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State President's Message

JD Wilson



Citizens,

As many of you know, my family has been expecting our third child and our first girl into the family. On April 14th, we welcomed Leona Audrey. As much as our family felt complete before she came, I cannot imagine life without her. I am proud to join team #girdad and can't wait until I get to take her to her first service project with my two sons and my wife.

As we've built our family, I've increasingly thought about the word legacy. What kind of world do I want to leave behind? How do I want my family to view the world or think about helping others? Getting involved in your community and helping those in need is a powerful way to leave a positive legacy. I think about our Brunswick Chapter that just completed a multi-year legacy project to honor Mr. Robert Stokes and benefit those living on Sapelo Island. Their efforts will benefit generations to come, and I'm thankful for their leadership as they've worked to make that community a better place.

Legacy projects are available to each chapter and are a great way to combine the company's financial backing with the hands your chapter can provide. Each one of you can see the needs of your communities, and I challenge you to find the intersection of those needs and your personal passions. As Billy Graham said, "The greatest legacy you can pass on to your children is not money, it's a legacy of character and faith." I'm proud to work alongside each of you where your actions and your impact will be felt for generations to come.

In Service,
JD

Plant Bowen

Plant Bowen Citizens members pitched in to raise donations for the Bartow County Book Mobile's "Every Bunny Loves Reading" fundraiser to help by baskets with books and learning supplies for children in the Homeless and Children's Shelters. Their efforts raised more than \$205. Congratulations to basket winners Terry Elliott and AJ Collins. Great job by all!



Chapter President Tari Whiteman would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Kelly Cox, Errin Beard, Victor Ayeni, and James Adams for volunteering for Career Day at Euharlee Elementary. The volunteers shared a little bit about the company, Plant Bowen, and their roles currently and what it takes to have a career at Georgia Power.

Tari Whiteman, Plant Bowen Chapter President was proud to represent her chapter in making donations to two great community charities. Tari presented checks to Sarah Husser Fundraising & Community Outreach Coordinator with Cancer Navigators and William James Founder and Executive Director of Summit Quest. Each charity received a donation of more than \$733! The money was raised through the chapter's Valentine Apples fundraiser. Sarah and James were both very appreciative of the donation and look forward to working with Plant Bowen Citizens in the future.





Plant Scherer

Jamie Harrison, Plant Scherer Chapter President shared the note below that Josh Cook received from Thiago Aleixo, Assistant Principal at Katherine B. Sutton Elementary School. Josh was made aware that the students could not play basketball due to a cracked backboard. Josh got a used goal donated, cleaned it up, and got other employees to modify the bracket to make it safe and sturdy. Great job of giving back to your community!



Good afternoon, Mr. Cook and GA Power:

We are writing to express our gratitude and appreciation for the recent replacement of the basketball goal at K.B. Sutton elementary. The new goal has made a significant impact on the students' physical activities, and we are thrilled to have it installed.

Your efforts have been instrumental in enhancing the experience of the students during their playtime.

On behalf of the school administration, teachers, and students, we would like to extend our sincerest thanks to you and the team at Georgia Power Company. Your generosity and dedication to our community are commendable and appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your contribution towards the betterment of our school. Your support has been invaluable to us, and we look forward to future collaborations.

Best regards,


*Thiago Aleixo
Assistant Principal
Katherine B. Sutton Elementary School*



Plant Scherer

Plant Scherer Citizens Chapter created a “Help Us Help Them” supply drive for the children in the after-school program with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Georgia. They asked members to bring in arts and craft supplies, computer room supplies and items to stock their game room. Boy did their members respond! Boxes were placed in each department of the plant for supply drop offs. Other members went shopping with the cash donations they received. AS you can see from these pictures help arrived in a big way!






**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL GEORGIA**

**Help Us Help Them
Supply Drive**

Supplies Needed:

<p>Arts & Crafts: Blank Canvas Paint Brushes Paint Easels Beads / gems (to create bracelets) Bulletin board paper / decorations</p>	<p>Computer Room: Headphones Wireless Mouse Folders / Binders Books for all grade levels</p>
<p>Game Room: Checkers, Jenga, Life, giant Twister, UNO cards, playing cards, Legos, Go Fish, Connect Four (jumbo), Sorry, Shoots & Ladders, Memory Cards / Matching cards Bean Bags</p>	

**You can turn your donated items in to
your department Admin**



Carrollton

For our Earth Day/Month Project, Carrollton Citizens of Georgia Power partnered with Keep Carroll Beautiful for the Great Greenbelt Cleanup on Saturday, April 1st, 2023. Volunteers joined together to clean the entire Carrollton Greenbelt, more than 18 miles of trail (the longest paved loop trail in Georgia). The chapter had 22 Carrollton Citizens GPC members that cleaned a total of 2.5 miles of the Greenbelt, from Lovvorn Rd to Kingsbridge Rd. They got approximately 8 bags of trash and moved several large items, kids ride on toy, fence post, couch cushions, to locations to be picked up. April Hale said she loved seeing all the kids and families! Turned out to be a beautiful day! This is a beautiful section of the trail!



Giving and serving comes in many different forms. Carrollton Citizens members Joanna Isbell, Mike McCowen and Steven Riviere have all given the gift of life twice already in 2023! Great job!!! Joanna got a selfie to celebrate the occasion.



Several Carrollton Citizens Members put together Easter baskets and dropped them off at the Little Free Pantries. Many organizations offer help for Christmas, but not for the smaller holidays like Easter. Big thank you to Abby Youngblood, April Hale, Joyce Price, Scarlett Stone, and Kathi Henson for taking time to make Easter special for people they will never meet!



Customer Care Center and Metro South

The CGP CCC Chapter in partnership with the Metro South Chapter held a clothing drive for Beaver Brook Elementary. This effort was started by the Metro South Chapter, and we were eager to lend a helping hand to this school in the Spalding County area that was recently hit by the tornados. We wanted to make sure those students arrive at school in weather appropriate clothing, so they didn't miss out on any valuable learning time. Great job and great partnership!



Savannah

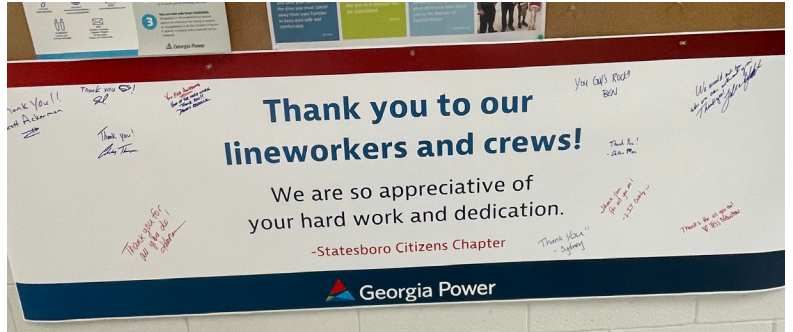
The Savannah Citizens Chapter partnered with the Savannah Tree Foundation to plant 10 trees within the Fernwood/Parkwood Walking Trail. The trees were planted in preparation for Earth Day on April 22nd. We learned that the roots from the trees planted will assist with water retention in the area. The chapter looks forward to taking care of these trees in the future and watching them grow.

[#OurTreesOurFuture](#) [#WeHelpBecauseItsHome](#)
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Statesboro

The Statesboro Citizens Chapter had a great meeting to rekick off the year. They introduced new leadership, talked through new changes, revised previous projects, and revealed our GOAL of finding service project and volunteer opportunities that hold meaning to their members and their families. They also took time to show some gratitude and appreciation to our local line workers. We are all so thankful for your hard work and dedication year-round and are proud to work with you. To our Statesboro and Springfield area crews, thank you!



Albany

Perfect Care, Inc. is a 64-bed senior living facility that offers residents assisted living in Americus. On April 12, the Americus area employees gathered to remove trees and refurbish an overgrown raised garden bed. Topsoil and fertilizer were tilled in before tomato, bell pepper and eggplants were planted and supported with cages for the seniors. Flowers were also purchased for the residents to plant on site for their enjoyment. Many thanks to the Americus area employees for their commitment!! A job well done.



General Office

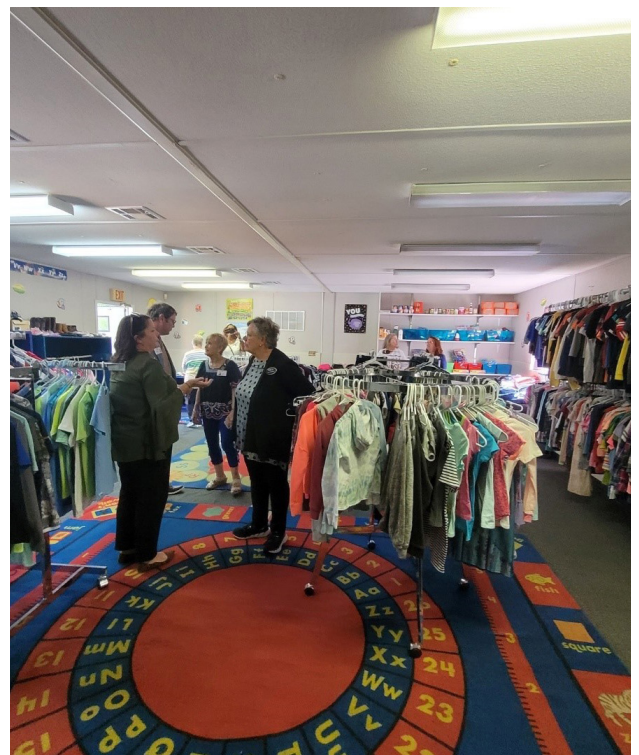
Last month, members of the Citizens General Office Chapter served dinner to residents of the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge. The facility in Decatur provides free housing for out-of-town cancer patients undergoing treatment in Atlanta. The volunteers grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for the group and offered emotional support for the patients and their caregivers during dinner. Also, the inspirational notes written by Chapter members for the Hope Lodge residents during the Covid pandemic were finally delivered and distributed!





Metro South

The Spalding Chamber Leadership Class and Metro South Citizens came together to make a difference and implement a clothing drive to create a community closet for students in need. The Beaverbrook Elementary Clothing drive ran from March 1st until March 31st, and the response was amazing! \$620 was raised towards this project, along with donations collected from all Metro South headquarters, the CCC, and Forest Park. Thanks to everyone's generous contributions, the students of Beaverbrook Elementary will have access to clothes and shoes. The clothing drive was a shining example of the power of community and generosity. In celebration of this monumental occasion, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 17th. The leadership class and Beaverbrook Elementary officials were in attendance, along with many community members who had supported the drive.





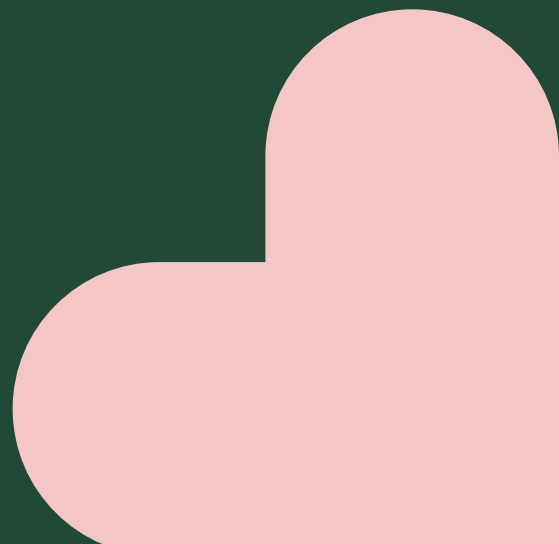
Gainesville

Recently, the Gainesville chapter of Citizens participated in a beautification project for Gainesville Parks and Recreation at Lanier Point Park. This park is popular because it has a boat ramp, baseball fields, and a covered bridge that leads to an island on the lake. This #GAPowerfulService initiative involved planting trees, flowers, and other vegetation in the park, as well as removing litter and debris from the area. Our Citizens volunteers were able to help transform the park into a more beautiful and welcoming space for all to enjoy. Through their work, these Georgia Power employees showed their dedication to #energizingourcommunities by creating a space where people can gather, play, and relax. They also embodied the #wehelpbecauseitshome spirit by taking care of their local community and making it a better place to live.





Earth Day Projects



Statesboro

Statesboro Citizens of Georgia Power had its largest volunteer event of the year so far in partnership with The City of Statesboro and Keep Bulloch Beautiful. Over 25 volunteers came together to build 12 cinderblock raised garden beds. These beds will allow additional opportunities for people to plant in the community garden. The funds to cover the supplies and materials for the construction were covered by the chapter's Legacy project. The group's original goal was to build half of the beds on the 15th and the other half on the 21st. However, the group was able to build all 12 beds in one day. Many hands make light work.





Plant Bowen

Bowen had 13 volunteers from Plant Bowen CGP, Cartersville CGP, Keep Bartow Beautiful, and contractor Group Veolia. These volunteers cleaned up trash along the Covered Bridge Road in front of the plant. Their efforts removed 46 extra-large trash bags of debris from the roadside!



Plant McDonough

Plant McDonough Citizens had awesome participation with their Earth Day roadside cleanup. Thirty-eight volunteers safely collected over 200 pounds of trash! Thanks to our Metro West Citizens friends who joined in. Great job!



DATE	EVENT
20 Monthly	Energizer Chapter Submissions DUE
2/21/2023	State Board Meeting
2/22/2023	Leadership Summit
3/3/2023	2022 Financials uploaded in electronic folder
6/15/2023	Educational Loan Fund (ELF) Applications DUE
7/25/2023	Summer State Board Meeting
8/11/2023	State Officer Nomination forms due to the State Office
9/12/2023	Call to Annual Business Meeting (Virtual Teams Call)
10/5-6/2023	State Officers will go through selection process for committee chairs to serve on State Board during 2024
10/13/2023	Committee Chairs application due to State Office
10/27/2023	Chapter Information for Annual Meeting DUE to State Office
11/2/2023	State Board Meeting – 241 RMB
11/9/2023	Annual Business Meeting – Virtual Teams Meeting
12/8/2023	2024-Chapter Officer information DUE
12/15/2023	Chapter Surveys to be returned to the State Office
12/16/2023	All year-end donations distributed and prepare books for audit and income tax forms
12/29/2023	All 2023 Service Hours entered into uBack