



Second Quarter 2024

News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.

## 2024 Spring Lunch Meeting Welcomes New Board Members

The CITGO Alumni Group spring meeting was held April 11, 2024 at Ti Amo's in Tulsa. Once again, generously sponsored by Energy One Federal Credit Union, a delicious Italian lunch, presentation and visiting were enjoyed by 85 members. Outgoing CAG president, JJ Stevak, emceed the meeting and board member Larry Krieg gave the invocation.



Steve McNabb - Energy One Federal Credit Union

Steve McNabb, president and CEO of Energy One made a few announcements regarding the new branch at 65th and Lewis, the branch in Broken Arrow nearing completion, and the acquisition of the Hillcrest Medical Center credit union along with increased ATM affiliation.

Next, Carlos Jorda, CITGO CEO, provided

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## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

*By Kent Powers*

In spite of all the rain we had experienced in the first half of May, the rain hit the pause button and Tuesday, May 14 was a beautiful night for baseball. We had 26 participants join us at the Tulsa Drillers vs. Wichita Wind Surge game with reserved seats along the first base side. To get ready for the 7 p.m. start, we took advantage of the \$2 Tuesday night concessions and got acquainted with our CITGO Alumni Group's family members. Rick Votaw also got an unexpected pregame surprise by catching a foul ball, which, he in turn, gave to a young person whose evening became a special night to remember.

As the game unfolded, Wichita got out to an early lead and continued to build the lead to 6, backed by good pitching.



To the Drillers

credit, they fought back to get 3 runs, but could not close the gap any further, resulting in a final score of 6 to 3. During the game, Hornsby did his part to cheer on the crowd with his captivating moves and during the seventh inning stretch, a tennis ball throwing contest from the balcony of the In The Raw Restaurant building next door onto Oneok Field added to the entertainment.

To commemorate the occasion, we had a Drillers volunteer take our group photo that topped off an enjoyable night of baseball, appetizing concessions and group activity time together.

a presentation of CITGO's financial and safety performance comparing 2022 and 2023 detail. His comments regarding the industry/company performance were enlightening. Mark Holsten, CITGO Legal, gave a detailed explanation of the current CITGO litigation process taking place. Kresha Sivinski, VP of Human Resources, provided information regarding the current status of the pension (funding at 98%) as well as a chart regarding retiree insurance benefits. She could not speculate on the future of the pension with the current litigation or possible new owner.

Kent Powers reminded members of the upcoming CAG MDA golf tournament set for June 3rd at Meadowbrook Country Club. Proceeds raised go toward scholarships for Oklahoma MDA kids to attend MDA summer camp. This year's goal is \$20K and all money raised stays in Oklahoma for summer camp. CAG Board elections were held during the Spring Meeting for the 2024-2025 year with the results shown below:

- Glenn Roach – *President*
- Ellen Boothe – *Vice President*



Joyce Rongey, Linda Fuller

- Kim Smallwood – *Vice President*
- Brad Bruere - *Treasurer*
- Eleanor Rohlman - *Secretary*
- JJ Stevak - *Events Coordinator*
- Suzy Faulkner - *Membership*
- Ray Yarroll - *Communications*
- Kent Powers - *Community Relations & Activities*
- Dave Hynes - *Webmaster*



Pam Canton, Maria Isaza

#### *Members at Large:*

Beth Ezarik, Linda Gilliam, Ramona Falzone, Julie Brockmeier, Larry Krieg, Terry Berg, Susan Hollen, Marsha Shilman and Roger Rowe



CAG members enjoying speakers during 2024 Spring Meeting at Ti Amo's Italian Restaurant in Tulsa.



Bob Sanborn, Jerry Harrison, Pete Luitwieler



Eleanor Rohlman, Linda Gilliam, Patti Anderson, Claudia Lyster



Jamey Gill, Eleanor Rohlman



Tom White, Jim Peebles



Nancy Jurney, Pete Luitwieler, Pam Canton



Ted Smith, Brad Bruere

# Bob Dylan Center Tour

By Kent Powers



On the morning of March 13, a group of 17 of us gathered at the Bob Dylan Center to explore the music and artistry of this Nobel Prize winning singer-songwriter. The tour began with our docent giving us an overview of what you could see at the museum, starting with photos of Bob Dylan's guitar playing days in high school in Hibbing, Minnesota (graduated in 1959). It continued through each subsequent phase of his musical career, including performing into his early eighties. The docent also explained how Woody Guthrie's songwriting and style of music became the inspiration for Bob Dylan's work. It was this connection that opened the door for the Kaiser Foundation to purchase Bob Dylan's archives and create the Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa in 2022.

After the docent finished his remarks, we proceeded on a self-guided tour of the exhibits that were displayed on two floors and which took us through a time capsule of his musical career. As we walked through each time period and related exhibits, the experience was enhanced with the aid of headphones and pocket size scanners that would allow us to tap into

recordings of his music and related conversations along the way. It was an informative way to take us back in time.

The Center houses cultural treasures created and owned by Bob Dylan over seven decades and does a great job of selectively displaying some of his memorabilia in celebrating his life's work. Many of his original, spur of the moment thoughts, were jotted down on pocket size notebooks or on hotel stationery that were on display in several exhibits. It was these first-pass thoughts that became some of his most treasured song lyrics. On a more personal level, one exhibit showed some of the keepsakes from Bob Dylan's wallet, which included a handwritten phone number from Johnny Cash. By the time we were done with the tour, we felt like we had walked in his shoes. To commemorate the tour, we had the below photo taken of the group in front of Bob Dylan's wall photo.



*Left to Right: Beth & Alan Ezarik, Butch Murray & Sharon Elich, Bill & Eleanor Rohlman, Ron Coleman, Rick & Lila Miller, Terry & Jann Berg, Ron Chance, Sheryl & Kent Powers, Rick Votaw, Linda Fuller, Brad Bruere*

To conclude our outing, we walked a couple of blocks to the Mexicali Border Cafe to get our Mexican food fix and enjoy some social time together.

# Join Us To Celebrate Cornelia's Birthday!



## Cornelia (Connie) Schlecht's Birthday Open House

**Saturday • June 22, 2024**

**2:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Central Time)**

**C3 Event Center • 8316 E. 73rd Street, Tulsa, OK**

*C3 Event Center is located in First Commercial Plaza, just south of 71st, off Memorial Dr.*

*Go to rear of building for parking and entrance to venue.*

**Join us for cake and punch, to celebrate a great lady's milestone birthday!**

**No gifts, please.**

**RSVP'S can be sent to her daughter, Dana, at: [myerdanmimi@gmail.com](mailto:myerdanmimi@gmail.com) or call 214-436-3325**

**If you want to send a card prior to the event, send to:**

**Cornelia Schlecht**

**c/o Dana Myers**

**3109 Lazy Rock Lane • Frisco TX 75036**

## DUES ARE DUE!! CONTACT BRAD BRUERE. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS!

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: **Ellen Boothe** at [boothe919@yahoo.com](mailto:boothe919@yahoo.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:

**Brad Bruere**

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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, 2024. 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.

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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.***

### In Memoriam

Jerry Evenson  
George Duncan  
Gene Gerlach  
George Margalski  
Donna McCallie

Don Hamilton  
Monica Meridian (*daughter of Jane Meridian*)  
Vinny Falzone (*husband of Romona Falzone*)

