State President’s Message

Rachel Bailey

Citizens of Georgia Power,

This month we all met in Macon for the 56th Annual Meeting for Citizens of Georgia Power. It was a wonderful event due in large part because of the hard work of an amazing group of folks. Thank you so much to the State Office for the hours spent planning, organizing and preparing reports for this celebration of everything our members do! The State Board was amazing as always pitching in to make sure everything came together and making sure all our guests were welcomed. And the Special Events committee, as well as our host chapters, worked diligently to decorate, prepare the rooms, and greeted everyone as they arrived. This meeting is nothing without all of you!

At the annual meeting, we spotlighted all our chapters and their leadership, celebrating everything they have accomplished so far, this year. However, remember the year isn’t over and I know that a lot of our chapters have some very impactful projects scheduled for November and December. Please support those chapters in their efforts to assist the communities during the holiday season. We also had the great pleasure to elect your State Board for 2018, you guys are in for a fun trip with next year’s captain!

In addition to all the fun, we had the honor to recognize the two Preston Arkwright Award nominees, Dana Clarry and Matt Goff during the meeting. The heart and soul they put into their work is astounding and they should both be very proud of everything they have accomplished! For those who weren’t in attendance, we are pleased to announce the recipient of the Arkwright Award, Matt Goff. Congratulations again Matt! This is a great accomplishment.

Not being a native of Georgia, Thanksgiving is the one time of year I see all my family and old friends. I take that time to relax and give thanks for them. I see Citizens like that, as well. We are a family that supports and takes care of each other and those around us. Annual meeting is a time to relax and celebrate the accomplishments we have had and to give thanks for the support we have been able to provide each other and our communities. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family, and are ready to push through this last piece of the year.

Please think about how you can continue to touch lives in your community. Reach out to your surrounding citizens chapter also to see how they can help you to be the light for our organization!

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Plant Vogtle Chapter

In an effort to raise money for the Family YMCA being built in Burke County, Plant Vogtle’s Citizens of Georgia Power chapter held its fifth annual Sporting Clays Tournament and Golf Tournament at the Sage Valley Golf Club near Augusta. This year’s event raised over $144,000 and the five year total stands at over $500,000!! The construction of the Family YMCA is part of a larger effort, the Neighborhood Renewal project, an alliance between Plant Vogtle and the Burke County community that aims to improve the lives of those who live in Vogtle’s surrounding area.

General Office Chapter

Volunteers from the General Office Chapter supported the United Methodist Children’s Home ‘Fam Fest’ held at Six Flags Over Georgia on October 28th. The evening was a great opportunity to celebrate families and children who are in the foster care system with fun and fellowship.

Rome and Plant Hammond Chapters

The Rome and Plant Hammond Chapters Partnered up with Action Ministries, Cancer Navigators and the Georgia Department of Veteran Affairs, Rome Office, to put together 25 care packages for Homeless and low income Veterans in Rome and Floyd County.
Jefferson Street Chapter

The 3rd Annual Jefferson Street Cornhole Tournament and Electric Kids Raffle was held on October 11th benefitting St. Jude’s and Electric Kids. This fun event raised $2,116 for St. Jude’s and $1,768 for Electric Kids. Thanks to all who participated!

Forest Park Chapter

The Forest Park Chapter donated $350 of food and personal care items to the Military Veteran's in Power (MVP) care package campaign.

Thomson Chapter

WOW! The Thomson chapter continues to shine the light of service in their community! The chapter collected 189 lbs. of food along with $190 donation. The donation allowed the charity to buy items at a reduced cost through the food bank. This brought the total donation up to 474 lbs. Chapter President Carla Cole proudly presented a $2,500 Georgia Power Foundation matching fund check to Steve Stokes, Executive Director of Manna.
Rome Chapter

At the Rome Chapter’s membership meeting, incoming Chapter President Carlos Del Rio presented checks to End Slavery GA, Cancer Navigators, Murphy Harpst and Action Ministries. Each charity spoke about their individual organizations and their missions. After the presentations, they decided to exchange contact information realizing they could complement each other in partnership to provide even more benefit to the community.

Plant Bowen Chapter

A huge Thank YOU to all Plant Bowen employees that donated during the bucket drive at the main gate. Your generosity raised $1,071 for the Bartow County Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter! Local radio station WBHF1450 hosted a Radio-Thon and had a $5,000 matching donor, so every penny given was doubled. Ellen Floyd, Citizens Chapter President, also a Board Member for the shelter, was able to go on the radio and give a shout out to Plant Bowen for their donation.
Citizens Annual Meeting

Citizens Board members, chapter officers, chapter delegates, and company leadership descended on Macon, Georgia for the 56th Annual Meeting. With 44 of the 48 chapters represented, attendees recognized and celebrated all the great work the chapters accomplished throughout the year. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- 2nd Annual Inaugural Preston Arkwright Award presented to Matt Goff along with a $5,000 check to Electric Kids
- Honored 16 Past State Presidents in attendance
- Citizens and its three charities are financial viable with a net worth of over $2.5 million
- 2017 MLK Day had over 1,120 volunteers work on over 50 projects
- 2017 Earth Day had over 300 volunteers and over 25 projects
- Over 30 Citizens Relay for Life events with over 700 participants who raised over $159,000
- March of Dimes 9 walks raising $47,730
- Membership is 3,706
- Service hours through October 31 are 70,680 hours
- Shane Ammons, New Service Support Manager, is 2018 Citizens State President
Citizens Annual Meeting

Jefferson Street Chapter

Jefferson Street participated in Lutheran Towers Halloween Event on October 26th. Chapter members served lunch and handed out candy bags to the residents.

Jefferson Street Chapter

Jefferson Street Citizens members have certainly been busy! Chapter members participated in “Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk”. Their bake sale raised over $500 and their on-line fundraising efforts topped $995 for a total of $1,500 to this great cause!
2017 Target Dates and Deadlines

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