#### A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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### State President's Message

#### **Shane Ammons**

Citizens of Georgia Power,

What a great first quarter we have had in 2018. It is hard to imagine that we are over three months into this exciting journey as we are "charting a course for service." We are over 40 chapters strong this year across the state. Each chapter has completed their mem-



bership drives and the numbers are looking good. We are filling this Citizen Ship you quick. I hope you like the perpetual membership option. The State Board worked several months on this project to get it approved and working. Many of the chapters have a renewed excitement and their membership numbers have exceeded their Spouses and Ambassadors have joined in on this journey across the state. I would like to thank Bob Davidson, State Ambassador President, for his commitment to the cause and for promoting his members to join Citizens too.

As I write this month's letter, we are right in the middle of one of our busiest times of the year. April 22nd is the day we celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day was founded by a Senator Gaylord Nelson. It was first celebrated on 22nd day of April 1970 in the United States. Since that day, many individuals have committed to make their world a better place by taking care of the environment. There are many activities sponsored this year by our chapters. I encourage you to find one and volunteer. These events are great opportunities to get your family involved and teach them about being responsible with our resources.

April is also Relay for Life and March of Dimes month. March of Dimes is helping healthy moms have strong babies and give families the resources they need. I don't know a single individual who has not been touched or affected by cancer. Attending a Relay event will change the way you see cancer. It will motivate you that many people around you are "fighting" this terrible disease and they are working to find a

cure. Check with your local chapter and find a Relay or March of Dimes event in your area. I hope to see you there and we walk to help in these two great causes.

Sail On!

Shane Ammos

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#### **Customer Care Center**

On March 31st, the Customer Care Center Chapter held a volunteer event at A Friend's House, located in McDonough. Volunteers prepared breakfast, lunch and dinner for the children and staff. Thanks to Jecynta Smith and Rachon Francis for spearheading this event.





On April 10th, the Customer Care Center chapter partnered with the Red Cross to host a blood drive. A total of 25 volunteers successfully donated for a worthy cause. Great job, CCC.





#### Forest Park Chapter

The Forest Park Chapter helped make students at Huie Elementary smile and scream with excitement! A few days before Easter, the Easter Bunny visited the school and delivered a huge basket of eggs and candy to students during lunch. Who was the Georgia Power Bunny? Tyler Hoptroff, Sr. Transmission



Analyst – Construction Support. The chapter leadership team assembled more than 50 Easter Baskets for the students.

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**North Fulton Chapter** 

The North Fulton Area Citizens chapter, along with Metro North Ambassadors collected Easter basket supplies and assembled Easter baskets for recipients at enAble of Georgia in Roswell. enAble of Georgia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency founded in 1979 by a group of concerned parents seeking a place in their community that could provide a nurturing home

> and quality for their adult children with developmental



#### **Metro South Chapter**

Metro South Citizens members participated in this year's Career Fair at Elm Street Elementary. Students directly interacted with our employees, heard about their jobs, and hopefully learned about career paths that may interest them. Thanks to Metro South Citizens for making Career Fair a success!





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#### **General Office Chapter**

General Office Chapter had a very busy end of March. They hosted their first annual Topgolf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society and raised over \$1,000 for Relay for Life. Congratulations to the winners 1st Place - Chad Kite, 2nd Place - Brian Graber and 3rd Place -Kerry Chase.





General Office Chapter held the first of four events at Hope Lodge where they served a delicious dinner to and spent quality time with the residents and their families.

#### **Plant Bowen Chapter**

Drew Blankenship and Kevin Farren from Plant Bowen Citizens presented Powertown to government employees with City of Rome. Ensuring that they understand safety measures around our equipment is key to this important partnership.



#### **Brunswick Chapter**

Brunswick Citizens participated an "Evening with the Stars", a culinary event, on April 19th, at the Retreat. The silent auction and dinner raised money for the Golden Isles Career Academy, a public charter school, whose mission is to ensure a viable 21st century workforce for Glynn County.



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General Office Chapter

General Office Chapter collected donations and filled Easter baskets with candy, toothbrushes and other goodies for the cottage at Christian City. The kids and house parents were equally excited with the delivery.



#### Valdosta Chapter

During the month of March, the Valdosta Chapter hosted a clothing drive in benefit of The Haven, which is a local non-profit organization that provides emergency temporary shelter and services to victims of violence and sexual assault. Thanks to the support of their members, they were able to collect and sort through over 30 large bags and boxes containing an assortment of clothing, shoes and household items, and even a pallet full of toys and children's essential items. The donations were delivered to The Haven donation house on April 3rd.







