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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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State President's Message

Amy Anderson

Citizens of Georgia Power,

Can you believe that it is already 2019? It seems like 2018 flew by. What a great year we had with Citizens! You finished the year strong with 3,718 members across the state. We completed 80,408 service hours in 2018. That's \$1.99 million in volunteer labor given to charities



across the state. Every one of those hours was given through your selflessness, working as Citizens to better the communities in which you live and work. You should be proud of your accomplishments in 2018 as we Charted a Course for Service.

As we begin 2019, I challenge you to **Discover the Possibilities** with Citizens this year. Be willing to think outside of the box and travel down new roads. I chose the theme this year in the hopes that we will all take up the charge to try new ideas and see what happens. I believe that when we dare to try something different, we will find great rewards at the end of the trail. Is there a project that your chapter has thought about trying but were worried about how it might go? Why not try it this year and see what happens? Is there a charity that needs your help, but you don't have the funds to assist? Apply for a legacy project grant and secure the funds to do the work! Are there coworkers that you haven't talked to about Citizens? Help them Discover all the Possibilities that a Citizens membership can offer. As leaders and existing members, I simply ask you to decide what you would like to do differently this year and let us know how we can help you achieve it. Your state board exploration team is ready and willing to help.

I am very grateful that we work for a company that encourages us to serve. For me, Citizens has been a way to connect with people that I wouldn't normally interact with across the state. It has been the best way to get to know the people that I work with. I am fully convinced that some of the best people in the state work for Georgia Power, but the best of the best are our Citizens members across the state. I am extremely humbled to represent you as your state president this year. It is an honor to serve alongside you.

I hope to see many of you at the Leadership Summit on February 9th. Bring your questions, ideas, successes and challenges and let's start Discovering the Possibilities.

Amy Anderson



Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER Involvement PARTNERSHIPS







Athens Chapter

er Athens Citizens chapter, through a partnership with Project Safe, adopted a family for Christmas this year. Members either hit the stores to shop or donated money to ensure that every item on the wish list was purchased!



Plant Bowen Chapter

Bowen Citizens members stepped up in a big way this year for their annual Silent Santa project! Their generosity allowed them to adopt 39 DFACS kids PLUS 10 kids from the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter. Thank you to everyone for making a lot of kids VERY happy!



Gwinnett Chapter

Georgia Power, Gwinnett Citizens and the Atlanta Falcons partnered to provide children from the Boys and Girls Club a shopping spree. Each child received \$250 to purchase gifts for themselves and family members at Walmart. Chapter



volunteers were assigned to a child and assisted them in selecting their gifts. Desmond Trufant, cornerback for the Atlanta Falcons was also in attendance to surprise the children.

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General Office Chapter

The annual Christmas Party for Lutheran Towers was held December 22 where members of the General Office Chapter had an opportunity to celebrate and fellowship with the residents of Lutheran Towers. Everyone was wearing their holiday best as they were served a catered



meal, played some games, received a gift bag and enjoyed the time spent with friends and Citizens members.

The General Office Chapter hosted a special year-end holiday dinner at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Decatur. The Hope Lodge provides out-oftown patients with free housing while undergoing treatment for cancer in Atlanta, and the residents were thrilled with the turkey and pumpkin pie.









Brunswick Chapter

Senior citizens in Brunswick and Nahunta received some great gift baskets for the holidays thanks to Brunswick Citizens. Chapters members enjoyed delivering the baskets and brightening the day of not only the residents but also the staff.







Forest Park Chapter

Chapter member Miranda Penn and her daughter Kayla invited family friends to join the fun of serving food at the Governor's Glen Christmas party.



Forest Park

Chapter members Jakkera Ellison, Shannon Warner, Angelica Hernandez, Charlene Smith, and Katie McCoy spent a fun Saturday cooking S'mores, drinking hot chocolate and sharing advice with the residents at Gigi's House.





Sharon Boyd Staff Transmission Analyst and Recording Secretary helped deliver personal care bags for 60 residents at Governor's Glen. The tree and decorations were also donated by the Forest Park Chapter.



Metro South Chapter

The Metro South Chapter has done it again! They held their

hugely successful annual pecan sale with proceeds of \$3,240. One of the recipients was House of Dawn. Dawn Murray gladly accepted the check for \$1,020 from chapter member Patrina Dawson.





