

Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party

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The final event for Gateway GTO for the year is always our annual Christmas party. It is a time for all of us to get together for fun and some great food.

This year's event was planned by Paula with help from Laura Fox. The theme for this year was Blue Christmas. This included both the decorations for the event as well as outfits for many of the attendees.

Attendance this year was excellent with 44 members at the event. Some members, including the Sullivans, the Finkenbinders, the Fogarty's and the Wildebrandts came a long way to attend.

The food for this year came from Kenrick's and it was excellent. Everyone must have agreed as there was very little food left over at the end. Marty took most of what was left to a firehouse after the event, so what was left over did not go to waste.

After dinner, I made a few announcements. I announced that the date for the 2025 Pinball Wizard tournament at Atomic Pinball has been set for the March 2. I also reminded everyone that the official date for the Gateway GTO Pizza Party for 2025 is January 19th. In addition, I recognized some of the people that regularly help me during the year to keep Gateway GTO running smoothly. Recognized were Gail Schott who has been proofing the newsletter for a number of years now, Marty Howard for helping to organize a number of activities in 2024, Jim McCarthy for keeping the club roster up to date, Earl Lewis for all of his 50/50 and other fund raising efforts, and Tammy Hedrick for her work helping us with the tabulating of our Regional Car Show in Pontiac.

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After some party games, we had our traditional rob your neighbor gift exchange. This year the most popular gift was a GTO themed clock made from an LP record. It changed hands a lot. I actually lost track of who ultimately took that one home. There were also some Route 66 neon signs that were very popular.

Our party this year was a great event and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Paula and Laura for their hard work to plan such a fun party!