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#### **Dublin Chapter**

Stubbs Park in Dublin looks more colorful and inviting thanks to a partnership with Citizens of Georgia Power, Keep Dublin-Laurens Beautiful, Friends of Stubbs Park, and visit Dublin GA. Volunteers came together as part of Georgia Power's Earth Day celebration to plant azaleas in historic Stubbs Park.







#### Jefferson Street Chapter

The 82nd annual Dogwood festival was in April. This was a perfect opportunity for the Jefferson St chapter to come together and help clean up Piedmont Park for Earth Day. Volunteers cleaned up around the park to enhance and keep Piedmont Park beautiful.



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Jefferson Street Chapter

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#### Savannah Chapter

Savannah Citizens made it an Earth Weekend!! On Saturday, they partnered with Savannah Earth Day Festival at Forsyth Park with over 100 vendors. Chapter members manned a booth that promoted solar options, gave some energy efficiency tips and handed out some nice giveaways. Sunday afternoon, Citizens partnered with Savannah Tree Foundation and United Way to get their hands dirty and do some clean up at the trails of Bacon Park. Volunteers cut down trees, racked and cleared paths and picked up trash. What a weekend!!







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#### **Metro West Chapter**

Metro West Citizens had a great Earth Day project at Smith-Gilbert Gardens. Thirteen volunteers planted a ginkgo tree and two dogwood trees that will be there for many years to come. Two small future Environmentalists assisted in planting the trees, thanks to Karla Munder.









Tifton Citizens members partnered with Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Keep Tift Beautiful on a unique project to construct bee pollinator boxes. No stings were reported and a good time was had by all!!





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#### Valdosta Chapter

On April 23rd, the CGP Valdosta
Chapter celebrated Earth Day by
joining forces with the Lowndes County
Public Works Dept., and helped plant flowers, spread mulch
and weed flower beds at the Lowndes County Historic
Courthouse. Around 38 members participated from multiple
internal organizations. CGP members from the Transmission
and Metering Department put their wonderful talents to
work, and provided all volunteers with a delicious lunch,
and cooked additional food which was later donated to
the Valdosta Salvation Army Shelter. Food is the greatest
expense the shelter has and the gift was much appreciated.











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## Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
March of Dimes Golf Tournament	Plant Wansley	May 4	Julie Arp JULIEARP@southernco.com
10th Annual PowerClays Tournament	Metro South	May 4	Matt Goff DMGOFF@southernco.com
16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament	Forest Park	May 11	Tom Stewart TGSTEWAR@southernco.com
2nd Annual Fishing Tournament	Brunswick	May 12	Kevin Hill KEVHILL@southernco.com
Golf Tournament	Metro South	June 8	Teresa Huckabee THUCKABE@southernco.com
Plant Bowen Golf Tournament for Relay for Life	Plant Bowen	June 15	Ellen Floyd KEFLOYD@southernco.com
Plant McDonough Sporting Clays Tournament	Plant McDonough	June 29	Enola Taylor EMTAYLOR@southernco.com
Bowling for Scholars Bowl-A-Thon	Metro West	Aug. 11	Eric Swann ECSWANN@southernco.com
Plant Wansley Sporting Clays	Plant Wansley	Sept. 14	Sabrina Grimsley SGRIMSLE@southernco.com
8th Annual Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton and Gainesville	Sept. 17	Charles Henley CWHENLEY@southernco.com
Jefferson Street Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Oct. 10	Kimberly Brewer KYBREWER@southernco.com
Paintball Tournament	Plant Hammond	Oct. 12	Rebecca Theakson RTHEAKST@southernco.com
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Nov. 2	Casey Simmons CASIMMON@southernco.com

## 2018 Target Dates and Deadlines

15 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE		
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July 12 & 13	Summer State Board Meeting		
August 10	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office		
September 4	Call to Annual Meeting mailed		
September 4	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form		
September 21	Committee Chairs application due in State Office		
October 2-5	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2019		
October 2	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due		
October 2	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office		
November 9	State Board Meeting – Atlanta Marriott Gateway		
November 10	Annual Meeting – Atlanta Marriott Gateway		
December 3	2019-chapter officer information due		
December 7	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive		
December 14	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office		
December 14	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms		
December 31	All 2018 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple		