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# ENERGIZER NEWSLETTER

A Statewide  
newsletter  
for Citizens of  
Georgia Power



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# State President's Message

Jason Bennett



As we move into February, I am thrilled to see the fantastic progress everyone has made. The Leadership Summit was both invigorating and engaging for all attendees. It was a pleasure to meet many new faces and reconnect with long-time colleagues. It's incredible to see the number of new officers joining our Chapters this year. We shared valuable insights on how to make our Chapters successful, and I am confident this will be reflected by year-end.

Our social media channels are buzzing with your posts showcasing the excellent work being done this year. Keep up the great work! There's even a friendly challenge to see who can out-post Geneva Powell on social media.

Your enthusiasm is evident in the number of Service Projects and Legacy Projects submitted by your Chapters. Let's keep this momentum going.

As you continue to share your accomplishments, please remember to log your volunteer hours. This is essential for recognizing the incredible work we are doing. Make use of the Citizens SharePoint site, as well as your State office and Board members, for any questions or project ideas. We are here to support our Chapters across the state.

I am excited to see our progress throughout the year. Thank you all for your dedication to serving our communities.

Yours in Service,  
Jason Bennett

## 2025 State Board

<b>State President</b> Jason Bennett	<b>Secretary</b> Tina Presley
<b>1st VP</b> Kelli Newman	<b>Treasurer</b> Jennifer Simon
<b>2nd VP</b> Jarred Rankin	<b>Asst. Treasurer</b> Cindy McLeroy

**State Coordinator & Volunteer Services Manager**  
Chris D'Andrea

### Chapter Relationship

<b>Atlanta Area</b> Eric Swann	<b>Macon Area</b> Jonathan Daughtry
<b>Alpharetta Area</b> Andre Person	<b>Augusta Area</b> Christina Newton
<b>Smyrna Area</b> Drew Uptain	<b>Columbus Area</b> Carrly Lovvorn
<b>Jonesboro Area</b> Crystal Matthews	<b>Savannah Area</b> Daisja Johnson
<b>Rome Area</b> Jonathan Blair	<b>Valdosta Area</b> Brandon Moore
<b>Athens Area</b> Hannah Warner	

<b>Community Investment Director</b> Ben Hodges	<b>Club of Hearts Liaison</b> Charlie Ross
<b>Social Media Director</b> Geneva Powell	<b>Ambassadors Liaison</b> Erica Bankhead







## Golden Isles Ambassadors

Members of the Golden Isles Chapter of the Georgia Power Ambassadors recently supported the Humane Society shelter by bringing in food and needed supplies to their January meeting. The shelter adheres to a NO KILL policy where they support all healthy and treatable dogs and cats to prepare them for adoption. George Ellis was proud to represent the chapter when he delivered the supplies to Chandra Kendall of the Humane Society. desperate plea for help assembling furniture was all the volunteers needed to hear to come to the rescue. In Lindsy's words,



# Thomson

The Thomson Citizens of GPC spent their "Day On" by creating parking barriers in front of McDuffie Manna Food Pantry using railroad ties and creating food bags to be distributed to the pantry's clients.







## Heart of Georgia and PEER

With weather pushing their King Day project out to February, thirteen volunteers from Heart of Georgia and PEER spent five hours beautifying the Lynmore Estates Park in Macon. Volunteers removed the old wall around the park, installed a new sturdy wall, spread mulch over the entire park and built benches for the families to sit on while watching their kids play. This was a great event and Heart of Georgia enjoyed partnering with PEER on completing this Day of Service Project. We are Dedicated to Service and Committed to Community.

