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## State President's Message

Shane Ammons

Citizens of Georgia Power,

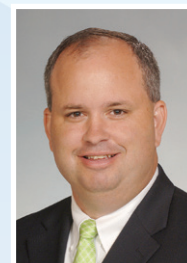
We are on day eight of our twelve-day cruise aboard the Citizen ship as we "Chart A Course for Service" in 2018. There have been many activities onboard and we have one more port of call at Electric Kid Cay. We are building up to our end of the cruise celebration in November at the 56th Annual CGP meeting which will be held on the Atlanta deck. Many of you have attended an Annual Meeting in the past. If you have not, please get with your chapter leadership to find out how you might qualify to attend this end of cruise celebration as a delegate for your chapter. There will be more information shared on this event in the coming month's Energizer.

August is back-to-school month. As I walked around the Kids Camp onboard, I noticed thousands of backpacks and tons of school supplies that many of you donated this month. A school supply drive is an easy way to have a profound impact on students and their learning experience. By providing school supplies, you will make school a better place for students and teachers and give them the tools they need to succeed. Many of our local chapters host supply drives for their local communities. The pictures from the drives show they are very successful.

This year Georgia Power partnered with Purposity. Purposity is a charitable giving platform founded on the simple theory that "if you knew your neighbor was in need, you'd help them." Purposity's platform was used so employees could see a need in a community for school supplies. Within in a couple of clicks on a website, employees could meet the school supply needs. Through the generosity of Team Georgia Power, we provided over 2,500 backpacks. Citizens' chapters at five separate locations met to help stuff the school supplies in backpacks. Purposity did not replace your local drive and the ability that your chapter has in meeting the needs of your local communities but only enhanced it. As CGP president, I do encourage you to register for Team Georgia Power to find out about needs in your community. In a recent interview about community giving, Mr. Bowers stated that "we are giving you the canvas, you go paint the picture". I can't agree with him more and the CGP members are talented artists.

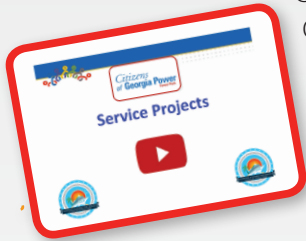
Sail On!

Shane Ammons



## Forest Park Chapter

Forest Park Chapter Leaders Re-Kicks Cruising for Service...On July 30th, the officers and building representatives recapped mid-year success and discussed ports of call for the second half of the year. The chapter is planning projects with Huie Elementary, Calvary Refuge Center, Governor's Glen Memory Center, Fugees Family Refugee Center), and GiGi's House.

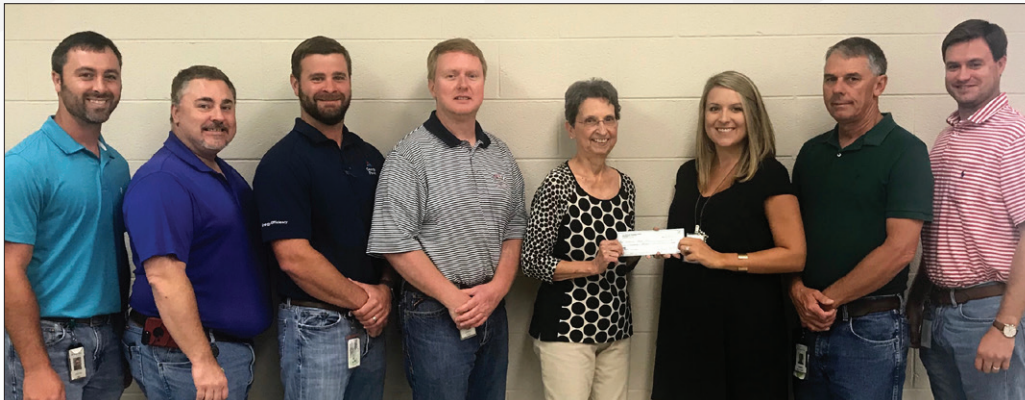


[<See the video>](#)

## Brunswick Chapter

Brunswick Citizens proudly supported Rock the Books 2018. Rock the Books is an annual fun filled event where children can celebrate education and the upcoming school year.

