

# ENERGIZER

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A statewide newsletter for Citizens of Georgia Power

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## State President's Message

Mary Norris

Greetings Everyone:



As I thought about this month's article, the first thought that entered my mind was "Through it All". It might have had something to do with the fact that my pastor, Rev. Aaron Robinson recently preached on this subject and as I listened to him, I couldn't help but think of all the challenges I've faced in my life, but through it all, I'm still here and in most cases, I am a stronger and better person. I would say we are all experiencing some challenges right now, but as Citizens, I would say "Wow", we are helping many in our communities overcome their challenges and what could be more beautiful than that.

Now in last month's article, I was thrilled to relate the news of our upcoming Citizens Year End Celebration. For those of us that are on the planning committee, it seemed we had finally found a way to get people together in smaller groups and celebrate all our accomplishments. We of course thought; finally, it's going to happen! However, the safety and health of each one of us is so important, so we know that's no longer the case because we have rolled back into Phase 2. But "through it all", we've just changed our action plan and know that we will be celebrating---it just won't be in-person.

Right now, the plans are to do five separate virtual Citizens Celebrations. This means everyone that's a member of a particular chapter can attend. This will also allow chapters to highlight their achievements for the past year and have recognition of certain awards. As a member of the planning committee, I can tell you, we're excited and want to make these meetings a memorable one because it's something that's much deserved for all the hard work and dedication you've given this year. So, more details to follow.

If you are like me, you never would have imagined we would still be wearing a mask and social distancing, however we are and don't know when it will end. One thing I do know and that's "through it all", the Citizens have not given up; the obstacles have just melted away because you made up your mind to walk boldly through them.

As we continue on this journey of the "unknown", please know we may not have it altogether, but together we have it all. Through it all, you have chosen to make a difference. Through it all, you re-focused your goals and made it work. Through it all, you said, "there's a better way to do this and you did it". Through it all, you said "I've got this"! Through all the challenges you've faced this year, you have remained steadfast and our chapters have rolled on as they've always done. This is what I call having faith and knowing that "through it all" there's a bright light ahead and I will get through it.

I'd like to leave you with this quote, "challenges are what make life interesting, overcoming them is what makes them meaningful". Let's continue to make meaningful memories!



Mary Norris

## Clayton

The Clayton Citizen's chapter completed their 2021 Legacy Project at Camp Evergreen. The project helped address major erosion issues at the camp that were affecting the fish hatchery at Lake Burton as well as giving the playground a much-needed facelift. Volunteers helped clean up brush, limb trees, set landscape timbers, and spread a ton of mulch. The camp directors were so humbled and excited to see this project completed. Great job by all the Clayton Citizens who stepped up and made it happen!



## Customer Care Center

CCC Citizens of Georgia Power's commitment was on full display with their Back 2 School drive. The generous donations from their members and employees were used to purchase school supplies to alleviate the financial pressures associated with children returning to school. Georgia Power's commitment to the community and its residents is certainly not an accident, it is our belief that we are Citizens wherever we serve. This annual event supports CCC CGP charities, and the chapter was proud to provide more than 100 bookbags and over \$400 in other school supplies.



**Tifton**

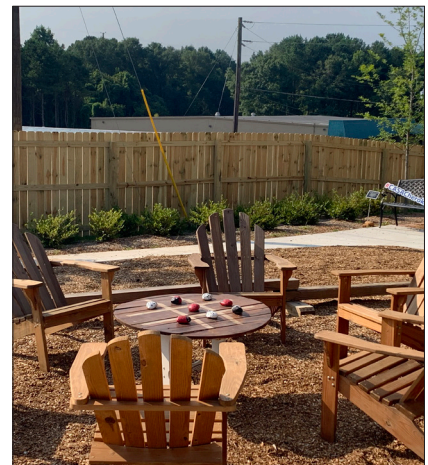
This year Tifton Citizens partnered with Mims Kids in Tifton Georgia. Every year for the past 10 years, Mims Kids has a Stay in School Rally to hand out free school supplies for kids grade 9-12. Citizen’s members were honored to donate to this great event. The chapter is already looking forward to helping them in the future.

Tifton Fire Department posted on social media that they had a severe shortage of water for the fireman. Well, if it’s one thing our lineman know a lot about it is the South Georgia heat! Tifton Citizen’s chapter members jumped in gear and bought several cases of water and delivered it to the local fire department.



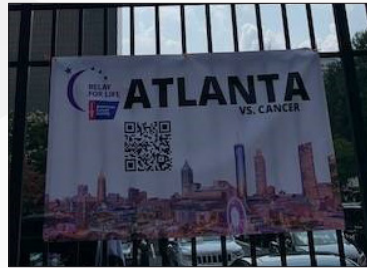
**Metro West**

Had a great note from Lisa Santos of Metro West Citizens about the ribbon cutting and dedication of their Legacy Project.....” I just wanted to share the pictures from today’s ribbon cutting from our legacy project at the Children’s Haven. The playground looked beautiful in person! It was unbelievable and amazing at the same time to see the transformation. The Board of Directors presented Marcie Smith, Executive Director, with a dedication plaque naming the playground after her, which she did not expect that! She definitely deserved it for everything she does for her organization!



### General Office

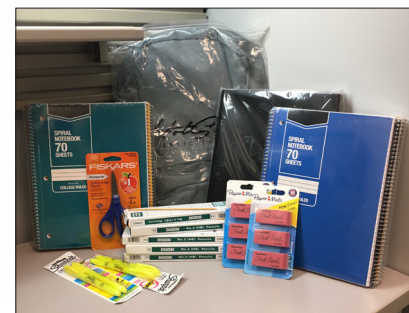
The General Office Chapter continued to support the children of Christian City this summer. The members gave two girls graduation gifts (ALEX and ANI Graduation Bracelets) and provided eight-year-old Taylor, who started gymnastics camp this summer for the first time, with three leotard outfits, a gym bag and shoes.



To celebrate another successful Relay for Life, members of the General Office Chapter joined other participants for the Relay for Life Caravan on July 25th in front of GPC's corporate headquarters.



The General Office Chapter members kicked off a "Summer of Service" by donating items online and in person for two charities: Project Healthy Grandparents (PHG) and Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB). PHG's mission is to support and improve the well-being of families in which grandparents are raising grandchildren in parent-absent homes, and PHG is currently supporting 15 families with 33 kids ranging from ages 4-16. ACFB's mission is to fight hunger by engaging, educating, and empowering the community by providing meals and resources to families in need, and for every dollar donated, the ACFB can distribute \$9 worth of groceries!



## Plant Yates

Plant Yates recently supported Arnco-Sargent Elementary in Newnan with its garden beautification efforts. Volunteers helped add new plants and cross ties to the school's 9/11 memorial garden and courtyard. "This is exactly what the school's garden needed for an annual sprucing," said Alicia Williams, Compliance & Support manager for Plant Yates. "Our team is always willing to help in the community. Also, we happen to have a plant employee with a green thumb who shared great advice on what to plant."



## 2021 Target Dates and Deadlines



<b>20 Monthly</b>	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
<b>June 15</b>	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
<b>July 9</b>	Summer State Board Meeting
<b>August 12</b>	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
<b>September 9</b>	Call to Annual Meeting TBA
<b>September 23</b>	Committee Chairs application due in State Office
<b>October 6-7</b>	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2021
<b>October 7</b>	Annual Meeting reservations/delegate - TBA
<b>October 7</b>	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting printed program DUE to State Office
<b>November 12-13</b>	State Board Meeting – TBA
<b>November 13-14</b>	Annual Meeting – TBA
<b>December 9</b>	2022-chapter officer information DUE
<b>December 9</b>	State Office will verify records in uBack for second incentive
<b>December 16</b>	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
<b>December 16</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 2021 Service Hours entered into uBack