the sale.



The Crews also helped the Northwest Mountain Citizens during the recent Special Olympics event at the Darlington School. The chapter was able to donate \$325 for the cause, as well.





Community Impact Through Partnerships West GA

Members of the West GA Ambassadors Chapter and Plant Wansley Citizens of Georgia Power chapter recently assisted the American Legion 5th District of Georgia with their annual “Fishing for Freedom” event held at Georgia Power’s Plant Wansley in Carrollton, GA. “Fishing for Freedom” recognizes veterans and Gold Star Families (ones that have lost loved ones during their military service). Over 300 wounded veterans and Gold Star Family members participated in the full day event. Georgia Power volunteers, along with other community representatives prepared and served lunch, as well as, served as boat operators and organized the fishing equipment. Ambassador State President Gene Ussery was also in attendance for the event as was John Cornelius, Citizens State President. Georgia Power Ambassadors thanks all those who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces! It’s because of you we are free.





Community Impact Through Partnerships Metro Central and Metro South

Garnett Grubb, State First Vice President for Georgia Power Ambassadors and Peggy Grubb, Metro Central Ambassadors Chapter President, participated in the Fayette County Relay for Life as part of the Metro South Citizens of Georgia Power team. Cindy Bachelder was team captain for the Citizens team. Relay for Life is one of the top state initiatives for our Citizens of Georgia Power chapters. Garnett and Peggy are also members of the Metro South Ambassadors chapter.





Community Impact Through Partnerships Augusta

Jessie Turner, Evans customer service representative, coordinated the Relay for Life for the Augusta chapter of CGP and helped raise more than \$1,400 by participating in a bake sale, sold RFL t-shirts, and coordinating a team lean challenge. Augusta Ambassadors Chapter President James Ford and his wife Jennie, assisted the chapter with the Bake Sale event for Relay.



Southwest GA

Members of the Southwest GA Ambassadors joined up with the Albany Citizens of Georgia Power for Relay for Life. The team joined with communities in Dougherty and Lee counties to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.





Chapter Happenings Metro South-Low Country Boil



The Metro South Ambassadors Chapter held their annual Low Country Boil this month. Over 60 members, friends and special guests enjoyed the delicious food prepared by volunteers from the chapter. Newnan Area Manager, Tony Ferguson, provided a brief company update for all in attendance.

The Low Country Boil is a favorite event for the chapter each year. Thank you so much to all of the wonderful chefs and volunteers who helped to make it a success. Looking forward to next year's already!





Chapter Happenings

Metro Central & Metro South-Plant Vogtle Tour



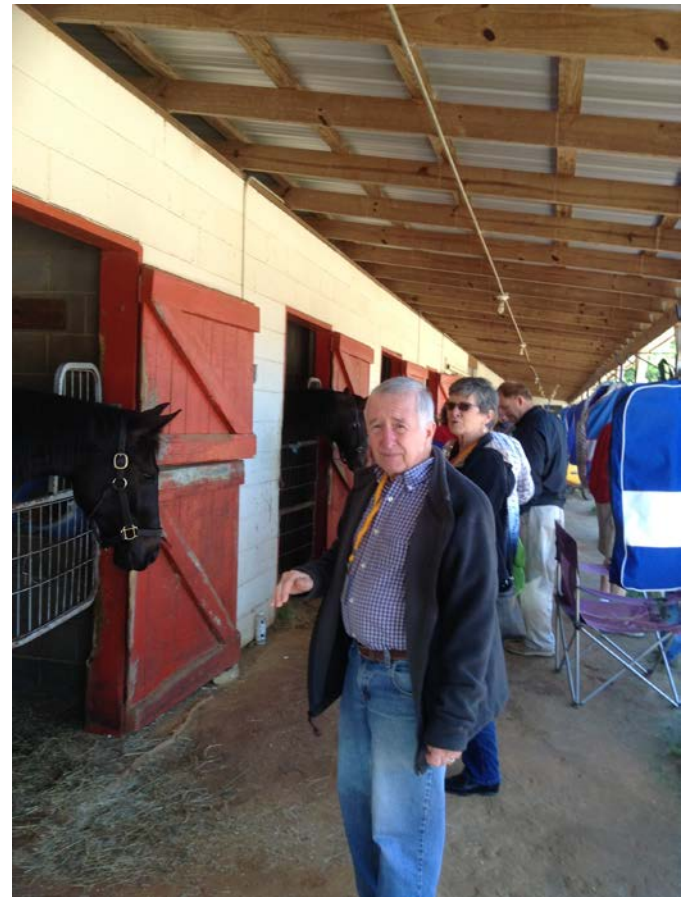
Members of the Metro Central and Metro South chapters traveled to Plant Vogtle to check out the construction process of Units 3 & 4. It was a wonderful experience and travelers were very impressed to see the progress of the construction at the plant. A great time was had by all in attendance.





Chapter Happenings South GA-Hawkinsville Trip

The South GA Ambassadors took a day trip to Hawkinsville, GA recently and toured the Harness Racing Training Facility. A great time was had by all that went on the trip and everyone walked away with a better understanding on the harness racing process.





Chapter Happenings

Metro Central & Metro North-Callaway Gardens

Members of the Metro Central and Metro North Chapter had a day trip to Callaway Gardens in May. The group enjoyed a delicious lunch, peaceful ride around the gardens and toured the butterfly garden, as well as the chapel. It was a great time of fellowship for all who were in attendance.

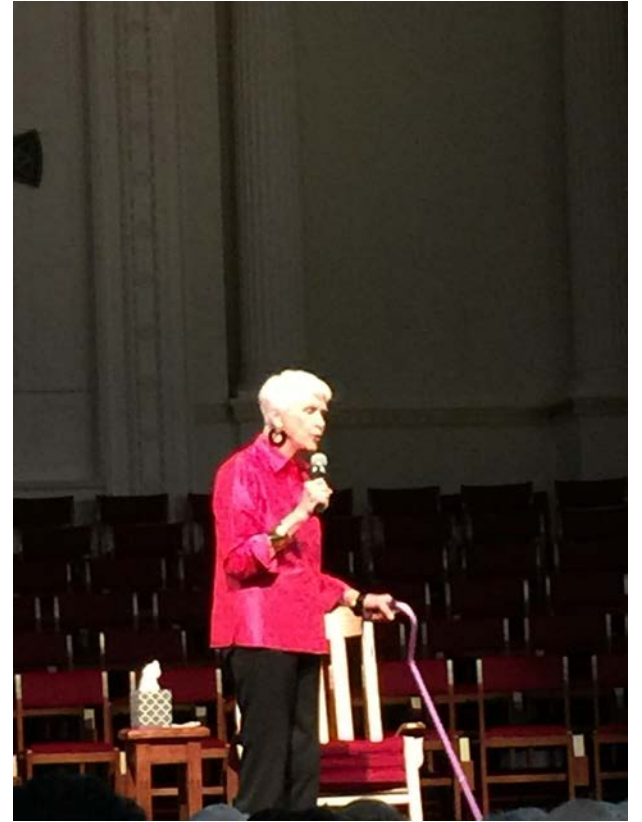




Chapter Happenings

West GA-Jeanne Robertson & Gibbs Gardens

Members of the West GA chapter recently took a trip over to Gainesville to see comedian Jeanne Robertson. They also toured Gibbs Gardens. A great time of fellowship and fun was had by all.





A LOOK BACK AT 2016 RETREAT



Two hundred fifty-four Ambassador members and friends gathered at Epworth by the Sea on beautiful Saint Simons Island for the 26th Annual Ambassador Retreat in April. Attendees were able to enjoy a historic tour of Jekyll Island, a shrimp boat tour and a variety of entertainers throughout the week. There were also horseshoes, bean bag toss, Bingo, a Health Fair....the list goes on and on. It's like a cruise ship without the boat! It was another spectacular Retreat and we hope those that attended were able to enjoy it all.

