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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal

Citizens,

I hope each of you and your families are safe and healthy during this time. I want to start by thanking the chapter officers who attended Leadership Summit for completing the event survey. You provided valuable feedback that will help us make the event even better next year.



Last month, I asked you to think about different ways to stay plugged in your community. As always, you stepped up to the challenge and did not let this situation slow you down from helping your neighbors. You cooked, baked, grilled, made face masks and thank you cards, supported food banks and March of Dimes, purchased tablets for the elderly and I could go on and on. The truth is that this group always finds a way to make a difference in our communities. I could not be prouder of being part of this organization.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that this year is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. I know you had to change your plans but many of you still celebrated by planting gardens, distributing planting seeds and doing other activities with your families. Thank you for continuing our legacy of celebrating Earth Day.

I want to leave you with a great message the Thomson chapter used on one of their projects. They distributed planting seeds to folks in the community while they were performing essential duties and used the following message on their hand out: "Please enjoy a family time of planting with the grand expectation of the beautiful and brighter days ahead". I know those beautiful and brighter days are coming soon!

Juan Madrigal



Citizens projects BC (Before Coronavirus)

Gwinnett

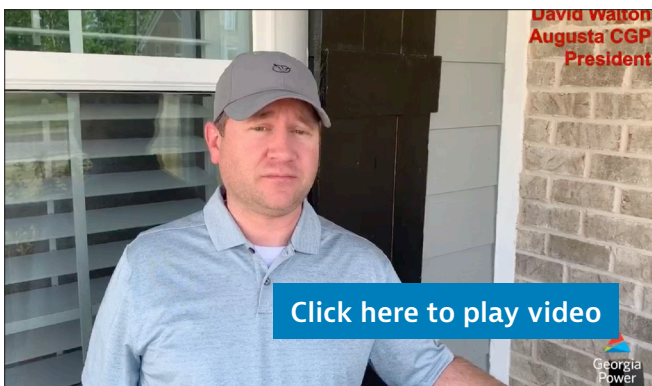
Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, Gwinnett Citizens members spent an enjoyable day volunteering at the JA Discovery Center of Gwinnett assisting 8th grade students from Berkmar Middle School. Members commented at how talented and bright these young adults were and how well they did with the budgeting aspect of the day. Thank you to all the volunteers who played a vital role to help shape the future of each of the students.



Citizens projects AD (After Distancing)

Athens

Angie Brown, Athens Chapter President couldn't believe how trashy the folks in Oconee County were. She cleaned up the road near her driveway and collected over 2 bags of trash! She turned it into a family aware. Great job to help the community and the environment!

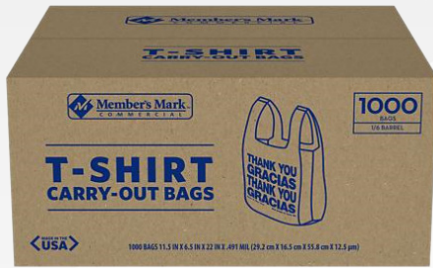


Augusta

To say that the Augusta Citizens were up for a challenge might be an understatement. As part of a Buy Local Give Local campaign, the chapter accepted a challenge from Loop Recruiting to support a local business and help an organization that is doing work in the community. The chapter chose to order lunch from Wild Wing Café, and have it delivered to the ER team at Doctors Hospital. The chapter in turn challenged Citizens members in Waynesboro and Jefferson EMC to pay it forward. Way to step up Augusta!

Brunswick

Brunswick Citizens members have been busy and creative finding ways to continue to serve their community. Brantley County schools reached out with a need for grocery bags to put kids' lunches in they were providing while school was out. The Brunswick chapter stepped up in stride, within minutes we had the need fulfilled for that community. 3,000 new grocery bags were purchased and delivered to the school board office.



Chapter President Jason Bennett and the Brunswick Citizens were proud to support Camden Curbside by cooking 2,000 chicken leg quarters. The chicken was packed in meals and given out to the community in Camden County. Awesome job Brunswick Citizens!

Brunswick chapter member Regina Black donated 30 loaves of homemade bread to a local shop in St. Mary's to hand out with Boston Butts they were smoking. All the food from the shop was free to anyone who needed it.