The event also promotes reading literacy and gets children excited and encouraged to read more. Chapter volunteers assisted with games and other activities as well as distributing backpacks and school supplies.



The Brunswick Chapter donated \$500 to the Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc. This great non-profit charitable organization provides financial and emotional assistance to those diagnosed with cancer.

## Plant Vogtle, Augusta, Thomson, and Waynesboro Chapters



Plant Vogtle's Citizens of Georgia Power chapter, along with volunteers from Augusta, Thomson, and Waynesboro Citizens, recently raised \$83,500 to help local veterans through a golf tournament held at Mount Vintage Golf Club in North Augusta, S.C. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Augusta Warrior Project, the only local organization of its kind that

brings together all the necessary resources to help local veterans – wounded or not – and their families. Awesome job!!

[<See the video>](#)





## Metro West Chapter

Metro West Citizens chapter conducted their 2nd annual Atlanta Community Food Bank drive in July. The chapter collected 138 pounds of food and raised \$570. The donations from this drive will help the Atlanta Community Food Bank provide healthier food to families in need around Metro Atlanta. The drive was a tremendous success! Special thanks to Jade Walker, Health Physics Specialist at the GPC Environment Lab for organizing the drive.



## Metro South Chapter

Ginger Barnes and Heather Lunsford of Citizens of Georgia Power – Metro South Chapter participated in the Back-To-School Supply Drive in Forest Park. They packed backpacks full of much needed items, to give to local elementary schools.



Metro West Citizens Chapter delivered their first Legacy Project check to Ser Familia, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500. These funds will allow the organization to open the first Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) center in Georgia that will provide services in Spanish. The project will consist of organizing and setting up their new office in Smyrna, which will specifically serve adolescents and adults with severe trauma. This type of therapy is an integrative psychotherapy approach that has been researched and proven effective for the treatment of severe trauma. EMDR is offered by trained professionals and licensed health consultants to intervene in many mental health cases. Ser Familia, Inc. has two counselors trained to offer this type of therapy to children, adolescents and adults. Attending the check presentation are Belisa Urbina, Executive Director of Ser Familia, Inc., Marta Rodriguez-DeLoach, GPC Project Manager and Board of Directors member, and Lisa Santos, Metro West Chapter President.



## Jefferson Street Chapter

Jefferson St chapter provided 20 backpacks full of supplies and scientific calculators to Fulton Leadership Academy. They are Georgia's first gender-public charter school for boys located in Atlanta. They are tuition free and focus on STEM education.



Members of the Jefferson St chapter volunteered at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Volunteers were able to sort and package 11,443 lbs of food. It was a great hands-on contribution as it provided 8,586 meals to those in need in Atlanta.



What a great start to Jefferson Street's Heart Walk fundraiser!! Cake Pops were a hit and sold out.



## Tifton Chapter

Tifton Citizens chapter held a Back to School supply rally for Colquitt, Ben-Hill, and Turner counties. Thanks to chapter member and Local Manager Brent James for heading up the shopping spree!





## Savannah Generation Chapter

Georgia Power has supported March of Dimes in Savannah for over 16 years. The March of Dimes presented Savannah Generation Citizens with a plaque honoring this longstanding commitment and recognizing their more than \$14,000 of fundraising in 2018. Since joining The Coastal Empire March for Babies event in 2002, Georgia Power has raised more than \$274,000. Great job Savannah Generation!

The Savannah Generation Chapter collected and donated school supplies to three Title One elementary schools in the local Effingham County community. Springhill Elementary Bulldogs, Sand Hill Elementary Hornets, and Guyton Elementary Gators proudly accepted their supplies.





