



# Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party

By Chris Winslow



The Annual Gateway GTO Christmas Party was held this year at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn on Saturday Dec 6th. As in past years, Saundra and Mark Melrose organized the event and did a great job as usual.

The theme for this year was a Holiday Beach Party. The Gateway GTO members took that to heart and there were lots of great costumes!

As always, the food was catered by Russo's. Of course the party wouldn't be as sweet without the baked goods provided by the ladies of Gateway GTO.

After dinner, we all played a number of beach themed games that Saundra had created for the event. This included making a GTO themed sculpture, a Christmas themed ring toss, and a beach themed trivia game.

After dinner Terry Schott announced the results of the elections for the Gateway GTO officers for 2022 and 2023. The results were:

President - Chris Winslow  
Vice President, Mo - Brian O'Sullivan  
Vice President, Il - Dan Jackson  
Treasurer - Will Bowers  
Secretary - Amy O'Sullivan  
GTOAA Chapter Rep - Tom Oxler

Following this, we had our annual rob your neighbor gift exchange hosted by Marty Howard. This year I was lucky enough to open what turned out to be one of the most sought



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after gifts, a GTO themed lit Christmas tree. Of course, I only had it for a very short period of time! The other really popular gift was an embroidered blanket made by Liane Finkenbinder. The Vie's were lucky enough to go home with both of these items.

It has been a long 2 years. Last year, we had to cancel the Christmas party due to the virus. It was great that we were able this year to get back to a more normal schedule of events, including the Christmas party. For next year hopefully we will be able to continue our customary schedule of events. The Pizza Party has already been scheduled (see the flyer included with this newsletter) and I am hoping that we can organize some cruises this spring. If anyone has any idea for a cruise, please contact me or any of the other officers.



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