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Rotary Club of Augusta

# May 5, 2025 Club Assembly



THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY

MAY DESIGNATION IS



YOUTH  
SERVICE  
MONTH

*"If you really want to change the world you have to inspire young people. That's how you change the world."*

Joe Rogan

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TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

**PLEDGE & INVOCATION by William Keogh**



# THE SUNSHINE REPORT

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Brenda Durant



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*Member Anniversaries!*  
*Celebrating Years as a Rotarian*

**David Brendza – 11 years**

Presented By :  
**Cliff Richards**

# VISITORS AND GUESTS

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## Today's Challengers

### INSIDE CART CHALLENGER

### ASHLEY DUREN



Contribute to the blue buckets  
or online at [mycartfund.org](http://mycartfund.org)



### Dr Paul Dainer

### OUTSIDE CART CHALLENGER

# FOUNDATION MONDAY



## DONOR RECOGNITIONS

- \$2,000 to 2,999.99 - one sapphire
- \$3,000 to 3,999.99 - two sapphires
- \$4,000 to 4,999.99 - three sapphires
- \$5,000 to 5,999.99 - four sapphires
- \$6,000 to 6,999.99 - five sapphires
- \$7,000 to 7,999.99 - one ruby
- \$8,000 to 8,999.99 - two rubies
- \$9,000 to 9,999.99 - three rubies

**DEJENIRO PIERCE**

**PHF+3**



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**Program Speaker**

**Kerry Bridges**

*Regional Executive of  
Georgia Power Company*



# Hurricane Helene Response

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Kerry Bridges, PE - East Region**

The most destructive storm in Georgia Power's 140-year history...

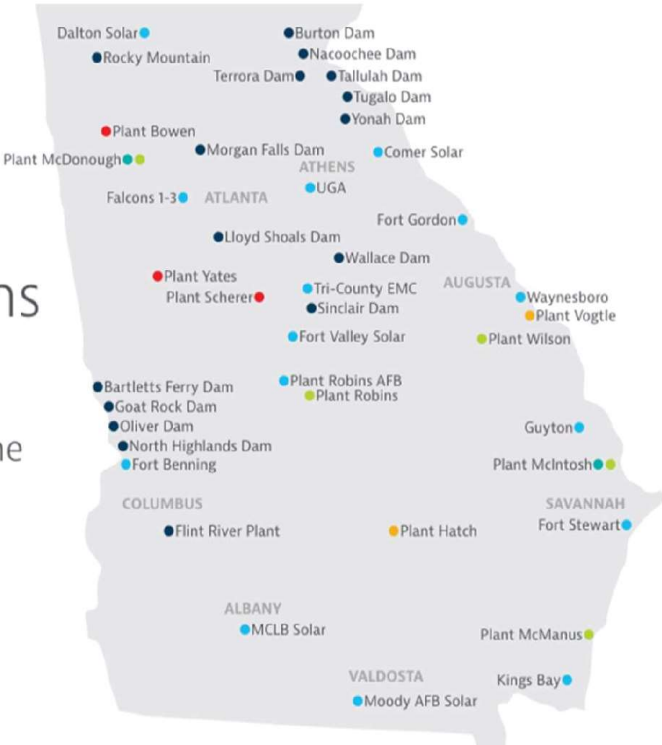
 Georgia Power

# Georgia Power Company



## Generation Plant Locations

- Hydro
- Combustion Turbine
- Steam
- Combined Cycle
- Solar
- Nuclear



## Plant Vogtle

- **Plant Vogtle** Units 1 – 4 is now the largest generator of clean energy in the U.S.!!
- Ownership: **Georgia Power** 45.7%, **Oglethorpe Power** 30%, **MEAG** 22.7% & **Dalton Utilities** 1.6%
- **Southern Nuclear** operates Plant Vogtle
- **Units 1 & 2:** Commercial operations began in May '87 & May '89, respectively
- **Units 3 & 4:** Commercial operations began in Jul '23 & Apr '24, respectively
- Approx. **4,800-MW** of total generating capacity
- **1,700+** employees onsite
- **Unit 3 achieved the industry standard of ~93% for full capacity operation in its first 14-months!!**



