THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2017

We’ve had an increase in service hours, increase in state travel opportunities and an increase in membership in many of our chapters. You all have truly continued to shine the triangle and live out the motto, “A Citizen Wherever we Serve.” Please take a minute to look thru this edition of The Senior Citizen which showcases what you all are accomplishing each and every day. You’ll also get a glimpse into the recent Annual State Board meeting held on November 17th and meet your new Executive Committee for 2018.

As we close out 2017, please remember to continue to send in your service hour totals thru December. We are well ahead of our total from this point last year. Let’s finish strong!

Again, on behalf of the Volunteer Services staff, thank you for what you do each and every day for Georgia Power Ambassadors. It’s been a pleasure working with you in 2017 and we look forward to an awesome year in 2018!

2017 Ambassador Statewide Service Hours
Community Impact

Metro Central

The Metro Central chapter provided much needed assistance to two great organizations over the last couple of months.

Chapter members stayed after one meeting to sort and prepare toiletry kits for 7 Bridges, a non-profit who assists the homeless population here in Atlanta. The group assembled 100 bags for the organization and sent the remaining supplies for any future needs.

The chapter also assisted with the canteen at the recent two day American Red Cross Blood drive held at Corporate headquarters. It was the annual donor t-shirt event. Volunteers provided juice, snacks and shirts to all who donated during the event.
Community Impact

Altamaha

The Altamaha Ambassadors continue to change their community one ramp at a time. Since January 1, members of the chapter have built 94 ramps. That’s ninety-four lives forever changed thru boards, nails and caring hearts. Thank you Altamaha for your continued commitment to your community and its citizens!

The chapter also helped their local Salvation Army store move into its new location. Members helped load and transport items over to the new storefront. Thanks Altamaha!
Community Impact
Metro Central and Metro South

Members of the Metro South and Metro Central chapters participated in the Southern Crescent Alzheimer’s Walk in Peachtree City. This is an annual event for the Metro South chapter. This walk is the second largest fundraising walk in the state of Georgia for Alzheimer’s. Great time was had by all supporting a great cause.
Community Impact
Metro South

The Metro South chapter presented collected food and monetary donations from their “Hungry Can” to Citizens of Georgia Power representatives, Sara Leigh McFall and Cynthia Wheeler. Thanks Metro South for helping those in need of one of the most important necessities of life...Food.

Chapter Happenings
Metro West

State President, Garnett Grubb, installed the 2018 Chapter Officers for Metro West. A huge thank you to President Bill Grant, 1st Vice President Steve Walls, 2nd Vice President Steve Hopkins, Secretary Jane Dye, and Treasurer Stuart Hasty for stepping up and leading the chapter into another great year.
The Athens and Northeast GA Ambassadors joined together and traveled to Blue Ridge, GA. They visited Mercier’s Orchard for some apple shopping and then enjoyed lunch at Pat’s Kountry Kitchen. It was a day of great food, fellowship, and of course, apples. Thanks to David Pitts for arranging such a wonderful trip.
Chapter Happenings

Metro Central and Metro South

Speaking of apples, the Metro Central and Metro South chapters also took their annual Apple Trip. Joined by members of Metro East and Metro North, the trip included stops in Dahlonega for a little sightseeing and shopping before traveling over to the Smith House for a delicious lunch. Then off to Blue Ridge to Mercier’s Orchard for apples, apple pies, apple fritters, and everything else apple. A great time was had by all 64 in attendance. Many thanks to Karlane Kitt for planning the outing!
State President Garnett Grubb, his wife Peggy, and Ambassadors Assistant State Coordinator, Krista Pierce attended a recent chapter meeting for Savannah. Grubb installed the 2018 officers for the chapter before the program presented by a representative for the Wesley Community Center. The chapter members brought in donations for the Center, as well as, for the Harvest Food Bank. Thanks to the 2018 Chapter officers for stepping up to lead the chapter.
Chapter Happenings
Sinclair-Oconee

The Sinclair-Oconee chapter had Rosalind Marshall, Sr. Consultant Health and Welfare with Southern Company, visit with them at their chapter meeting. She spoke about Benefits for Retirees and Annual Enrollment procedures. The chapter was very happy to have Rosalind and her husband join them for the day.

Metro Central

The Metro Central chapter welcomed guest speaker, Mr. Tyler Bowser from the Veterans Empowerment Organization for their November meeting in honor of Veteran’s Day. All chapter veterans were recognized and thanked for their service. The 2018 chapter officers were also installed and the chapter winner of the Lifetime Volunteer Award was announced. The winner was Chapter President, Zann Hayes.
After months of speculation, apprehension, and sometimes panic, the mystery trip destination was revealed. Fifty Ambassadors boarded a bus with destination unknown and ended up in Shipshewana, IN. The group traveled thru several states and enjoyed so many “SURPRISE” points of interest along the way. A great time was had by all!
State Travel

Veterans Tour

The final trip for 2017 was to honor our men and women that served faithfully in the military to preserve our freedom. The tour included visits to the World War II Museum in New Orleans, the USS Alabama, National Naval Aviation Museum, and the National Infantry Museum in Columbus. What a wonderful way to say thank you to our Ambassador Veterans! Thank you to all of our Veterans! Because of you, we are free!

A huge thank you also to Lois Duncan, State Travel Administrator, for all your hard work in not only arranging this trip, but all of the wonderful adventures our Ambassadors have had this year!
2017 Annual State Board Meeting

In November, the Annual State Board meeting was held at Georgia Power headquarters. The 2018 leadership team was installed by, Sloane Evans, Vice President, Human Resources. Dr. Mark Berry, Environmental and Natural Resources Vice President, presented the keynote address and updated everyone on the company’s environmental stewardship efforts.

The Lifetime Volunteer State winners were recognized, as were the Allen B. Wilson Management Award recipients. All nineteen chapters were in attendance and recognized for their outstanding leadership in 2017. The chapter coordinators for each area were also recognized for their tremendous support of the chapters.

A special thank you was presented to outgoing State President, Garnett Grubb and to Directors at Large, Wendell Harvey and George Ellis. Special presentations were given to State Corresponding Secretary, Jeanine Arledge and Tony Brown, State Treasurer, who will roll off the board this year, as well.

Please enjoy a look back at our November meeting!
Each year, all chapters are asked to nominate a member from their group that truly exemplifies the motto, “A Citizen Wherever We Serve.” The State Executive committee then reviews all applications submitted and selects three winners.

This year, out of the eleven nominations, we are pleased to announce the following as this year's Lifetime Volunteer Award recipients.

Joel & Sandi Thomas  
Charles & Cindy Cason  
Charles (posthumously) & Aliree Helton  
Altamaha  
Augusta  
West GA
In 1995, the Georgia Power Ambassadors, Inc. voted to name the Annual Management Appreciation Awards in honor of Allen B. Wilson, Retired Executive Vice President. Mr. Wilson began his career with Georgia Power in 1942, and at the time of his retirement in 1982, was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He was instrumental in the organization of the Ambassadors in 1984 and served on the Executive Committee from 1984-1990. Mr. Wilson was a charter member of the Metro North Chapter. At the time of his death, he served in an advisory capacity for the state organization.

We are pleased to announce the 2017 Allen B. Wilson Management Award Recipients.

Paulo Albuquerque- Area Manager, Brunswick  
(Nominated by the Golden Isles Chapter)  

Dennis Stogner, Operations Manager, Plant Wansley  
(Nominated by West GA Chapter)

Thank you both for your continued support of Ambassadors, both at the area chapter level and at the state level.
The 2018 State Executive Committee was officially installed by Sloane Evans, Human Resources Vice President, at the Annual State Board Meeting. Serving in 2018 are the following:

- President: Bob Davidson
- First Vice President: Ronnie Pate
- Second Vice President: Gail Johnson
- Recording Secretary: Joyce Burton
- Corresponding Secretary: Peggy Grubb
- Treasurer: Keith Crews
- Immediate Past President: Garnett Grubb
- State Travel Administrator: Lois Duncan
- Directors at Large: Suzanne Corley, James Ford (not pictured), Tommy Norman (not pictured), David Pitts, Robert Purcell, Thomas Ralston, Jimmy Rogers (not pictured)
A Message from Outgoing State President Garnett Grubb

What an honor and privilege to be a part of this great organization. We have had a very successful year, and I look forward to continuing as a member of the executive committee as we all continue to serve our Company and communities.

As most of you know, I like people! Traveling over the state in 2017 has been a very rewarding experience. Making new friends and reconnecting with old ones was so very special. We have great members in our chapters throughout the state.

I want to thank all of the chapter presidents, the Executive Committee, the State Office, and my wife Peggy for their support. These leaders give their time and energy because they believe in the Ambassadors and what it stands for.

We have a very deserving and enthusiastic 2018 president in Bob Davidson. He will lead us as we continue to be Friends, Caring & Sharing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2018 Important Dates

January 23
Executive Committee Meeting

January 24-25
Workshop-Atlanta

April 16
Executive Committee Meeting

April 17 – April 20
Retreat-Saint Simons Island

September 21
Executive Committee Meeting

November 16
Annual State Board – Atlanta