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HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERVICE

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State President's Message

Patrick Harris



Citizens,

I can't believe that we are halfway through 2024 and we are almost finished with the month of June. The goals for our individual CGP chapters, that we set at the beginning of the year, are materializing in such a great and impactful way. Your level of excitement shown at the Leadership Summit has continued throughout the year. How do I know this? I can see the amazing work that you all are doing, through your posts on Circuit, Facebook, LinkedIn, Energizer, and other media outlets. Some of you are even getting recognition from your local communities through local media. This just goes to show that we are making great impact to our communities through your efforts. I would want you to keep the same energy as we approach the last six months of the year.

This is the season for vacations, family gatherings, and relaxing. As we are getting deeper into summer, I am starting to do more reflecting on my upbringing. As I reflect upon some of my father's famous phrases; he would tell us, "Once a task has begun never leave until its done. Be thy labor great or small. Do it well or not at all". Even though I thought my Dad made up this phrase, it was written by an unknown author and the quote has been around for years. It's a wonderful motto because it emphasizes commitment, diligence, and excellence. Whether we are tackling a large project or a small task, giving our best effort is essential. In addition, it is all about dedication. Yes !!! Dedication is the key to achieving excellence because giving our best effort ensures a job well done.

When I think of dedicated superhero's, I tend to think of Captain America (Steve Rogers). Captain America's dedication to justice, honor, and protecting the innocent is unwavering. Despite facing immense challenges and personal sacrifices, he remains steadfast in his mission. The description of Captain America directly describes our CGP chapters and the heroes who serve them. As I close, please remain steadfast in your mission of being great 'Hometown Heros in Service'.

Yours in Service,
Patrick Harris



Gwinnett

Got a great note from Tonya Cole about Gwinnett Citizens Father's Day project with the Life Care Center in Lawrenceville....."Citizens of Georgia Power - Gwinnett Chapter donated 40 gift bags filled with Father's Day Card, blanket, drinking cup, magnifying lens, nail clippers, puzzle book, highlighter, socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, animal crackers, goldfish, peanut butter/cheese crackers, gum, and mints. These bags were donated to the men at the Life Care Center of Lawrenceville Nursing Home in Celebration of Father's Day, June May 16, 2024.

The Chapter appreciates all the behind the scenes' employees that help make these projects a success!! Thank you for your continued support & involvement to being a Citizen Wherever You Serve!"



Carrollton

Carrollton chapter officers asked their members for service project ideas. And what they might want to do for Earth Day. EcoSneakers was mentioned so they reached out to the charity and started a donation drive. The chapter reports that thanks to partnerships with Plant Wansley, Plant Yates Citizens Chapter, CCC Citizens Chapter, Plant Vogle Citizens Chapter, Rome Citizens Chapter, Sole Roots Racing, and Keep Carroll Beautiful, they were able to collect 244 pairs of sneakers to go to EcoSneakers to be recycled for those in need. They also donated 17 pair of boots and dress shoes to Rethread, a local non-profit. Great job Carrollton!



Heart of Georgia

Earth Day was a huge success on April 20, 2024 at Amerson Park. The Heart of Ga Citizens Chapter had volunteers that helped kids make solar bracelets, gave away solar sunglasses and planted seeds in a biodegradable planting pot.



Dublin

A lot of times you wonder if all the service work we do matters. Is it really noticed and appreciated? Look at this video clip from Dublin's Legacy project back in December and you'll never ask that question again! First a little context. For several years, Dublin Citizen volunteers have worked in partnership with Wellspring Wellness and Freedom Concepts to build adaptive bikes for kids that can't use traditional bicycles. These bicycles serve as a fun activity for the children, while also allowing them to complete physical therapy for their conditions at home. If you have ever participated in one of these reveals, you know they are all special, but this one was different in a lot of ways. During one of the reveals, an older brother of one of the recipients was quickly noticed by his selfless attitude and supporting nature of his younger brother. We could not help but notice the love, bond and connection that the brothers shared with each other. Members of Dublin Chapter were so moved by this they decided to collect donations to purchase a bicycle to present to the older brother before the family's departure. Both boys could not believe they would finally be able to ride bicycles together – something often taken for granted.

This short video is exactly why we choose to serve! [Click here or on the video to play.](#)



Military Veterans in Power

MVP members and families came together at the Canton National Cemetery to distribute flags in honor of the many veterans we have lost ahead of Memorial Day. Threatening weather didn't stop them from getting the job done! Thank you to all the volunteers!



Plant Bowen and Rome

Plant Bowen Citizens and Rome Citizens volunteers came together with Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful for the 2nd Annual GreenFest at Johnson Elementary School. Thanks to Camden Wallace and the Rome Chapter all the children at Johnson Elementary were able to make solar bracelets (the beads change color in the sun). This event was focused on being good stewards of the environment.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer has been working on restoring a historical caboose in the city of Forsyth. So far, volunteers have pressure washed, and sanded/prepped the caboose for painting. Volunteers Dylan Baldwin, Lucas Grantham, Brett Thiessen, Leandro Lacerda, and Ricky Williams said it's been a great experience helping the Monroe Historical Society!



Residential Energy Efficiency Implementation

The Residential Energy Efficiency Implementation team supported Lost-N-Found Youth by volunteering at their thrift store in Atlanta. The team spent a few hours organizing racks of donated clothes to get them ready for shoppers. Lost-n-Found Youth exists to end homelessness for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) youth. Proceeds from items sold at the thrift store are used to support street outreach, a youth center, and transitional housing. The Georgia Power team also fundraised for this service project and raised enough to provide 16 gift cards of \$20 to be used by youth experiencing homelessness. Lost-n-Found Youth is one of many organizations supported by the Georgia Power Club of Hearts. Thanks to Cindy McLeroy, Georgia Power's Volunteer Services Representative and Aaron Hickman, Community Engagement Manager at LNFY for connecting the team with this opportunity and educating them on ways to support a vulnerable group in our communities.



Athens

The Georgia Club hosted this year's Athens Citizens Charity Golf tournament. The course was full as 26 teams showed up to raise over \$5,400 for local charities. A \$1,000 donation in memory of Jimmy Jones moved the total to over \$6,400. Thanks to all who supported this great event



Thomson

The Thomson Chapter recently held a raffle and raised \$3,000 to support Relay for Life of McDuffie County. Due to storms, the event was held inside Thomson Middle School. The Relay event was an opportunity to cheer on cancer survivors, remember those who we lost and support the fight to end cancer. Thank you to all of the volunteers.



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2024 TARGET DATES AND DEADLINES

20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE Post to Circuit and Citizens Facebook	October 11	State Board Committee Chair application due to State Office
February 7	State Board Meeting	October 30	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
February 8	Leadership Summit	November 6	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
March 1	Financials uploaded in electronic folder	November TBD	Citizens Annual Business Meeting Virtual Teams Meeting
March 5	State Office will verify financials and service hours	December 8	2025-Chapter Officer information DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE	December 13	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
July 25	Summer State Board Meeting	December 16	All year-end donations distributed and prepare financials for audit and income tax forms
August 12	State Board Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office (Current State Board members only)	December 29	All 2024 Service Hours entered into Volunteer Microsoft forms
September 12	Annual Business Meeting Invitations Emailed to all Citizens Leaders		
October 6–7	State Board Officers will go through selection process for State Officers to serve on State Board during 2025		