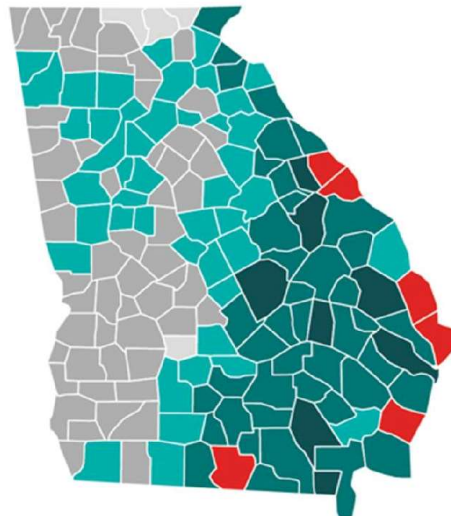


HURRICANE HELENE 2024

# From Readiness to Restoration



## THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE STORM IN GEORGIA POWER HISTORY



Helene reached southern Georgia as a category 1 hurricane

This resulted in **53** out of **159** counties in the state being declared major disaster sites by FEMA. Our customers experienced over **1.5 million** outages in the wake of the storm.

### MAJOR HURRICANE IMPACT SITES

- >15000
- 501-5000
- 5001-15000
- 1-500

Approximately **1,500 miles** miles of power lines were down – the equivalent of the distance between **Atlanta** and **Denver**.



## 11,800+

utility poles were damaged with considerable impact to transmission infrastructure over the course of the storm.

The restoration and rebuilding efforts were **95% complete** within **8 days**, with power restored to over a half million customers within the first **48 hours**.

With the support of resources from across the country, a workforce well over **20,000** worked around the clock to safely reconnect customers through difficult conditions.

## IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**11,800+**  
broken  
power poles

**1,500+**  
miles of downed  
power lines

**5,800+**  
transformers  
damaged

**3,200+**  
trees impacting  
power lines

**1.5 million**  
total  
outages

**53 counties**  
declared major  
disaster sites by FEMA

**20,000+**  
personnel  
responded

**35+**  
assisting partner  
companies from  
coast-to-coast  
including Canada

**95%**  
affected customers  
had been restored  
by midday Oct. 5th



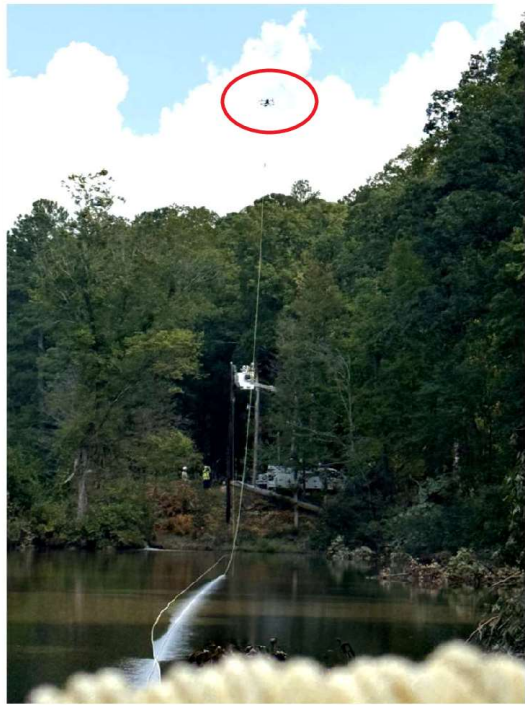


# Hurricane Helene

Most destructive storm in Georgia Power's history



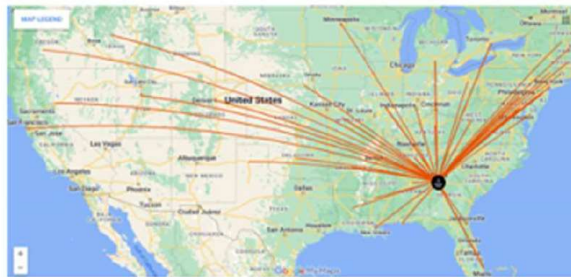
## Hurricane Helene – East Region



# Hurricane Helene - Statewide

 **20,000+**  
Total Personnel

 **34**  
Basecamp and Cot  
Site Locations



 **5,700**  
Total Vegetation Mgmt  
Resources

 **700**  
**625**

GPC Line Crew  
Resources  
APC & MPC Line  
Crew Resources

 **1160**  
**7675**

Native Contract Line  
Crew Resources  
Non-Native Contract  
Line Crew Resources



# Hurricane Helene – East Region



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## Key Dates Timeline

- \$3-M Hurricane Helene Relief Grant from GPC, SoCo, & SoCo Gas Foundations
- East Region: 11 grants for \$25k each for Community Organizations support
- Paused disconnects for non-pay & late fees statewide thru 12/15/24
- 2, 4, & 6-month hardship payment options established
- Considerable food & bottled water donations made to the community





Georgia  
Power

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**Join Your Rotary Family  
for Baseball, Food and Fun!**

**Wednesday, June 4, 7:05 pm Gametime**

***Augusta Greenjackets vs. Fayetteville Woodpeckers***

\$30 per adult, children ages 16 and under free

RSVP to Millie Huff, 706-339-2929 or [Millie@sacredheartaugusta.org](mailto:Millie@sacredheartaugusta.org)





***Rotary New Member Orientation Meeting***  
***May 20, 2025***  
***4:30-5:30 PM***  
***At***  
***Enterprise Mill***  
***Main Hall***

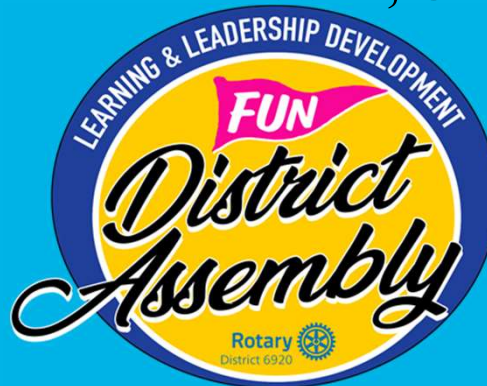
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***Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is the District Learning Assembly. 9 am to 3 pm  
in Dublin, GA***



**This one-day event will make your upcoming Rotary year *easier, better, and more fun*. Club officers and committee chairs, both new and experienced, will share lessons learned and save the time and frustration of figuring it out alone. This event is open to *all Rotarians*, even those not on the club's Board of Directors.**



## ROTARY SHARK TANK

Rotary Shark Tank 2025. Shark Tank is designed to uncover **innovative Global Grant projects** with the power to transform communities.

To learn more, please click:

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/RotaryZone34/\\_2025RotaryServiceProjectSharkTank](https://www.cognitoforms.com/RotaryZone34/_2025RotaryServiceProjectSharkTank)

The application deadline is May 30, 2025. Shark Tank will be held on Sept. 13 in Jacksonville, Florida, as part of the 205 Zone Summit in Jacksonville.



## Upcoming Club Meeting

- **May 12, 2025 – Stacy Johnson, Chief Judge of Probate Court of Richmond County, Georgia will speak about probate vision.**
- **May 19, 2025 – Dr Russell Keen, President of Augusta University will speak about progress and future of Augusta University.**

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# MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA





## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

*first*

Is it the **TRUTH**?

*second*

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

*third*

Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

*fourth*

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to  
all concerned?