CITGO Retiree Summer Luncheon

Monday • July 16, 2007 • 11:00 am

Michael V's • 103rd and Memorial

Plan to attend our CITGO Retiree Group Summer Luncheon on July 16, 2007 at Michael V's at 103rd and Memorial. Scott Cherry of the *Tulsa World* has given this new restaurant a 4-Star rating. We will be having a buffet luncheon in the banquet room. There will be a bar available for those who wish to have cocktails, beer, or wine. Sherry Clark of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will be giving us a short program outlining volunteer opportunities in the Tulsa area. Check in will be starting at 11:00 am. The cost will be $10/person if paid in advance or $12 if paid at the door. We will need to confirm our reservations no later than Thursday, July 12. E-mail your reservations to Marci Shilman at mshilman@cox.net or call 369-4114 to confirm your place. Please mail checks, payable to CITGO Retiree Group, to Marci Shilman at 11510 So. 99th E. Avenue, Bixby, OK 74008. To read a review of the restaurant, check out their website at http://www.michaelvsrestaurant.com/.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in July – especially our new retirees from the latest move!!!!

Save the Date

Membership Dues & Contact Information Reminder

CITGO Retiree 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 calendar year 2007, now is the time to do it. By paying your dues, you will receive copies of the *CITGO RETIREE* newsletters to keep you up to date on news and events of the CITGO Retiree Group.

Send your check, made payable to the CITGO Retiree Group, to:

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News For and About the CITGO Retiree Community

2007 CITGO Retiree Group Spring Luncheon Was Busy and Informative!

The annual CITGO Retiree Group (CRG) luncheon meeting and election was held on March 19, 2007 at the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Dick Conway welcomed everyone and informed the group that the state of the CRG is good, with membership up 34% from last year. He thanked the Food Bank for use of their facility and preparing lunch, and thanked Curt Coffman, Energy One Credit Union, for funding the lunch. Dick also recognized Jane Merdian, former attorney for CITGO and Past President and Board member of the Community Food Bank, and member of the CRG.



Guests at the CRG Spring Luncheon (left to right): Felix Rodriguez, Bob Funk, Alberto Ramirez, and Fernando Garay.

Carolyn Stewart brought special guests: Felix Rodriguez, then CEO of CITGO; Alberto Ramirez, General Manager Human Resources; Fernando Garay, Public Affairs Manager; Phil Reedy, VP of Finance; and Carol Martin, Executive Assistant.

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To receive quarterly installments of The CITGO Retiree, you need to be a paid member of the CITGO Retiree Group. Join today by sending your $10 membership fee to:

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TO RETIREE CARL VAN MAREL, EVERYDAY IS SATURDAY NOW!

A Personal Profile

After 15 years with CITGO, Carl Van Marel retired in July 2002. Carl grew up on a farm near Orange City, Iowa. He graduated from Mankato State University (now Minnesota State University) with a major in Business Education and taught school while working on his Master's in Accounting at Oklahoma State University. After graduating, the next 40 years of his life were spent in the oil industry. He started at Exxon, Houston, then became Manager of the Internal Audit Department for Apco Oil in Oklahoma City. He then accepted employment with Foremost Petroleum Corporation in Victoria, Texas. He started as General Auditor, then Marketing Vice President and finally, President. In 1981, Foremost was purchased by Southland Corporation, which also purchased CITGO, and Carl moved to Tulsa where he worked in Marketing, Supply, Accounting and Product Coordination. His last years involved handling the sale of unbranded gasoline and distillates.



Sue and Carl Van Marel.

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2007 CRG SPRING LUNCHEON ...

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Curt Coffman, Energy One Credit Union, introduced his staff and informed the audience that they now have an office in Houston in the CITGO building. He briefly discussed identity theft and reviewed the services they offer.



Felix Rodriguez was introduced to the audience, praised the CRG for their work in the community and reinforced their importance to CITGO. He stated that CITGO wants to maintain a relationship with retirees. Felix announced that CITGO had donated $500,000 to a project in Tulsa called "Conecciones"—an Hispanic education and work force initiative in Tulsa. He also told the group that as the result of a letter from Dick Conway, CITGO is supporting another Habitat for Humanity House (*see article on page 3*).



Phil Reedy presented an update on CITGO, indicating CITGO is in the 4th year of an upside in refining and that the financial condition has never been better. The pension plan has been funded up to 100%. Phil briefly discussed the next phase of the move to Houston and said 80–100 CITGO employees will continue to be located in Tulsa in the Data Center, Tax Department, Pipeline Control, the Tech Lab and some of the Payment Card Operations Center, as well as a few IT employees.



Officers for the coming year were elected:

- President - Dick Conway
- Vice President - Dan Horwitz
- Secretary - Sue Wilson
- Treasurer - Lyle Dusenberg
- Newsletter - Connie Schlecht
- Travel - Bob Beck
- Social - Marci Shilman
- CITGO Liaison - Kent Young
- Communications - Ray Yarroll
- School Coordinator - Walt Howard

New Board Member:

- Charles Faigle



Leaving the Board:

- Gene McGinty
- Bob Sanborn
- Bob Terrill

Dennis Jones and Lou Massey presented an overview of Benefits changes.

Sara Waggoner, Executive Director, welcomed the CRG to the Community Food Bank and gave a very interesting and comprehensive overview of the programs and needs of the Community Food Bank, which serves 24 counties in Eastern Oklahoma and can distribute 20 million pounds of food annually. She indicated that volunteers are needed and that they provided 11,000 hours of help over the past year. Because of the work of volunteers, $350,000 a year goes to the program. A tour of the large, state-of-the-art facility was offered following the meeting.



In Memorium

Don Hall

Travis VanArsdel
(Former Assistant Credit Manager)

Joe Urso
(Worked 30 years in the Marketing and Lubricants Divisions)

Carolyn Rudliff

CITGO Funds Fourth Habitat for Humanity Home

Thanks to the generosity of CITGO Petroleum Corporation, the lives of a lucky Tulsa family will take a dramatic turn for the better when the family takes title to the fourth CITGO Habitat for Humanity house sometime this fall.



CITGO Retiree Group President Dick Conway (left) pictured with CITGO President & CEO Felix Rodriguez and Public Affairs Manager Fernando Garay at the CRG Spring Luncheon/Meeting.

Funding for the house—$40,000—is already in hand. CITGO President and CEO Felix Rodriguez delivered the check to CITGO Retiree Group (CRG) President Dick Conway at the retiree group's Spring Luncheon Meeting held March 19th.

The house will be built by CITGO volunteers, a majority of them retirees, at a yet-to-be selected address. Gary Casteel, president of Habitat for Humanity, has indicated that a probable start date would be set for September or October. The startup date will depend upon the number of houses Habitat has under construction and other resources that will be available for the new house.

The new owner family will be selected by the order in which several families finish "sweat equity" hours of work. The lucky family gets to select a location when the time nears for its house construction to start. The lot location depends upon lots available in the program at the time.

Credit Dick Conway with collaboration from former CRG President and long-time Habitat volunteer Bill Paluso with the latest positive results from CITGO. Conway sent an appeal citing retiree volunteer efforts in Tulsa, emphasizing Habitat volunteerism, to Rodriguez on February l. The request paid off; just six weeks later, a check was in hand.



CRG President Dick Conway (center) delivers the $40,000 check to Tulsa Habitat for Humanity President Gary Casteel (right) as former CRG President and Habitat volunteer Bill Paluso looks on.

According to Conway, all one has to do is "see the smiles on new Habitat home owners' faces to know that your volunteer work has changed the lives of these families forever."

But, those changes would not happen without the funding. For that, thank you, CITGO!

CARL VAN MAREL PROFILE

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Carl and his wife Sue have four children (Jay, Jaylynn, Melissa & Valerie) along with 11 "wonderful grandchildren!" When their children were in high school, they hosted three foreign exchange students from Denmark, Finland and Germany, which, they feel, was one of the best experiences that they could have given their children. They continue to stay in touch with each other and have visited back and forth several times. They have "become family."

In addition to traveling around the U. S. and Europe, they have spent time in Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, South America and Africa. Carl enjoys being with family, playing games, skiing, gardening, doing volunteer work and is a past member of the CITGO Retiree Group Board of Directors. He has spent a huge chunk of his spare time working on family genealogy and currently is working on putting a book together on the Van Marel family.

In June 2006, Carl and Sue moved to Rockwall, Texas, to be closer to family.

Carl stated that he misses his many CITGO friends, but doesn't miss that blasted alarm! The biggest adjustment has been keeping track of the days of the week, so now he has a mind-set that "every day is Saturday!"