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News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.

WOODIE GUTHRIE CENTER TOUR

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On the morning of September 27, a small group of us were taken on a guided tour of the Woodie Guthrie Center in downtown Tulsa, during which we became educated on the life and legacy of American folk musician and singer-song writer Woodie Guthrie. The Center celebrates his life and impact on music and American history through an assortment of memorabilia, but most importantly through song. It was quite a learning experience and the additional knowledge and enthusiasm provided by our tour guide made it even more special.

The tour began with a wonderful video that introduced us to Woodie's life and times, which was influenced by the hard times of the Great Depression. Traveling the country from coast to coast with little more than a guitar and a head full of thoughts, his song lyrics reflected on the life challenges of the common man.

The rest of the tour included a collection of physical objects,

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Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum Makes CAG Fall Luncheon Meeting A Memorable, Educational Event!

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Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum

The CAG fall meeting took place September 11, 2023 at the Tulsa Historical Society. Approximately 56 alumni attended and were entertained and informed by Tulsa mayor G.T. Bynum's involvement with the rich history of Tulsa through not only his own involvement but from growing up watching his grandfather Robert LaFortune who was also Tulsa's mayor from 1970-1978. After speaking and hosting a question and answer session the Mayor received a standing ovation from the group upon his departure. Members

of the CAG also set up a display of Cities Service and CITGO memorabilia including a Grand Bassa Tankers replica ship, flag, jumpsuit, basketball jacket and hat donated by Julius Stevak and retained by the Historical Society for future exhibits. Much of the rest of the memorabilia will be available at the Christmas party to anyone interested.



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George Walkers, Glenn Roach, Jamey Gill, Charlotte Rowe



Roger Rowe, Charlotte Rowe, Ray Yarroll, Glenn Roach, George Walker



JoAnn Fry, Rose Ray

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Sharon thompson, Pattri Anderson, Linda Gilliam, Eleanor Rohlman, Lynn Roberson, Kathy Moore, Joyce Rongey, Barbara Williams



Suzy Faulkner, Barbara Plummer, Jeanette Young, Kent Young, Lyle Dusenberg, Len DiLiberto



Mary Haddican, Mike Haddican, Paula Tifenthaler, Diane Baker, Marci Shilman, Kathy Cobb, Dick Cobb's arm



Tom White, Larry Walters, Barbara Walters, Bob Sanborn, John Dillingham, Mary Sue Whitney, Herb Whitney



Jane Owen, Don Owen, Sharon Elich, Terry Berg, Rick Miller



Roger Roe, Ray Yarroll, Alan Ezarik, Beth Ezarik

musical instruments, paintings, personal drawings, handwritten poems and letters, journal entries and song lyrics. His original handwritten lyrics to "This Land Is Your Land" was a featured display. We also learned that he was a major influence on songwriters Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen. The Woody Guthrie Center also has the only permanent exhibit on the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma and is a virtual reality experience worth checking out. Overall, our tour provided a unique time capsule into Woody Guthrie's impact on folk music and American history, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

The Center also has a small exhibition area for matters unrelated to Woodie. When we were there, they had an exhibit on the rise and fall of disco. It was very informative and made me want to go home and see if I could find my old bell bottom pants.

If you have an interest in music or American history, the Woody Guthrie Center is a place worth seeing.



Plus, being in the downtown area you can catch a good meal at a nearby restaurant named The Tavern. We all had the Tavern Burger which we highly recommend.

SAVE THE DATE!



CITCO ALUMNI GROUP ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday 🎄 December 4, 2023

Doors Open at 6:30 for Cocktails

Montereau Retirement Community (6800 South Granite Ave. 🌟 Tulsa, OK)

Valet Parking will be available.

Please send \$30 per person, payable to CITGO Alumni Group to:

JULIE BROCKMEIER 4401 S. QUINOVA AVE. 🎁 BROKEN ARROW OK 74011

In Memoriam

Gail Berry
Jack Kelsey

Sherry Martin Lozano
Susie Van Marel

Dan Rickel



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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 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 \$15.00 membership dues for the calendar year, now is the time to do so. Membership includes CITGO and employee news/announcements, periodic trips, luncheons and meetings, 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 \$15 membership fee (**Made payable to the CITGO Alumni Group**) to our 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, 2023. THANK YOU.

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