Kelley and Bill Maddox of the Citizens of Georgia Power Metro South Chapter presented the chapter's \$500 check to the afterschool program of Fayette County, to Sharon Walters. Sharon is the Director of the program for Fayette County.

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Augusta Chapter

The Augusta Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with Columbia County Recycling to put on the annual "Bring One for the Chipper" event in Evans. Twenty-two volunteers worked all day to chip up hundreds of Christmas trees into mulch that was given away for free. Great project and great for the environment!

Forest Park

Chapter President Cynthia Wheeler proudly presented over 200 sleeping bags to Calvary Refuge homeless shelter and 30 brooms and headphones to Huie Elementary, all generous donations from Forest Park Citizens Chapter.







Legacy Projects

Savannah

Savannah Citizens chose to support Union Mission as their Legacy Project in 2018. A check presentation earlier in the year kicked off this partnership. The first phase of the project involved working at their shelter for women and children to give living arrangements a more modern, comfortable feel to their space. Volunteers removed some old furniture





Legacy Projects

Heart of Georgia

The Heart of Georgia Chapter chose to support The Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital at Navicent Health as their 2018 Legacy project. Through their Legacy gift and the chapter's hard work, they will equip five playrooms with arts and crafts supplies, toys for children of all ages, video games, age appropriate DVDs, books and daily group activities planned by Child Life Specialists. Chapter volunteers also collected candy and participated on Halloween during the "Trick or Treat" parade. This long-term partnership will provide volunteer opportunities throughout the year with various projects.





2019 Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
CGP Power Lines Fishing Tournament	Augusta	Sat., March 9	Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com
Topgolf Fundraiser	General Office	Thurs., March 28	Wes Singletary wesingle@southernco.com
Tallulah Falls Sporting Clays	Tallulah Falls	Sat., April 13	Rhonda Brookshire rbrookshire01@gmail.com
Savannah Generation MOD Golf Tournament	Savannah Generation	Fri., April 19	Lonnie Shaw loshaw@southernco.com
Augusta Softball Tournament	Augusta	Sat., April 20	Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com
Lightning Dash 5K Run/Walk	Carrollton	Sat., April 27	Joanna Isbell jkisbell@southernco.com
PowerClays	Metro South	Fri., May 3	Matt Goff dmgoff@southernco.com
GoodBoats: Dragon Boat Race	Augusta	Sat., May 4	Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com
Plant Wansley MOD Golf	Plant Wansley	Fri., May 31	Sabrina Grimsley sgrimsle@southernco.com
Bowling for Scholars - Fundraiser Bowlathon	Metro West	Sat. August 10	Lisa Santos Ilsantos@southernco.com
Kylan Warren Golf Tournament	North Fulton, Metro West, and Gainesville	Mon., Sept. 23	Charles Henley cwhenley@southernco.co
3rd Annual Valdosta Citizens Golf Classic	Valdosta	Thur., Sept. 26	Dana Fender djfender@southernco.com
Augusta Kickball Tournament	Augusta	Sat., October 5	Tyler Arrington tarringt@southernco.com
Jefferson Street Citizens 5th Annual Cornhole Tournament	Jefferson Street	Wed., October 9	Kimberly Allen kkstarre@southernco.com
Clayton CGP Annual Golf Tournament	Clayton	Fri., November 15	Jeremy Spradlin jlspradl@southernco.com

2019 Target Dates and Deadlines

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE	
February 8	State Board Meeting-241 Ralph McGill Blvd	
February 9	Officers Training-241 Ralph McGill Blvd	
March 15	State Office will verify service hours and financials in SmartSimple to process first chapter incentive check of \$300	
March 22	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed	
July 12	Summer State Board Meeting	
August 9	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office	
September 5	Call to Annual Meeting mailed	
September 5	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form	
September 20	Committee Chairs application due in State Office	
October 2-4	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2020	
October 2	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due	
October 2	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office	
November 8	State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center	
November 9	Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center, Macon GA	
December 3	2020-chapter officer information due	
December 6	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive	
December 13	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office	
December 13	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and pre- pare books for audit and income tax forms	
December 31	All 2019 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple	