



First Quarter 2025

News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.

CAG Enjoys Another Very Special Christmas Dinner

Nearly 100 CITGO retirees and guests attended a festive Christmas gathering at Montereau Retirement Community on the evening of Monday, December 2, 2024. The evening opened with cocktails and visiting, a welcome from President Glenn Roach and an invocation by Herb Whitney. A sumptuous meal of beef tenderloin, green

beans almonidine, cheesy potatoes and a variety of tempting desserts was served. Some special CITGO friends traveled from afar to attend – namely, Jonathan Watson and also Bob Clingan and his wife, Mary. Other local faces we hadn't seen in a while attended also, which made it a very special night for visiting and catching up.



Larry Krieg, Tom White, Marty Sedlacek, Don England, Jim Peebles, Bob Clingan



Herb Whitney, Don England, Crystal and Barry Fulda



Jonathan Watson, Klara and Dick Conway, Marty Sedlacek



Kim Smallwood, JJ Stevak, Glenn Roach



Mark and Vicki Trask



Jeanette and Kent Young



Donna Deffenbaugh, Maria Isaza, Sheryl and Kent Young, Larry Walters



Butch Murray, Sharon Elich



Eleanor Rohlman, Ray Yarroll, Ellen Boothe, Linda Gilliam

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Bill and Toni Struebing, Dick Conway



Crystal and Barry Fulda, Maria Isaza, Ted Smith, Butch Murray (seated)



Barb Plummer, Lyle Dusenberg, Len DiLiberto



Eleanor Rohlman, Carolyn Johnson, Linda Gilliam, Ray Yarroll



Mary and Mike Haddican (standing), Carol and John Dillingham



Jim and Cindy Peebles



Mary and Bill Paluso



Adalean and Bruce Beck



Dave Barber, Katawna Davis, Dick Conway



Mary Sue Whitney



Rick Votaw



Terry Berg



Roy and Julie Brockmeier

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Ramona Falzone, Carolyn Stewart, Dick Conway, Jack Woerschling (back)



Charles and Carolyn Volturo (seated), Kay and Dave Barber



Jan Berg, Becky Krieg, Barbara Walters, Sandie White



Steve and Pam Fine, Kathleen Dickey



Jan and Ron Coleman



Ellen Boothe, Mary Sue Whitney, Robbie Thames, Klara Conway, Therese Sedlacek, Julie Brockmeier



Jerry and Evelyn Harrison, Suzy and Ben Faulkner



Elizabeth and Tom Weatherholt, Kim and Vida Smallwood



Susan Hollen, Sara and Craig Johnston, Jack Woerschling



Rick and Lila Miller



Jane and Pete Lutwieler



Geneva Tinkler



Rose Ray, JoAnn Fry

The Gathering Place Tour

By Kent Powers

On the morning of Wednesday, October 9, a group of 11 of us gathered in the lobby of the Williams Lodge at the Gathering Place to begin our guided tour. We were fortunate to have scheduled a tour on a beautiful day with temperatures in the low 70s to low 80's and were excited about taking a



walk through a dream park. Furthermore, I had the unexpected pleasure of reuniting with a fraternity brother of mine at OSU, Ralph Crotchett, who also happened to be our docent. It can be a small world sometimes.

To get things started, Ralph gave us a summary of how the Gathering Place came to be. The footprint



of the Gathering Place is located on the former Blair Mansion property, which the George Kaiser Family Foundation purchased with the idea of creating a one-of-a-kind park. It was George Kaiser who hired the renowned landscape



architect Michael Van Valkenburgh to design this unique park. With the financial support of numerous corporate and philanthropic organizations, which are shown on the sponsor board in the lobby, construction began in 2014 and the park opened

in September, 2018. The result was a park with amazing attractions and programming for all ages with no entry fee.

From the lobby, we went upstairs to see the area where people gather to visit, take-in views of the park, and be warmed by a large fireplace, when needed. Before we exited the Williams Lodge, we took a moment to acknowledge the sign recognizing the Gathering Place for being voted by USA Today as the best city park in 2024.

The walking tour proceeded to take us through the Chapman Adventure Playground area, where kids can let their imaginations run wild, to the





Oneok Boathouse that serves as a restaurant, boatlift facility, and exhibit hall. Next stop was an elevated view of the new Williams Crossing pedestrian bridge, Zink Lake, and the Wave Park



that was recently dedicated on Labor Day. From there, we worked our way back to the Williams Lodge by going through the Quick Trip Great Lawn, Urban Trail Forest, and the Williams

Mist Mountain where the docks meet Peggy's pond. This concluded our tour, which provided a great overview of what this incredible park has to offer.

At the end of our excursion, we had lunch at The Patio, located next to the Williams Lodge, for a relaxing outdoor dining experience and sharing of thoughts on the tour. It is safe to say that the Gathering Place has lived up to its billing as "A Park Like None Other".



WELCOME
these recently joined and
reinstated members to
the CITGO Alumni Group:

Matt Earnest
Geneva Tinkler
Katawna Reed-Davis

Rick Miller
Jack Woerschling
Kent Young



NEWS · UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER STUFF YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

CAG ACTIVITIES WE HOPE WILL PEAK YOUR INTEREST (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

- Guided Tour of The Outsiders House Museum - **February 19** (RSVP by February 9, details sent via January 31 email)
- Happy Hour Social Gathering - **March** (location to provide rooftop views of downtown Tulsa or take us down CITGO memory lane)
- Tulsa Driller Baseball Game - **May**

CORNELIA SCHLECHT HAS MOVED

NEW ADDRESS:

Sunrise of Frisco
2680 Legacy Drive, Room #130
Frisco, TX 75034

SAME CELL PHONE:

(918) 282-0089

She would love to hear from you.



2025 Annual CAG Spring Luncheon



The CITGO home office in Houston is planning to send a representative to attend our 2025 Annual Spring Meeting and we are currently waiting to hear what date in April works for them. We will send out that information as soon as plans are finalized ... Stay tuned!

HELP SEND KIDS WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TO MDA SUMMER CAMP

**Save
the
Date!**

JOIN THE CITGO ALUMNI GROUP FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT

**MDA Golf Tournament at Meadowbrook Country Club
Monday ~ June 2, 2025**

CHECK-IN - 7:00 AM | SHOTGUN START - 8:00 AM | TEAM SCRAMBLE (BEST BALL)

\$680 – Foursome | \$170 - Single

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

MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB | 9300 E. 81ST ST. ~ TULSA, OK 74133

In Memoriam

Jim Smith (IT)

Claudia Lyster

Bob Duckworth
(Cities Service)



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

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: **Ellen Boothe** at 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. You can now pay your \$15 membership fee using one of the following options:

- Check made payable to CITGO Alumni Group and mailed to our Treasurer (Brad Bruere, info below)
- Zelle Pay using Zelle contact: CAGTulsa.Membership@gmail.com
- Cash at a CITGO Alumni Group luncheon or dinner

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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, 2025. 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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