ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

2nd/3rd Quarter 2012

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT RETIREES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES OF CITGO.





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CITGO Alumni Oklahoma City Field Trip ... Fun Time Had By All!

As soon as I received the first notice concerning the CITGO Alumni bus trip to Oklahoma City, I contacted George Margalski, our tour organizer, to reserve a spot for my lovely wife and myself on this "limited space available" event. The two reasons I acted so quickly to secure our seats were: First, having the honor and privilege of being George's friend for a number of years, I know personally that everything this guy does is "first class" and top tier; and, secondly, knowing George's daughter, Denise Northrup, is Governor Fallin's Chief of Staff, I was sure that the red carpet would be laid out for our group on the tour. To borrow and modify a quote from baseball great, Yogi Berra, both George and Denise "greatly exceeded my expectations and done even better!" The first hint that it was going to be a great trip and terrific experience was when arriving to the bus we were greeted by two charming CITGO Alumni, Kathy Moore and Jeanne Sturges, who hand us a cup of coffee and a donut. The next pleasant surprise was when we entered the bus we discovered none other than our former CITGO pilot, Norm Penick, was in the driver's seat. At that exact moment I realized that George had no doubt really outdone himself for the alumni trip!

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PERSONAL PROFILE

John Dillingham ... Busy Enjoying His Retirement "Plan"



John and Mary Lou Dillingham

I was pleased and honored when asked to write a Profile for the Alumni Connections. I enjoy reading about our retirees and their various activities. It is hard for me to realize that I have been retired for 13 years. I miss the people and the relationships. Most of all, I miss the personal relationships with the many customers over the years. We had some wonderful times growing our business into a unique and powerful marketer. Ron Hall and Larry Brittain had the right formula.

I must say, I think it's very important and critical to have a plan and direction when you do retire. Our church has always been important to our family in cultivating our friends. We were involved in starting a new Methodist Church in South Tulsa. I headed the Building Committee which included Mary Lou and our sons Mike and Bryan ... kept us busy for a couple of years. The Church has grown and is a vibrant entity. An outreach of the Methodist Church is Restore Hope Ministries, a non-profit that strives to prevent homelessness. We provide food, clothing and rental assistance. Mary Lou has served on the Board for over 20 years and I have served for 13. We both have had terms as president. We started a fund raising effort with a golf tournament that has been very successful for the past five years.

I worked with the Delaware tribe for 3 years as head of their Housing Authority and was a member of the Economic Development Committee. A fruitful experience in Indian politics!

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CITGO Alumni Oklahoma City Trip ... *Continued from cover.*

So surrounded by a fully loaded bus of CITGO alumni friends, Norm "flew" us down the turnpike to Oklahoma City while we watched a great movie that George provided us. Then – almost magically – exactly as we arrived in Oklahoma City, the movie ended. Well done George, what timing!

Our first stop was the Capitol and we were given a private super VIP tour of the Capitol building and offices. Second stop was the History Museum and once again we had a red carpet tour. From the Museum, we went to a wonderful lunch at the Governor's Pavilion, which has a great view of the Governor's Estate. Denise and CITGO's own Phillip Thompson joined us for lunch. After lunch, Denise did a great job telling the group about Governor Fallin's plans and priorities while serving as the first female Governor of Oklahoma. Then in a "class act," George called Ron Hall at his Texas ranch because it was Ron's 80th birthday and we all sang Happy Birthday to Ron over George's cell phone. From the Pavilion, we walked to the Governor's Mansion and again we were afforded a VIP private tour of the residence.

Our last stop for the day was the Murrah Memorial. On our way to the Memorial, Phillip Thompson told the group about his personal gut wrenching family tragedy concerning his Mother's death in the Oklahoma City bombing. As we were given a private tour of the Memorial, Phillip told us of the staunch support CITGO management gave him during his ordeal. Phillip also told the group the process he and the other committee members went through to select the design for the Memorial. Lastly, he relayed his experience and his eventual personal healing, recovery and forgiveness gave him the ability to assist others in New York City who lost loved ones in the 911 tragedy. I am sure not a one of us on the trip will forget Phillip's personal story of disaster, devastation, disbelief and ultimate despair. I also seriously doubt any of us on this Oklahoma City trip will ever forget the message of hope, faith and love Phillip shared with us.

When we got back to Tulsa that afternoon, my wife pretty well summed up the experience as we drove home when she said: "What a wonderful, memorable and fun day we had!" It was a great excursion orchestrated by George and facilitated by Denise, and Phillip. Thanks to all three!



CITGO ALUMNI WINERY TOUR

October 18, 2012



On the next CITGO Alumni Group "road trip" we head out to visit a few of our Oklahoma Wineries. We will leave Tulsa on a chartered bus at about 7:00 a.m. from the La Fortune Park Ball Field parking lot at 61st & Yale.

- **1st Stop ~ Tidal School Vineyard in Drumright**
  Wine tasting and tour, cheese and crackers (Will also include a lecture by Drumright Historical Society - 100 years of Oil!)
- **2nd Stop ~ Stable Ridge Winery in Stroud**
  Tour and tasting
- **3rd stop ~ Greenfield Vineyard- Chandler**
  Tour and tasting, wine and dinner, with entertainment
- **We will return Tulsa about 7:00 p.m.**

The tour bus is bathroom equipped, all seats recline, and refreshments will be provided on the bus.

COST: **Appx. $61 per person** *(assuming a full bus)*

Limited to the first 55 people responding. Send a check to CITGO Alumni Group, c/o George Margalski, 8323 S. Vandalia, Tulsa, OK 74137, or RSVP to gmargalski@cox.net and bring a check to the End-of-Summer Luncheon.

Alumni Group Helping Build Joplin Habitat Houses



Once again, CITGO Alumni members have picked up their tools to help Habitat for Humanity – this time taking their skills to Joplin, Missouri, to build homes for families devastated by last May's tornado. Pictured in this photo (to the left) are the CITGO Alumni that so generously give their services to many Habitat projects: Jim Peebles, Bob Coccaro, Pete Luitwieler, Lyle Dusenberg, George Margalski, Gene McGinty, Steve Lattion, and Len DeLibrto. Also pictured are Jamie Cox, Director of Volunteers for Tulsa Habitat for Humanity, along with the homebuyer, Thomas Short.

According to George Margalski: "the best part of retirement is that we finally have time to do the important things in life." Habitat is lucky to have you guys!

IN MEMORIUM

Art McDonough
(Lubricants Technology and Operations)

Walter Cosslett
(Transportation, Pipeline and Terminals)

Debra Johnson McIntosh
(SAP Implementation Team)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR END-OF-SUMMER LUNCHEON!

September 10, 2012
Ti Amo Ristorante Italiano • 6024 South Sheridan

We are excited to welcome our special guest speaker,
Ross Parmley, Directory of Athletics at the University of Tulsa

Spouses are welcome to join us at this luncheon.
More details – including cost – will follow soon.

The CITGO Alumni 2012 Spring Luncheon Filled Attendees With Good Food and Information

The CITGO Alumni Group enjoyed a delicious and interesting Spring Luncheon on March 26, 2012 at Ti Amo's.

Energy One Credit Union sponsored the lunch. Steve Parker, with Energy One Credit Union, spoke to our group, telling us that there is a branch at the old Eastgate Mall. He also indicated that they are adding features, such as more electronic capabilities and account-to-account transfers. Plus, they now have credit cards as low as 4.5%. Curt Kaufman will attend the annual meeting and present more information. The CITGO Alumni Group presented an award to Steve Parker in appreciation for Energy One sponsoring our luncheons.

Mike Najar from CITGO-Houston attended our luncheon meeting, providing us with corporate updates, including:

- CITGO made more last year than expected
- CITGO is experiencing the lowest incidence of safety issues
- During 2012, the Corpus Christi Refinery is having a long turnaround
- Lemont has had record high margins
- There are declines in gas consumption

Mike also indicated that 2012 is a big year for changes in Benefits. There have been 3 years of spending more than was taken in, so some changes have had to be made. There are changes in the Prescription Drug Plan: they are now offering two dental and two vision programs; and there are new wellness programs for active employees. Matching Funds, up to $500, are still in place.

New members of the CITGO Alumni Board were installed. There were no nominations from the floor, with all new board members elected by unanimous vote. Steve Lattion retired as President and Herb Whitney stepped in as the new President. As usual, there was lots of visiting and catching up with old friends and co-workers. A letter from Linda Fuller was read to the group. She recently had surgery and was giving a progress report and thanking folks for their cards and concerns.





Alumni Group Helps Build New Interfaith Chapel at Camp Gruber

A group of eight dedicated CITGO Alumni "carpenters" spent a day in May installing hardware in the new Thunderbird Chapel at the Army National Guard training post in Camp Gruber, Braggs, Oklahoma. Making up the CITGO Alumni volunteer team were Len Diliberto, Len Paine, George Margalski, Gene McGinty, Jim Peebles, Bob Cacarro, John Stephenson, and one of their golfing buddies.

The 10,500 square foot chapel is designed to accommodate soldiers of all faiths, including Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Gov. Mary Fallin solicited the public's help last year to raise the nearly $500,000 to fund the project, which she dedicated during a ceremony at the post on June 2nd, with officials from the Oklahoma National Guard, volunteers and donors in attendance.
Camp Gruber has not had a site for religious gatherings since it was reactivated more than 30 years ago, requiring chaplains to gather with soldiers under shade trees on the post.

Once again, the CITGO Alumni team didn't hesitate jumping in with their time and talents to help out on this very worthwhile project. You guys make us proud!

We want the ***CITGO Alumni Connections*** to offer information from and about ALL retirees and former employees of CITGO. If you participate in activities with other CITGO Alumni in your area, we want to hear from you so we can share what you're doing with the rest of our membership.

Please send announcements or updates you would like to see in the Newsletter to cornelia.schlecht@cox.net.

The CITGO Alumni Group's membership year runs from January 1 through December 31 and dues are paid once during that period. If you haven't paid your $10.00 membership dues for calendar year 2012, now is the time to do it. By paying your dues, you will receive copies of the ***CITGO Alumni Connections*** newsletters to keep you up to date on news and events of the CITGO Alumni Group. Send your $10 membership fee (*Made payable to the CITGO Alumni Group*) to:

Carolyn Stewart
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Please include your E-mail address and/or any mailing address updates with your payment. THANK YOU.

If you pay your membership dues in cash, please attach your name to the cash so Carolyn will know who she received the payment from.

Please send newsletter article contributions for the ***CITGO Alumni Connections*** by e-mail to:

Ray Yarroll at rpyarr@cox.net

or by U.S. Mail to:

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John Dillingham ... *Continued from cover.*

We have been members of MeadowBrook Country Club since moving to Tulsa in 1978. I have served three terms on the Board, have been elected President for a term, and currently am on the Board. Mary Lou says that I still use one of my marketing tools at least two to three times each week – my golf clubs. We have a group of about 16 members that play for small stipends each week. We play quite a bit of Bridge (both duplicate and party) with long-time friends. My comment is that Mary Lou is on the "tour." We are also members of the Tulsa Men's Club, whose goal is entertainment, fun and fellowship.

We have supported the OSU Cowboys for years and still attend all the home football games. A group of my fraternity brothers from OSU still get together often and relive some of our infamous events of over 50 years ago. The stories have not improved, but our behavior and prowess has. We travel with this group on Alaska cruises, Boston fall cruise, to Branson, Phoenix, Grand Lake, Hot Springs, and yet to be announced venues.

Our four children, Jeri Ann, David, Mike, and Bryan are always in the forefront of our activities. Of course, our eight grandchildren, who range in age from 10 to 23, are a big interest to use as well. We follow all of their activities.

Looking back at my 38 years with Cities Service/CITGO, there are a lot of great memories. Starting out in Kansas City in 1961, we managed to live in five states in ten years: Shreveport, Birmingham, Atlanta, Charlotte, and finally making it back near home in Tulsa. I would not trade any of those experiences and memories for anything.

SAVE THE DATE!

2012 CITGO ALUMNI GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday • December 3, 2012

The Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place
6110 S. Yale • Tulsa, OK

Watch your mail/email for more details!

Reminder ...



Our CITGO Alumni Group email directory is available on our website **http://www.citgoalumni.org/**

Simply click the "directory" tab.

The password is the current day's date (for example 02132012 ... tomorrow it will be 02142012, etc.)

If you have any questions or corrections, please let us know.