October is Catch-up Month for Service Hours

Reporting service hours performed by our chapters is very important to all of us Ambassadors! On an individual basis, it is a way to let others know about the things we do for our neighbors and the communities in which we live. Reporting Service Hours is one of the important ways we demonstrate to the Company what we all are doing in the communities that we live in. This helps the Company justify the support they provide to Ambassadors.

Our service hour totals are up so far this year and we plan to use the month of October to catch-up on the hours that we may have missed reporting during this year. So let’s play Ketchup/Catch-up. Think back at any meetings that you have missed during the year and at the October meeting put down hours that you might not have recorded for the missed month. If you do recycling each month, then those hours may not have been recorded for the month in which you missed a meeting. Other examples to report include any other volunteer hours that you do on a regular basis and report each month. Maybe there was a project you worked on, but missed the meeting following the project. Record those hours now. Perhaps you thought the project chairperson was going to turn in time worked for you and the others that worked, but that didn’t happen. Perhaps you just remembered a funeral that you attended for an Ambassadors member or that you visited someone that was sick and you forgot to turn in information. Write it down in October. Maybe you have just heard about hours another Ambassador turned in for a project that you also do, but didn’t know that it would count. If any of these examples apply, turn them in this month! It’s not too late!

Just recently several chapters had to cancel regularly scheduled meetings due to the September storms. Don’t forget to turn in hours you worked on during that month and also for any other chapter meeting that was not held. Also, did you help a fellow Ambassador, a neighbor or your community clean up and recover from the storm? If so put these hours down as they may be counted. No, you can’t count cleaning up the debris in your own yard, but if you helped the community, put it down!

Let’s think back now and catch-up in October!!

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Davidson
State First Vice President for Ambassadors
Community Impact
Blood Drives-Augusta

The Augusta chapter has been a big supporter of the American Red Cross Blood Drives. The team prepares and serves a meal for all donors throughout the day. What a great way to say THANK YOU to those who are giving the gift of life.
The Metro Central Chapter provided volunteers for the Red Cross Blood Drive at Corporate Headquarters for their August event. This group supports six blood drives a year by assisting in the canteen area where donors can grab a drink and a snack after donating for the cause. Thanks Metro Central for stepping up to help each year. We couldn’t do it without you all!
Community Impact
Altamaha

Boards + Nails + Altamaha Ambassadors= 70 Ramps

The Altamaha Ambassadors continue to change their community one ramp at a time. Since January 1, members of the chapter have built 70 ramps. That’s seventy lives forever changed thru boards, nails and caring hearts. Thank you Altamaha for your continued commitment to your community and its citizens!
The Statesboro Chapter of Ambassadors donated much needed school supplies for the after school program at Bulloch County's Boys & Girls Club. Members of the chapter were able to hand deliver the items to the agency and interact with the children at the center.

Pictured left to right (behind the children) are Gail Johnson, Louiser Keel, Kay Holland, Eddie Olliff, Chapter President, Verna Bennett and Bettye Harper.

The Statesboro Chapter also made a donation of $100 to the Boys & Girls Club to purchase additional needed items for their after school programs. Making the presentation is Chapter President Verna Bennett.
Savannah Chapter members held a donation drive recently for the Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center (FETC) located in Guyton, GA. Items donated were from the wish list the center provides to community partners. The list included cleaning supplies, office supplies and school supplies. The FETC agency seeks to improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs through the power of horseback riding. Therapeutic riding can contribute positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of individuals with special needs.

Chapter members displaying their donations given during their chapter meeting. Pictured left to right: Vaughn Mitchell, Louise Grotheer, Peggy Hickox (GPC Ambassadors) and Angela Lamson, Savannah Chapter Coordinator.

Savannah Ambassador, Peggy Hickox (right), delivered the supplies to Bonnie Rachael, CEO and Founder of the Faith Equestrian Therapeutic Center.
The Rome Ambassadors partnered with both the Rome and Plant Hammond Citizens chapters on a “Shoes for Students” project for Anna K. Davie Elementary and Cave Spring Elementary. The project was a huge success allowing 50 students the chance to start the school year off on the right foot, literally, with a brand new pair of shoes.

Along with assistance from the volunteers and Payless Shoe Source, the children and their parents were given a chance to pick out their own pair of shoes. Breakfast was also provided by Panera and Krispy Kreme. The Rome News-Tribune provided media coverage, as well.

Thanks to Rome Ambassadors, Plant Hammond Citizens and Rome Citizens for a job well done! You were all heroes that day for those 50 children.
Several of our Ambassador Chapters, the General Office Citizens chapter, and two Employee Resource Groups, PEER and Military Veterans in Power joined together to send Thanksgiving messages to our troops serving overseas. The project is called “Bert’s Big Thank You” and it was started right here in Atlanta by local radio deejay, Bert Weiss. So far, 100 letters have been collected from across the state with more on the way.

The project began in 2007 where the city was asked to write “Thank You” letters to those serving overseas during the Thanksgiving holidays. In its first year, 375,000 letters were collected and sent. It has now become an annual tradition for the city, as well as, our Citizens and Ambassador chapters.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the project this year. A letter may not seem like a lot, but to that service man or woman who is away from home during the holidays, it means the world.
The Metro West Chapter of Ambassadors participated in the Metro West Citizens of Georgia Power’s annual Bowl-a-Thon for Communities in Schools for Marietta/Cobb County. A team of four including chapter President, Bill Grant, his wife Lynn, member Steve Hopkins and Joyce Burton, State Recording Secretary and chapter sponsor, put on their bowling shoes and had a great time for a great cause. Vice President of Environmental Affairs, Dr. Mark Berry and Metro West Regional Director Britt Fleck also participated. The event raised $3,500 for the organization.

Communities in Schools is the nation’s largest and most effective organization that aims to keep kids in school and become successful in life. Thanks to everyone who made this day a success!
Local wildlife columnist, Bobby Peoples, recently spoke to the Sinclair-Oconee chapter on “Backyard Birds” at Rock Eagle. It was an interesting program and he graciously brought door prizes from Tractor Supply.

Metro Central recently held their annual picnic with a wonderful barbecue lunch and the very popular BINGO game. Garnett Grubb, State President and Metro Central member served as master of ceremonies. A great time was had by all in attendance.
The Northeast GA chapter took a field trip for one of their recent chapter meetings to The Food Bank of Northeast GA, Rabun Hub. James Brem, Food Bank Director and Cara Lee Langston, Teaching Kitchen Instructor, presented an informational program on the organization. The Hub serves Rabun, Towns, Stephens, Habersham and White counties. Last year, the Rabun County hub distributed 2.4 million pounds of food and expect to deliver 3.5 million pounds this year. The Teaching Kitchen located at the hub provides a variety of programs, including cooking classes and chef demonstrations. Then the group was taken on a private tour of the facility.

The Northeast GA chapter provides monthly donations to the hub from their Cake Drawings at the chapter meetings. It was a great opportunity to see firsthand what their donations help the center to accomplish each day!
Chapter Happenings

Rome
State President, Garnett Grubb and his wife Peggy, recently visited our largest Ambassador Chapter, Rome, for their chapter meeting. Don Lightfoot, President of the Rome Citizens chapter was also present and spoke about their upcoming projects. Grubb, gave an update on Ambassadors statewide, as well. The program was presented by Don Roper, Publisher and Editor of Georgia Backroads.

West GA
The West GA chapter recently held their meeting at the Oak Mountain Country Club in Carrollton. State President Garnett Grubb, his wife Peggy, as well as, Robert Purcell, State Director-at-Large and Chapter Sponsor, along with his wife Wanda, were special guests. This is the home chapter to State 2nd Vice President, Ronnie Pate. Thanks to Chapter President Russell Spence and the West GA chapter for their hospitality.
Chapter Happenings

Heart of GA

Chapter Sponsor and State Director-at-Large, Gail Johnson visited with the Heart of GA chapter at one of their recent chapter meetings. State President, Garnett Grubb and his wife Peggy were also in attendance. Gathered at the Howard Community Center in Macon, the group heard a very informative program on the economic impact on the forestry industry in Georgia.

South GA

Gene Scott, Safety and Health Specialist, visited with the South GA chapter and presented a program on the history of Georgia Power Company. Everyone in attendance had a great time looking back on where we started and where we are today. Several shared their own stories, as well. Region Vice President, Jason Manley, also provided a company update.
State President, Garnett Grubb and his wife Peggy, visited with the Augusta chapter. Region Vice President Fran Forehand stopped by to welcome the group and gave a brief company update. She also thanked the members for all they continue to do for Augusta and the surrounding areas. Chapter President, James Ford conducted the business portion of the meeting before opening up the floor for a show and tell event with products from some of the chapter members’ gardens. This is the home chapter of State Treasurer, Tony Brown.
State Travel

Maine, Lobsters and Lots More

Forty-eight Ambassadors from across the state headed out on an adventure to Maine for lobsters and more. Highlights of the trip included, Kennebunkport, Captain Hooks Lobster Bake, Booth Bay, Captain Fish Lobster Cruise, Freeport, Amish Country, Gettysburg and lots more. They covered a lot of ground in the eight day trip and many memories were made by all. Thanks to Lois Duncan, State Travel Administrator, for arranging this wonderful excursion!
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!
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