

ENERGIZER

A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

2020 State Board

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State President's Message

Juan Madrigal

Hello Citizens,

I hope everyone is doing well. It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the year and I wanted to use this opportunity to offer some perspective on the kind of year we are having at Citizens.

At Leadership Summit, we set out to make this year **A Legacy of Service** and we also said that we would be **Bridging Our Past To Our Future**.

But then, we were afforded the opportunity to deal with a pandemic. We quarantined and had to change our day to day activities to keep everyone safe. We threw a bunch of restrictions at

you and it seemed like it would be very hard to do any projects this year. But then, as always, your creativity and commitment kicked in! You have been heavily involved in your communities despite all of these challenges. Let me tell you how big of a bridge you have been building this year! So far, we have been able to put over **\$200,000** in our communities during some of the most difficult and uncertain times I remember since I've been involved with Citizens. Your commitment and creativity continue to amaze me and I could not be prouder of your efforts and all the work that you have put in this year to make your communities better. Thank You!

I also wanted to update you on Annual Meeting. As I previously mentioned, we are working on a virtual option in an effort to keep everyone safe. We will have a virtual business meeting and a separate celebratory meeting. I know some of you have already provided materials for the celebratory meeting and I want to thank you for that. We will send more details to the Chapter Presidents and we are looking forward to this opportunity to highlight your awesome work.

My challenge this month is for you to finish the year strong. There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved with the holidays coming up. We still have funds available if you are thinking about doing a Legacy Project. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about your potential projects. Keep up the great work!



Juan Madrigal



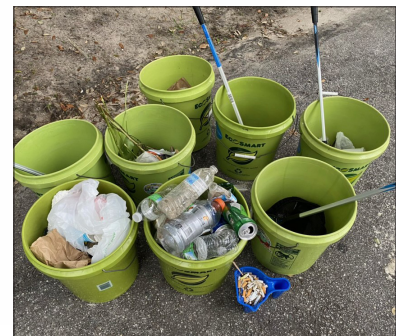
Metro West

The Metro West chapter completed their legacy project at The Children's Haven in Canton. The Children's Haven is a non-profit organization that promotes health and happiness to foster care children impacted by abuse and neglect. The organization is building a playground specifically to help integrate children back with their guardians during visitations. Chapter members planted trees around the playground and helped put down mulch.



Savannah

The Savannah Citizens Chapter had another great service event assisting the Tybee Clean Beach Volunteers organization for a third time. The chapter had 10 volunteers who helped clean mid-Tybee Beach by picking up trash left behind on the beach. Beach traffic has started to decline as the summer has come to an end, and the cooler temperatures have crept in. However, the group still managed to fill 10 five-gallon buckets with trash. Savannah Citizens had two previous events with TCBV back in June and July. This type event fits greatly into our COVID volunteer guidelines, so they were thrilled to help TCBV again. Safety, as always, was at the forefront during this event. Social distancing was maintained, and when not possible, face coverings were worn.



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens members stuffed and delivered 100 Bags of Hope for men and women to Salvation Army's Homeless Shelter in Macon. The bags were filled with essential toiletries and personal safety items. This is a great heart felt project that the members look forward to every year.



Plant Wansley

This year has been challenging for everyone! Teachers have redesigned their entire approach to teaching. Plant Wansley Citizens members showed their appreciation for all their efforts by delivering 125 meals to teachers at Heard County Middle and Heard County High Schools.



North Fulton

North Fulton members met on Saturday, October 17th to take part in the annual Moving Day event hosted by the Parkinson's Foundation. The event is a nationwide campaign that spotlights the disease on a national level and gives all communities the chance to raise awareness. Though virtual in 2020, a few members of the chapter met at Chastain Park for a 'social distance', in person walk.

General Office

Long-time General Office Chapter member Angela Gillis recently delivered a tent and hiking backpacks to our adopted "family" at Christian City Children's Village. The children surrounded her to show off their new hiking supplies and thank the Chapter members for the gifts.



Since the Chapter couldn't hold this year's scheduled ping pong tournament, board member Stephen Kerkhof suggested a socially distanced rubber duck race fundraiser. Members donated \$20 to sponsor, and name, each duck. The race was held on Saturday, October 17, at the Morningside Nature Preserve. The winning duck was "Peep's Pal," sponsored by Martha Hale, who'll have the opportunity to direct all proceeds to a charity of her choice!



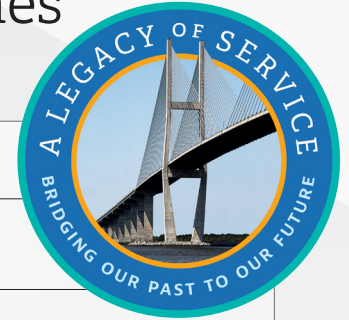
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Metro East

The Metro East Chapter's Legacy Project was a partnership with Initiative for Affordable Housing, Inc. to build and paint five Little Free Libraries for four of their properties. Initiative will register the libraries with the Free Library Association. The zip codes where their properties are located are not well represented in the Library Association so this will be a great asset to the communities. Magnolia Circle, serving seniors only, is where the project was held. The chapter also donated school supplies to the children that are participants in their affordable housing program. Initiative is a non-profit that was founded in 1990 with one home and one homeless family. Initiative now serves over 300 homeless and low-income families each year in its combined programs. They have three areas of services – housing, social services, and employment. In the past, GPC has partnered with their employment arm, re:loom, to upcycle waste lineman uniforms into new products. The Little Free Libraries will help offset the COVID-19 electronic and sheltering-in-place burden some of the families are experiencing.



2020 Target Dates and Deadlines



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| 20 Monthly | Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE |
| November 12 | Virtual Fall State Board Meeting |
| November 13 | Virtual Citizens Annual Business Meeting |
| December 9 | 2021-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 |

