

Citizens of Georgia Power ENERGIZER

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State President's Message

Betsy Tillman

Citizens of Georgia Power,

June has been an interesting month so far – storms and LOTS of hot weather. As I write this, the temperature outside is registering 102 degrees. Favorable for business purposes, not so much fun, though!

In spite of the weather, Citizens members continue to focus on making lives better. Many bring their children along to instill the importance of service to the next generation. There is a wonderful opportunity for youth volunteers to be recognized through the President's Youth Volunteer Service Program. Citizens is a certifying organization for this award through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. It is specifically focused on honoring youth volunteers whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of this great nation. Youth ages 5 – 21 who are dependents of an active Citizens member are eligible to participate. By volunteering and reporting their hours through the Volunteer Services Office, they may achieve either a Bronze, Silver, Gold or lifetime achievement award! Full rules are available through Volunteer Services. All eligible youth are encouraged to participate in this important award – which aligns well with volunteer service hour credits in some school systems.

Partnerships are so important for the success of projects and one of our areas of focus for CGP this year. One of the many valued partnerships with Citizens are Employee Resource Groups and their members. Citizens members and ERG members continue to work together on volunteer opportunities all across the state. We are always seeking more ideas! There is truly strength in numbers, so to all ERG members, you are welcome, we appreciate you, and we look forward to continued partnerships!

I often think of the word gratitude when thinking about Citizens. The members, their children, and company and community partners find such creative ways to reach out and help in so many ways. The woman with small children who shelters in a facility our members helped stock with supplies feels gratitude. The children who read the books in the local laundromat library feel gratitude. The children who benefit from backpacks stocked with weekend food supplies or new school supplies, experience gratitude. That list could go on and on. It is truly amazing that Citizens members and partners have been creating moments of gratitude for over 51 years!

I recently had the privilege of sitting in on some of the chapter update calls. The chapters share what they are working on and what they have planned. There are a lot of fun things to get involved in including golf tournaments, Clay shoots, Legacy projects, and many others. To stay informed about opportunities to volunteer, please look at the Volunteer Services calendar often!

We need you! If you are currently a Citizens member, huge THANKS for your passionate service! If you are not yet a member, there are wonderful people that would love to have you join the chapter of your choice. You can join any chapter across the state. If you live in one city, but work in another – feel free to join the chapter that works better for you!

Mother Teresa said it best: "Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love."

Citizens is love in action. Come join us as we focus on demonstrating love - The Beauty of Service is Virtually Everywhere!

Betsy Tillman

Plant Bowen

Thanks to a partnership between Bowen CGP, Keep Rome Floyd Beautiful, and Keep Bartow Beautiful, 11 volunteers came together on a warm Monday to clean up the boat ramps at both Neel's Landing and Hardin Bridge Landing. Other volunteers floated the river between Hardin Bridge and Neel's Landing to retrieve trash and debris from the riverbanks. Their efforts removed over 200 lbs of trash from the water way. Great job Bowen Citizens!



Plant Bowen Citizens volunteers had a great time supporting this year's Polk County Special Olympics event in Rockmart. The volunteers assisted with the set-up of the event along with helping the athletes in baseball. Hard to tell who had more fun from the pictures!



In partnership with Bartow Collaborative, Bowen Citizens volunteers helped with "Destination Graduation 2022". "Destination Graduation" is a life-sized interactive "game" that students will advance through by "chance". During the Maze, students do not have a "choice" about the decisions that they make regarding risky behaviors. The goal of "Destination Graduation" is to make it to High School Graduation and avoid the consequences of unhealthy decisions. Bowen Citizens members have participated in this annual event for several years.

General Office

This year's General Office Chapter legacy project assisted Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) with building out its food pantry at its new location across from The Varsity. The Chapter has supported MAC over the past 10+ years with assembling door snakes and volunteering at their annual 5K. This year, chapter members volunteered on two days assembling and installing shelves as well as unpacking and stocking items at its new facility. The chapter's support of MAC is instrumental to their continued success of providing emergency assistance to low-income working Atlantans during periods of crisis.



In addition to the ongoing virtual Relay for Life 5K during the month of May, General Office Chapter members participated in the in-person Relay for Life event at Northside High School on Friday, May 13. Debbie Baker led the Georgia Power Striders team again this year to raise funds for the American Cancer Society by soliciting donations and selling snow cones during the event.



In late May, General Office Chapter members donated baby supplies to benefit Helping Mamas, an organization that collects and distributes essential baby items to families in need. Each year, Helping Mamas serves nearly 60,000 children and distributes 2 million essential items to the community.



The General Office Chapter supported Clifton Sanctuary Ministries in early June. Chapter members donated supplies to the charity, and chapter member Helen Shuford and family volunteered at the facility to make sandwiches. Clifton Sanctuary Ministries provides a transformational experience for homeless men through comprehensive life skills training and collaborative community partnerships.

Gwinnett

The Gwinnett Chapter had a Chili/Hot Dog Membership Drive Luncheon at the Duluth Operating Headquarters. The event was enjoyed by all, and they signed up 32 new members! They even had their former President of Citizens Ken O'Shields take the lead as the Grill Master! Marie Hammett cooked up her secret chili recipe and Regina Sinclair make some fabulous brownies, slaw, baked beans and all the toppings for a grand slam hot dog. Of course, Regina worked her magic to make everything come together and look beautiful. Colleen Nieto made sure to rally the crowd with an eye-catching flyer to announce the event. We had many members "pitch-in" to make sure food was served and the dishes were cleaned! Great job Gwinnett!



Happy Father's Day

Citizens of Georgia Power – Gwinnett Chapter
Would like to wish all the Father's and Father Figures a Very Happy Father's Day!
The Chapter donated 36 gift bags to the Life Care Center of Lawrenceville for the 2022 Father's Day Celebration!



In honor of Father's Day, Gwinnett Citizens members donated 36 gift bags to the Life Care Center of Lawrenceville for their Father's Day celebration. Great way to recognize fathers and father figures alike!

Customer Care Center

The CCC raised over \$408 and received several donations from the CCC Chapter for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Carol Corban from the Bridge Wellness South dropped them a nice note:

"Dear Southern Company Team,

What a blessing you have been for us here at The Bridge Wellness South! Your donations help fill our "Southern Room" boutique with the many baby items needed to help Mom and Dad get their Little One off to the best start! Your generosity comforts the hearts of these families knowing they have such amazing support from their community.

*From our staff and volunteers,
THANK YOU!"*



Metro West

Metro West Citizens members and their families got out to the Youth Villages Campus for an awesome Saturday workday! Volunteers completely re-mulched a playground area that clearly sees a lot of use from these troubled kids, as well as replace a couple of sheets of tin roofing over a picnic table area nearby. Special thanks to Lorrie Wallace, Gretchen Haight and her husband Chip, and Lisa Santos for all their efforts! Youth Village Campus serves "Level 6" children that have exhausted all other means of support through the state education, foster, and family support system. Many have suffered sexual and physical abuse. Seeing the kids playing flag football on this gorgeous 1200-acre facility, made the volunteers day! Truly a worthy cause.



Columbus

As part of their legacy project, the Columbus Chapter purchased and assembled new picnic tables, chairs and a gazebo for the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus. It was a great family affair for an awesome cause!



Tifton

Tifton Operating Headquarters looks a little bit better and is more bee friendly thanks to the Citizens Earth Day projects. Chapter members planted lantanas, butterfly bushes, and put down mulch around the bee pollinator box at the gate entrance. Great job Tifton!





DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/9/2022	Virtual State Board Meeting
2/24/2022	Virtual Leadership Summit
3/18/20212	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
9/23/2021	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
10/6-7/2022	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
10/7/2022	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
10/7/2022	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
11/10-11/2022	State Board Meeting – TBA
11/12-13/2022	Annual Meeting – TBA
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