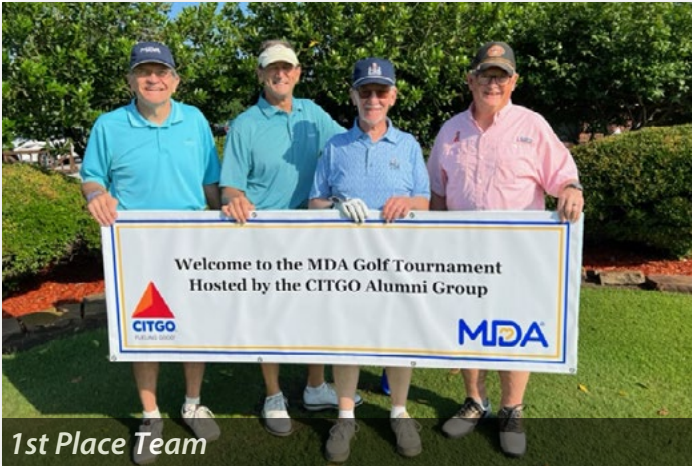




July 2022

News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.



MDA Golf Tournament Fundraiser Hosted by CAG A Rousing Success

The CITGO Alumni Group hosted a golf tournament fundraising event on June 6 at MeadowBrook Country Club, in Tulsa, to help send kids with muscular dystrophy to MDA Summer Camp. A total of 54 players brought their golf skills and enthusiasm to this highly regarded course for a round of friendly team competition, camaraderie, and the satisfaction of supporting the MDA Summer Camp program. The outcome was an enjoyable day of golf and a fundraiser that far exceeded expectations.

In terms of the golf results, we had 14 teams tee up on a par 71 course with the winners summarized below:

1st Place Team with a score of 62 (won tiebreaker) – Kent Powers, Ted Jacobs, Larry Walters, Jim Beller.
Prize: A free round of golf for 4 at MeadowBrook Country Club.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Susan Hollen

My first job out of college was a very long year in public accounting. I actually worked on the Cities Service audit from the fall of 1982 into the spring of 1983; that was the year CITGO was spun off into a separate entity. In October 1984, I became a Southland employee, doing internal audits of CITGO operations.

I spent 4 years in Internal Audit, traveling to some of the scenic corporate locations...lots of time in Lake Charles and visits to Terminals. I then moved into Operational Accounting, rotating through a number of the Departments, winding up in Inventory Control. During many of those rotations, I was involved in system upgrades, rewrites, implementations, and automating manual processes. The last one was SAP.

SAP was a big impact to all of us over the next years. My involvement was first as a user with the General Accounting phase, then I became a representative on the team for the Refined Products implementation.

The day SAP went live, I moved back to my old role in Inventory Control to use the system I helped design. Because of closing, I didn't personally have any new SAP-related responsibilities till we closed May in the legacy systems. I clearly remember getting paged during church services on the last Sunday of May. The Southland SAP feed had issues and none of the "IT folks" were allowed to make entries to production. I was the business user who had sufficient access and was comfortable making the corrections needed.

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2nd Place Team with a score of 62 – Rick Young, Howard Wells, Drew Phillips, Terry Benway.

Prize: A free round of golf for 4 at Bailey Ranch Golf Course.

3rd Place Team with a score of 64 – Jay Davis, Cody Davis, Don England, Brad England. Prize: A free outing at Golf Suites that includes 2 hours of high-tech gamified golf for a group of 12, along with 2 appetizers.

Closest to the Pin – Bob Ogle. Prize: Free swing evaluation from GOLFTEC, plus Golf Galaxy merchandise.

Longest Drive – Cole Stephenson. Prize: Free round of golf at Cherokee Hills Golf Club, plus Golf Galaxy merchandise.

