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News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Rick King – Trekking Through Life's Journey

Rick King grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado graduating from high school there. Growing up, the family did a lot of camping and skiing. He also enjoyed and played tennis and was on the high school tennis team. Rick attended the University of Colorado and earned a B.S. in Accounting with a minor in Finance. After graduation, his plan was to move to Kansas City and work there. His mom had moved there and he liked the city. While looking for a job in Kansas City, his uncle Jerry Harrison (yes the one most of you know), encouraged him to come to Tulsa and look for a job as oil companies were hiring. Cities Service offered him a job and that is how Rick ended up in Tulsa.

Rick and his wife, Nelda, met at church in the singles class and have been married 36 years. She is from Arkansas and they found Tulsa to be a good central location with relatives in Colorado, Missouri and Arkansas. In addition, they liked the area, their jobs, friends, church, and it has been a good place to raise a family. They have two kids, both living in the Tulsa area. Their daughter works in a local restaurant and their son is a plumber. They also have one grandson who is an 8-year-old second grader.

Rick's career at CITGO was primarily spent in two areas. The early part of his career was spent in Feedstock Accounting. One of his areas of responsibilities during this time was working with Windfall Profit Tax when the government decontrolled crude oil. He did spend a few months in Addison, TX working with PCT and then while in the Dallas area worked on the Champlin integration when CITGO acquired that company. The last half of his career was spent working in the asphalt business unit. In 1993, when CITGO acquired the Savannah Refinery, he and his family re-located to Savannah as he took the role of Accounting Refinery Manager. Later he also assumed the same duties at the Paulsboro refinery. One of the

Hey, CAG, What's Your Coping Strategies

"Quarantined," "Safer at Home," "Shelter in Place," "Self-Isolation," "Stay at Home," etc. No matter what you call it, it has resulted in a lot of time at home. Many of us have been putting that time to good use for creativity, self-improvement, to-do's, new hobbies, social distanced connection, catch-up with friends and loved ones, and many other things. Following are a few ways some of our members have been spending the time. We hope everyone continues to stay safe and upbeat during these unprecedented times.

Jeanne Sturges: *I have been busy sewing cotton face masks. I have donated several dozen to Life Senior Services for their senior participants and have given many away in exchange for a donation to Life Senior Services too. It feels good to be doing something productive.*



Brad Bruere: *I have been working on a long list of "To Do's" inside and outside around the house; learning bread making and trying new baking and cooking recipes; puzzles;*

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CAG Spring Luncheon Cancelled Due To COVID-19

We hope that all our members and their families are doing well and staying healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The cancellation of our Spring Luncheon and many other events has been a common occurrence during these times. The global effect of the pandemic has been unprecedented. It has brought about numerous challenges, difficulties, and hardships. It has also shown the tenacity, compassion, and humanitarianism that happens when the worst seems to be upon us—each of us helping and supporting one another in whatever ways we can. Together, we will weather this storm and be ready to move forward.

We look forward to the time when we can all be together again. Until then, please be responsible and continue to do your part to stay safe for you and everyone around you.

MEETING AMID THE PANDEMIC

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom! This used to be reminiscent of a fast red sports car. Today it has become a way to stay connected with friends, family, and others during the pandemic. Zoom meetings have allowed many of us to stay in touch and take care of business and other social activities of daily life while adhering to the rules of social distancing and not gathering in groups greater than ten people. The CITGO Alumni Group Board is utilizing this wonder of technology to meet and stay in touch in order to take care of our organization's business.



We continue to discuss and plan for upcoming events and social gatherings, in anticipation of getting together once again. Many of the dates are tentative, but we will be ready when we are given the green light to move forward in a safe manner.

Stay Safe Everyone,
Your CITGO Alumni Board



Annual CITGO Alumni Group Fall Luncheon*

Monday • September 14, 2020

11:00 am ~ Check-In and Social Time
12:00 pm ~ Luncheon Buffet & Program

Ti Amo Ristorante Italiano | 6024 S Sheridan Rd • Tulsa, OK 74145

Guest Speaker ~ Curtis Rowe, CITGO Assistant Vice President of Finance
Host / Sponsor ~ Energy One Federal Credit Union

R.S.V.P. by September 2nd to rsvpCitgoretiree@gmail.com.
Luncheon is for Alumni Group members only.

* Event date and times are tentative depending on the active COVID-19 social distancing and gathering guidelines. CITGO Alumni Group will adhere to all official COVID-19 guidelines, recommendations, and restrictions.



Rollin' for MDA Summer Camp

By Kent Powers

What do you get when you have CITGO alumni and friends get together to show off their bowling talents at an MDA fundraiser? You get built-in entertainment value while raising money for a worthy cause. On Saturday, March 7, we returned to Andy B's for our second annual Rollin' for MDA Summer Camp fundraiser. Our goal was to help provide summer camp funding for Oklahoma kids with muscular dystrophy at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma. This life-changing experience is held each summer for an entire week and includes fishing, swimming, archery, soccer, softball and movie nights.

As bowlers arrived at Andy B's before 11 a.m., the first order of business was to go to the check-in desk manned by Georgia Canady from the Tulsa MDA office. After check-in, we received our stylish and custom-fitted bowling shoes and were tasked with finding the perfect bowling ball with the right weight and a comfortable finger grip. For those of us who hadn't bowled in a while, this challenge was a time-consuming workout by trial and error. The extra time, however, was well worth it, knowing this would be the key to avoiding back and finger muscle pulls.

At 11 a.m., Kent Powers welcomed the group, thanked them for their support, and officially announced that the games could begin. For the next two hours, 28 bowlers across 5 teams dusted the cobwebs off their bowling skills and enjoyed the camaraderie and friendly competition that makes this such a fun filled event. The 5 team captains were Sharon Elich, J.J. Stevak, Brad Bruere, Kent Powers, and Roger Rowe/the Talon Family. It was particularly gratifying watching Talon display his bowling talents, knowing we were going to help MDA kids, like him, fulfill their summer camp dreams.

After the dust had settled and recovery time had been spent at the local massage parlor, we ended up raising \$3,095, which included a \$1,060 CITGO sponsorship. A big thank you goes out to all of you who supported this fundraising effort.

As you can understand, with the arrival of the coronavirus, summer camp has been cancelled for this year. However, MDA plans on holding a virtual camp for the kids which will help lift their spirits during this difficult time.

We had also planned on holding a charity scramble golf event at the world class Patriot Golf Club in Owasso, in April, to support MDA summer camp. Due to the coronavirus, however, this event was postponed and is hoping to be rescheduled in September.



Team Tallon Family & Rowe



Team Powers



Team Bruere



Team Elich



Team Stevak



Zooming with family and friends; learning Spanish with Rosetta Stone; improving my fly fishing skills; grocery delivery to folks in need; reading; long walks, jogging, and virtual fitness classes with my wife.



Nancy Teasley:
"Brushing Up"
on my painting skills.



Feeling whimsical and inspired!

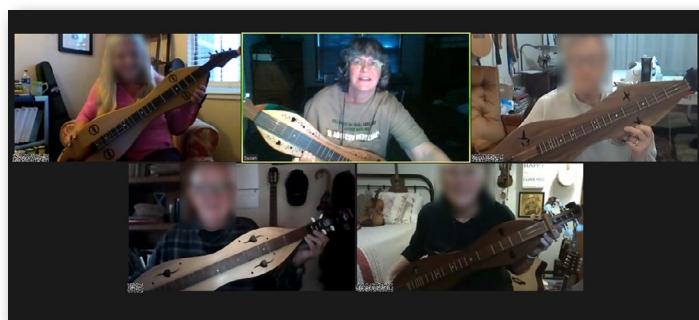
Pam Worthington: I got married to Bill Bailey after being single for 45 years!! We have dated 16 years and been engaged 4+ years. It took a pandemic for me to say, "I do!" It all happened in my backyard after a trip to Claremore that morning for the license (they issued the license outside with mask and distancing).



Karen Goodman: For years I've been saying I needed to clean out my shed and go through all the stuff for keeping or donating. I had cleaned my garage prior to SIP, so I have used it as a staging area. The shed is now clean and ready for storage. I've condensed about 20 plastic bins into 8, plus I have about 8 boxes and other items for donation as soon as Goodwill opens up.



Susan Hollen: I'm still working, so that takes a large portion of my day. But the evenings are dedicated to playing my mountain dulcimer, either alone, or through Zoom with a group.



Save the Date

October 17th, 2020*

Location: Community Food Bank
of Eastern Oklahoma

More information to follow. Please watch your e-mail and newsletters for additional details.

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Backpack Program

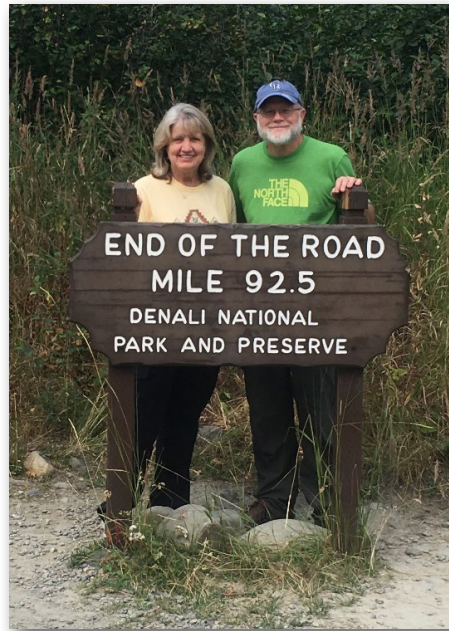


highlights of his career was working on the application for the Savannah refinery to become a Foreign Trade Sub-Zone. This included meeting with the mayor of Savannah and making a presentation to the Savannah City Council seeking their support—which was critical for the application to be approved. He also went to Washington, D.C. to meet with aides to the appropriate Congressional Delegates to get their support. Rick retired from CITGO in 2005 after 25 years when he and his family elected to not re-locate to Houston.

Rick and Nelda are both still working. Rick works for Grand River Dam Authority as a Financial Reporting Supervisor. Nelda is a Special Education Teacher at Verdigris Public School.

Over the years, Rick has enjoyed working with youth. He was a big brother in the Big Brother program for several years. One neat note ... Rick's little brother was in his wedding. He was also a mentor and classroom volunteer for Salk Elementary when CITGO partnered with them. Rick has been actively involved in teaching youth in

Sunday School and enjoyed being involved in their lives. This included preparing and taking youth to Bible Bowl competitions at Christian college campuses. Currently, Rick is a docent at the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve. He also participates, as time permits, with his church's Disaster Response Team. This included a trip to Panama City, Florida, after Hurricane Michael.



His interests include hiking, which he enjoys with his wife. They like to go over to Arkansas to hike. He also enjoys going back to Colorado and has hiked several 14er's. He and Nelda like

to travel. Last year they visited their fiftieth state. From Key West to Denali National Park to Hawaii to Acadia National Park they have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our country. They have had a lot of great experiences and stories from their travels. One funny story they share is: while camping at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, after hiking, they returned to their campsite to find another car parked at their campsite and a tent pitched close to theirs. Talking to the campers—two young men from Austria—they learned the campground was full when they arrived. Reading a sign that said "limit 2 tents per campsite" they took that literally and set up camp with them. After the initial shock, it turned out well as they shared stories of their travels in North America.

Some of Rick's other interests include reading, tennis and of course, hanging out with his grandson.

Rick was late in joining the CITGO Alumni Group, but has enjoyed seeing people and getting re-acquainted with his co-workers of all those years.

Save the Date!

CITGO ALUMNI GROUP 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

December 7th, 2020 • DoubleTree Hotel, Tulsa, OK

More information to follow. Please watch your e-mail and newsletters for additional details.
Remember to pay your membership dues to get the Discounted Member Rate for tickets for this event.

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Introducing Your 2020-2021 CITGO Alumni Group Board Members

The CITGO Alumni Group was unable to hold their annual elections at the Spring Luncheon this year due to COVID-19. After discussions and nominations review at the April Board Meeting, the Board proceeded to vote in the next group of CITGO Alumni Group Board Members. Please welcome and congratulate your new CITGO Board.

Brad Bruere	President
Larry Krieg	Vice President
Julie Brockmeier	Treasurer
Sharon Elich	Secretary
Yvonne Hale	Membership
Kent Powers	Community Relations & Activities
Connie Schlecht	Newsletter Publications
Ramona Falzone	Event Coordinator

Eleanor Rohlman	Event Coordinator
J J Stevak	Event Coordinator
Ray Yarroll	Communications
David Hynes	Webmaster
Terry Berg	At-Large
Suzy Faulkner	At-large
Roger Rowe	At-large
Carolyn Stewart	At-Large

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Gabel
David Chavez

In Memoriam

Joe Baker
Lester Bryant



We want the CITGO AlumniCONNECTIONS 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 newsletter article contributions for the CITGO AlumniCONNECTIONS by E-mail to: Larry Krieg at Lkrieg3@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 2020, 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 CITGO Alumni Group news and events. In addition, you will receive Discounted Member Rates for the Annual Christmas Party or other reservation only special events. Send your \$10 membership fee (Made payable to the CITGO Alumni Group) to:

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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 the Treasurer will know who the payment is from.

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Simply click the "directory" tab. The password is the current day's date (for example 10122019 ... tomorrow it will be 10132019, etc.). *If you have any questions or corrections, please let us know.*