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News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.

In the Beginning

The beginning of the CITGO Alumni Group took place in 1999 when Joe O'Toole contacted Jerry Evenson, Terry Diacon and Bill Meyberg, and floated the idea of a retiree organization. The response was positive and soon a lunch meeting took place to consider ideas for a CITGO Retiree Group. Pete Luitwieler took the reins inside the CITGO organization and the foundation for a Retiree Group was established.

The first meeting was held on January 10, 2001, with about 40 retirees and some active CITGO employees meeting at One Warren Place. CITGO officers were nominated with Bill Gilbertson and Bill Meyberg agreeing to act as Co-presidents. Others were named to leadership roles of that first retiree group including: Dick Conway, Terry Diacon, Jerry Evenson, Jim Galloway, Don Hamilton, Leota Holdridge, Dave Hynes, Pat Molloy, Carolyn Volturo and Ruth Williams.

The purpose of the organization was to provide a means of continuing the friendships started during careers at CITGO, creating a mechanism for retirees to maintain contact with CITGO as a former employer and to

PERSONAL PROFILE

Julie (Barnett) Brockmeier

In late 2003, I was in the Product Supply Department, reporting to Steve Lattion, responsible for the supply of products (mainly gasoline and diesel) to our marketers. It was a job I loved, as I loved the oil business and CITGO. Unfortunately, the move to Houston, although the discussions had been tabled, loomed over us as a possibility in the short-term future. At the start of 2004, I decided for family reasons, I needed to have a backup plan. With my husband's medical issues, I needed his family's help. So began my second career at QuikTrip Corporation in the Petroleum Department, after 26 years with CITGO.

It was a huge change for me going from a department of over 50 people that worked with so many other big groups, to a department with a staff of 11 people. To also leave the company I grew up in, was difficult. The one good thing; I was still in the oil business. I was lucky as a few people that had been at CITGO ended up at QuikTrip over time. The days were always filled with challenges, which made no day the same as another, but always exciting. I enjoyed venturing into new markets with QT.

One thing that helped my family was the time I was allowed to take care of Dennis when he had medical issues. My boss was the most understanding person, as were my team of coworkers. Dennis passed away on December 31, 2007 and Nathan was only 10 years old. We got through the next few years with the help of my and Dennis's families. In 2010, I began seeing a man that worked at QuikTrip (QT) for 37 years. We married in 2012, hence the Brockmeier last name. Roy and I merged our family, his two daughters and my son.

In April 2014, Roy decided after 40 years at QT, he wanted to retire and work for the church, a dream he had for a long time. He is currently the Church Administrator at Fellowship Lutheran. I continued to work until the end of 2016, when I decided that over 38 years in the oil business was enough.

Today, I stay busy with our blended family; Nathan (23), our oldest Jessica (39) and her family; Joe (40), Evie (8) and Lennox (20 mos), and

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CITGO Board Member Elections

It's election time again for the CITGO Alumni Group Board positions. If you or another member you know are interested in filling a position on the CAG Board, now is the time to place your nomination. If nominating another member, please verify with the member that they want to be nominated. A current description of each position is available on the CITGO Alumni Website under "Tulsa – About Us." The annual Board member elections and new Board ratification will occur during the upcoming CAG Virtual Spring Membership Meeting.

Please email nominations to Roger Rowe at rw.rowe@cox.net by March 31, 2021. Roger is also available if you have questions or need more information.

CITGO ALUMNI GROUP 20-YEAR CELEBRATION & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Event Planning Team has rescheduled the 20-Year Celebration & Christmas Party. The new date is Monday, December 6, 2021, at the DoubleTree Hotel at Warren Place. The date has moved several times due to the pandemic. We are all hopeful that this will be a solid date. More details to come later this year.

DUES ARE DUE!! CONTACT JULIE BROCKMEIER. SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS!

Julie Brockmeier... Continued from cover.

Amanda (33) and her family; Matt (33) and Dominic (22 mos), as well as my sisters' and brother's families. All the kids, all the age differences, keep us busy with all the ups and downs, but it is so enjoyable.

I joined the CITGO Alumni Group Board, with persuasion from Herb Whitney. I have been a member for 3 years, serving as Vice President, President and now Treasurer. It is so wonderful to be back working with some of my CITGO family and getting to reconnect with so many of you.

Two ladies I knew in the crude oil business, asked me to join the Assistance League of Tulsa (ALT) and help them in the Linens department. ALT has a Bargain store (resale store) on 31st street between Yale and Sheridan and our group stages the linens for the store. ALT supplies coats, shoes, personal clothing needs, hygiene products and books to grade schools in the TPS system as well as uniform shirts and other needs to 105 schools in the Tulsa area.

They have other programs to help mental health and other organizations with needs. Last June I



Julie and Roy Brockmeier

also took over the role of Grant Committee Chair. ALT is a non-profit and gets some funds from Foundations through grants.

Besides all that, my hobbies of playing bridge, playing golf (as much as possible), building puzzles, playing games and reading keep me entertained.

encourage retired CITGO personnel to become an active presence in the community.

After that first effort, meetings of the CITGO Retiree Group were held two or three times each year. Social activities were a focus with visits to the Tall Grass Prairie near Pawhuska, Woolaroc in Bartlesville, Autumn in the Ozarks and Christmas in Kansas City bus tours as well as trips to Driller Games, Channel 6 News, the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum and a "Tulsa at a Glance" tour. The annual retiree Christmas party began in December 2005.

Community service also became a part of the CITGO Retiree Group. A Habitat for Humanity building project was undertaken with financial assistance from CITGO helping ensure its success. After the Joplin tornado members of the Habitat for Humanity crew assisted in rebuilding in that area. In addition, a number of members dedicate time to LIFE Senior Services, AARP and Community Action Project tax preparation, as well as the Eastern Oklahoma Foodbank and MDA Bowling fundraisers for the annual Summer Camp. Many retirees volunteer as reading tutors and mentors at public schools in the Tulsa area.

After CITGO relocated from Tulsa to Houston several former employees who were not officially retirees investigated the repurposing of the CITGO Retiree Group into the CITGO Alumni Group. With that taking place, the Alumni Group has maintained close contact with CITGO leadership resulting in an annual information update from current CITGO executives.

The CITGO Alumni Group made overtures to retiree groups in Lake Charles, Corpus Christi, and Lemont to encourage updates and participation from those locations.

We have now been together as a Retiree/Alumni group for twenty years. The recent pandemic has prevented the group from meeting together for a Twentieth Anniversary event but plans for that celebration are still in the making once these challenges are behind us.

Thanks to all the Retirees and Alumni of CITGO Petroleum Corporation who have helped to make this organization a worthwhile and vibrant part of this next phase of our lives that began with careers at CITGO.

The Difference Made By Volunteers

CITGO volunteers help make a BIG difference in many seniors' lives in the Tulsa area. Following are the results from the LIFE Senior Services' Medicare Assistance Program - Part D Clinics held in late 2020. Volunteers worked with seniors to review their Medicare Drug Plan (Part D). These numbers should convince every senior on Original Medicare, to review their drug plan EVERY YEAR during open enrollment which is October 15 through December 7 each year. Mark your calendars now for this Fall to review your plan to determine if you can benefit from these savings.

2020 Medicare Assistance Program OVERALL final numbers:

- Total appointments Available: **1,470**
- Total seen through Medicare Assistance Program: **1,374**
- Total beneficiaries Enrolled/Switched: **830**
- Total Cost Savings: **\$1,501,217**
- Average Cost savings per person: **\$1,809**
- Percentage number of beneficiaries that enrolled/switched: **60%**
- Percentage of beneficiaries were new clients: **20%**

Thanks to you, CITGO Alumni volunteers who were instrumental in such a successful effort!

SAVE THE DATE

CITGO Alumni Group Virtual Spring Membership Meeting

The CITGO Alumni Group Virtual Spring Membership Meeting is scheduled for **April 12, 2021 at 11:00 am**. We know everyone would prefer to meet in person, but ongoing Covid-19 concerns continue to make in person social gatherings problematic. We are going to use Zoom this time to host the meeting! Zoom is extremely popular and should be familiar to most of you. We will send out additional information on joining the Zoom meeting in a future email.



Mr. Carlos Jorda', Chief Executive Officer & President along with other CITGO Executives are looking forward to meeting with our group. We are extremely fortunate to have this level of engagement with the CITGO executives. ***Please make every effort to join the meeting in order to demonstrate our appreciation and interest in their support.***

The agenda will be like the fall meeting with CITGO executives presenting at the first of the meeting and CAG business after that. CITGO has been in the news and is facing some unique business and performance challenges. Some suggested topics for the CITGO panel are 1st Quarter Performance and Earnings review, Lake Charles hurricane recovery update, challenges with the new US political administration and regulations, Crystallex judgements, the effect of working from home as well as compensation and benefit changes on employee morale.

Please send other panel topic suggestions or questions to Brad Bruere at neutrino17@comcast.net.

See you in April!

JOIN THE CITGO ALUMNI GROUP FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT

MDA Golf Tournament at Forest Ridge Golf Club • Monday ~ April 26, 2021

Help Send Kids With Muscular Dystrophy to MDA Summer Camp

**1:30 PM
SHOTGUN START/SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

**\$480 – FOURSOME
\$120 - SINGLE**

**Fee includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls,
Mulligans (2), and Box Lunch**

**Event fully outdoors; Mask use encouraged;
Sanitized golf carts provided**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Online Matching Gifts Program Update

The online CITGO Matching Gifts Program links on the CITGO Alumni Group Website have been updated. If you lost or did not receive a postcard from CITGO with sign-up information, you can now do it all through the CAG Website. Members can find out about the program, create a new account, and login to the Matching Gifts portal from the website. You will need your retiree employee number to create a new account. If you do not know your employee number, please contact Shannon McNary at smcnary@citgo.com or call 832-486-5938.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined the CITGO Alumni Group since our last newsletter:

Jonathan Watson
Pam Royer

In Memoriam

Don Lehman
Maggie Waters
Herb Mitchell
Floyd Hatfield



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 the calendar year, now is the time to do so. By paying your dues, you will receive email announcements and copies of the CITGO AlumniCONNECTIONS 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. Mail your \$10 membership fee (**Made payable to the CITGO Alumni Group**) to Treasurer:

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Please include your E-mail address and/or any mailing address updates with your payment. Membership dues are due by May 1, 2021. 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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Our CITGO Alumni Group e-mail directory is available on our website at <http://www.citgoalumni.org/>

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.*