ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

February 2018

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT RETIREES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES OF CITGO.







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2018 CITGO Alumni Group Christmas Dinner – Another Holiday Season Success

The CITGO Alumni Group held their annual Christmas Dinner at the Meadowbrook Country Club on December 11, 2017. Over 100 CITGO Alumni members and their spouses/guests in attendance. The event began with a festive social hour that allowed former co-workers and friends to catch up on current activities and plans for the holiday season. Jeanne Sturges did another great job roaming the crowd and taking the pictures included in this article. Kent Powers, CAG President, kicked off the evening by welcoming the group, acknowledging John Dillingham for his assistance in reserving the facility, and thanking Ramona Falzone (with help from Charlotte Loomiller and Carolyn Stewart) for coordinating another holiday event. Kent also took time to recognize some special guests: Karen Robert (daughter of Connie Schlecht) for her masterful job of publishing our Alumni Connections newsletters and the Cities Service/Occidental members who were attending for the first time. Included in this group was 94 year old Charlie Mahaffey, who started for Cities Service in 1948 as a geologist and completed his career 38 years later. Opening remarks were concluded when Herb Whitney led us in a prayer that put the holiday season in proper perspective.

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PERSONAL PROFILE



Larry and Becky Krieg

Larry Krieg — Blessed By His Life Experiences!

I was a Southland Corp. employee in 1983 when I first began working with CITGO. Southland purchased CITGO from Occidental and at that time all staff-type functions were under the Southland umbrella. I was hired as Manager, Corporate Auditing and began leading the internal audit function at CITGO reporting to the General Auditor of Southland Corp. Working as a corporate auditor was a challenge–remember, "I'm from Auditing and I'm here to help!" Now add to that, "Hi! I'm from Southland auditing, and I'm here to help!"

I became a CITGO employee in 1986 when PDVSA purchased 50% of CITGO from Southland. I remained Manager of Corporate Auditing reporting to the CITGO finance organization. In 1988 I began working at the Lake Charles, LA refinery in the finance and administration organization.

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2017 Alumni Christmas Dinner ... *Continued from cover.*

Once Kent declared the buffet open for business, it didn't take long for the line to form. As usual, the Meadowbrook Country Club provided a delicious selection of chef carved prime rib, grilled chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, salad, and an assorted dessert station, which more than satisfied our taste buds. After attendees finished their dessert, we had a visit by Mrs. Claus (a.ka. Ramona Falzone) and her elves, who got the Christmas spirit flowing by treating us to a door prize drawing. The lucky winners, of which there were 56, were given a wide array of gifts donated by CITGO Corporate, QuikTrip, TiAmo Ristorante, Meadowbrook Country Club, OKC Thunder, and our own wine connoisseurs Connie Schlecht and Lyle Dusenberg. Once the dust settled from the door prize activities, many took the time to continue their socializing before calling it a night. By all accounts, the CAG Christmas dinner went down as another successful event.

The camaraderie we share as former co-workers makes these events extra special. For those in attendance, thank you for making this a delightful evening. For those who could not join us, we hope to see you at future events.



Barbara Plummer and Lyle Dusenberg



Julie Brockmeier and Nancy Riggs



Kay and Dave Barber



Wanda Seabolt, Mike Vinson



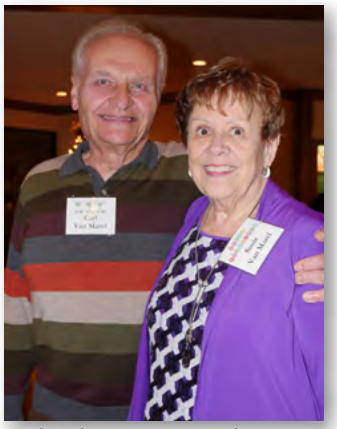
Bruce Stewart, Yvonne Hale



Reda Shary, Marty and Therese Sedlacek



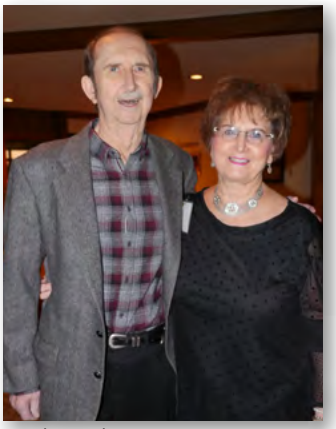
John Johnson, Sharon Elich, Vicki and Mark Trask



Carl and Susie Van Marel



Bob and Angelica Hannay



Fender and JoAnn Fry

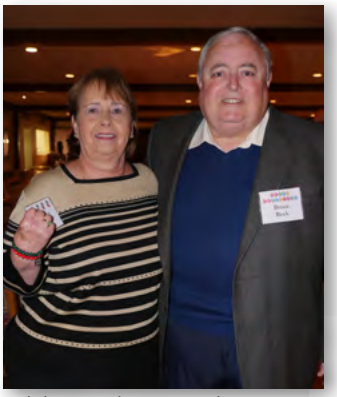


Tom White

2017 Alumni Christmas Dinner - More Festive Attendees ... Continued from page 2.



John and Janet Main



Adalean and Bruce Beck



Julie Brockmeier, George Margalski, Mary Sue Whitney



Larry and Barbara Walters



Carolyn Stewart, Jeanette Young



Dick and Kathy Cobb



Karen Goodman



Charleen and Ray Yarroll



Andy Hale, Charles Mahaffey



Nancy Teasley, Mary Sue Whitney



Mark and Vicki Trask (in back), Angelica and Bob Hannay (in front)



Jeanette and Kent Young



Charles Faigle, Marty Sedlacek



Kathleen Dickey

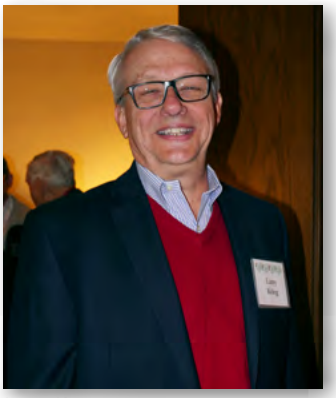


Jerry and Mary Ezell

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Carolyn Stewart, Ramona Falzone


Mary Jackson


Larry Krieg


Mary and Bill Paluso


Melanie and Rick Evans


Mary Haddican


Jim and Martha Ann Curtis


Harold and Lee Hatcher

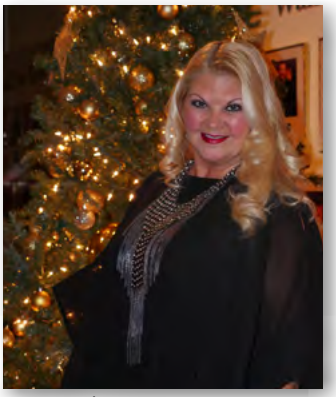

Roger Rowe, Larry Krieg


Jerry Ezell, Terry Diacon, Bruce Beck


Rick and Lila Miller


Karen Robert, Connie Schlecht


Lyle Dusenburg, George Walker


Toni Struebing


Gail Berry, Charlotte Loomiller

2017 Alumni Christmas Dinner - And Yet More Festive Attendees ... *Continued from page 4.*


Linda and Ron Chance


Mary Lou and John Dillingham

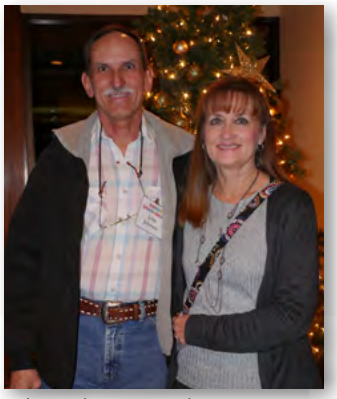

Carolyn and Bruce Stewart

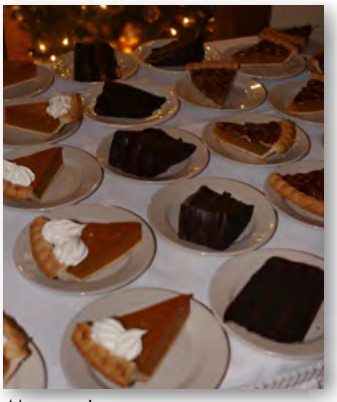

Cindy and Jim Peebles


Charlotte Rowe, Kent Powers


Julie Brockmeier, Therese and Marty Sedlacek, Nancy Riggs, Reda Shary


Christy Kelly, Adalean Beck


John and Annette Johnson


Mmmmm!


Larry Krieg, Bob Hannay, Jerry Wiley


Carolyn Ann and Ralph Gurganus


Carolyn and Elmer Johnson


Kathy and Dick Cobb, Charles Volturo


Charles Mahaffey, Andy Hale

Larry Krieg ... *Continued from cover.*

I returned to Tulsa in 1991 working in Supply and Logistics as well as other functions in the Controller's and Finance departments until my retirement as Vice President of Finance in 2006.

I met my wife Becky at Oklahoma State University. We have been married 45 years. Our son Dylan, daughter-in-law Tiffany, grandson Gage and granddaughter Evelyn live in Frisco, Texas. Dylan works for Accenture, Tiff is an elementary health and wellness teacher, while the grandkids are active in soccer and tennis. Our son Bret, daughter-in-law Ashley and granddaughters Avery and Anna live in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Brett works in Investor Relations at Williams Companies, Ashley is active in PTA and real estate while the girls are involved in gymnastics and dance.

One of the things I enjoyed most about my career with CITGO was the opportunity to meet and interact with the wide variety of people in the CITGO organization. In addition to living in Lake Charles, I was assigned to Cato Oil and Grease in Oklahoma City to transition their finance and accounting functions to Tulsa. I also worked with Uno-Ven in Chicago when that merger with CITGO occurred.

After retiring from CITGO I began working in the not for profit arena. I served as CFO of Community Action Project of Tulsa County for several years. Community Action Project is the Head Start early childhood agency in Tulsa county and is instrumental in numerous early childhood programs in northeastern Oklahoma. I have also served as CFO for Volunteers of America in Tulsa. VOA provides in-home care for individuals with developmental disabilities under contracts with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

In 2012 I finally really retired but have remained active as a volunteer. I worked with Giles Gere, a CITGO lubes retiree, as a member of the board and finance volunteer for Operation Hope Prison Ministry for several years. Presently I tutor reading and mathematics in second through forth grades at Union Public School's Grove Elementary two days a week.

I am active in Asbury United Methodist Church, along with my good friend and CITGO buddy Tom White. I teach in the Faithbuilders Sunday school class and have made mission trips with Asbury to Rio Bravo, Mexico and Ganja, Azerbaijan.

In addition to volunteering, I love reading and traveling with Becky. Our travels have included trips to Europe, where we visited the small village in Alsace-Lorraine, France which had been the home of my great-great grandfather until he left in 1883 to come to America. We have also traveled to Israel and Jordan to locations that had only been unpronounceable words that came to life through personal experience.

I have been blessed beyond all I could have imagined because of the experiences life presented to me whether working at CITGO or volunteering or spending time as a grandpa. But of all the amazing experiences I have had, the most memorable is when I see one of those second-grade boys at Grove Elementary School get so excited because someone is willing to take the time to sit on the floor and read with him!

Pick up a book to read with a kid and "See It Go"!



CITGO Alumni Group

Semi-Spontaneous Gathering

9:30 -11:30 AM, Tuesday, March 6th

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Store

10128 East 71st Street in Tulsa
(In front of Lowes near Highway 169)

- Select your doughnut(s)
- Select you coffee or other drink
- Pay for whatever you select
- Enjoy visiting with your CITGO friends!

Drillers Baseball Game
7:00 PM • MAY 15, 2018



All CITGO Alumni, family members and guests are invited to our Tulsa Drillers game outing on Tuesday, May 15th, at ONEOK Field, against Arkansas.

Very good seating will be in the shade on the first base side of the field. Discounted tickets with a special concession stand coupon for hot dog, chips and drink are $16 per person. Discount tickets without the food coupon are $10 each. Jim Holland will have your tickets near the Will Call window the day of the game.

Sign up for this outing and pay for tickets at the Annual Luncheon, April 16th, or notify Jim Holland at jbhl@cox.net of your head count (with or without food coupon) and send a check made out to "CITGO Alumni Group" to Carolyn Stewart (see page 9 for her mailing address). Payment and head count must be received by May 8th to ensure seating with the CITGO block. Please note on the check it is for baseball tickets.

Energy One Insights for 2018

By Steve McNabb

TAX CUTS & JOBS ACT

The new year brings about continued change with the economy, and if you read or watch the news daily, it's hard to predict where it might be or where it is really going. In 2018, Energy One looks forward to continued growth in service and give back to the membership we serve regardless of the direction of the economy.

The credit union has been keeping up with recent political changes as it affects the financial industry such as the approval of Tax Reform. We have found that many economists are mixed with the long term change it will have on our nation. Many predict it will benefit the economy and many believe it will not work. Recently, I received a letter from Oklahoma Senator James Lankford who lined out changes that were agreed upon. Depending on your personal financial position, the items below may affect you positively, negatively or maybe not at all. His points are listed below:

For individuals and families, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

- ✔ Lowers individual taxes and sets the rates at 0%, 10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35%, and 37%
- ✔ Significantly increases the standard deduction – from $6,500 and $13,000 under current law to $12,000 and $24,000 for individuals and married couples, respectively.
- ✔ Continues to allow people to write off the cost of state and local taxes
- ✔ Expands the Child Tax Credit from $1,000 to $2,000 for single filers and married couples. The tax credit is fully refundable up to $1,400 and begins to phase-out for families making over $400,000.
- ✔ Preserves the mortgage interest deduction
- ✔ Continues and expands the deduction for charitable contributions
- ✔ Eliminates Obamacare's individual mandate penalty tax
- ✔ Improves savings vehicles for education
- ✔ Provides support for graduate students

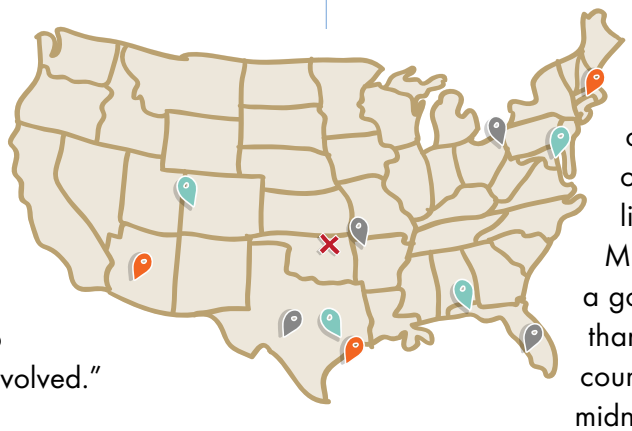
Based on changes in tax reform, more Americans will see a positive impact to their income. While many will spend the additional savings, others will want to save the increased amount back for a rainy day. Financial institutions have aggressively begun increasing certificate of deposit rates for the first time in over nine years to help. While the stock market continues to break records, there are many who choose to invest conservatively. Certificates of Deposit are a safe and insured product to earn interest with peace of mind.

Why Are You Where You Are? PART 3

By Jerry Harrison

William Wallace

William Wallace and his wife, Amy, began planning for William's retirement several years before William retired from CITGO in 2016. In fact, they built their retirement home about 100 yards from the Gulf of Mexico on Galveston Island while William was still working in Houston in the supply area of the Lubricants organization. William retired just in time to ride out Hurricane Harvey, which missed their home, but inundated areas between Galveston and Houston. They were thankful Harvey did not have a storm surge. Galveston fit the Wallace's desire to be in Texas near water, an international airport, good health care, and available arts and entertainment. Their children who live in Dallas and Alaska are attracted to the warm air and water at Galveston. William claims the temperature at Galveston is consistently ten degrees cooler than in Houston. William and Amy traveled extensively in William's first year of retirement, then concentrated on getting settled into their church and community. William's advice to people considering retirement is to "Go ahead and do it" and "get involved."



Steve Lattion

While the Wallaces sought to be near water in retirement, Steve and Phyllis Lattion sought desert. The Lattions live in a retirement community northwest of Phoenix and love it. "You have to like desert and heat to live here," Steve says. Before retirement Steve and Phyllis had visited Phoenix several times for business or pleasure. After Steve retired, they remembered liking the Phoenix area, and they noticed Phoenix offered direct air flights to Portland, Oregon where Steve and Phyllis had aging parents. Their two-thousand-home 55-plus community is filled with people from all over the US and Canada. Steve and Phyllis are constantly meeting new people, and enjoy participating in a few of more than fifty special interest clubs available in the community. Steve and Phyllis enjoy a beautiful view of nearby mountains, gorgeous sunsets, and the Sonoran Desert, which includes frequent meetings with bobcats and coyotes. Steve's advice to new retirees is "Before retirement find other things that interest you, and have an idea of what you want to do when you retire." Steve also encourages retirees to "Enjoy every day."

Roy Marques

Roy Marques didn't have to move when he retired from lubricant sales in 2002 after 45 years with CITGO. He and his wife, Sigrid, quickly determined they had moved to the perfect place when they moved to Hebron, Connecticut in 1972. They raised their five children in Hebron and today all of their children and grandchildren live within eighteen miles of the Marques. Roy says Connecticut is a gorgeous state and is more rural than people from other parts of the country know. He estimates, "Between midnight and dawn, about three cars go by our house." Winter is cold, but "you get used to it." In summer, the air conditioners run very little. Because of the winters, Roy doubts Connecticut would be a good retirement place for people from warmer climates, but New England is a great place to visit, and he and Sigrid would love to see former co-workers when they are in the area. He encourages people to get a couple of hobbies for retirement, to look forward to it and to enjoy it. Roy reads the CITGO Alumni Group Newsletter from cover to cover, and especially likes to see photos of old friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Carlson | **Fender Fry**

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 2018, 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
7509 E. 91st Pl. • Tulsa, OK 74133
bstewart47@cox.net

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:

Ray Yarroll
7421 E. 74th St. • Tulsa, OK 74133

Save the Date

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

Monday • April 16 • 11:00 a.m.

TiAmo's Ristorante

(6021 S. Sheridan, Tulsa, OK)

The Spring Luncheon will again be sponsored by our friends at Energy One. Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m., with a delicious buffet luncheon at noon.

Please remember this luncheon is for Alumni Group members only.

AT THIS MEETING

Guest Speaker will be Curt Rowe,
CITGO Assistant Vice President of Finance.

You may pay your 2018 dues if you have not yet done so. *Dues are still only $10, and your check should be payable to 'CITGO Alumni Group.'*



We will elect Board Members for 2018-2019.
If a member wants to nominate someone, they need to get the nominee's permission in advance.

Please R.S.V.P. by sending an email to rsvpcitgoretiree@gmail.com by April 11th.

Visit the CITGO Alumni Group website for the most up-to-date list of new retirees.

Reminder ...



Our CITGO Alumni Group e-mail 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 02232017 ... tomorrow it will be 02242017, etc.)

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