

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2021 State Board

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State President's Message

Mary Norris

Greetings;

First of all, I hope each of you have had an opportunity to enjoy some VACATION! If not, I hope you've got it on your radar and will do it.

I say this because it's so important for everyone, but especially for people like you who give so much to others. When I think of a volunteer, I feel it's the most selfless act of service that a person can offer another individual or group. As volunteers, we are like a bank that gives out deposits on a regular basis to others, but just like a bank, we also need to replenish from time to time; so we've got to relax and get re-energized for whatever next adventure awaits us.

On July 9th, the state board and advisory council met. One of the items that everyone at the meeting had an opportunity to hear was an update from our chapter relationship leaders. The reports made were not just a date and event name. They were concise with full details describing the event and its success. This shows you don't take what you do lightly and realize the significance of what you are doing for others in our community.

I think you also know money is given out to groups and organizations and many are able to fulfill their needs, but there are so many groups/organizations that are not as fortunate, and this is where "YOU" come on the scene and do your best deeds. Your gift of your time which is a precious commodity and your talent to fulfill those needs make a difference and it counts as we have already seen this year. Thank you for your continued commitment.

Also, I've got some exciting news to share that was a big topic at our meeting. We will celebrate in-person this year!! Now, nothing has been finalized, we are in the planning stage, and just like everything else that has happened over the last 1 ½ years, it will be different. It's definitely going to be a family reunion for us, but to keep safety measures in place, we will have to plan for several meetings around the state, so more details to come in the very near future.

Now August is right around the corner, so let's keep the momentum going. You've already shown in the last seven months what can be done with the planning and implementation of your projects, so let's finish strong by continuing our track of "Unmasking the Opportunities for Service" and of course, definitely try to get some VACATION time.

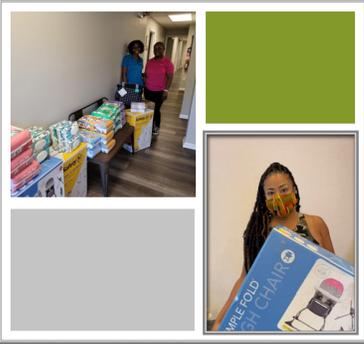


Mary Norris



Customer Care Center

The Customer Care Center chapter held a virtual supply drive for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Almost \$250 were received through monetary donations and great items including highchairs, clothing, and booster seats were donated. Great job CCC!



CGP-CCC thanks you for all of your support!

- *The 2021 Pregnancy Resource Center Drive was a success!
- *Nearly \$250 was received in monetary donations via PayPal
- *Multiple items were donated inclusive of diapers, high-chairs, clothing, and booster seats
- *Despite the challenges a virtual space can present, we did it! We found innovative and safe ways for participants resulting in 84 AmazonSmile orders! This allowed 0.5% of eligible purchases to support our local PRC!
- *We are Citizens of Georgia Power!





Metro East

On a hot Saturday in late June, the Citizens of GA Power Metro East Chapter partnered with South River Watershed Alliance, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Alliance, and Stonecrest Parks and Recreation to conduct a riverbank cleanup. Their efforts removed over 242 pounds of debris from this important waterway. Helping to maintain the South River can improve the health of communities and protect our valuable freshwater resources. The South River is in the Upper Ocmulgee basin which feeds Georgia's massive river, the Altamaha.



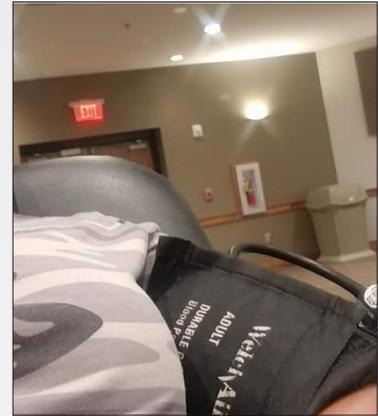
Plant Bowen

On a hot Friday, eight Bowen employees manned the grill and cooked hamburgers and hotdogs to sell all benefitting Silent Santa and their other Christmas charities. Must have been good food!! They raised over \$400 and even got Angie in the kitchen!



Carrollton

Knowing that summer always puts a strain on the blood supply, April Hale and Kathi Henson participated in Red Cross Blood donations to help those in need.

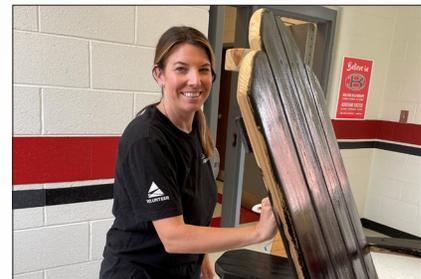


Keeping the Greenbelt clean has been a project that Carrollton Citizens have enthusiastically participated in for many years. Aubree Van Winkle and April Hale continued the effort and cleaned their portion of the trail and collected 3 bags of trash.



Carrollton and Plant Wansley

Carrollton Citizens members partnered with Plant Wansley Chapter to help spruce up the grounds at Bowdon Elementary School before school starts August 3rd. The men pulled weeds, spread pinestraw and worked in the flower beds to clean them up. Sabrina Grimsley and Carrly Lovvorn painted the "Birthday Chair" that the children get to sit on throughout the year on their birthday! Volunteers also touched up the handrails in the hallways. Awesome partnership, great job!



Metro South

As part of a back to school partnership with Communities in Schools of Henry County, Metro South Citizens held a virtual back-to-school drive. As a result of the membership's generosity, the chapter made a monetary donation of \$300 to the organization's 10th Annual Parent Expo Backpack Giveaway. Teresa Huckabee and Bashun Lavender volunteered at the "Packing Party" where 1,000 bookbags were prepared for the upcoming event on July 24th.



Plant Yates

Citizens of Georgia Power Plant Yates members arrived ready to work around 4am on June 30th to begin preparing breakfast for their Citizens Membership drive and donations. The team prepared over 150 breakfast plates. Thanks to the employees and contractors for their support. This event raised over \$795 and netted five new members and seven renewals for the chapter. A HUGE thanks to plant management for funding the event.



General Office

The General Office chapter continues to engage with the Nicholas House, and several members recently attended their 2021 Nicholas House Dream Builders event where they were able to raise awareness of and funds for Nicholas House's programs. The Nicholas House, located in Grant Park, is a place where homeless families transition to self-sufficiency in a structured, home-like environment.



To raise funds for the Chapter, AFT employees had the opportunity to "pie" their supervisors in the face for a small donation. The fundraiser generated \$485, and the Chapter plans to expand the challenge to other teams in the future!



Milledgeville

Stay tuned for the Milledgeville Citizens coming to a TV screen near you!!! Big thanks to some volunteers from the Milledgeville Citizens chapter who stepped up to help Corporate Communications film a sustainability commercial. Great job gang, no doubt the Oscars are next!



Savannah Generation

The Savannah Generation Chapter partnered with Environmental Compliance for a cleanup of the county road and Georgia Power property. Taking care of our community and our environment is an important component in maintaining the safety and compliance of our day to day operation. Big thanks to everyone who participated.



Gwinnett

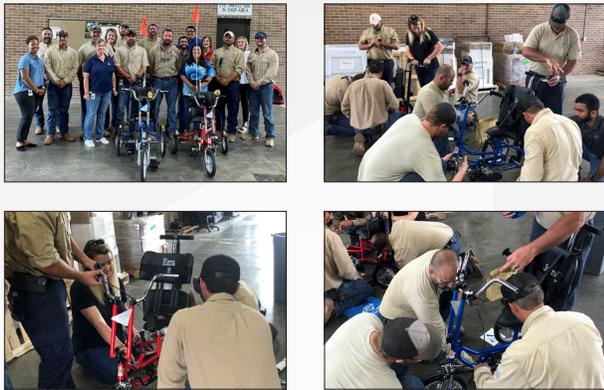
Gwinnett Citizens recently partnered with the Life Care Center of Lawrenceville to provide residents with Father's Day baskets. A big thanks to our many members who helped to make this event a tremendous success! If you were unable to participate this time, don't worry, there will be other community impact opportunities with CGP-Gwinnett. We look forward to being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve" with you.



Legacy Project for Heart of Georgia, Milledgeville, and Plant Scherer Chapters with Wellspring Wellness Center

Heart of Georgia

Legacy Projects are meant to leave a lasting impression and that's exactly what Heart of Georgia's Legacy project with Wellspring Wellness Center will two for two special kids! Chapter volunteers gathered to assemble two very special mobility bikes that will change the lives of two deserving children!



Milledgeville

Milledgeville Citizens members joined in the bike building fun to support Wellspring Wellness Center. Everyone had a blast assembling the bikes and could not wait for Luke and Logan to get them!



Plant Scherer

They say two's company and three's a crowd. By that definition we had a crowd of chapters building adaptive bikes when Plant Scherer Citizens gathered for their build party!

Reveal Day

Bike Reveal Day was the best day EVER!!! The kids' faces lit up when they saw their own bike. Thank you to Heart of Georgia, Milledgeville, and Plant Scherer Chapters for making this happen with their Legacy Project funds. The families and kids were very thankful!



2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 9	Summer State Board Meeting
August 12	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 9	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
September 23	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 6-7	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
October 7	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
October 7	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
November 12-13	State Board Meeting – TBA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – TBA
December 9	2022-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	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 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack