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Texas District  
Brownwood Chapter 02  
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**Bob and Toby Davis  
named Chapter O2's  
2012 Couple of the Year**



Chapter Director Rick Dietly presented their Couple of the year patches and pins to Bob and Toby at the Chapter Christmas Party December 11.

**Next Gathering**

**JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Chili Lunch**  
**at Lake Coleman**  
**(Dave & Jean's House)**

**12 noon**  
(see page 9 for more information)

**Santa**

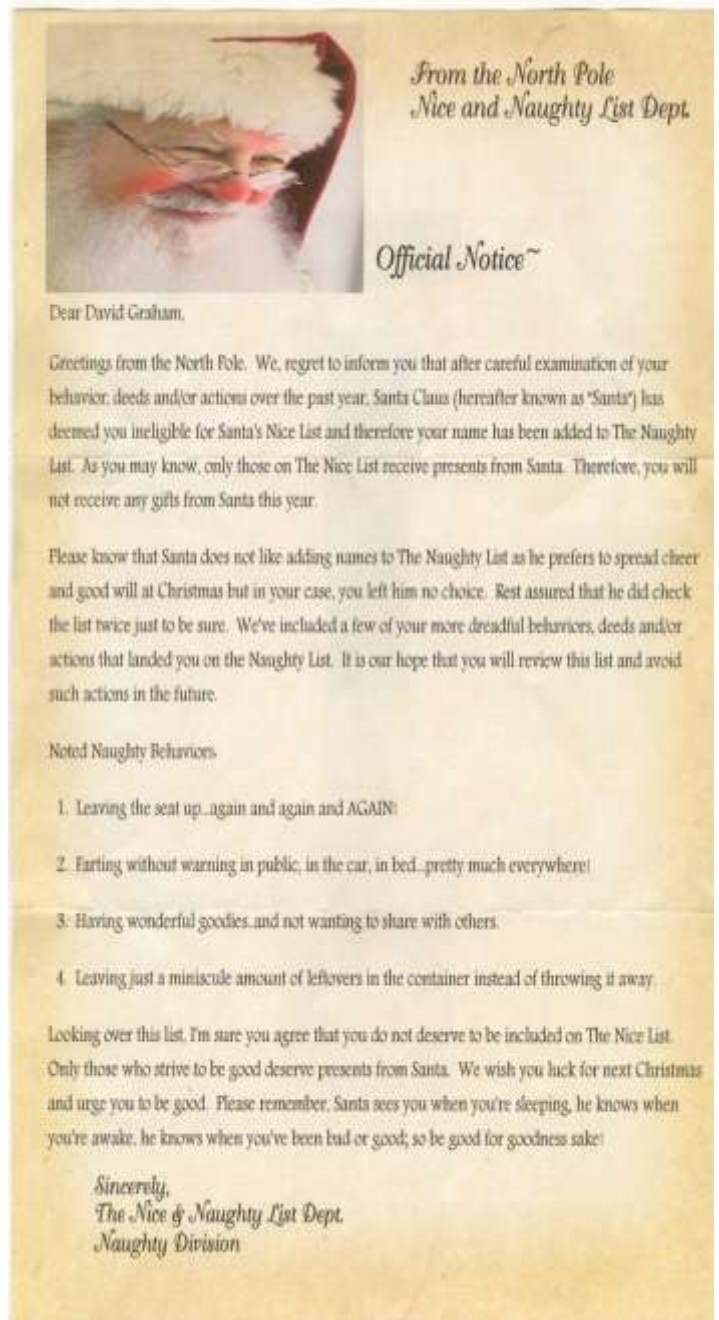
**Wore**

**Chaps**

when he passed out presents at the Chapter O2 Christmas party in Coleman December 11.

However, David Graham received a surprise when Santa stopped behind his chair and gave him a bag of coal.....saying "only good boys and girls get presents from Santa!"

Santa did present him with a letter from The Naughty & Nice List Department at the North Pole explaining why he was on the "Naughty" List (the one whose recipients receive coal in their stockings) instead of the "Nice" List.



## December Mystery Member Revealed!



**Roger Sellers**

We want to thank everyone who turned in a “guess” as to who our December Mystery Member was. Unfortunately, no one guessed correctly! Thanks, Roger, for being such a good sport . and sharing your “Days Gone By” picture.

We also want to thank everyone who has turned in a picture to use. We’ll run one a month, so don’t get discouraged if yours is not run right away!...we’ll get to them all!

We are also looking for more pictures....how about yours?



## Our Christmas Party.....

was held at the Coleman Library Annex and was catered by Karen and Bobby McGee (daughter and son-in-law of Mary & David Graham).

The food was delicious and plentiful, but their “catering” went far beyond providing the food. They placed several carefully wrapped presents on the tables and then Karen read a story entitled *North Pole Rally*.

This story was written to include the names of all active Chapter O2 participants. Every time the words “right” or “left” were mentioned in the story, whoever was holding one of the gifts had to pass it right or left. And, of course, whoever was holding a gift when the story ended, got to keep the gift.

The caterers had apparently e-mailed Santa Claus about our party because he showed up in chaps.....we really didn’t get to see if he showed up in a sleigh, a Harley, or maybe even a GoldWing. He came in the back door...maybe that is where the chimney was....instead of parking his “ride” out front where a space had been cordoned off in front of the picture windows where we could all have viewed his arrival. He did pass out gifts to everyone (everyone, except David Graham who received a lump of coal! See page 2 for **that** story). The afternoon ended with our traditional “Chinese Gift Exchange”. We think Gerry Brandon got to pick the most gifts from under the tree!

## Do you know this member????



This is one in a series of pictures we publish in our newsletter of members when they were young(er).

If you think you know who this is (or, if you just want to make a guess), please e-mail or phone your editor no

later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. In next month's newsletter, we will publish the names of all (if any) who guessed right. The actual identity of the member pictured will be divulged in next month's newsletter. There is no prize to be awarded since this is not a contest. It is simply another way we can have fun....and remember our motto is friends for FUN, safety, and knowledge.

We sincerely hope that all our members will join in the fun and send us (either by e-mail or snail mail) a picture to use for this project. If you snail mail the picture, we will be happy to copy it and return it to you. Hey...you don't want to miss this chance to stump your friends and keep them guessing, do you?

## Congratulations

to Rick and Alyce Dietly on the birth of their new great granddaughter.....



**Ryleigh Rae Smith**  
Born December 1, 2011 in Waco, Texas  
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## Congratulations and Best Wishes

Jay Allen Lackey and Karen Bell Pool will be "tying the knot" January 7<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas



Jay "popped the question" during the recent Dallas Cowboys/Miami Dolphin game. Jay was wearing a Dolphin's shirt and Karen was wearing a Cowboy's shirt. Both are avid fans of "their" teams....should make for an interesting time during football season!

### January Birthdays



- 16 Rupert Rodriguez
- 16 Betty Sellers
- 31 Arnold Barber

### January Anniversary



- 4 Mac & Kay McMahon

## MEMBERS' CORNER

Editor's note: we love to receive articles from our members and will publish them on a space available basis. If an article is too long to fit in one issue, we may have to split it up for future issues or if we do not have space in the next issue, we'll be happy to hold it for a future issue. Articles may be edited for spelling, grammar and content.

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(The following article was submitted by John Thomas)

(continued from December newsletter)

### CHRONICALS OF WING DING 2011

Day 7

July 8, 2011

We awoke to rain this morning. It was a rain dance by golly. We decided to wait it out a while then head on over to the KCC, see if we had won anything, and shop around awhile. Also, see what the weather was going to do. We had tickets for another \$30.00 per-person lunch somewhere but the directions to this location were just as screwed up as yesterdays were and I was in no mood for more of that. We chose not to trust the directions nor the trusty Garmin and risk getting caught in the mountains with the severe weather forecasted. We hung around the KCC until about 1 pm, bought a few things from the vendors then retired back to the room. There, we watched a movie; I did some T-clock on the trike and basically just chilled out for the day.

Day 8

July 9, 2011

We slept in for a while this morning. Donna had one more set of tickets for the Appalachian History Museum and a lunch. We decided to give it a try despite the possibility that if we get lost out there again we could miss the closing ceremonies. Wisely this time, I check the map; I program the Garmin to the address on the tickets and throw the directions given to us away. As fate would have it, we arrived at the museum without incident and without getting lost. This was an old time Appalachian community setting with authentic buildings and tools. Old log cabins, antique artifacts and the tools used by the early settlers of

the region were on display. One has to marvel at how the human spirit can overcome many things to get where we are today. I wonder if we were to lose everything today and have to resort back to the tools of the 1800's how many of us could survive. There was a short re-enactment of a civil war battle fought nearby... a cannon fired and sandwiches were served. Homemade ice cream was the dessert. We mounted up and headed back to the KCC for the closing ceremonies. Can you believe Donna had tied for first place in the poker run with a 5 high straight? Now, one set of rules proclaimed you had to be present to win. Another set of published rules did not. The other person who had tied with Donna was not present so instead of awarding her with the first place prize, they had her and a stand-in draw cards for the first and second place prize. She lost and got second place, \$250.00 instead of the \$500.00 purse. That friends, was the extent of our winnings. And folks, that's all there is cause there ain't no more. At this time, I will give you my evaluation of this year's Wing Ding. Now I understand the magnitude of putting something this big together. The logistics involved would be astronomical. However, the first day really sucked but that was mostly our fault as we were getting our bearings and was trying to figure out just what we wanted to do. Plus, Donna had to buy chances on every drawing they had and each of them was supposed to have a rule that you had to be present to win. If you had to be there to win, some of them were drawn at a time when you could be out riding. So how are you to go out and enjoy the rides and try to make it back in time for the drawings? Then to top everything else off, the winner of the drawing didn't win. Oh no; Tennessee law prohibited games of chance. There has to be a skill involved to win. So instead of drawing one winning ticket, they drew three tickets. The three ticket holders then were required to throw darts for the highest number to win the prize.

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## MEMBERS' CORNER

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This was not explained when the tickets were sold or else, Donna would not have bought so many tickets. Also, at the closing ceremony, the same held true for the 2012 Goldwing. That certainly was not mentioned anywhere before the "convention" began. So anyway, day one was a washout. Day 2 started out okay and even ended okay. The luncheon sucked but I think I covered that already. Did I mention it cost \$30.00 per-person? The next day we chilled and did nothing. The final morning was good but got progressively worse as the day went on. The mountains of Tennessee will again see me out there. I did enjoy the rides we took and the scenery was great.

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(The following article was submitted by Norma Oliver)

The only news from here is that now my oldest granddaughter is a married lady and she is soooo beautiful. We left here on the tenth for Houston for her wedding on the 12th. Beautiful, or did I say that already? Had time for a visit with Terry and Marilyn, Barent's son and daughter-in-law and of course with my son David and his wife Jeanne. Between the two boys and their wives we didn't have to worry about anything. David had a sumptuous meal ready for us when we got to his place on Thursday Night, Ann got in from California at 10:30 that night. David lives in Humble. The next night, Friday, was the rehearsal dinner at the groom's parent's house in Baytown, fifty miles from Humble. Saturday wedding the next day was in Missouri City, another fifty miles from Humble. And on those Houston freeways it was sometimes more than an hour!! But all's well that ends well and we had a great time and are so HAPPY to be HOME!!

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## Biker Wisdom-One Liners

The following "witticisms" were found recently when clearing out a stack of old e-mails.....this one was dated November, 2000! The sender noted no credit was given to the original author because he didn't know who came up with the idea....so, we can't give credit either! We'll try to print a few from time to time. Some of them are more applicable to Gold Wings than others....you be the judge.

**Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.**

**Pie and coffee are as important as gasoline.**

**It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.**

**Home is where your bike sits still long enough to leave a few drops of oil on the ground.**

**Never ask a biker for directions if you're in a hurry to get there.**

**Work to ride....Ride it work.**

**Young riders pick a destination and go.....Old riders pick a direction and go.**

**Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.**

**Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.**

**If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.**

**A bike on the road is worth 2 in the shop.**

**Never mistake horsepower for staying power.**

**The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.**

## Members Corner (continued)

The following was contributed by Rick Dietly:

### ***And Then It Was Winter***

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. And yet in a way, it seems like ages ago, and I wonder where all the years went.

I know that I lived them all. And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is .the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well...seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is, my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant.

But, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore...it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will, I will just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!!

But at least I know that though the winter has come, I'm not sure how long it will last. And this I know.. that when it's over...it's over.

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done and things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!!

Life goes by so quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life, so live for good today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember.

Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL!!----ENJOY TODAY!!!!-----DO  
SOMETHING FUN!!!!----DO SOMETHING  
GOOD FOR OTHERS!!  
BE HAPPY!!!!----BE THANKFUL!!!!!! ----BE  
GRATEFUL TO GOD!!!!!!

### We Need Your Motorcycle Pictures!

Now is the chance to show off your ride. If you have a nice picture of your motorcycle, and you are willing to let us post it, your bike may be featured on the new GWRRA website.

Why go to the trouble? Because we need your help & that's the kind of person you are! But Additionally, if chosen, your bike, your pride & joy, will grace the "Member Rides" section of our new website. You'll be able to tell everyone that your motorcycle is on this awesome website & you'll be able to give them a link to our website (gwrro.org) to prove it! It's like when your bike is chosen for the cover of *Wing World* magazine, and you contact Member Services and tell them you want 20 copies.

This will be even better because it's live on the World Wide Web.

#### HOW TO GET PICTURES OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE ON OUR WEBSITE

1.) First, to participate you need to find a good photo of your motorcycle or you need to take some good pictures of your bike.

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[photos@gwrro.org](mailto:photos@gwrro.org) The photo image area will be about 4 3/4" wide by 2 1/2" tall, so please keep that in mind when you send us your pictures. We prefer pics to be jpeg files, but tiff & eps files are accepted.

3.) We will review all photos & select those that will be used.

4.) Lastly, we need your written permission to publish pictures of your motorcycle on our website. Be sure to include some simple wording in your email to us such as "**You have my permission to use these photos on gwrro.org website.**" It's as simple as that.

GWRRA, with its motto "**Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,**" is a not-for-profit organization with over 72,000 Members in 53 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education and social structure, along with organizing events, conventions, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit

GWRRA's Web site: [www.gwrro.org](http://www.gwrro.org) or call **(800) 843-9460** or **(623) 581-2500** (in Phoenix) for more information.

Manny Moreno

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### What Is Mid-Winter Roundup?

Mid-Winter Roundup is the annual "business meeting" for Texas Chapters and the Texas District Team. There will be breakout sessions for all Chapter Officers and Team Members to meet with their respective Texas District Team Members to discuss items pertinent to their positions within their chapters and to process any necessary paperwork.

The new 2012 Chapter Couples of the Year will also be introduced and presented with their COY ribbons and medallions.

This year's meeting will begin at 8 am January 14 at the New Braunfels Convention Center located at 375 S. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, TX.

**All GWRRA members are welcome at this event. It's a great place to learn more about how your chapter operates.**

## News From Region H

### FABULOUS FIFTIES

is the theme for the Region H Convention

March 29-31, 2012

at the Marshall, Texas Convention Center

One of the many events being offered during this convention is an ART PARTY. Participants will be provided with all the supplies and step by step instructions to create your personal masterpiece. The class will last 2 – 3 hours and the acrylic painting on canvas, of a scene from Caddo Lake, will be yours to take home.

The Host Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, is offering a special GWRRA. rate. Reservations can be made at 903-934-9700.

**Do you see your membership number**

in this newsletter? If so, call (325-382-4469) or e-mail ([jensim@web-access.net](mailto:jensim@web-access.net)) and identify yourself as the lucky member before the next regularly scheduled Chapter gathering (usually the second Saturday of the month...unless notified otherwise) to qualify for your \$5 winnings. Hey, it's not like winning the lottery, but you can always put it in your gas tank (not the money, but the gas you can buy with it!)

**Chili Day at the Lake  
January 21<sup>st</sup>  
12 noon**



What better time of year to enjoy a hot bowl of chili than a cold day in January? So, we are planning to do just that. We'll gather at Dave & Jean's house at Lake Coleman at noon on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you need directions, please call 325-382-4469.

**We Want To Extend  
Our Best Wishes to  
SHARI RODRIGUEZ  
For A Speedy Recovery  
From Her Recent  
Surgery**

**Mark your calendar.....**

for the following dates. More information on these events will be provided prior to the time of the event in our newsletter, on our web page, or by e-mails. We just want to give you a "heads up" on some of the dates we have planned Chapter activities occurring.

**January**

- 14 Mid-Winter Roundup  
New Braunfels, Texas
- 21 **Chapter O2 Chili at the Lake  
Dave & Jean's house at  
Lake Coleman 12 noon  
(info on page 9 )**  
Note" this is a week later than  
our regularly scheduled  
gathering due to Mid-Winter  
RoundUp

**February**

- 4 -5 Officer Certification Program  
Georgetown, TX
- 11 **Chapter O2 monthly  
gathering....TBA**

**March**

- 10 **Chapter O2 monthly  
gathering....TBA**
- 29-31 Region H Convention  
Marshall, Texas

**April**

- 12 – 14 Louisiana District Convention  
Lafayette, LA
- 14 Texas Chapter O Convention  
Fredericksburg, Texas

- 27 **Pre-Convention Dinner Ride  
Riverside Park, Brownwood**

- 28 **Texas Chapter O2 Convention  
and Duck Race, Riverside  
Park, Brownwood, Texas**

**May**

- 17 – 19 Texas District Convention  
New Braunfels, Texas

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**(date joined)**

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**Congratulations!**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**Arnold & Lucy**



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We included Arnold & Lucy's anniversary in the December newsletter.....but, we did not know at that time that it was such a special one!

**News From Our Chapter Directors**  
**Rick & Alyce Dietly**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TX-02 and ALL OUR FRIENDS !**

Well we made it through another year with most of us still moving fairly well. Maybe a little slower, but that gives us more time to enjoy the journey.

We had a good year with great rides, good friends and even stopped to eat a few times. [quite a few] We ended it with our Christmas Party with many thanks to Bobby and Karen McGee for hosting the party for us. They did a marvelous job on the decorations, and food and even threw in a few games to keep us entertained.

Congratulation to Bob & Toby Davis on their selection as TX-02's 2012 Couple of the Year. They have done a lot over the years to help TX-O2 to keep riding.

Thanks to our 2011 Couple of the Year, John and Donna Thomas, for the outstanding job they did representing our Chapter last year.

I want to thank my whole TEAM for the great help they have been and for agreeing to continue to help me thru the following year.

Again we want to wish everyone a SAFE and Healthy year and a many more gatherings with our G.W.R.R.A. Family.

Be sure to check our Web page and Texas District Web page to keep up with all the events coming up.

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**News From Our Assistant Chapter Directors  
John and Donna Thomas**



I guess the New Year be here already. I pray that the temperature will be more tolerable for riding than last year, riding to Knoxville and back was a bear but we did it and had a pretty good time.

This year it's Fort Wayne Indiana. Never been there, never been in the area. I understand though that it will be a lot like Iowa was and that was a good ride so we'll see.

Donna and I wish to extend our congratulations to Bob and Toby for Couple of the Year. We did not participate in all the COY activities last year and that was fine with everyone, Bob and Toby will likewise do their thing and enjoy themselves as they see fit. Congratulations you two, have fun.

Mid-winter round up in New Braunfels should be good, hope the weather permits a bike ride. That's good riding country and this will be a preview of the District convention. Plan ahead and save some vacation time for it. That is those of you who have vacations, those of us who don't; oh well; every day is a vacation day.

Some of our members made rides without revolving around GWRRA events out to New Mexico and into the hill country. Again, hopefully we can join up this next year and do the same. How about a quick weekend ride to Alaska and back, think we can do that in a week end?

2012 will be interesting with the elections and debates, trip around the country and slaving over a fishing pole for the fish fry. I'm looking forward to everyday and plan to live each one to the fullest. You should too.

**News from Our Chapter O2 Educators  
David and Mary Graham**



Hello Boys and Girls

Here we are with another year behind us almost, makes you wonder where it went.

Hopefully everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a really Happy New Year.

Over all, 2011 was not a bad year, there have been better. Hopefully this one will be super for us all.

There is not much good riding weather for a bit, with a bit of luck we can find a day every now and then to get out.

It will be time to go to Marshall, TX, before you know it with lots of courses available to bring your levels up to date or to start.

Be sure to dress warm on these cool days and be real careful. Watch for slick spots even when you are walking you can slip and fall and break something in a heartbeat so be careful.

When driving watch for slick spots even in those 4 wheelers.

As Chapter Educators, we are here to help, any way we can and we want to thank each and every one of you for putting up with us.

If you have any questions we will try and find an answer.

Here is to the best year ever they only get better.

Be SAFE in what ever you do.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

# News from our 2012 Couple of the Year Bob and Toby Davis



Hi, all.

Bob and I are your 2012 Chapter O2 Couple of the Year. How exciting!

We look forward to being with you all at upcoming events, and representing our chapter. Since we enjoy being with all of you anyway, there probably won't be much change, and we hope to get to know more people from other chapters.

If any creative person out there has any ideas for a theme for our COY basket, send them our way!

See you in New Braunfels.

Bob and Toby



**News From Our Membership Enhancement Coordinators  
Dave & Jean Simmons**



***Congratulations to Bob & Toby Davis  
2012 Chapter O2 Couple of the Year***

They have served our Chapter in so many ways since they joined GWRRA in July 2004. In addition to attending (220032-01) almost all the Wing Dings, Region H, and District Conventions (Rallies) within our Region, and many chapter's they have been active participants everywhere they went.

On the Chapter level, they have served as Educators, Assistant Directors, and Directors. Bob has been (and still is) our Web Master ever since we first had a web page...in fact, he designed and set up our web page! Toby is currently serving as Treasurer.

But just listing the offices they have (and still do) held does not give full credit to the contributions they have made to our Chapter. They are always willing to volunteer (and also perform diligently when they "get volunteered") to assist our Chapter wherever and whenever they are needed. And, who can resist Toby's famous cheesecake?



**Bob & Toby Davis, 2012 Chapter Couple of the Year ...  
and every Chapter Couple Chapter O2 has ever selected: Dave & Jean Simmons, 2009; John & Donna Thomas, 2011; Rupert & Shari Rodriguez, 2008; David & Mary Graham, 2010; and Barent Gibson & Norma Oliver, 2007.**