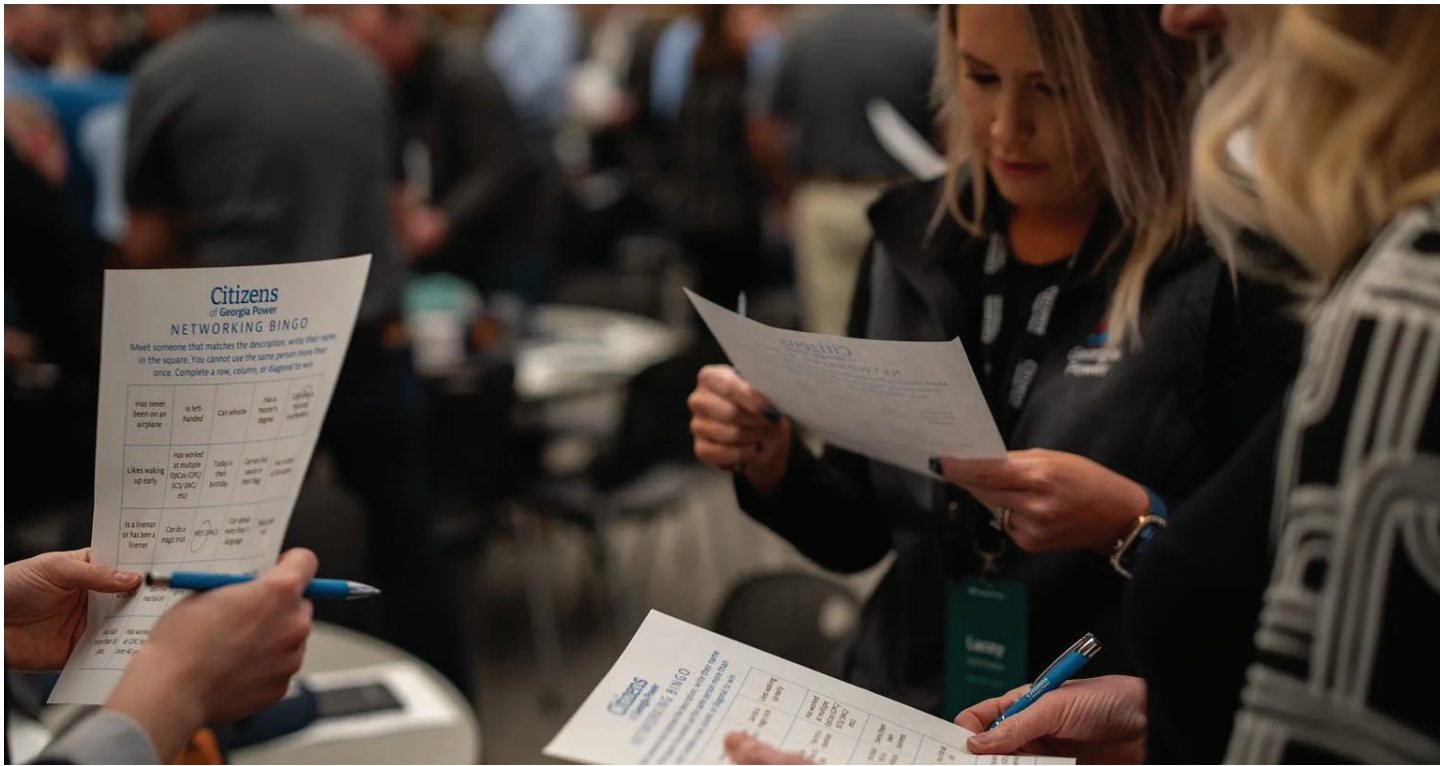
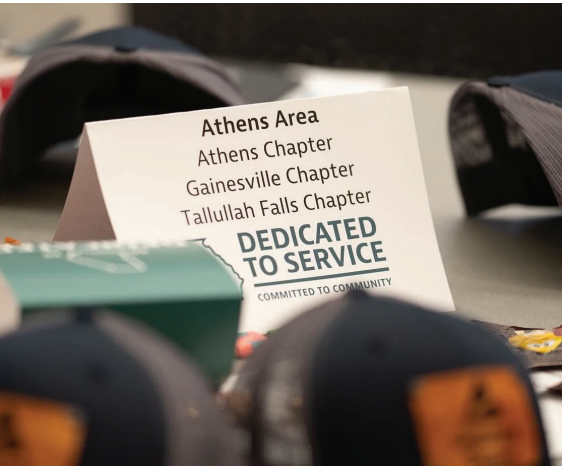






