

# Senior Citizen



Congratulations to 2016 State President Gene Ussery and the State Board for another great year in service to Georgia Power and the communities where we live. Our 2000 members in the nineteen chapters throughout the state stay energized in being “A Citizen Wherever We Serve” as well as carrying out the Ambassadors motto of “Friends, Caring and Sharing”. Our expectations this year are to continue to focus on communications throughout the state, volunteer service hours, partnering on projects with the Citizens of Georgia Power chapters and recruiting new members.

One of the greatest benefits of our organization is an opportunity to keep up relationships with people with whom you worked and also make new friends with retirees from throughout the state that you may never have had an opportunity to get to know. I, personally, value those relationships and hope we can advance this message to those retirees who have yet to realize what a great organization the company provides along with the great support we receive from the Volunteer Services staff.

Another benefit of our organization is the many chapter trips and the great state trips made up of Ambassadors from all the chapters. You really get to know someone when you travel together. We know this year’s trips will be great. In addition, we know the Annual Retreat at St. Simons will be another great time of food, fellowship and fun.

We will continue the multitude of local projects our chapters participated in last year donating more than 58,000 service hours. Last year more of our chapters partnered with their local Citizens chapter. This was a great benefit to both retirees and active employees working together through such projects as Local Food Banks, Girls Inc. Annual Dinner, as well as walks for Alzheimer’s, Relay for Life, and March of Dimes. We encourage our chapters to partner more during 2017.

Technology has given us a greater avenue of communication throughout the state with email, the retiree website, GPAN, Facebook, and chapter newsletters. These means of communication should only improve this year.

We are all fortunate to have retired from a company that values our continued association and support. We know we will have another great year for the Ambassadors...Friends, Caring & Sharing.

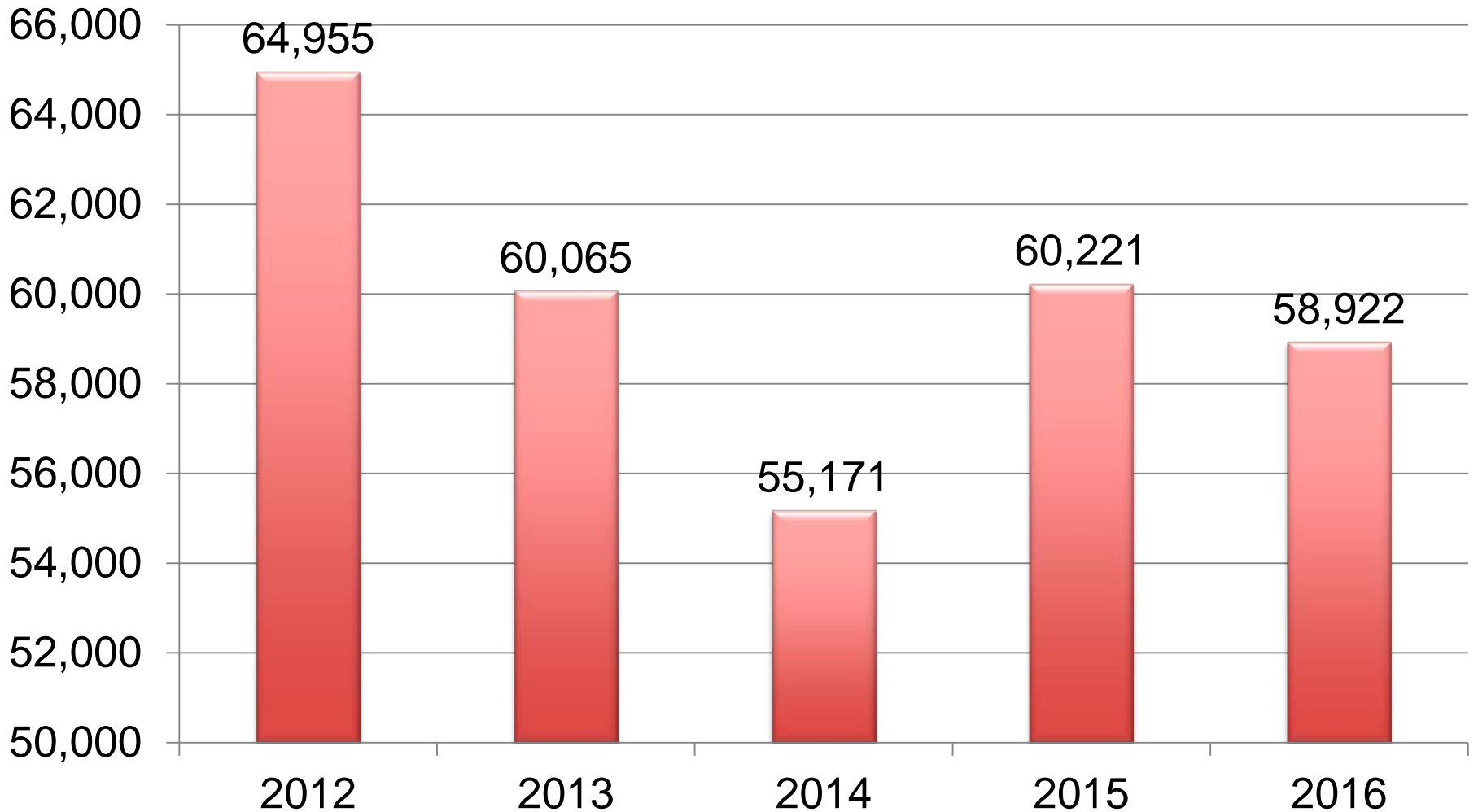
**Garnett Grubb**

**2017 Ambassadors State President**





## 2016 Year End Service Hour Numbers



What a great year in service for Ambassadors! If you combine the total for Ambassadors with the Citizens year end number of 95,136 hours, we were able to provide 154,058 hours of service to our local communities statewide.

Take that a step further. The value for a service hour in 2016 was estimated to be \$23.56. If you take that value and multiply it with our combined total, Citizens and Ambassadors provided over **\$3.6** million in service. That's money the agencies was able to use to help more families in need. Those are families that would not have been helped had you all not volunteered your time.

***THANK YOU AMBASSADORS!***



## AND 2017 KICKS OFF Annual State Board Workshop

In January, the Ambassador State Board met in Macon for the annual two day Workshop, preparing chapter officers for what is in store for 2017. Eighteen of the nineteen chapters were represented at the event. Mike Anderson, Senior Vice President for Community & Corporate Relations, and Ron Shipman, Central Region Vice President, joined the group one night and provided a company update for everyone present. Best practices were shared throughout the two day session on service hours, membership and program ideas. Awards were presented to the top three chapters for service hours, membership and meeting attendance, as well. Thank you to all of the officers for each chapter for stepping up to lead in 2017. It's going to be another great year!





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## Annual State Board Workshop Cont. And the winners are.....



### 2016 John C. Hemby, Jr. Membership Award

Left to Right  
Garnett Grubb, State President  
Third Place Statesboro (Verna Bennett)  
Second Place Augusta (James Ford)  
First Place Golden Isles (Teon Jackson)  
Ronnie Pate, State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### 2016 John C. Hemby, Jr. Attendance Award

Left to Right  
Garnett Grubb, State President  
First Place Southwest GA (Tommy Norman)  
Third Place Golden Isles (Teon Jackson)  
Second Place Heart of GA (Felix King)  
Ronnie Pate, State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



### 2016 Preston Arkwright Service Hour Award

Left to Right  
Bob Davidson, State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Third Place Statesboro (Verna Bennett)  
Second Place SW GA (Tommy Norman)  
First Place Altamaha (Alan Wolfe)  
Garnett Grubb, State President





## 2017 Chapter Leadership

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	Alan Wolfe	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Athens	Dianne Ussery	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Augusta	James Ford	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Columbus	Suzanne Corley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Golden Isles	Teann Jackson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Heart of Georgia	Felix King	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Metro Central	Zann Hayes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Metro East	Jim & Alma Proffitt	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Metro North	Tom Powell	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Metro South	Dan Tillirson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Metro West	Bill Grant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday*
Northeast GA	Jane Bingham	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Rome	Steve Nance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday*
Savannah	Diana Hodges	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	Sam McChesney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
South Georgia	Donna Smith	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**
Southwest Georgia	Tommy Norman	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Statesboro	Verna Bennett	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
West Georgia	Russell Spence	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday

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



## Community Impact

### Altamaha

Continuing the tradition of changing their community with one ramp at a time, the Altamaha chapter has already kicked it into high gear this year. Since January 1, the chapter has completed four ramps for area residents who were in desperate need of a safe way to enter and exit their homes. In 2016, they completed over 90 ramps. Thank you Altamaha for what you do every day. You are making a difference in so many lives.





## Community Impact Augusta

The Augusta Chapter helped out at the Shephard Community Blood Drive in December. The team served all donors that day with a meal as a thank you to them for giving the gift of life. Several members were also blood donors at the event. They even had a visit from Santa Claus. Thank you Augusta!



## Community Impact Through Partnerships West GA

West GA Ambassadors supported the Plant Yates and Plant Wansley Citizens of Georgia Power chapters with their Martin Luther King Day On Not a Day Off project at One Roof Pantry in Newnan. Chapter President Russell Spence and State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ronnie Pate are seen here with Pate's granddaughters. Thanks to all the volunteers for making the day a great success.





## State Travel

The Georgia Power Ambassadors took over the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi to take in the sights and sounds of a Cajun Christmas. The group enjoyed dinner and “The Magic Christmas in Lights” at the Bellingrath Gardens with over three million lights and 1,000 displays to discover. The team also visited the Beauvoir Mansion, saw the Holiday Spectacular Show at the Beau and had lunch at the Stage Door Canteen in New Orleans, plus a stroll through the infamous French Quarter and Jackson Square. A great time was had by all in attendance. Thank you to Lois Duncan, State Travel Coordinator, for planning such a terrific trip!







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## 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!

