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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Happy Fall, Citizens!

This time of year, known as Fall or Autumn, is a personal favorite! What's not to love about: cooler weather, beautiful fall leaves, crazy shaped pumpkins, juicy apples, state fairs, festivals, and pumpkin spice scents – these are a few of my favorite things! There is one other favorite for this time of year – a great time to get outside and do Citizens' service projects!

Our outdoor enthusiast Citizens members showed out this month! Carrollton Chapter participated in a fund-raiser that benefited the Carrollton Greenbelt and a recycling event! Metro East recently did a River Clean-up event. Milledgeville recently completed an Arboretum Legacy project. Plant Yates participated in a River Clean-Up. Many recently participated in Georgia State Parks "Blaze a Trail" event with trail projects across the state.

While many chapters focused on getting outside and enjoying the weather while impacting their local environments, other chapters were busy making lives better in so many ways! Georgia Pre-K week was a busy time, with chapter members from Carrollton, General Office, Valdosta, and many others visiting and reading at their local schools! Other chapters invested in their local communities: Clayton – great job investing in your local school and community! The CCC held a much-needed coat drive, along with the General Office clothing drive! Chapters that focused on food insecurity needs included: General office supported the Citizens canned food drive and the Jefferson Street Chapter partnered with the Statewide Distribution team to meal pack a ton of food! Shout out to Tifton and Valdosta for volunteering at the local Special Olympics event! Savannah Generation focused on a golf tournament fund-raiser to benefit two local charities! Read full details in this month's Energizer!

This is the time of year that we usually start talking about the end-of-year celebrations. The plan is still being worked out. Just like our efforts to "reimagine Citizens", we are also re-imagining our Celebrations and Officer Training. More to come, but please know this - we truly celebrate each member of each Citizens chapter every single day. You each make this company shine brighter by being a "Citizen wherever you serve!"

Heartfelt THANK YOU for all that you are doing – from Legacy projects to fund-raisers, from food drives to river clean-ups and everything in between! You have great energy and definitely are #energizingourcommunities!!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."
Margaret Mead

Wishing you some of your favorite Fall things and sending virtual hugs! The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman



Carrollton

As part of Georgia Pre-K Week, Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power members, April Hale and Mike McCowen read at Centralhatchee Elementary and Ithica Elementary Pre-K classes. April read Oscar and the Bird: A Book about Electricity and April and Mike both read Georgia Power's book, Look Now, Wonder Wow.



Carrollton Citizens member Laura Miller donated 11 boxes of children's books to CASA, Child Advocacy Center, Woman's Emergency Shelter, Open Hands, and Church Without Wall. Great job Laura!

Carrollton Citizens Chapter volunteered on September 24th to run an Aid Station/Relay Exchange Station for the Carrollton Half Marathon, which had over 500 participants. The Carrollton Half Marathon raises funds for the Community Foundation of West Georgia, which goes back to the Carrollton Greenbelt upkeep and special projects. Big thanks to Joyce Price, James Price, Rod Shadrix, Tammy Shadrix, Larry Wood, Joanna Isbell and April Hale for volunteering!



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Patrick Harris represented Carrollton Citizens at the Keep Carroll Beautiful Electronics Recycling Amnesty Event this weekend. Volunteers accepted old phones, fax machines, computers and accessories, printers, cables, cameras, radios, TVs, batteries, etc. for recycling.

Clayton

Friday night lights in Clayton!! Clayton Citizens volunteers helped serve at the Habersham Central High School concessions stands Friday night. The chapter had a great turnout. Volunteers said it was a lot of hard work and it kept them on your toes. It was a great night to be a "Citizen Wherever We Serve" with a lot of great laughs and great fellowship.



On September 22nd, members of the Clayton Chapter of CGP volunteered their time and talents for the 15th annual Joint Habersham & White County Chamber Low Country Boil and business after-hours on the Chattahoochee River in Habersham County. The annual event is hosted by Georgia Power and Habersham EMC. Clayton Chapter members spent the entire day alongside employees from HEMC setting up and preparing the food for the community event.



Customer Care Center

CCC Citizens members helped shape the road to recovery for those affected by hunger, poverty, and disaster in the Henry County area during the month of September. Chapter members collected coats, blankets, and luggage to donate and partner with Connecting Henry.



Metro East

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and what better way to celebrate than by cleaning up a river. The Metro East Chapter volunteered with the South River Watershed Alliance (SRWA) to help clean up the South River both on land and in the water. During the 2022 Rivers Alive event, volunteers cleaned up an assortment of trash on the coasts and by kayak. Dozens of tires and bags of cans, Styrofoam, etc. were disposed of making the South River and its community a cleaner, brighter place.



Heart of Georgia

Heart of Georgia Citizens members received a huge Thank you for a GREAT Legacy Project from the Macon Rescue Mission. These hearty volunteers assembled 10 bike racks and spread 400 bales of pine straw! The Macon Rescue Mission team were so appreciative for the financial contribution and our hard work. Mr. Pat said this was the most efficient volunteer group that he has ever work with! Way to go Heart of Georgia Citizens.



Jefferson Street

Jefferson Street Citizens President Dee Osborne got a heartfelt thank you note from Jane Arney, Director of Foundation & Corporate Relations for Atlanta Mission:

Atlanta Mission is so grateful to you and the Georgia Power Company citizens for the incredible results of your clothing drive to benefit our clients in need of professional attire. Your team stepped up in an amazing way and I wanted to let you know that your efforts are greatly appreciated! Your donations may be just old clothes to you, but to those we serve, these clothes mean a new life.

Our guests who are in the @Work vocational program are required to dress professionally for each day of classes. This helps them start to feel their own worth and not only that; it helps inspire the newer guests in the shelter who see them and think, that could be me if I'm willing to do the work!

We had a client, Michael, who came to us with no shoes. He was homeless and walking around barefoot on the streets of Atlanta. Fast forward to his graduation ceremony this past month, where Michael took off his professional shoes to show them to the audience, telling us that these shoes are the symbol of his transformation. He came in with nothing, not even shoes on his feet, a broken man with no hope. Now Michael has a job and his dignity, and is getting back on his feet with a new pair of shoes!

Many thanks to you and the GPC team for your hearts for those we serve! And BTW, for this clothing drive, you stepped up sooner and bigger than any of our other corporate partners! Woot!



Jefferson Street Citizens partnered with Michelle Fuqua and the Statewide Distribution team to meal pack with Rise Against Hunger. The group assembled and packaged bags for 10,152 meals in less than 2 hours! That is enough to feed young school children in a foreign country for a whole school year. Awesome job and great partnership with Distribution!!

Milledgeville

Pam Gattie proudly reported that the Milledgeville Chapter Legacy Project at Lockerly Arboretum is complete!! Thanks to the Legacy grant from the Georgia Power Foundation, chapter volunteers planted over 200 flowering plants. As you can tell from these pictures of the new pollinator garden, it is beautiful!



General Office

Lutheran Towers, a senior community in Midtown Atlanta near Georgia Power's corporate headquarters, has opened a grocery store for its residents, and chapter members recently volunteered to unpack boxes of merchandise and to stock shelves and refrigerated compartments.



Last month, chapter members joined the PRIDE Power ERG for the AIDS Walk Atlanta in Piedmont Park. With nearly 40,000 people living with HIV in Atlanta, the funds raised help support local HIV and AIDS patients.



Again, this year, the chapter supported the Citizens Food Drive by bringing canned goods and non-perishable food items to 241 Corporate Headquarters. Chapter member Carolyn Johnston was one of many who delivered canned goods to the collection barrels.

In celebration of Georgia Pre-K Week, employee volunteers read in Pre-K classes across Georgia throughout the month of October. General Office chapter member Wes Singletary recently visited the Kidzz First Child Development Center in East Atlanta to read several books to a group of Pre-K students.

Plant Yates

The annual Rivers Alive River cleanup was held on Saturday September 17th. Plant Yates Citizens chapter sponsored the Rivers Alive event at McIntosh Reserve Park. Located along the banks of the Chattahoochee River in Whitesburg Ga. McIntosh Reserve Park is 527 acres, packed with history, trails, a splash water park, pavilions, and sweeping frontage on the Chattahoochee River. The park is a favorite of hikers and equestrian riders. Citizens of Georgia Power volunteers and their family members were joined by Newnan High School students and local area residents. This hearty group collected over 960 lbs. of trash. Citizens of Georgia Power provided lunch for all 175 volunteers.



Savannah Generation

Savannah Generation was honored to present the proceeds from their golf tournament to two benefiting charities. The chapter was proud to partner with the March of Dimes and the Shriners Children's Hospital to help in their continued fight against pre-mature birth and the goals to change and improve lives.



Tifton and Valdosta

Tifton and Valdosta Citizens chapter members had the honor of volunteering at the Georgia Special Olympics Fall Games. The volunteers assisted with the Bocce ball games. They had a great time and have big plans for participating again next year. Hard to tell who had more fun, the athletes or the Citizens volunteers!



Statesboro Ambassadors

Ambassador Past State President and Statesboro Chapter member Gail Johnson wanted to recognize Joel Hanner for his support of their chapter. Gail wrote,

In the short time he has been in our area, he has shown that he will be a valuable resource for our chapter and an advocate of our service to the communities in which we live. Joel makes every effort to attend our meetings as time allows and shows a true interest in our members. During our "Blaze a Trail" project with Georgia State Parks, he and his family joined the group and spent the morning volunteering at George L Smith State Park. We look forward to his support and engagement as we continue to serve our communities.

Thanks, Joel, for supporting our retirees!



Community & Economic Development Strategic Solutions

The Community & Economic Development Strategic Solutions team volunteered at the Blue Heron Nature Preserve. Team members planted native flowers and cleared invasive species from paths and trees.



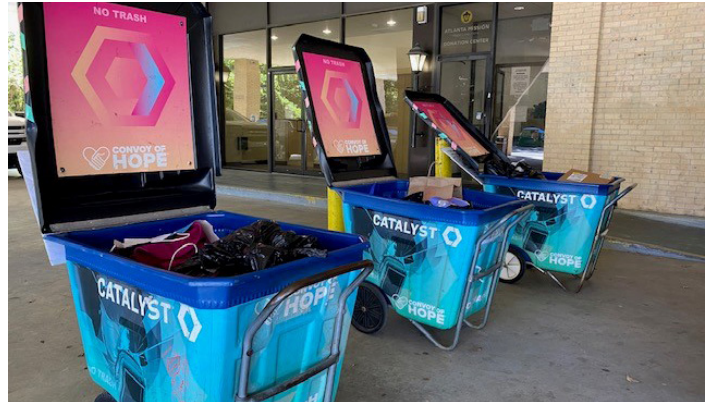
GPC Environmental Affairs Water & Natural Resource Permitting

The team from GPC Environmental Affairs Water & Natural Resource Permitting recently took time out of their schedules to volunteer at Feeding Ga Families. Their volunteering efforts were focused on assisting Feeding GA Families in hosting their Patriots Day and Grandparents Day celebrations. Ali Rivera, CEO- Feeding Ga Families provided the full detail of their volunteering impacts. They assembled snack kits for two apartment complexes in College Park and Forest Park and one school in Forest Park for their after-school tutoring programs. These kits provided a much-needed snack to 150 kids. The team also assembled home item giveaways and inspirational boxes. The team's efforts made a positive impact on the lives of 493 individuals!! Awesome job!



PEER

PEER members donated 2-carloads of professional attire for the Atlanta Mission @Work vocational training program. The @work program prepares clients for upcoming interviews and provides them with business clothing to help them reach their goals.



Customer Strategy & Solutions

Georgia Power and Customer Strategy & Solutions donated furniture and provided setup and sweat equity labor for Midtown Assistance Center's new office. The entire MAC staff sent a huge THANK YOU for all the support!



Executive Assistants vs. A2s

The Executive Assistants challenged the A2s to see who could bring in the most canned goods for the canned food drive. As you can imagine it was challenge accepted!! The EA's dominated the competition. The A2's Put up a valiant effort, however the EA's claimed victory by collecting the greater amount of donations for our canned food drive. As you can see from the picture, the combined collection will go a long way to feed the hungry in our communities.



Patricia Morgan PreK Reading Shout Out

Education Coordinator Emily Matthews shared a “shout out” that Patricia Morgan got when she read to the students at Atkinson Elementary School in Griffin for Georgia Pre-K Week.

In a tweet from @ATKBears with photos showing the students with a big smile, it says, “Thank you Patricia Morgan and Georgia Power for visiting us today, and bringing great gifts! @lfbearnden99 @GriffinSpalding @GSCSDistrict1 @ATKBears #GaPreKWeek”

Emily added “We appreciate you and your commitment to our future generation and education in the state of Georgia!”



#HomelsWhereTheHeartIs!

Key Account Manager Angela Clark is a native of Fort Meyers, Florida and still has a lot of family and friends living in the area. Her hometown and neighborhood were devastated by Hurricane Ian so she and her husband Jerry knew they had to do something.

They raised \$1,700 from family, friends, their church, and their Georgia Power coworkers. They used the money to buy food, water, and other relief supplies. They traveled down to Fort Meyers to deliver the supplies. While in Florida they worked with local contacts to prepare and serve 400 hot meals as well as hand out the supplies to people in need. Their efforts were well received.

Thankfully, restoration of utility service to the area started to occur while they were there, and residents are beginning to be able to cook for themselves.

Angela returned to work exhausted from her efforts. She is truly an incredible example of being ‘A Citizen Wherever We Serve’ and as her manager Karl Langenbach said “I am proud to work with her every day.”



DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/9/2022	Virtual State Board Meeting
2/24/2022	Virtual Leadership Summit
3/18/2022	State Office will verify service hours and financials
6/15/2022	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/20/2022	Summer State Board Meeting
8/12/2022	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/9/2022	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
10/6-7/2022	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
10/14/2022	Committee Chairs application due to State Office
10/26/2022	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
11/3/2022	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/14/2022	Annual Business Meeting – Virtual Teams Meeting
12/9/2022	2023-chapter officer information DUE
12/16/2022	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2022	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/30/2022	All 2022 Service Hours entered into uBack