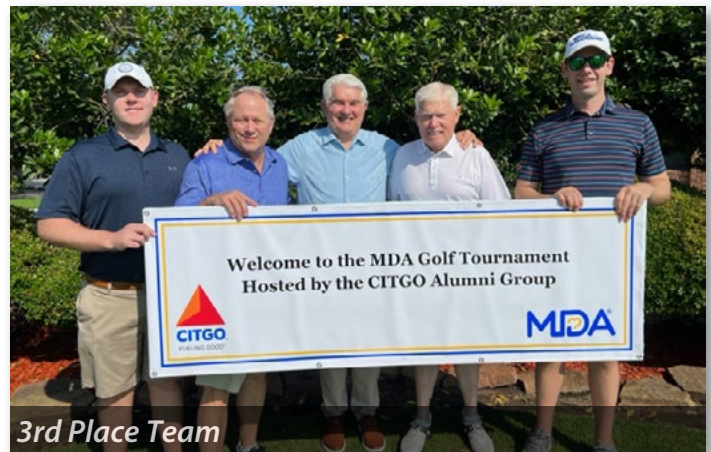
Now for the best news of all ...

Through player participation, sponsorships, and individual donations, our fundraising efforts exceeded our goal of \$10,000 by raising \$14,000. This amount will cover expenses for 5 Oklahoma kids attending MDA Summer Camp for an entire week at no cost to their parents. In terms of impact on the kids, they get to enjoy a week of fun and games created specifically for them.

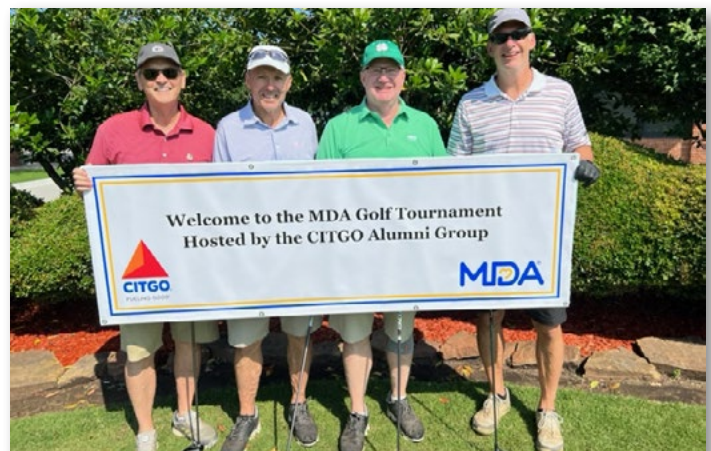


Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising event and the life changing experience it will provide these kids. We look forward to a return performance next year at MeadowBrook Country Club on Monday, June 5th, and hope you can join us.

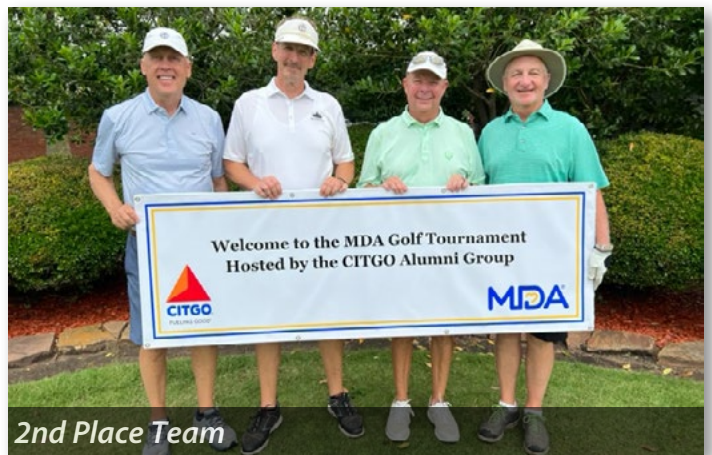
More of Our 2022 MDA Golf Tournament Fundraiser Participants...



3rd Place Team



Even More of Our 2022 MDA Golf Tournament Fundraiser Participants...



In Memoriam

Robert Beck
Joann Barger

Ralph Gurganus
Norm Penick

Tom Richardson



CITGO ALUMNI GROUP SPRING LUNCHEON RECAP

Our Spring Luncheon was held on April 11th at Ti Amo's Restaurant. With around 80 of our members in attendance, we enjoyed some great Italian food and fellowship due to the gracious sponsorship of our friends at Energy One Federal Credit Union.

Our full agenda was emceed by our Board President, Larry Krieg, our invocation was led by Herb Whitney and updates on the June Golf tournament and our tour planned to go to the First Americans' Museum in Oklahoma City later this summer were provided by Kent Powers. *(See separate articles on both events).*

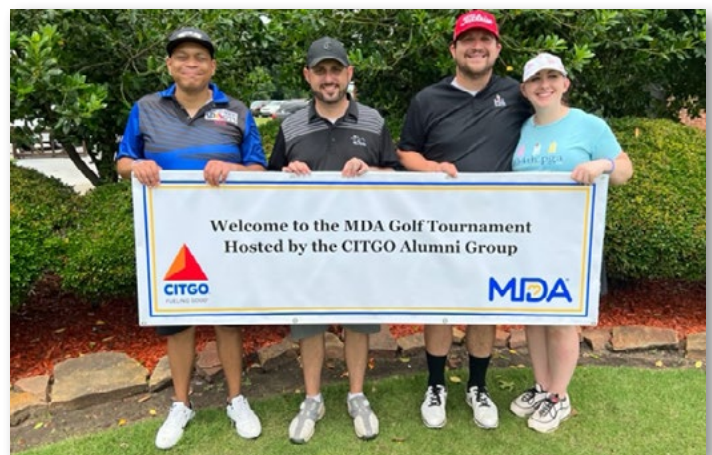
Steve McNabb, the president of Energy One provided some exciting news regarding the Credit Union's purchase of a new building at 65th and Lewis, to which they will be moving the headquarters, later this year. Drive-through facilities will be available at this new location. The Credit Union has also purchased property at 91st and Mingo to better serve the members living in eastern Tulsa and Broken Arrow locations.

Carlos Jorda, Chief Executive Officer and President of CITGO, and John Zuklic, Chief Financial Officer traveled from Houston to provide a very thorough and informative presentation on CITGO's financial, safety and environmental performance over the last couple of years, followed by a lengthy question and answer period. We were all pleased to hear that CITGO is recovering nicely from the damages of two hurricanes hitting the Lake Charles Refinery, a crippling freeze effecting the Corpus Christi Refinery and the reduced demand caused by the pandemic. Plans were discussed to further strengthen CITGO's performance and financial position over the next 5-6 years. Continued emphasis on cybersecurity, environmental, social and governance concerns remain priorities going forward.

Larry led the elections for the Board for the May 1, 2022 – May 1, 2023 time period.

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And a Few More of Our 2022 MDA Golf Tournament Fundraiser Participants...



After a year of running my piece of the company on SAP, I moved into Operations. Over the next 7 years, my title changed a couple times, but the work was basically the same. -When someone asked me, "what do you do?" I always explained it as data mining and reporting. I spent much time extracting and reporting data, and years working on the MTBE lawsuit(s), pulling data to report CITGO's activities from many different viewpoints. Two of the last things I did were to develop extract processes and reports for what was then the new ULSD regulations and to analyze inventory impacts of Hurricane Rita for arbitration related to force majeure of jet sales. I never knew what I would be asked to extract from SAP records.

Although I was able to stay in Tulsa when Supply moved to Houston in 2005, when I had to make the choice again for the 2007 move, I elected to leave the company. It was a very hard decision for us. One son was a Senior and the other a Sophomore in High School. Because of all the traveling I had done early in my career, I didn't want to commute.

In the fall of 2006, I received a call from Roger Rowe who was working for SolArc, Inc. SolArc sold a system that did commodity trading, scheduling, and risk management. Sound familiar? They wanted to talk with me about supporting the Accounting portion of the system. Over the next months, I would periodically meet with someone from SolArc. I had finally decided it was not going to happen and three weeks later they made an offer. I felt like it had fallen into my lap. I wasn't looking; my first lunch with anyone I didn't even have an updated resume; and every time I talked with them, I felt unprepared. You just never know.

So, May 1, 2007, I began at SolArc in downtown Tulsa. My work was translating business requirements into developer-speak and testing the resulting screens prior to delivery to the user community. Very similar to what I had done at CITGO, but with 90+ customers rather than one.

I have to talk a little about culture shock. My first day at SolArc, HR walked me through **every** Policy – all 4

of them! Also on my first day, someone was teasing the manager next to me about dressing up for my first day – he was wearing shorts, a Polo shirt and sneakers. My go-to career wear quickly became jeans, t-shirts and sometimes flip-flops.

In 2015 my husband, Mark, was diagnosed with kidney cancer. We did many treatments, including a clinical trial in OKC. I lost him just before the pandemic shut everything down. He lived almost twice as long as the projections when he was diagnosed. Both sons are now in the Tulsa area since Luke returned from a stint with the NSA in Baltimore. They both work in software.

I retired a year ago December and—like many—wonder how I ever had time to work. I teach Children's and Ladies Bible Classes. Starting this year, I keep my only grand-darling, Annabelle, three days a week to help my son, Matthew, while Annabelle is on a waiting list for preschool. She's a very vocal 2-year-old and keeps me on my toes to stay ahead of her.



In 2012, I became reacquainted with the Mountain Dulcimer, a stringed instrument that you play on your lap. I give dulcimer lessons and teach in group settings, play with a club weekly, do some Zoom jams, and occasionally perform with a group from the local club. My favorite duet partner, though, is Annabelle, who likes to "play Grammy's dul-mer." I play Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star while she strums her dul-mer and sings. Now that will warm your heart!

First Americans Museum Tour in Oklahoma City

Organizer, Kent Powers

August 5th at 10 AM

CAG group guided tour to the First Americans Museum in OKC. Transportation is on your own but there may be a few tour spots left. If interested, contact Kent Powers at kent.powers09@gmail.com for availability.



Volunteers Needed for Food Bank Event

CITGO Alumni Group has an event scheduled at our Community Food Bank on Saturday, October 22nd from 9-12. We are looking for a group of 15 volunteers. Sign up emails will be sent closer to activity date.



Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Membership Meeting

Monday • September 19th • 11:30 am

Legacy Plaza
(5330 E. 31st St. • Tulsa, OK 74135)

Life Senior Services will be speaking at this meeting.

Email invitations will be sent shortly.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Gina Coon
Karen Gorman
Sara Johnston



Save the Date!

**The Annual CITGO Alumni Group
Holiday Party will be held
in early December.**

Watch for more details to come soon.

The current Board Members are:

Beth Ezarik – President

JJ Stevak – Vice President

Julie Brockmeier – Treasurer

Eleanor Rohlman – Secretary

JJ Stevak – Events Coordinator

Suzi Faulkner - Membership

Ray Yarroll - Communications

Kent Powers – Community Relations & Activities

Dave Hynes – Webmaster

Members at Large:

Larry Krieg, Brad Bruere, Roger Rowe, Sharon Elich,
Terry Berg, Ramona Falzone, Susan Hollen, and
Marci Shilman

Our sincere gratitude goes to two of our long-time Board Members for their countless contributions over the last 20 or so years. Carolyn Stewart has chosen to “retire” from the Board and Connie Schlecht has moved to Texas to be closer to her family. Connie's new address is:

**Discovery Village, 2500 Windhaven Parkway,
Apt. #128, Lewisville, TX 75056**, if anyone would like to drop her a line.

Anyone interested in joining the Board may contact Roger Rowe.

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 Alumni**CONNECTIONS**
by E-mail to: JJ Stevak at
jjstevak@gmail.com

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. Membership includes periodic luncheons/meetings, trips, CITGO and employee news/ announcements and this quarterly newsletter, The CITGO Alumni Connections. 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 our Treasurer:

Julie Brockmeier
4401 S. Quinoa Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74011
juliebrockmeier56@gmail.com

Please include your E-mail address and/or any mailing address updates with your payment. Membership dues are due by May 1, 2022. 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.

F.Y.I.

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.*