# Citizens Leadership Summit

Over 120 participants gathered in the Arkwright Auditorium for an annual workshop training for incoming Citizens chapter officers and liaisons. Volunteers throughout the state participated in team building, networking and best practices about community service. Our chapters are now more inspired and committed to service and community than ever before. Let's make 2025 our best year yet!





# Carrollton

Carrollton Treasurer April Hale sent in a not say, "Yesterday I was blessed to join these sweet ladies from Journey Fellowship Baptist Church at the Mt Zion Community Food Bank for the "Meals that Matter" ministry for Mt Zion Elementary. We assembled 15 bags of food for kids to take home and have something to eat over the weekend." Great job April of being A Citizens Wherever You Serve!





## Albany

Albany Citizens members, along with members of three local rotary clubs came together with the non-profit organization "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" to build over 40 beds for kids in need. The Albany Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace started in 2023. Last year, the organization delivered 240 handmade beds to children in Lee, Dougherty, and Terrell County. Great partnership!

## General Office, Jefferson Street and VOICE

Citizens member Emily Matthews sent a great note about their King Day project at Hope-Hill Elementary School. "Kristen Lyle, the Hope-Hill ES STEAM Coordinator, sent me the attached photo a few minutes ago. The completed mural that we all helped to paint looks incredible! This mural project and overall day of service opportunity was a wonderful way to honor, Atlanta's own Superhero, Martin Luther King Jr. It was especially magical to me to be able to serve in his community, footprint, and shadow. So far in my 13 years at Georgia Power, this was the most special MLK Day of Service that I have experienced. It felt different to be in his childhood and ministry's neighborhood. I hope it was meaningful to you all too!"



# Gwinnett

Gwinnett Citizens members delivered one hundred handmade Valentine's cards; cupcakes and cookies to Hi Hope Center of Lawrenceville and one hundred handmade Valentine's Day cards and bags of candy to the Life Care Center Nursing Home in Lawrenceville. The Alpharetta Distribution Area employees used their creative talent to handmade special Valentine's cards. Mike Clark, Rep Sr, Engineering at N. Shallowford Operating Headquarters, card was chosen for most creative and Daisja Johnson, Administrative Assistant IV at Gwinnett Operating Headquarters was chosen for having a card that made the judges laugh when they read it! All the cards that were created were thoughtful, heartwarming, and most important they were so creative! Of course, each and every card was made with "Love" and were all equally beautiful!





## Jefferson Street

Congratulations to Janie Young and Eula Smith, winners of the Valentine's Day baskets! Thanks to everyone who participated—we raised \$1,630 to sponsor a child's semester at Instituto CanZion, This nonprofit organization helps uplift the community by fostering personal growth and developing musical talents. We appreciate your generosity! #GeorgiaPowerfulService #JeffersonStCitizens.





# Golden Isles Ambassadors

Cary Greenfield, Executive Director for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), recently received donated supplies from Nelda Manning, Service Hour Coordinator at GIGPA. These items were generously donated by The Golden Isles Chapter Georgia Power Ambassadors. CASA is dedicated to recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected, or abandoned children in Brunswick and the surrounding areas.



## 2025 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	October 6-7	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2026
January 31	2024 Financials uploaded in electronic folder	October 10	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
February 1	State Office verify financials and service hours	October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
February 5	State Board Meeting-241 RMB	November 6	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
February 6	Leadership Summit	November TBD	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
February 28	2024 Chapter Financials Completed	December 8	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	December 12	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
June 17	Summer State Board Meeting	December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
August 11	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	December 31	All 2025 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
September 19	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		