Let's take a moment to look back at Retreat this month with our Ambassadors who "Caught Some Waves in 2016"!



Senior Citizen



The Annual Horseshoe Tournament



The Winner's Circle



Mens' Division Winners

Div. A: Gary Kimbell & Lannie Haygood

Div. B: Melvin Hendrix & Dan Tillirson

Div. C: Larry McNally & Roger Patten

Div. D: Ken Gillespie & Ty Smith

Grand Champions

MELVIN HENDRIX & DAN TILLIRSON



Ladies' Overall Champions

Carla Patten & Del Clark





2nd Annual Bean Bag Toss Tournament



AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

**ROBERT & LUCY SMALLWOOD
METRO SOUTH CHAPTER**

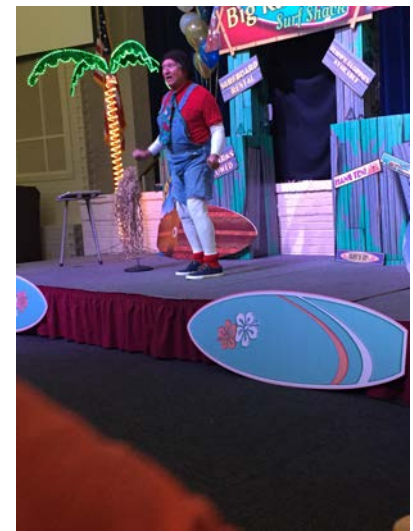




Entertainment



The week kicked off with the revival of the “Not So Newlywed Game” on Tuesday night. Four very brave couples took the stage as we set out to discover who knew the most about each other based on answers to questions previously provided. Congratulations to Jim and Marcia Cherry, our winning couple from Altamaha!



On Wednesday night, Mike Culver, comedian extraordinaire joined us for a laugh out loud event. Everyone enjoyed his reenactments and impersonations of many popular songs and singers.



And we ended the event on Thursday night with The Deraney Band, a favorite from last year. People were up dancing wherever they could find enough space to move around. What an awesome way to end Retreat!



Senior Citizen



FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP TOO



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

APRIL 18-21, 2017



Senior Citizen



Interested in Becoming a Georgia Power Ambassador?

Georgia Power Ambassadors is a network of retirees and their spouses committed to caring and sharing within their communities through active volunteerism and community support.

The purpose of the organization is to promote a means of friendly association, foster continuing fellowship and provide service to the community, while maintaining communication between retirees and Georgia Power. Support from our Ambassadors is vital in helping Georgia Power be “A Citizen Wherever We Serve.”

Membership allows you continued association with Georgia Power and connection to over 2,000 members in over 19 chapters statewide. There are service project opportunities, travel opportunities and company information updates available, so why not join today?

For more information on membership and chapter locations, please contact the State Ambassadors Office at 404-506-7000 or 1-800-442-8158.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!





2016 Chapter Leadership

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	Jim Cherry	4 th Thursday
Athens	Ray Holton	1 st Thursday
Augusta	James Ford	2 nd Tuesday
Columbus	Suzanne Corley	3 rd Monday
Golden Isles	Tean Jackson	3 rd Tuesday
Heart of Georgia	Felix King	3 rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Peggy Grubb	2 nd Tuesday
Metro East	Robert Purcell	4 th Wednesday
Metro North	Tom Powell	2 nd Thursday
Metro South	Earl Spell	2 nd Monday
Metro West	Carol Paschal	2 nd Monday*
Northeast GA	Jane Bingham	4 th Wednesday
Rome	Steve Nance	2 nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Diana Hodges	4 th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	Sam McChesney	2 nd Wednesday
South Georgia	Charles Smith	3 rd Tuesday**
Southwest Georgia	Tommy Norman	3 rd Thursday
Statesboro	Verna Bennett	3 rd Wednesday
West Georgia	Russell Spence	1 st Tuesday

- **Meeting every other month beginning with even months*
- ***Meeting every other month beginning with odd months*