



THE HOOD SCOOP

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Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party

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Association



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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.

For many years Sandra Melrose, with help from Mark, has been the driving force behind this event. This year, despite significant health challenges earlier in the year, Sandra pulled off another great event! This year the theme was Cardinals and Candy Cane Gala. The event lived up to that name with cardinals everywhere from the napkins to the centerpieces and close to 1000 candy canes.

Attendance this year was excellent with 54 members at the event. Some members, including the Rays, the Finkenbinders, the Wildebrandts and the Sideners came a long way to attend. Unfortunately, Dan and Anita Jackson ran into travel issues and were not able to make it.

Sandra had arranged for the food again this year and as always it was excellent. There was roast beef, ham, green beans, potatoes, mostaccioli, salads, and chicken spiedini.

After dinner we had a few announcements and some games and giveaways. