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A Statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power.

Georgia Power

State President's Message

Kelli Newman



Sometimes the greatest impact of service is found in the moments no one sees.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I find myself thinking less about the number of projects we have completed and more about the people behind them. The person who stayed a little longer to finish a project. The Chapter leader who kept everyone connected. The volunteer who stepped in simply because help was needed. The conversations, relationships, and small acts of kindness that may never make a newsletter or social media post, but mean something to the people on the receiving end.

That is where the heart of Citizens lives.

Throughout this year, you have given your time, your ideas, and most importantly, a piece of yourselves to communities across Georgia. You have found needs close to home and responded in ways that were personal and meaningful. And while the projects themselves matter, I believe what people will remember most is that someone cared enough to show up.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope you take a moment to recognize what you have helped create this year and the people who made it possible alongside you. I am especially grateful for our Chapter leaders and volunteers who do so much behind the scenes to turn good intentions into action. Your commitment continues to bring our theme, "Anchored in Service, Caring in Motion," to life.

There will always be another project to plan and another opportunity to serve. But this month, I hope we also make room to simply be grateful, for the communities that welcome us, for the friendships built through service, and for the opportunity we have to make someone else's corner of Georgia a little better.

Thank you for showing up, caring deeply, and reminding us that service is ultimately about people. I am incredibly grateful to serve alongside you.

Kelli

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Carrollton

Carrollton Citizens members, along with West Georgia Ambassadors, turned out in force to support the Carrollton Half Marathon! Volunteers gave out water, Gatorade, and bananas. They also cheered on the runners at the halfway point.









Chuck and Melissa Fuller took time to support Carrollton Citizens' long-standing effort to keep the Greenbelt clean. They spent about an hour cleaning up and collected a full bag of trash.

Southern Linc employee and Carrollton Citizens member Charlene Ruple had a blast reading to her local Pre-K classes.

Carrollton Chapter Treasurer April Hale had more fun than the kids reading at Centralhatchee Elementary School during Georgia Pre-K Week.





West Georgia Ambassadors

Longtime West Georgia Ambassador member Mary Willene Taylor assisted Mount Zion Food Bank volunteers delivering supplies to Mount Zion Elementary School. Love to see our retirees continuing to give back!









Golden Isles Ambassadors

The Golden Isles Ambassadors chapter recently had Jeff Chapman, Glynn County Tax Commissioner speak at their meeting. Commissioner Chapman provided valuable information about everything from car tags and titles to property taxes and mortgage fraud.

Golden Isles Ambassador members recently donated to The Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia. The center is dedicated to promoting compassionate treatment of animals. Golden Isles 1st VP Marilyn Daly was proud to make the presentation to Melody Sinclair and Sherri Pollard from the Humane Society.

The Golden Isles Chapter Ambassadors made a donation to CASA of Glynn. CASA trains volunteers to advocate for children who have been abused and neglected. Ambassador members Marilyn Daly and Tean Jackson proudly presented the donation to Cary Greenfield, Executive Director, CASA of Glynn, Rebekah Johnson, Advocate Coordinator, and Antoinette Gant, Advocate Coordinator.









Plant Bowen

Another year, another successful Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Golf Tournament hosted by Plant Bowen's Citizens of Georgia Power! Despite the extremely hot weather, there was a fantastic turnout and an overwhelming amount of support for a cause that means so much. Every swing, sponsorship, and donation helps provide toys and hope to children who need it most during the holidays. Special thanks to everyone that joined us, volunteered their time, sponsored the event, or helped spread the word.





Plant Bowen Citizens had another amazing conservation effort for the Great Lake Allatoona Clean Up. Several volunteers tirelessly worked 3 days straight on cleaning up trash and debris from the lake. The Plant Bowen Chapter has participated in this lake clean up for the past 40 years. #GAPowerfulService #GreatLakeAllatoonaCleanup #BowenCGP #conservation



Plant Yates

The Plant Yates Chapter was proud to partner with Rivers Alive to help clean up the Chattahoochee River. Over 80 volunteers came together to remove about 30 bags of trash, making a positive impact on our local environment and community. Thank you to everyone who participated. #GaPowerfulService













Bright and early Saturday morning, volunteers from the Plant Yates Citizens Chapter helped keep runners going strong at the Carrollton Half Marathon. As the race kicked off at 7:00 a.m., Citizens members proudly staffed an aid station, providing water, Gatorade, and plenty of encouragement along the route. Thank you to these volunteers for showing up, supporting the community, and making a difference one mile at a time!

Athens

Athens Area Diaper Bank strives to eradicate diaper need by providing diapers to low-income families in the Athens area, while raising public awareness of diaper need and its impact. In September, they tried to collect 100,000 diapers. Athens Citizens members pitched in and collected 2,197 diapers. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this project!

Club of Hearts

More than 25 nonprofit agencies joined us for Agency Awareness Day, giving employees a chance to learn more about the services the agencies provide in our communities and find causes they may want to support through Club of Hearts. Whether it's volunteering, making a pledge through Club of Hearts, or simply learning more about the needs in our communities, every connection can make a difference. Even better, Georgia Power matches eligible employee donations dollar for dollar, helping those contributions go even further! Special thanks to the Volunteer Services staff for hosting a first-class event!









Customer Care Center

Got a great note from Angel Alford at the CCC about their team in the Heart Walk…" What an amazing Heart Walk season! A huge THANK YOU to everyone across Southern Company who donated, volunteered, encouraged others, and participated in this year's Heart Walk campaign. Because of your generosity and commitment, we surpassed our fundraising goal of $600,000 in support of the American Heart Association. I am especially proud to share that as a Heart Walk Coach representing the Customer Care Center (CCC), our team raised more than $10,000 for this important cause. This accomplishment reflects the generosity, compassion, and servant leadership that make our employees so special."





Birmingham Operations Compliance Team

On September 23, the Birmingham Operations Compliance team partnered with Backpack Buddies, a nonprofit that works with local schools to help children experiencing food insecurity by providing bags of food for weekends. The opportunity began when April Gurley reached out to Georgia Power Volunteer Services for assistance with an in-office service project. April also shared that one of Backpack Buddies' founders, Sheilah Vick, is a former Company employee, making the partnership especially meaningful. The Birmingham team set an attainable goal of assembling 150 weekend food bags, filled with kid-friendly, shelf-stable items including microwaveable meals, ramen, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal and grits, cereal, pudding, applesauce, fruit snacks, crackers, granola bars, and chips. What started as a simple request for assistance became a great example of the bond between Alabama Power and Georgia Power and our shared commitment to serving the communities where we live and work. Thank you to April Gurley, the Birmingham Operations Compliance team and everyone who helped make this meaningful service project possible!



Electric Kids Softball Showdown

On Saturday, October 17th, the Georgia Power family came together for a great day of friendly competition and giving back at the Georgia Power Electric Kids Softball Showdown in Forsyth, Georgia. The tournament brought together 20 teams and more than 300 players in support of Electric Kids. The day included softball tournament play, food and concessions, raffle prize drawings, and a Family Fun Zone/Fall Festival. The event opened with remarks from Georgia Power leaders and local officials before teams took the field. But the day was about much more than softball. Electric Kids was founded in 1991 to help children of deceased or disabled Georgia Power or Southern Company employees based in Georgia. Events like the Softball Showdown are a great reminder of what can happen when employees come together for a meaningful cause. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time and helped keep the tournament running smoothly throughout the day. Your support behind the scenes helped make the event a success.















Georgia Power Management Council Executive Assistants

On October 20, Georgia Power Management Council Executive Assistants volunteered to spend the day serving in the garden at Atlanta Mission's My Sister's House, helping with weeding, planting, and other gardening projects. This hands-on service opportunity not only enhanced the outdoor space for residents but also helped Atlanta Mission complete an important project from its volunteer wish list. The team's efforts made a meaningful impact, demonstrating a commitment to giving back and supporting the community. Through their hard work and teamwork, volunteers helped create a welcoming environment while making a lasting difference for the women and families served by My Sister's House.











Forest Park

Forest Park Citizens members worked two separate days at the Atlanta Community Food Bank in Jonesboro. Their two-day effort provided a total of 12,667 pounds of food, resulting in 10,555 meals. Great job Forest Park!

Volunteers from Forest Park Citizens chapter had more fun than the kids working Boo at the Zoo!



2026 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook
January 31	2025 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
February 1	State Office verify financials and service hours
February 5	State Board Meeting
February 6	Leadership Summit -241 RMB Auditorium
February 28	2025 Chapter Financials Completed
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 23	Summer State Board Meeting
August 10	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)
September 18	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders
October 7-8	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2027
October 9	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
November 19	State Board Meeting
November 20	Citizens Annual Business Meeting
December 8	2026-Chapter Officer information DUE
December 11	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2026 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms

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