

Well, the first half of 2017 is over, so let's re-cap some of the activities and successes of the Ambassadors. The 19 chapters across the state have started the year with an increase in volunteer service hours for a total of 26,900 hours so far. Membership and meeting attendance are holding steady.

This year's Retreat at Saint Simons in April was another wonderful success. The Retreat offers a great time to get together with retirees from all over the state. You have the chance to catch up with old friends and an opportunity to make new ones. Many friendships formed at previous Retreats were renewed and reenergized. Where else can you go for a week with your former co-workers and do as little or as much as you want to with all the activities. It's a great time of food, fellowship and fun. The site seeing trips, horseshoe and bean bag competitions, nightly entertainment, and health fair are added bonuses.

The travel offered through State and chapter trips have seen members visit Niagara Falls, Cruise the Southern Caribbean, visit the Air Force Museum in Warner Robins and there are many more exciting trips all over the country planned for the remainder of this year and next.

Our chapters continued their great service to the communities by building handicapped ramps, working at Red Cross Blood Drives, working in local food banks, visiting and providing support for local nursing homes, and also partnering with Citizens of Georgia Power Chapters in supporting Relay for Life (Cancer) and various Earth Day and environmental projects. These are just a few examples of the many projects going on weekly across the state. In addition, members provide monetary support for the CGP Charities of Electric Kids, Family House and Club of Hearts. This year, we are excited that the Club of Hearts has been rolled out from Metro Atlanta to go statewide. You'll be hearing more about this during the coming months. Plus, through the month of June, the Georgia Power Family House has provided 264 nights of lodging to employees, retirees, and their families. Without your help, that would not have been possible. Thank you for your continued support of that endeavor each and every year.

Although the State Office has 2017 budget reductions like all other areas of the Company, it has not slowed the staff or our chapters down. Chris D'Andrea and Krista Pierce have exhibited a special drive and enthusiasm that has been contagious to us on the Executive Board and in the chapters.

The Ambassadors began in 1984 with nine chapters and have added chapters through the years with number nineteen being Savannah in 2010. This year has been a good example of why we are called Ambassadors. The Vogtle and Kemper Plant construction and issues surrounding these have seen the need for us to continue supporting the Company by communicating an accurate and positive account of these projects to our family, friends, neighbors and communities.

We are fortunate to have worked for and retired from a Company that continues to appreciate and support our organization.



Garnett Grabb State President



Community Impact Savannah

Each month, the Savannah Chapter for Ambassadors selects a charity in the area to support thru a donation drive.



The Union Mission

The Union Mission of Savannah, founded in 1937, serves the homeless population in the Greater Savannah area. The chapter provided hair brushes, combs and toothbrushes. A total of 212 hair brushes and 43 combs were donated during the drive.

The Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House of the Coastal Empire provides a place for children and families "to find refuge and support" as they receive medical treatment at area hospitals. For many, it's a home away from home. The chapter provided paper products to the house.





Community Impact

Altamaha

The ramp builds continue for the Altamaha chapter! They've been hard at work providing safe access to fifty people this year in their area. Keep it up Altamaha.



chapter The also collected donations for The Dream Center, a drug addiction treatment facility located in Vidalia. The need has grown for more space at the facility. A massive expansion is now underway and the chapter donated snacks to help the construction crews working at the site. Donations were provided to staff during their recent the chapter meeting. The Dream Center also presented the program at the meeting. State President Garnett Grubb was in attendance as well, at the event.





Community Impact

Golden Isles



The Golden Isles chapter was recently featured in the "Golden Isles News" for amazing project called their "Busv Blankets". Chapter members handmade over 190 blankets this year and donated to area nursing homes and retirement villages. The lap blankets are provided as a source of comfort for the residents. Congratulations Golden Isles for being recognized in your community as a shining example of being "Citizens Wherever We Serve."

Community Impact Through Partnerships Golden Isles

The Golden Isles Ambassadors also joined forces with the Citizens of Georgia Power Brunswick chapter and participated in the Glynn County Relay for Life event. Together, they walked the track for a cure. Thanks to both of our chapters for supporting this wonderful cause.





Community Impact Through Partnerships West GA

The West GA Ambassadors partnered with Plant Yates and Plant Wansley employees, The American Legion's 5th District and other area organizations for the "Fishing for Freedom" event held at the lake at Plant Wansley. This free event is held to honor and show appreciation for wounded veterans and Gold Star families. They are provided with lunch, a free day of fishing, and fellowship. One hundred and seventy six honorees attended the event. Over 150 volunteers saw to it that everyone was taken care of throughout the day. The group would like to extend a special thank you to Plant Wansley/Yates Compliance and Support Manager, Tammy Lovvorn, for managing and coordinating the event with the American Legion. Thank you to all of the volunteers for their support at the event and honoring those who have served so that we all may be free.











Chapter Happenings Metro East

The Metro East chapter took a road trip for their chapter meeting up to the Georgia Power Customer Resource Center off of North Shallowford Road. The chapter took a tour of the facility and were shown demos of products the company is able to offer to our customers around electric cooking, electric vehicles and other industrial products. A great time was had by all. Thanks to the CRC for your wonderful hospitality during our visit!





Chapter Happenings Metro South

The Metro South Chapter held their annual Low Country Boil event at one of their recent chapter meetings. The food, fun and fellowship were greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Our compliments to the chefs and to all the members who had a hand in making the event a success, not only this year, but every year. We couldn't do it without you!













Chapter Happenings

Southwest GA

The Southwest GA chapter held their annual seafood extravaganza during one of their recent chapter meetings. State President, Garnett Grubb and his wife Peggy were in attendance, as well. Southwest GA has two Ambassadors Past State Presidents as members, Mrs. Sandra Rowan and Mr. Earl Myers. They were both in attendance for a time of food, fellowship and just plain fun. Thanks to Chapter President Tommy Norman and the committee for another great event!





Chapter Happenings

Columbus

State President, Garnett Grubb and his wife, Peggy, joined the Columbus chapter during their most recent meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. Mr. Grubb and Georgia Power Club of Hearts Project Manager, Charlie Ross, presented the program for the group. After the program, the members enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and a delicious lunch. Columbus is the home chapter for Past State President, Sandra Rowan and State First Vice President, Bob Davidson.









SeniorCitizen Chapter Happenings Golden Isles



The Golden Isles chapter took a field trip over to Neptune Park on Saint Simons Island for one of their most recent chapter meetings. The weather was beautiful and a light sea breeze made it the perfect day for a picnic. Chapter President, Tean Jackson, helped lead the women's team to a win in the bean bag toss tournament.

The group also played other fun outdoor games before having lunch by the beach. Thanks to all who had a hand in arranging this great day on the island.









Metro West

The Metro West chapter, now meeting at Sands Place Operating Headquarters, held a work session recently to talk about recruiting new members and selecting service projects. Chapter President, Bill Grant, the chapter officers and State President Garnett Grubb led the discussion on how the chapter could continue to build throughout the year. Partnerships with the Metro West Citizens chapter on their upcoming projects were also discussed. Everyone was engaged and excited about the future opportunities for the chapter to grow and impact their local community.



Chapter Happenings

South GA

State President Garnett Grubb, his wife Peggy and State First Vice President, Bob Davidson, joined the South GA chapter for their recent chapter meeting. The members had a great time competing in Davidson's infamous "Name That Tune" game. The members also brought in their donations for the "Second Harvest Food Bank" located in Valdosta. It was a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship. Thanks South GA!





Chapter Travel Sinclair-Oconee

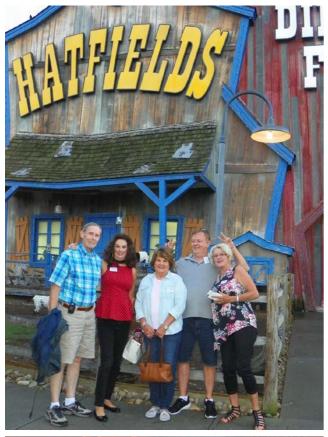
Forty-nine chapter members, other fellow Ambassadors and friends traveled to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada in June. The group took in many beautiful sites and sounds throughout the seven day bus adventure. Friendships were renewed and new ones were made along the road. A special thanks to Mary Thompson, Travel Coordinator for Sinclair-Oconee, for organizing a magnificent trip we are all sure to remember!





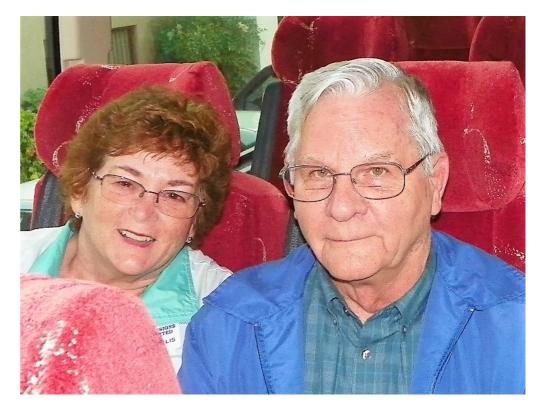
Chapter Travel Golden Isles

The Golden Isles chapter all jumped on a bus and headed northward to Kentucky and Tennessee. Sites on the trip included The Ark Encounter, dinner shows in Pigeon Forge and Nashville, and a dinner cruise on the Ohio River aboard the "Belle of Cincinnati." A great time was had by all who were able to go on the trip. Thanks to chapter Travel Coordinator, Kenneth Reynolds, for organizing this terrific experience.











Chapter Travel

Metro Central

The Metro Central chapter hosted a trip which included a tour of the Robins Air Force Base Museum in Warner Robins and Lane Southern Peach Orchards in Fort Valley. They also enjoyed a delicious lunch at Yoder's Deitsch Haus Restaurant and Bakery in Montezuma. The chapter was joined by members from the Metro South, Metro East and Metro North chapters. Despite the rainy weather, an enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks to Karlane Kitt, Metro Central Chapter Travel Coordinator, for arranging all the details for this fun trip!















Interested in Becoming a Georgia Power Ambassador?

Georgia Power Ambassadors is a network of retirees and their spouses committed to caring and sharing within their communities through active volunteerism and community support.

The purpose of the organization is to promote a means of friendly association, foster continuing fellowship and provide service to the community, while maintaining communication between retirees and Georgia Power. Support from our Ambassadors is vital in helping Georgia Power be "A Citizen Wherever We Serve."

Membership allows you continued association with Georgia Power and connection to over 2,000 members in over 19 chapters statewide. There are service project opportunities, travel opportunities and company information updates available, so why not join today?

For more information on membership and chapter locations, please contact the State Ambassadors Office at 404-506-7000 or 1-800-442-8158.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon!





2017 Chapter Leadership

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	Alan Wolfe	4 th Thursday
Athens	Dianne Ussery	1 st Thursday
Augusta	James Ford	2 nd Tuesday
Columbus	Suzanne Corley	3 rd Monday
Golden Isles	Tean Jackson	3 rd Tuesday
Heart of Georgia	Felix King	3 rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Zann Hayes	2 nd Tuesday
Metro East	Jim & Alma Proffitt	4 th Wednesday
Metro North	Tom Powell	2 nd Thursday
Metro South	Dan Tillirson	2 nd Monday
Metro West	Bill Grant	2 nd Monday*
Northeast GA	Jane Bingham	4 th Wednesday
Rome	Steve Nance	2 nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Diana Hodges	4 th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	Sam McChesney	2 nd Wednesday
South Georgia	Donna Smith	3 rd Tuesday**
Southwest Georgia	Tommy Norman	3 rd Thursday
Statesboro	Verna Bennett	3 rd Wednesday
West Georgia	Russell Spence	1 st Tuesday

*Meeting every other month beginning with even months

• **Meeting every other month beginning with odd months