## Valdosta Chapter

Recently, members of Valdosta Citizens of Georgia Power held a school supply drive for the Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County. Thanks to the support of their members, the chapter was able to deliver 10 backpacks stuffed with school supplies ranging from crayons, paper, folders, pencils and pencils pouches. They also had enough left over to deliver a box with a surplus of items.

At the center representatives from law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, mental health, and the medical community collaborate to investigate, treat and prosecute child abuse cases from six area counties.







## General Office Chapter

General Office Citizens hosted a Lunch 4 Lunch Challenge. General Counsel and Accounting, Finance and Treasury competed to assemble sandwiches to benefit Crossroads Ministries. Over 70 employees participated and they were able to make 974 bologna and cheese sandwiches. The sandwiches and canned vegetables were delivered to Crossroads, an organization who seeks to provide access to resources that empower people experiencing homelessness to progress on the road toward economic and personal stability.

Citizens GO Chapter members had a luncheon with the residents of Lutheran Towers. After lunch, residents were entertained with singing and games.



## Waynesboro and Plant Vogtle Chapters

Waynesboro and Vogtle Chapters helped collect can goods for the food pantry at Jenkins County Family Enrichment Center. Vogtle 1-4 held a food drive to encourage employees to donate for the JC FEC food pantry. Elaine Williams, Director of the JFEC, said the donation couldn't have come at a better time. They had an event a week earlier for back to school which left their food pantry bare. The two chapters donated approximately 75lbs of food to their pantry. As you can see from the picture, they like to introduce volunteering to their family members when they are very young!!!!



## Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament	Vidalia	Sept. 7	Cliff Wall or Brad Harrison <a href="mailto:CWWALL@southernco.com">CWWALL@southernco.com</a> <a href="mailto:JBHARRIS@southernco.com">JBHARRIS@southernco.com</a>
Plant Wansley Sporting Clays	Plant Wansley	Sept. 14	Ashley Getwan <a href="mailto:AGETWAN@southernco.com">AGETWAN@southernco.com</a>
8th Annual Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton and Gainesville	Sept. 17	Charles Henley <a href="mailto:CWHENLEY@southernco.com">CWHENLEY@southernco.com</a>
4th Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Tournament	Valdosta	Sept. 27	Tina Daniel or Indira Stephens <a href="mailto:TDDANIEL@southernco.com">TDDANIEL@southernco.com</a> <a href="mailto:JASTEPHE@southernco.com">JASTEPHE@southernco.com</a>
Jefferson Street Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Oct. 10	Kimberly Brewer <a href="mailto:KYBREWER@southernco.com">KYBREWER@southernco.com</a>
Paintball Tournament	Plant Hammond	Oct. 19	Rebecca Theakson <a href="mailto:RTHEAKST@southernco.com">RTHEAKST@southernco.com</a>
Electric Kids Golf Tournament	Gwinnett	Oct. 25	Jill Pennamon or Regina Sinclair <a href="mailto:JPENNAMO@southernco.com">JPENNAMO@southernco.com</a> <a href="mailto:RMSINCLA@southernco.com">RMSINCLA@southernco.com</a>
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Nov. 2	Casey Simmons <a href="mailto:CASIMMON@southernco.com">CASIMMON@southernco.com</a>
CGP Thomson Legacy Golf Tournament	Thomson	Nov. 2	Carla Cole <a href="mailto:CRCOLE@southernco.com">CRCOLE@southernco.com</a>



## 2018 Target Dates and Deadlines

<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>September 4</b>	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
<b>September 4</b>	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form
<b>September 21</b>	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
<b>October 2-5</b>	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2019
<b>October 2</b>	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due
<b>October 2</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office
<b>November 9</b>	State Board Meeting – Atlanta Marriott Gateway
<b>November 10</b>	Annual Meeting – Atlanta Marriott Gateway
<b>December 3</b>	2019-chapter officer information due
<b>December 7</b>	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
<b>December 14</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 14</b>	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
<b>December 31</b>	All 2018 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple