



Second Quarter 2025

News For and About Retirees and Former Employees of CITGO.

2025 Spring Lunch Meeting Welcomes New Board Members

The CITGO Alumni Group's spring meeting was held April 15, 2025 at Ti Amo's in Tulsa. Outgoing President Glenn Roach welcomed the group of nearly 75 members, and



Elena Stemple, JJ Stevak

Herb Whitney gave the invocation. Glenn thanked Energy One Credit Union for sponsoring the lunch and introduced Elena Stemple who gave us an update regarding the proposal for taxation of credit unions as well as two ITM (interactive teller machines) available at the Lewis and Broken Arrow branches. The Broken Arrow branch is the first new branch built by Energy One, other locations rented.

Next, Ms. Balvi Bhogal-Mitro, VP Strategic and Corporate Planning, provided us with a presentation of the CITGO financial and



Balvi Bhogal-Mitro, Glenn Roach

safety performance for the past few years along with current highlights, goals and objectives. The slides were very informative and positive. Ms.

Continued on page 2.

HAPPY HOUR WITH FRIENDS

By Kent Powers

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 22, a group of 14 of us gathered at SOMA, The Brut Hotel's rooftop patio bar, to spend social time together and to take in the views of the Arkansas River, Zink Lake and the south side of downtown Tulsa. I liken it to going to happy hour with friends, without a formal dinner planned. Our CAG version of Happy Hour began at 4:00 p.m. by gathering in our designated covered seating area. For 2 hours, we enjoyed each other's company by sharing stories and getting to know each other better. To quench our thirst and appetite, we took advantage of the Happy Hour discount prices with our favorite drinks and SOMA's Mezza appetizer plates. We were fortunate to have scheduled our gathering on a nice day with temperatures in the upper 70's and clear skies, which added to the appealing atmosphere.

When the CAG Happy Hour Gathering came to an end, it was safe to say that this activity met with the group's approval and would be worth pursuing again in the fall. If you have not been to the rooftop of the Brut Hotel at 1840 S. Boulder Ave., it is worth checking out.





Kent Young, Keli Viereck

Keli Viereck, CITGO Legal Managing Counsel, gave us a detailed explanation of the current CITGO litigation process taking place and answered questions. Ms. Kresha Sivinski, VP of Human Resources, thanked the retirees for their past

work and efforts which has kept the company moving forward. Ms. Kate Robbins, General Manager Corporate Communications, thanked us for our continued support of MDA with our golf tournament and that MDA's 75th Anniversary will be in 2026.

CAG Board elections were held during the Spring meeting for the 2025-2026 year with the below results:

Kim Smallwood – *President*
Ellen Boothe – *Vice President*
Brad Bruere – *Treasurer*
Eleanor Rohlman – *Secretary*
JJ Stevak – *Events Coordinator*
Suzy Faulkner – *Membership*
Roger Rowe – *Communications*

Kent Powers – *Community Relations & Activities*
Dave Hynes – *Webmaster*

Members at Large: Beth Ezarik, Julie Brockmeier, Larry Krieg, Terry Berg, Susan Hollen

Outgoing board members were recognized and thanked for their service – Linda Gilliam, Marci Shilman, Ramona Falzone and Ray Yarroll.



Dick Conway, George Walker, Marty Sedlacek



JJ Stevak, Beth Ezarik, Ellen Boothe



Joyce Rongey, Marci Shilman



Ramona Falzone, Vicki Forbrich and Sylvia Mullins



Mary Haddican, Mike Haddican



Ron Chance, Kent Powers



Kim Smallwood, Dick Patrick

Continued on page 3.



Carolyn Johnson, Janet Pollard



Bill Streubing, Tom White,
Toni Streubing



Beth Ezarik, Eleanor Rohlman



Kresha Sivinski (in background),
Julius Stevak



Nancy Jurney, Pam Canton, Maria Isaza



Sara Johnston, Dick Cobb, Tom Weatherholt,
Dick Bryce



Ray Yarroll, Ron Coleman, Don Owen



Len Diliberto, Kim Hand



Kent Young, Kate Robbins, Carolyn Stewart,
Jim McCarthy



Terry Berg, Jerry Ezell, Larry Walters



Terry Berg, Rick Miller



Jerry Ezell, Jerry Harrison, Rick King



Roger Rowe, Pam Canton,
Pete Luitwieler



Tom White, Bruce Beck

The Outsiders House Museum Tour

By Kent Powers

As background, The Outsiders House Museum is dedicated to the 1983 coming-of-age movie, **The Outsiders**, based on the 1967 novel by S.E. Hinton, and served as the primary film set for the Curtis Brothers, the story's lead characters. The film was directed by Francis Ford Coppola and had a notable cast of young actors that included C. Thomas Howell, Ralph Macchio, Matt Dillon, Patrick Swayze, Rob Lowe, Tom Cruise, Emilio Estevez, and Diane Lane. It is located in North Tulsa's Crutchfield neighborhood at 731 N. St. Louis Ave, Tulsa, OK 74106. In 2016,



the Hip Hop artist Danny Boy O'Connor purchased the "Curtis Brothers House" and renovated it to reflect the house depicted in the movie.

The movie is based on a fictional story about two gangs, the Socs and the Greasers. The Greasers ruled the East Side of town, while the Socs ran the wealthier West Side of town.

On the morning of Wednesday, February 26, a group of 11 of us gathered in the gift shop of The Outsiders House Museum to check-in, and meet Donnie Rich, our tour guide and General Manager and Event Coordinator for the Museum. As Donnie began the tour, it was readily apparent that his knowledge of the making of the film and interesting back stories were going to provide us with a unique experience. As we toured each room of the house, the memorabilia from the classic film, including behind-the-scenes photos,

props, and costumes were on display and took us down memory lane. What made the tour even more memorable, however, were the stories behind the stories our tour guide shared with us. These hidden details added to the appeal that was already present by the extensive collections commemorating the movie. By the end of the tour, we felt completely immersed in The Outsiders story with the knowledge of untold stories adding to the intrigue.



After the tour, several of us went to Peppers in Utica Square to enjoy a good meal and reflect on our memorable tour.

If you are a fan of The Outsiders, a guided tour of The Outsiders House Museum is a must visit where you are bound to see and learn something new.



2025 MDA SUMMER CAMP GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

By Kent Powers

I am pleased to report that we had a great turnout and a very successful MDA Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Monday, June 2, to help send kids with Muscular Dystrophy to MDA Summer Camp. Through the participation of 20 teams along with sponsorships, individual donations, and a silent auction, we exceeded our goal of \$26,000 by raising a record setting amount of \$30,000. When you provide financial support to MDA Summer Camp, you are providing these kids with a week of fun and games tailored just for them. Thanks to all of you, we will be able to send 10 of them to MDA Summer Camp at no cost to their parents.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

We had 15 teams make a return performance and 5 teams participated for the first time. This level of participation was essential in providing a baseline for our fundraising efforts. Add to that the generous support of sponsorships and individual donations, which far exceeded our previous levels, raised the bar to new heights. On the day of the tournament, we had the benefit of individual donations that did not make it to the sponsor board sign. These donors included Marty Howerton, Rick King, Herb Whitney, Ron Chance, and others who made cash donations. These donations, combined with an Online Silent Auction that raised \$2,548 for 8 donated items and activities, took us to the finish line.



Before we started the awards ceremony, Becky Prine, MDA's Senior Director, Fire Fighter Partnerships, introduced Maddy who shared her heartwarming thoughts on her 1st Summer Camp experience. Maddy is 13 years old and is excited about returning to

Summer Camp in a couple of weeks. This personal touch was extra special and reinforced our desire to support the MDA Summer Camp program.

NOW FOR THE GOLF RESULTS.

The beauty of the Meadowbrook Country Club Golf Course combined with their club house amenities gave us an enjoyable round of golf on a par 71 course. The winners are summarized below:

1st Place Team with a score of 15 under par - Neal Mask, David Punnett, and Mike Rieck. *Prize: Round of golf for 4 at Meadowbrook Country Club*

2nd Place Team (per tiebreaker) with a score of 14 under par - Jay Davis, Cody Davis, Don England, Brad England. *Prize: Round of golf for 4 at Forest Ridge*

3rd Place Team (per tiebreaker) with a score of 14 under par - Noah Tedescucci, Tyler LaCourse, Brody Gibson, Kyle Koscielniak. *Prize: Round of golf for 4 at Bailey Ranch*

4th Place Team (per tiebreaker) with a score of 14 under par - Tom Steichen, Owen Evans, Ward Seibert, Jack Crews. *Prize: Round of golf for 4 at Battle Creek*

Closest To Pin - Roger Price (8' from hole). *Gift card from Dick's House of Sport*

Longest Drive - Jay Krumme (approx. 330 yds). *Gift card from BirdieBay*

As a show of our appreciation for everyone's support, we ended the awards ceremony with a free raffle ticket drawing for a set of golf practice nets for driving/chipping and 4 tickets to the Oklahoma Aquarium.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my planning committee teammates (Brad Bruere, Sharon Elich, and JJ Stevak) for a job well done in

Continued on page 6.

making this a record-setting fundraiser. In closing, I want to extend a special thanks to everyone who supported this fundraising event and the life-changing experience it will provide these kids.

The CITGO Alumni Group looks forward to hosting a return performance next year at Meadowbrook Country Club and hope you can join us.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

JUNE 2, 2025 MDA GOLF TOURNAMENT AT MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB
HOSTED BY THE CITGO ALUMNI GROUP
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

MAJOR SPONSORS

   JULIE BROCKMEIER
RON E. & ELEANOR
JEAN HALL FOUNDATION
JJ STEVAK
LARRY KRIEG

PRIZE SPONSORS

     

HOLE SPONSORS

     

JUNE 2, 2025 MDA GOLF TOURNAMENT
AT MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB
HOSTED BY THE CITGO ALUMNI GROUP
THANK YOU To All Of Our Sponsors/Donors

SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS

       

Goodie Bag Sponsors

    JJ Stevak

Individual Donors

Dick Cobb	Therese & Marty Sedlacek	Joyce Ronney	Tom Rees
Dick Morrissey	Sara & Craig Johnston	Linda & Peter Strassell	Roger Rowe
Eleanor Rohlman	Bob Parks	Pete Luitwieler	Barbara Williams

WELCOME

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

Betty Baker
Steve Fuller

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.

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.*

Please send newsletter article contributions for the CITGO AlumniCONNECTIONS by E-mail to: Ellen Boothe at boothe919@yahoo.com