Regina Black is at it again! The group that gave out Boston Butts last week are giving out dinners this week and Regina made these masks for the workers to keep everyone safe.



Clayton

Even during these challenging times, Clayton Citizens found a way to serve their community and keep them connected with their loved ones. The chapter purchased two iPads and had them delivered to Habersham Home Nursing Facility so that the staff could assist the residents in communicating with their families. What an awesome use of resources!!



General Office

General Office chapter sent the 10 kids at Christian City Children's home Easter Baskets to bring JOY in the mist of the COVID19 pandemic. Snacks, cereal, oatmeal, baking items, PB&J, Zip Lock Bags, juices, and water were ordered from Amazon and sent to the cottage to restock their pantry. From the joy in this thank you note everything was a hit!!



"Oh, my word!!! Yes!!! We got it all and we're so incredibly blessed. The kids loved their baskets. Thank you so so much for your incredible thoughtfulness. It could not have come at a better time. You guys are amazing! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

*Thankfully serving,
Seth & Diana Teegarden, House Parents*

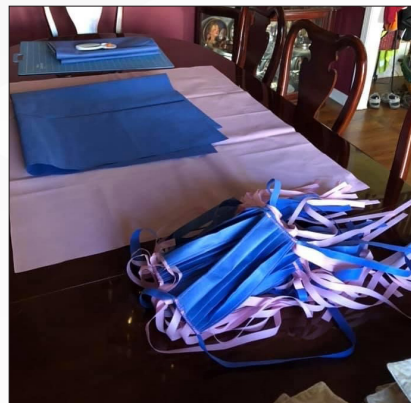
Tifton

Employees and Citizens of Georgia Power in the Tifton headquarters donated money to provide 400 hot dogs and buns to a local organization, Peanut Butter & Jesus. PB&J has been providing about 1,000 bagged lunches every day to children in the Tifton area during the school closures amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Tifton employees collected money and bought the food. Lynn Lovett, John Wyatt and Chad Haynes cooked and delivered the food. Chick-fil-A- donated the condiments. The Tifton Citizens chapter also provided lunch for the respiratory therapists at Tift Regional Medical Center.



Plant McDonough

Chapter President Mike Wacker proudly reports that chapter member, Dr. Courtney StJohn Wacker, who also doubles as his wife, daughter Lindsey Wacker and sister in law Mandy StJohn have been working hard making respirator masks for local Gwinnett charity needs.



Round 2!! Dr. Courtney StJohn Wacker heard that Gwinnett Medical would supply the surgical fabric to make masks for the hospital. She and her sister Mandy, along with neighbors Mel Lammons and Toni Momany, jumped at the opportunity! Great job all!

Heart of Georgia

Heart of Georgia Citizens came up with a Share Your Heart campaign. Chapter members and their families wrote notes and cards to healthcare professionals working around the clock to keep their communities healthy and safe. Ansley Matthews, daughter of chapter president Crystal Matthews, proudly displayed her handiwork! From the looks of the table full of cards, Jimmy Dooley's daughter Madison could work for Hallmark!



Thomson

The always creative Thomson Citizens chapter has come up with another unique project. "Operation Garden Glove" is underway! The chapter has prepped 120 packages of wildflower seeds with a thank you note attached thanking necessary workers for their service doing the COVID-19 pandemic. Packages are being presented to bank employees, store clerks, drive through workers, pharmacists, first responders and others. Chapter members hand these out when they make their essential trips for groceries and medicine. Recipients are encouraged to make planting them a family activity in observance of Earth Month.



The Thomson chapter is at it again! They are combining environmental responsibility and helping the first responders in a great project to make 100 masks out of recycled GPC uniforms. They've turned it into a family affair as Chapter President Chris Rogers' daughters, Lexie and Laney, proudly display some of the fruits of their labor. The chapter made and donated 106 masks to the Thomson Center for Primary Care.



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WE ARE ON A 1 for 100 MISSION

UNITE WITH US AS 1 TO MAKE 100

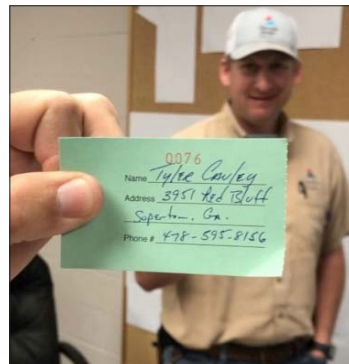
FACE MASKS FOR AREA MEDICAL NEEDS

Please join us with your families in our endeavors to construct 100 masks for COVID-19 workers! If instructions are needed, they can be provided. For volunteer recording, please email the following information:

Volunteer's Name	# of Hours Worked
# of Masks Produced	Name of Recipient
Don't have fabric??	

RECYCLE OLD GPC UNIFORM SHIRTS!!!

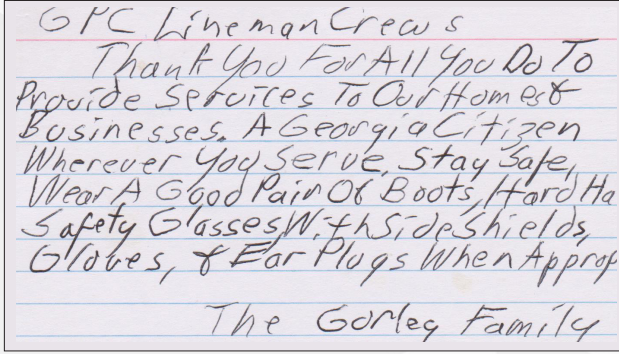
NOTE: Remove GPC logo from fabric prior to making masks
 For reporting or information contact Denise Hamrick
 dhamric@southernco.com 706-339-2595



Thomson didn't let a pandemic stop them from raising money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Their annual raffle with selections ranging from hunting supplies to a \$1,500 shopping spree brought in \$2,055 for this great cause. President Chris Rogers made sure the tickets were mixed up good and project chair Tray Jackson wishes his name was Tyler Cavley!!

Georgia Power Ambassadors

It's not often that we highlight the work of our retirees' group, The Ambassadors, in the Energizer but this month just seemed like it was the right thing to do. These folks are the foundation of where we all learned to be "A Citizen Wherever We Serve".



Ambassador chapters across the state took time to "Thank A Lineman" with a note or an electronic thank you. State Ambassador President Gail Johnson blanketed the state with a letter going to each operating headquarters and a personal letter to each lineman in her former work location, Statesboro Operating.

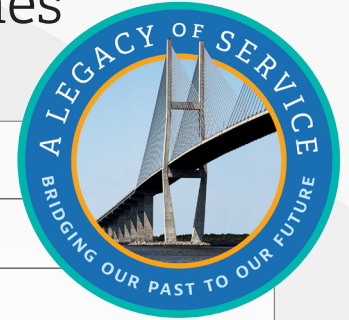


Statesboro Ambassadors

Statesboro Ambassador member Mickie Deal, a retired Labor and Delivery nurse, didn't waste a minute when she heard from some of her nurse friends that they had a shortage of masks and PPE. Once she received the approved online free pattern site, she got to work cutting and sewing. Not realizing the pattern wasn't a pdf true size, Mickie's first efforts generated 100 child-sized masks! The good news is they are being used in the ER for the children who come in with symptoms of a respiratory infection. The waiting room is a germy place! Mickie's friend owns the local fabric store and was making masks as well. The two joined forces to help their community and others. Mickie got everyone in on the act. Her husband, Jack Deal a retired GPC lineman and safety advisor with 48 years of service who also happens to be the Statesboro Ambassadors Chapter President, was drafted and has been trimming, cutting threads, measuring and cutting elastic, and overseeing general quality control! As Mickie says, "Yes it takes a village!"



2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
June 15	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
July 10	Summer State Board Meeting
August 12	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
September 9	Call to Annual Meeting mailed
September 23	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
October 6-7	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
October 7	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate forms DUE
October 7	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
November 12-13	State Board Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
November 13-14	Annual Meeting – The Westin, 1 Resort Dr. Savannah, GA
December 9	2020-chapter officer information DUE
December 9	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
December 16	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
December 16	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
December 31	All 2020 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple