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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Rachel Bailey

Citizens of Georgia Power,

It's hard to believe that this year is almost over and Annual meeting is just around the corner. The state officers and your board are busy planning the event which will be Nov 11th in Macon. We are excited about sharing what all our chapters have and will continue to accomplish this year, as well as, what we have been able to do through the registered charities.

As one more installment of our education series let me share with you two of the awards we give out during our annual meeting.

The first is the Mamie K. Taylor award. Each chapter nominates an individual who has shown outstanding service throughout the year. Mamie K Taylor created the Citizens of Georgia Power (then the Women of Georgia Power) with the mission to "care with compassion, to give with generosity, to serve with sincerity, and to do it all with dedication and professionalism." In her honor, the Mamie K. Taylor award was created to recognize those that are continuing her legacy today. Congratulations to our 2017 MKT winners! Can't wait to recognize you all in Macon!

The second is the Mary Elizabeth Smith Award. It is given to the outgoing president of each chapter. Mary Elizabeth Smith was appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to Georgia Power Company's President, Ed Hatch, in 1972. Her role included responsibilities for the activities of the Women of Georgia Power (the predecessor to the Citizens of Georgia Power). She led the organization in unprecedented growth and organizational changes until her retirement in 1984. Her leadership inspired many, and she embodied the ideal of "A Citizen Wherever We Serve." We look forward to recognizing our chapter presidents, as well in Macon!

We could do none of this work without our chapter leadership and our chapter members. Thank you all for everything you do!

Your heart shows in the work you do. Take pride in the impact that you make in our communities. See you in Macon where we will shine the spotlight on your service!

Rachel Bailey



Citizens of Georgia Power  
**SPOTLIGHT**  
*on service*

## Athens Chapter

Athens Citizens members rallied around the family of one of their own. Bradley Crawford was killed in a tragic car accident on his way to work. The chapter chose to honor and support Bradley's family with a benefit breakfast. The turnout was incredible! As you can see, Bradley's girls loved both the pancakes and the attention!



The United Way's Day of Caring saw Athens Citizens members roll up their sleeves for some much-needed cleaning at the Boys & Girls Club's Smilow



Clubhouse. The group had a blast and the Boys & Girls Club were thankful for their efforts.



## Forest Park Chapter

Members of the Forest Park Chapter spent the day at Calvary Refuge sprucing up the grounds by trimming hedges, cleaning up flower beds, pulling weeds and mowing grass. Calvary Refuge is a non-profit that provides housing, food and support services to homeless men, women and children in Forest Park.







### Augusta and Thomson Chapters

Thanks to all the hard work from the Augusta and Thomson Citizens members in putting together the first Power Lines Bass Tournament to benefit Veterans K9 Solutions, Inc. Veterans K9 Solution rescues dogs from local shelters and trains them and pairs the dogs with veterans from all branches of the US Military who suffer from PTSD. The dogs – including training and certifications are provided free to the veter-

ans. This event was a HUGE success! After pay outs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, a check was presented to Jerry Lyda, Founder of Veterans K9, for \$7,500!

### Carrollton Chapter

Carrollton Citizens members laced up their walking shoes for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Hobbs Farm in Carrollton. Through funds raised from a Boston butt sale, bowl raffle and on-line fundraising the chapter was able to donate \$2,144 to this great cause. Way to go Carrollton!





## Carrollton Chapter

Carrollton Citizens members have provided support for the Carrollton Greenbelt Trail system all through the year. In September, on three separate occasions, the group picked up trash and cleared limbs along the trails.



## Forest Park Chapter

The Forest Park Chapter donated \$500 in supplies to support the relief efforts in Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria. Several employees at Forest Park took the initiative to start a drive partnering with Porch Latin Restaurant and reached out to co-workers on their own for help. The employees in Forest Park supported in a big way! They were able to build and ship 22 pallets of donations to Puerto Rico.



**It's OFFICIALLY Official!**

**The Benelli Shotgun Raffle Winner IS**

Name: 712166  
Dan Sprinkle  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: 412 547-0580

**The Thomson Citizens of Georgia Power thanks ALL ticket purchasers who helped in raising \$4,005 for McDuffie County Relay for Life!**

Carla Cole, chapter president, and Thomson Chief of Police, John Seay, conducted the drawing under the watchful eyes of eager "hopefuls" August 23, 2017 at Thomson Operating

**Congratulations Dan!**



## Thomson Chapter

The Thomson chapter held a hugely success Benelli shotgun raffle to raise money for the McDuffie County Relay for Life. Congratulations to Dan Sprinkle the lucky winner!! Matt Milburn and Carla Cole proudly presented a \$4,005 check to Bob Know, McDuffie County Relay for Life Chairman.



## Customer Care Center Chapter

On September 30th, 2017, volunteers from the Customer Care Center chapter

prepared and served breakfast, lunch and dinner to the children and staff at 'A Friends House'. The chapter has enjoyed supporting this charity, financially as well as through hands on projects, for many years!



## Plant Scherer Chapter

The Plant Scherer Chapter of Citizens of Georgia Power held a cake auction and bake sale to benefit Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation. Plant Scherer raised \$1,402 to help win the fight

against breast cancer. Go Plant Scherer! #Schererpride



## Albany Chapter

Lisa Battle-Jackson was proud to present a check for \$1,911 to Marvin Laster, CEO Boys & Girls Club of Albany. Through the work of trained and educated youth development professionals and program specialists, as well as dedicated volunteers and support staff, Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany is committed to helping youth reach their full potential.







## General Office Chapter

Volunteers were led by Project Chair Karen Laurenceau in the assembly of hygiene kits for veterans who receive services at the VA Hospital in Atlanta. Items were donated by employees in the weeks prior to the assembly. The kits are distributed by the nonprofit group, Soldiers Angels. Approximately 300 kits were assembled.



General Office Chapter took part in the Georgia Artists with DisAbilities (GAWD) annual Art Exhibition in the month of September. Members supported GAWD by helping to hang art, repaired frames to be hung and made bubble wrap envelopes for the winning art that will travel to art galleries around Georgia. They also provided a donation of \$350. Citizens has been supporting this charity for over 30 years.







### Jefferson Street Chapter

The Jefferson Street Chapter held a bake sale to benefit the American Heart Association. Thanks to all those who participated, either as a baker or an eater!!



Thanks to all the Jefferson Street Citizens members who participated in the American Heart Association Walk. Their fundraising efforts allowed them to present the AHA with \$1,121. Great job Jefferson Street!



### Plant Yates Chapter

Plant Yates Citizens members, along with Whitesburg Elementary School leadership and teachers, played in the dirt to add some color and beauty to the landscaping around the school. The chapter's longtime partnership with Whitesburg Elementary truly demonstrates being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve."

### Rome Chapter

The Rome Chapter purchased a booth at the Rummage Sale held at the Rome Braves - State Mutual Stadium on Sept 23rd. Chapter members raised \$450 selling donated items that benefited the Open Door Children's Home in Rome. Thanks to Carlos Del Rio, Phillip Cheek, Brandi Harris, Kali Nicholas and Don Lightfoot for their efforts!





## Metro East, Conyers and Metro South Chapters

Twenty-two teams showed up at the Stone Mountain Golf Course to support Electric Kids. Metro East, Conyers, and Metro South joined forces to host this great event that raised over \$7,000 to support the children of deceased and disabled employees.



## Plant Bowen Chapter

The Plant Bowen CGP Chapter joined the 32nd Annual Great Lake Allatoona Clean Up again this year. On Saturday September 30, volunteers gathered trash along the banks of the lake then the following Monday through Wednesday the "Folks with Boats" volunteers went around and removed the items from the shoreline and took it all to dumpsters. Bowen's volunteers, along with thousands of other volunteers, cleared 7.3 TONS of trash from the lake – WOW!!! Great going Bowen Team!!!





## Plant Hammond, Plant Bowen and Rome Chapters



On Oct 7th The Plant Hammond, Plant Bowen and Rome Chapters of Citizens of Georgia Power partnered

up to hold the 3rd Annual Reeling for a Cause Fishing Tournament at the Little River Marina and Lodge on Lake Weiss. A total of 39 boats signed up in the tournament which raised almost \$4,000 that went to support four local charities: Advocates for Children (Bartow), Open Door Children's Home, Cancer Navigators and End Slavery Georgia. 1st Place went to Jeremy and Joe Cupps, 2nd Place went to Michelle and Herbert Dodd, and 3rd Place went to Erick Stiles and Chad Cox.



## Albany Chapter

The Albany Chapter made a donation to the American Cancer Society in the amount of \$600. The financial support from this long standing partnership with ACS helps patients facing cancer by supporting research, providing patient services, early detection, treatment and education. Sherry Clark, Community Development Manager for ACS proudly accepted the check from Citizens President Lisa Battle-Jackson.



## Plant Yates Chapter

The Bert Show, a local radio morning program, is collecting letters of thanks, so every single service person stationed or deployed outside the United States can receive a letter of gratitude on Thanksgiving. Georgia Power and the Yates Chapter is joining forces to help reach this goal. The students of Whitesburg Elementary School, located in Whitesburg, Georgia were happy to send 208 letters to our service men and women. Thanks to Principal Dr. Marissa Ogando and her staff for support this project and our troops.





## Upcoming Projects

EVENT	CHAPTER	DATE	CONTACT
Golf Tournament	Customer Care Center	Nov. 13	Don Martin <a href="mailto:DVMARTIN@southernco.com">DVMARTIN@southernco.com</a>

## 2017 Target Dates and Deadlines

<b>15 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>November 10</b>	State Board Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
<b>November 11</b>	Annual Meeting – Macon Marriott City Center
<b>December 1</b>	2018 chapter officer information due
<b>December 8</b>	State Office will verify records in SmartSimple for second incentive
<b>December 15</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 15</b>	All monies must be distributed to bring year-end balance down to \$100 and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
<b>December 31</b>	All 2017 Service Hours entered into SmartSimple