

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Shane Ammons

Citizens of Georgia Power,

I am still on an emotional high from our 57th Annual Meeting for Citizens of Georgia Power. We have been "Charting A Course For Service" all year. The Annual Meeting was planned as a huge deck party aboard our Citizen Ship. As delegates entered the room, they were met with a lei for their neck, beautiful decorations and beach music. The delegates came dressed in their festive beach and cruise attire. This set the mood for the day of one with fun and fellowship. At the meeting, we recognized and rewarded many of our chapters and members. The day began with the announcement of the third recipient of the annual Preston Arkwright Award. The company first created the award in 2016 to spotlight and recognize the exceptional commitment to service demonstrated by thousands of employees working every day in communities across the state. Although this is not a Citizens' award, it has been presented at the Annual Meeting each year. This year we had two outstanding nominees who are very involved in their community and their local chapter. Denise Hamrick, President of the Thomson Chapter was presented this year's award. We continued with personal awards by recognizing the Mamie K. Taylor and Mary Elizabeth Smith winners from each chapter. These awards were presented to the chapter's most valuable member and chapter president respectively. Chapter recognition was presented to the largest fundraisers for Relay for Life and March of Dimes. Congratulations to Plant Bowen for raising a record \$40,135. Not to be outdone, Plant Wansley raised \$35,020 for the March of Dimes. I am sure these funds will be used to help the families that receive benefits from these organizations.

This year the Annual Meeting was also a time for educating others about our organization. Time was spent informing people about the awards that were given out and about the three charities that Citizens represent. Electric Kids and Georgia Power Family House were highlighted by a personal note of thanks from a member who had benefited from these charities. This was a unique way of putting names and faces with the things that we do. We also highlighted several Legacy Projects that have been completed in communities across the state. Huge thanks go to the State Office, State Board, Special Events committee and host chapters for their hard work in making sure everything came together. A special thanks to each executive and management sponsor who came to support and celebrate with their chapter. This meeting is a capstone to a very successful year.

However, remember the year is not over. A lot of our chapters have some very impactful projects scheduled in November and December. Please support your chapter in their efforts to assist the communities during the holiday season.

Sail On!

Shane Ammons



## Athens Chapter

Georgia Power in partnership with UGA Athletics is the presenting sponsor of the Team UGA Award, recognizing someone or an organization that shows unselfish giving

attitude in support of their community. This year Georgia Power had the opportunity to present the award to an internal group and the Citizens of Georgia Power Athens Chapter was recommended and recognized for their work and dedication for the Katie Mobley Legacy Project.



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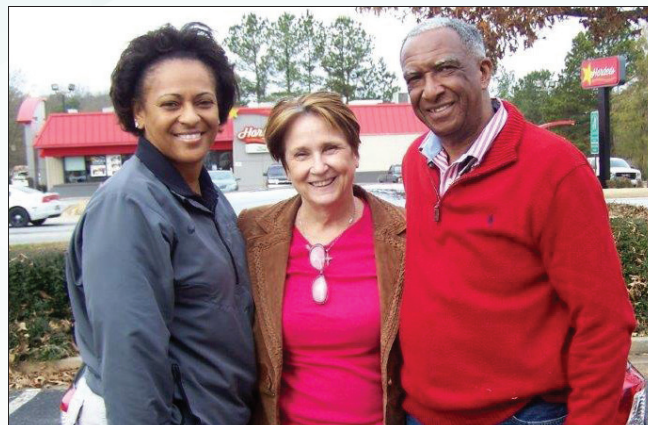
Thank you Josh Likins for representing our Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter and thank you to the Chapter for the hard work on the Legacy Chapter. We are confident Katie is smiling from above on the work this chapter carried out in her honor, ensuring her vision of this zoo project was completed.

## Yates Chapter



Yates Citizens Chapter sponsored eight families for Thanksgiving this year through Bridging the Gap Community Outreach. The families were selected at random and informed of the sponsorship when they received their turkeys.

The women's shelter in Carrollton was the proud recipient of ten of Plant Yates' Citizens smoked turkeys!



Yates members have been busy smoking turkeys for the holidays! Selena Taylor and Richard Gamble delivered eight turkeys to Families Matters Women's Shelter in Newnan. Center Director Linda Kirkpatrick gladly accepted the donation.







## ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday November 10, the Citizens cruise pulled into port at the Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway. When he announced his theme last year, State President Shane Ammons challenged everyone to join him in "Charting A Course for Service" and Citizens chapters across the state took the challenge. More than 3,650 members have responded with over 57,000 service hours to date. We learned a great deal about our founding members Mamie K Taylor and Mary Elizabeth Smith and saw the personal side of Electric Kids and Georgia Power Family House with two personal testimonial letters. Four of our chapters

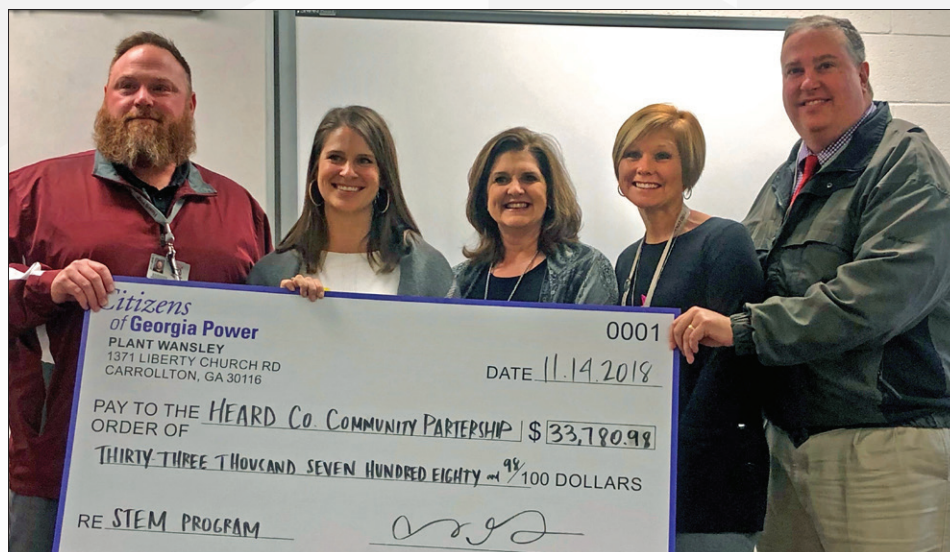
highlighted their Legacy Projects. We even had an appearance by "Flat Juan"! Here are a few more highlights:

- 3rd Annual Preston Arkwright Award was presented to Denise Hamrick
- Citizens and its three charities have a net worth of over \$2.65 million
- Over \$134,000 raised for American Cancer Society through Relay for Life
- More than \$57,000 raised for March of Dimes
- 2019 State President is Amy Anderson, Senior Line Engineer, Transmission Maintenance and Support



## Plant Wansley and Plant Yates Chapters

Wansley and Yates Citizens members banded together to raise over \$2,000 for the Alzheimer's Walk. Wansley raised \$1,100 while Yates brought in \$1,000. Great job!!



## Plant Wansley Chapter

Plant Wansley Citizens members were proud to present a check for over \$33,000 to Heard County Schools STEM Program. This incredible donation came from the proceeds of the chapter's first ever clay shoot. Sounds like a pretty successful first year event! Great job Wansley!



## Bowen Chapter

Bowen Citizens held their annual bucket drive to raise money for the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter. Members stood at the plant gates with buckets to collect donations. This year the crew raised over \$1,071 for the shelter. Great job Plant Bowen!!





## Plant Bowen Chapter

Plant Bowen Citizens had another successful Socktober! Members and employees brought in socks, along with \$80 to purchase more socks, that were donated to local shelters.



The Citizens of Georgia Power Bowen Boltz had an incredible year!! One big achievement was the success of all their Relay for Life events. Between their clay shoot and the golf tournament, the chapter proudly presented Marcus Young, Community Development Manager with the American Cancer Society, a check for **\$40,134.60!**



The Bowen Chapter held a hugely successful can food drive to benefit the Bartow County Annual Can-A-Thon. The group collected **1,691 lbs of canned goods!!!**

The team over the event said that this will likely be their **best year ever** because of Bowen's generous donations. What an awesome way to show that the Georgia Power Plant Bowen family believes in being our brothers and sisters keepers in the community as well as on plant site. Special congrats to the maintenance department for collecting an outstanding **734 lbs of canned goods!!** Thanks to EVERY department! You all did a great job to help those who are not as fortunate during this holiday season.



## Clayton Chapter

The Clayton chapter completed their Legacy Project at Prevent Child Abuse of Habersham. The group put down barriers, tarps and rubber bark around the newly installed playground set.



Clayton Citizens came out in force to man the concession stand at the football games for Habersham Central High School. This volunteer effort goes a long way in support of the athletic programs at the high school.

## Dublin Chapter

Several Dublin Citizens volunteers teamed up with their local United Way for a day of caring project. The group worked at Stepping Stones, an organization to help physically or sexually abused children. Brad Duke, Chapter Vice President helped install a white board that counselors use to have the children draw out what has happened to them. The group also installed sound proofing boards in the room to improve audio quality.





## Jefferson Street Chapter

Members, friends and family came together to assist the Jefferson Street chapter in completing their Legacy Project at Bright Futures Atlanta. They were able to help plant trees and shrubs, install benches and lay sod to leave a lasting impact for the Bright Futures campus on the westside of the city.



On Saturday, October 27th the Jefferson Street Chapter gathered and joined hundreds of participants in the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** at SunTrust Park Stadium. The drive and motivation were to raise awareness and especially walk in the memory of passed loved ones and current survivors. Bessie Poole lead the group as the Team Captain and with everyone's dedication, raised over \$2,300 for the event.



Board Members of the Jefferson Street chapter supported the 2nd annual "Be Pink" event at the Piedmont Henry Breast Center. Piedmont Henry Hospital is determined to continue efforts to save the lives of women fighting breast cancer.





## Plant Bowen Chapter

The chapter held a chili sale to benefit Georgia Alzheimer's Association. This tasty event brought in \$946 for this great cause!

## Customer Care Center Chapter



The CCC Chapter for Citizens of Georgia Power held their annual golf tournament at Heron Bay Golf Course. The event was another huge success raising a little over \$43,000 for local charities in Henry County. Over 100 golfers came out for a day of fun and fellowship in support of some great charities.





## Clayton and Tallulah Falls Chapters

Clayton and Tallulah Falls cohosted a golf tournament to raise money for Rabun County FERST Foundation, Habersham County 4-H, and Rabun County Disabled Veterans. Each charity received over \$4,200 from this great event!



## 2018 Target Dates and Deadlines

<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<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