

# Ambassadors

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Greetings and Happy 2020 my fellow Ambassadors,

My name is Gail Johnson, and I am so honored to be asked to serve as your State President for 2020. I am excited to see what our wonderful group of retirees can bring to this new decade.

I am truly excited to share the news that with a new decade we are rolling out a new Ambassadors theme, "Ambassadors are a Work of Heart." Your leadership will be sharing the logo with you to use on newsletters and other correspondence you may send out to your members during the year. These little words speak volumes about what we are to our chapters, our neighbors and the communities we serve. I hope you all embrace the theme and make this a year for the record books.



If you are still an active employee and are browsing the information about Ambassadors, allow me to extend a warm welcome to visit one of our chapter meetings. With 19 chapters throughout the state, I am sure we can find one near you. There's always good food, friendly faces and informative programs about your communities as well as company updates.

This year, we will be having our 30th Annual Retreat at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. Last year's attendance was over 250, and we hope to break that record with our upcoming event. With local tours and excursions, nightly entertainment, and afternoon tournaments and games, members always leave with big smiles and lasting memories.

For those of you who are already Ambassadors, I am excited to have the opportunity to visit your chapters and meet you. For those of you who are thinking about coming on board, please give us a call and let us tell you all about our organization. Our Volunteer Services folks at 404-506-7000 will be happy to help you find a chapter near your home.

Best wishes to my fellow Ambassadors

*Gail Johnson*

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## Ambassadors Workshop

2020 kicked off in Macon at the Macon Marriott City Center with the Annual Workshop training event. Chapter leadership from 18 of the 19 chapters gathered together to go over everything from officers' duties to financial regulations to service hours. Thanks to the Executive Committee for their leadership during the event and for the chapter officers who gave up their time to get the tools needed to lead their chapters throughout the year!



## Ambassadors Winners

Each year at workshop, we recognize the top three chapters who had outstanding achievements with improvements in membership, improvements in meeting attendance, and most service hours per member for the year. It is our pleasure to announce the 2019 winners in the three categories listed above.



**Service Hours Winners**  
First Place-Southwest GA  
Second Place-Metro West  
Third-Golden Isles



**Membership Winners**  
First Place-Metro West  
Second Place-Statesboro  
Third Place-Heart of GA



**Attendance Winners**  
First Place-Statesboro  
Second Place-Augusta  
Third Place-Metro West

**Congratulations to all the winners for a job well done!**

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## Statesboro – MLK



Members of the Statesboro Ambassadors, Kay Holland, Gail Johnson, and Jack Deal, partnered with members of the Statesboro Citizens chapter for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. "Day On Not A Day Off" day of service this year. The group sorted and organized books, clothing, toys and household items for Christian Social Ministry Thrift Store and Food Pantry.

## Augusta – Blood Drive

Augusta chapter members served lunch to all donors at a recent Red Cross Blood Drive in their area. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and



helped with the event. And to those that donated, a very special THANK YOU for giving the greatest gift of all—the gift of life.



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## Altamaha – Habitat

Members of the Altamaha Ambassadors joined forces with the Vidalia Citizens chapter to help demolish a house for Habitat for Humanity on the Martin Luther King, Jr., "Day On Not A Day Off" project. The house will be remodeled for a family in need in their community. Great job Altamaha and Vidalia!



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## Retreat

Registration is now open for the 30th Annual Ambassadors Retreat at Epworth by the Sea on Saint Simon's Island. Check with your Chapter President for more information and a registration packet.

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## Join your local Ambassadors chapter

Chapter	President	Meeting Schedule
Altamaha	John Blewett	4th Thursday
Athens	Gene Ussery	1st Thursday
Augusta	Terry Reeves	2nd Tuesday
Columbus	Glen Gosa	3rd Monday
Golden Isles	George Ellis	3rd Tuesday
Heart of GA	Vivian Thomas	3rd Wednesday
Metro Central	Jim Weldon	2nd Tuesday
Metro East	Milton Smith	4th Wednesday
Metro North	Karen Powell	2nd Thursday
Metro South	Barbara Harness	2nd Monday
Metro West	Steve Hopkins	2nd Monday*
Northeast GA	Richard Webb	4th Wednesday
Rome	Audrey Wimberly	2nd Wednesday*
Savannah	Louise Grotheer	4th Tuesday
Sinclair-Oconee	JoAnne Clark	2nd Wednesday
South GA	Vicky Biles	3rd Tuesday**
Southwest GA	Alonzo Morman	3rd Thursday
Statesboro	Jack Deal	3rd Wednesday
West GA	Terry Parham	1st Tuesday

\*Meets every other month beginning with even months

\*\*Meets every other month beginning with odd months