Citizens of Georgia Power

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# ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

### Rachel Bailey

Citizens of Georgia Power,

You put a large spotlight on the Martin Luther King, Jr day of service and it was another resounding success. All total there were over 50 projects involving over 1,200 people and providing 4,200 hours of service. Take a moment to read about many of the great projects highlighted in this newsletter!

Earlier this month there were two annual gatherings that occurred. One being the first 2017 State Board Meeting. Typically, at these meetings we discuss goals to announce to the chapters as well as other routine business. This year the discussion was around maintaining and growing both service hours and membership and how to do that. We focused a good bit of the discussion on Communication, Partnerships and Education. How do we educate about citizen's involvement in the communities and our 3 registered charities (ELF, Electric Kids/Colin Banks, Family House)? How do we continue to grow and advance how to communicate with those that live and work in our communities? How do we continue to grow the partnerships that can broaden the effectiveness of our events?

While the board discussed these things our Citizens leadership responded to these questions during officers training. The citizen's leadership from across the state met on a Saturday for our Officers' Training. This is an opportunity for these leaders to hear success stories, exchange ideas, create new friendships and collaborate on challenges and projects. The number of first time officers was overwhelming and exciting and the feedback from these seasoned leaders was no less informative, and energetic. From online membership forms, continued and expanded use of our Go-Pro's, how to leverage social media, etc. there are a ton of great initiatives and ideas out there. We talked about the massive amount of partnerships between chapters, how it works, what are the benefits and how to continue to encourage it. How to utilize chapter relationship calls to share knowledge, ask for assistance, talk about projects and project needs. I am humbled and amazed by the heart all of our leadership shows when discussing the work we do.

We are off to a great start with many exciting things coming as we move through 2017. Continue to utilize your peers, gather feedback from the membership and communicate with the state office on how we can better serve you so you can better serve your communities.

*Rachel Bailey*

Citizens of Georgia Power SPOTLIGHT on service

## Plant Bowen Chapter

Several of Bowen CGP members made their monthly visit to Felton Manor Assisted Living in Cartersville. They handed out Valentine candy and made Valentine door hangers. The residents loved it!! Each month the chapter members provide a different activity for the residents to enjoy.

Plant Bowen Citizens members worked at the Noble Hill-Wheeler Memorial Center in Cartersville assembling cabinets, hanging blinds, repainting display cases, and overall general cleaning. The Center, a restored school that was built in 1923 as the first school for black children, now serves as a cultural museum.

On February 8, the Bowen Citizens chapter made chocolate covered apples as Valentine gifts. This is an annual event at Bowen. The dippers and the buyers purchase them for their entire family. The proceeds go to Cartersville Dances with the Stars to benefit the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter and Bartow County Backpack Buddy Program.

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## Metro South Chapter

Citizens of Georgia Power Metro South participated in the "Hands Across Atlanta – Feed the Homeless in the Park" on February 12. Over 200 people volunteered across the Metro Atlanta Area. This event takes place every Valentine's Day weekend.

Metro South Citizens hosted multiple projects for King Day. Chapter members Keron Davis-Jenkins, and David Herring hosted 30 volunteers, including Bill Davenport – Area Manager and Magda Gonzalez – Distribution Manager, at Christian City in South Fulton County.

## Customer Care Center Chapter

The CCC Citizens chapter hosted 43 volunteers at Helping In His Name Food Pantry in Henry County. A big thanks goes to Alicia Lowe for coordinating this great project.

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## Rome and Plant Hammond Chapter

Rome and Plant Hammond Chapters partnered with Forestry & R-O-W Services to hand out 50 sawtooth oak saplings at a Keep Rome Beautiful Arbor Day event at the infamous Clock Tower on Friday February 17th. The City of Rome has been named a Tree City for the past 27 Years and was awarded the Sterling Award this year.

## Plant Yates Chapter

Plant Yates Citizens members Bobby Harper and Richard Gamble proudly led 32 volunteers at One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach.

## Plant Vogtle, Waynesboro, Thomson and Augusta Chapters

Plant Vogtle, Waynesboro, Thomson, and Augusta chapters of Citizens of Georgia Power presented a $100,000 donation to the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta. The donation will support a planned renovation of Camp Lakeside that will add new housing facilities and transform it from its limited, rustic condition. The CGP donation will also be used to sponsor 25 children each year from the Burke County area, allowing them to experience a week of Camp Lakeside free of charge for years to come.

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## Clayton Chapter

Clayton Citizens members volunteered for MLK Day at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia sorting and inspecting food donated by local grocery stores.

## Kingsland Chapter

Members of the Kingsland Area Citizens of Georgia Power completed a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day project by pressure-washing and painting a playground set at the Camden House. The Camden House provides shelter for victims of domestic violence.

## Brunswick Chapter

*Catch the video!*

Check out the video clip as Brunswick Citizens members gathered with other community volunteers to replant trees destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.

## Milledgeville – Plant Branch Chapter

Milledgeville Citizens sold raffle tickets for a Yeti cooler to raise money for United Way of Central Georgia. Keith Childers was the lucky winner and United Way received $575.



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## General Office Chapter

The General Office Chapter organized a large crowd consisting of several different Chapters of the Citizens of Georgia Power to show up at the Lutheran Towers to celebrate "A Day On, Not a Day Off" in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The residents were thrilled to receive treat bags, snacks, and entertainment from all of the representatives who participated.

Over 200 area youth attended the Atlanta Police Foundation (APF) @Promise Field Day at the Georgia Dome on MLK Day. Georgia Power employees checked in teams, lead groups through games, and demonstrated how much we care for area youth. The event was a great partnership between the APF, Georgia Power and General Electric to support youth from area Boys and Girls Clubs and schools.

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## General Office Chapter

The General Office Chapter hosted a Service Project Fair on January 25, to help employees learn more about the Citizens of Georgia Power and the great projects they support. Participants were entered in a raffle for some great prizes and refreshments were provided!

Past President of the General Office Chapter, Terri Sapp Page, was invited to a ceremony hosted by the Midtown Assistance Center. This charity organization honored the Citizens of Georgia Power General Office Chapter with the "Corporate Partner of the Year" award for 2016.

## Plant Scherer Chapter

In an effort to help the people in Albany who were affected by recent tornados, the Plant Scherer Chapter of Citizens of GA Power held a donation drive for supplies. Plant Scherer employees donated soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cleaning supplies, clothes and various other items for the families in Albany. Great Job Plant Scherer!

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## Thomson Chapter

The Thomson Chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power served their community on the M L King Day of Service through the Strawberry Hill neighborhood revitalization project. The team completed the internal demo work on a house that will be remodeled and repurposed to serve as a half-way house for citizens moving from public to private housing.

## Vidalia Chapter

Vidalia Citizens members, along with family members and community volunteers, spent their MLK Day volunteering at the Harp Foundation in Vidalia. The group built a volleyball court, planted shrubs and border grass, repaired a picnic table, pressured washed the building, and put down pinestraw. The Harp Foundation helps young men ages 12 to 17 to deal with family intervention, living arrangements, and other needs required during difficult situations.

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## Vidalia Chapter

Members of the Vidalia Chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power participated in the 2017 Vidalia Cleanup Project. This annual event focuses on cleaning the gateways into the city, along with other areas around Vidalia.

## Plant Hammond Chapter

Plant Hammond Citizens chapter made Valentine's Day a bit more special for many wives and daughters this year! The chapter held their annual rose sale to benefit Backpack Buddies. The chapter sold 46 dozen roses and 23 special packages to raise over $1,300 for this great charity.

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# Upcoming Projects

| EVENT | CHAPTER | DATE | CONTACT |
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| **Plant Wansley RFL MOD Fishing Spring Tournament** | Plant Wansley | March 25 | Randall Denney<br>DRDENNEY@southernco.com |
| **Athens Area Citizens of Georgia Power Golf Tournament** | Athens | April 10 | Angie Brown<br>ACKINLEY@southernco.com |
| **Savannah Generation MOD Golf Tournament** | Savannah Generation | April 14 | Lonnie Shaw<br>LOSHAW@southernco.com |
| **March of Dimes 5K Run** | Gainesville | April 22 | Charles Henley<br>CWHENLEY@southernco.com |
| **Relay for Life Golf Tournament** | Plant Scherer | April 28 | Tasha Davison<br>TNLOGAN@southernco.com |
| **Mountain Clays** | Northwest Mountain | April 29 | Tabitha Stewart<br>TDSTEWAR@southernco.com |
| **Plant Wansley MOD Golf** | Plant Wansley | May 5 | Julie Arp<br>JULIEARP@southernco.com |
| **GoodBoats: Dragon Boat Races** | Augusta | May 6 | Linda Goble/Tammy Moore<br>LCGOBLE@southernco.com<br>TMMOORE@southernco.com |
| **15th Annual Golf Tournament** | Forest Park | May 12 | Tom Stewart<br>TGSTEWAR@southernco.com |
| **Roopville Ramble Bike Ride to benefit Camp Sunshine** | Plant Wansley | May 20 | Ashley Getwan<br>AGETWAN@southernco.com |
| **"Cast for a Cause" Bass Finshing Tournament** | Columbus | May 20 | Jay Holt<br>JAYAHOLT@southernco.com |
| **Hee-Haw Motorcycle Ride** | Clayton | June 3 | Tenille Barrett<br>KTBARRET@southernco.com |
| **Miracle League Softball Tournament for Special Needs Children** | Augusta | June 3 | Linda Goble/Brenda Wolfe<br>LCGOBLE@southernco.com<br>BGWOLFE@southernco.com |
| **Plant Hammond Golf Tournament** | Plant Hammond | June 16 | Rebecca Theakston<br>RTHEAKST@southernco.com |
| **Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament** | Clayton | Sept. 15 | Tony Westbrook<br>TLWESTBR@southernco.com |
| **Golf Tournament** | Customer Care Center | Oct. 2 | Don Martin<br>DVMARTIN@southernco.com |
| **Vogtle Clay Shoot** | Plant Vogtle | Oct. 20 | Stephen King<br>SKING@southernco.com |



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# 2016 Target Dates and Deadlines

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| **15 Monthly** | Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE |
| **March 17** | State Office will verify service hours and financials in SmartSimple in order to process first chapter incentive check of $300 |
| **March 24** | Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed |
| **July 13 &14** | Summer State Board Meeting |
| **August 11** | State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office |
| **September 1** | Call to Annual Meeting mailed |
| **September 1** | Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form |
| **September 22** | Committee Chairs application due in State Office |
| **October 3-6** | State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2018 |
| **October 3** | Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due |
| **October 3** | Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office |
| **November 10** | State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center |
| **November 11** | Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center |
| **December 1** | 2017 chapter officer information due |
| **December 8** | State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive |
| **December 15** | Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office |
| **December 15** | All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to $100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms |