

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2017 State Board

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State President's Message

Rachel Bailey

Citizens of Georgia Power,

Let's start with a spotlight on how we ended 2016!!

Congratulations, what an outstanding year! Past State President John Cornelius and I applaud your accomplishments and thank you for everything you do which includes:

- 4,146 members in 48 chapters
- 96,081 service hours valued at \$2.3M
- Coordinated 54 projects for MLK Day, and 20 Environmental projects state wide
- Collected over 22,000lbs of food donated to your local foodbanks and shelters
- Raised over \$214k for Relay for Life and over \$65k for March of Dimes



You continued another record setting membership year, you proved that partnerships can only strengthen our chapters and your commitment to our organization, company and communities is humbling!

I am so excited to see what 2017 will bring to us. I have seen you embrace our theme for this year and jump into officer installments and membership drives with enthusiasm. I'll remind you of what I said about being the light for our organization, and wish you luck as you start into this New Year.

"Those that have gone before us have shined their light making Citizens, the company and the communities they live in better and brighter. They have acted as a beacon for those that are looking to serve as well as "spotlighting" those in need.

As we go into 2017 I challenge you to continue to be that light not only in your work place, but also in your communities and your homes. You never know whose passion for serving others you will stir by putting your own "Spotlight on Service".

Rachel Bailey



Albany Chapter

The Albany Chapter presented a check in the amount of \$1,330 to Open Arms, Inc. to aid them in continuing to serve the victims of child abuse, neglect, and homelessness.



The Albany Chapter and AMEC Foster Wheeler Solar Contractor collected and donated 653 lbs. of can goods to Second Harvest of South Georgia Food Bank. The Albany Chapter also presented them with a check in the amount of \$1,230 to help them serve a 30 county area and distribute more than 1 million pounds of food per month through a variety of programs including Food Bank, Kids' Café, Farm to Family and Mobile Food Pantry.



Metro East Chapter

Metro East Chapter of the Citizens of Georgia Power collected nonperishable food items and canned goods from Tucker, Minola, and Atlanta during the month of December. The chapter collected a total of 310 pounds of food! Gil Glenn of Rehoboth Baptist Church gladly accepted this donation for their independent food pantry.



Cartersville Chapter

The Cartersville Citizens of Georgia Power presented a \$2,500 check to the SKORE (Supporting Kids on the Road to Excellence) program director, Scott Sherwin. Area Manager, Mike Olajubutu, and Chapter President, Patrick Harris made the presentation during their board meeting. SKORE provides counseling, tutoring, and afterschool services to 'At Risk' youth who live in Bartow County.

Metro South Chapter

Tangela Martin presented a \$1,500 donation from the Metro South Citizens of Georgia Power to Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity. Christina Bowerman, Executive Director, gladly accepted the check.



Metro East Chapter

Metro East CGP gave a donation of \$2,500 to the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur. Metro East employees and CGP members Brittani Harris and Carolyn Clark presented the check to Sharon Osborne of UMCH.



Heart of Georgia Chapter

The Heart of Georgia Chapter adopted 28 children and purchased gifts for the children to open on Christmas morning. Citizens provided lunch, a visit from the Grinch, who sounded suspiciously like Danny Pardon, along with a visit from Santa.





Plant Hammond Chapter

Plant Hammond Citizens of Georgia Power Chapter donated \$1,865 to the local Rome Salvation Army Angel Tree program. Their donation ensured that each child who wished for a bicycle was able to receive a new, age appropriate bike for Christmas! In addition to the 12 "Angels" that plant employees chose, their donation also covered 11 "Angels" who do not receive gifts. This ensured that all participants in the Rome Angel Tree program this year received gifts. Great job Plant Hammond!

Athens of Georgia Chapter

Athens Citizens proudly presented \$2,500 matching funds checks to Hope Haven and The Boys & Girls Club.



South Cobb Chapter

Employees at the Environmental Lab collected coats, blankets, and other cold weather items for donation to Cool Girls, Inc. Cool Girls is an Atlanta based organization dedicated to the self-empowerment of at-risk girls in the area. More than 75 items were donated including hats, gloves, and scarves





Tifton Chapter

Tifton Citizens spent the Christmas season spreading holiday cheer throughout their community. Chapter President Tim Pittman and chapter member Brent James presented checks to Reginald Miller, Founder of Operation Save Our Youth in Ocilla and to Sara Paulk with Family Connection/Communities in Schools of Berrien County in Nashville.



Valdosta Chapter

In the month of December, the Valdosta Chapter had the honor to officially present \$2,500 Matching Funds checks to The Greater Valdosta United Way and the Lowndes County Children's Advocacy Center.



Valdosta Chapter

On December 1st, the Valdosta Chapter Officers held their Annual Dinner with Santa, as a way to thank all their members and their families for the support and participation through the year. A good time was had by all!



The funds raised from Valdosta Citizens Second Annual Golf Classic benefited the Lowndes County Relay for Life, LAMP (Lowndes Associated Ministries to People), and the Lowndes County Heart Walk.



Valdosta Chapter

During the last weeks of November and beginning of December, the Valdosta Chapter held a "Christmas Decorations Drive" in benefit of the Raintree Village Children's Home in Dasher, GA. Every year, the children hold a Christmas Decoration Competition between the houses in the village. Valdosta Citizens gave them plenty to work with!!



Metro South Chapter

Metro South Citizens members proudly presented \$2,500 matching funds checks to Habitat for Humanity and Family Promise of Henry County.



Plant Wansley Chapter

Plant Wansley's Citizens of Georgia Power chapter donated over 1,300 pounds of food to the Heard County Food Pantry. Their donation will go a long way in assisting the less fortunate in the area. Great job Wansley!!



Conyers Chapter

Conyers Citizens volunteered at Rockdale Emergency Relief.



North Fulton Chapter

Child Development Community Center in Roswell is a lot cleaner after North Fulton Citizens spent their King Day there!



General Office Chapter

General Office Citizens had a blast at the Atlanta Police Foundation @Promise Field Day!





Piedmont Chapter

Piedmont Citizens members had a great time at their King Day project at FOCUS!



Gainesville Chapter

Georgia Mountain Food Bank was the beneficiary of Gainesville Citizens "Day On" for MLK Day.

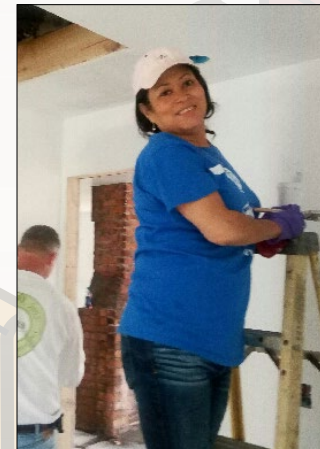
Gwinnett Chapter

Gwinnett Citizens spent their King Day sprucing up the High Hope Service Center in Lawrenceville.



Plant Bowen and Cartersville Chapters

Plant Bowen Citizens partnered with the Cartersville CGP chapter and primed the inside of a Habitat for Humanity House.





Tallulah Falls Chapter

Tallulah Falls Citizens provided support for the Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Georgia 37th Annual Hogpen Hill Climb.



Augusta Chapter

Athens Citizens members planted daffodils at the Loop 10/Prince Ave exit ramp.



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Effingham and Savannah Generation Chapter

Effingham and Savannah Generation teamed up to work at the Treutlen House on MLK Day.



Carrollton Chapter

The Carrollton chapter worked on the Carrollton Greenbelt cleanup project which is part of Keep Carroll Beautiful.



Columbus Chapter

Columbus Citizens did cleanup work at the Easter Seals building.



Heart of Georgia Chapter

The Heart of Georgia chapter partnered with the Fuller Center to fix up two vacant homes



Metro East Chapter

Metro East Citizens spent King Day sprucing up United Methodist Children's Home.



Metro South, Plant Yates, Forest Park, and Customer Care Center Chapters

Metro South, Plant Yates, Forest Park, and Customer Care Center Citizens members made their presence known on King Day by volunteering at 8 locations!!





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Metro West Chapter

Metro West chapter hosted 3 projects for MLK Day.





Brunswick Chapter

Brunswick Citizens members assisted in serving breakfast at the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast hosted by Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority.



Statesboro Chapter

Statesboro Citizens volunteered at the Statesboro Food Bank.



Tifton Chapter

Tifton Citizens members served lunch at the Tifton Soup Kitchen on King Day.





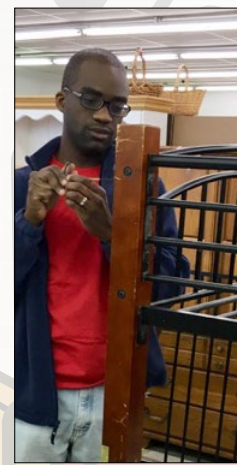
Plant Vogtle and Waynesboro Chapters

Plant Vogtle and Waynesboro Citizens members worked in the Shell Bluff community and Magnolia Acres on MLK Day.



Plant Hammond, Rome, and Northwest Mountain Chapter

Plant Hammond, Rome, and Northwest Mountain Citizens members joined forces on King Day at 5 different projects throughout their community!



2016 Target Dates and Deadlines

15 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
February 3	State Board Meeting-241 Ralph McGill Blvd
February 4	Officers Training-241 Ralph McGill Blvd
March 17	State Office will verify service hours and financials in SmartSimple in order to process first chapter incentive check of \$300
March 24	Chapter Incentive checks processed and mailed
July 13 &14	Summer State Board Meeting
August 11	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 1	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
September 1	Deadline for Chapter Matching Contribution Request Form
September 22	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 3-6	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2018
October 3	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms due
October 3	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program due to State Office
November 10	State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
November 11	Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
December 1	2017 chapter officer information due
December 8	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 15	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 15	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms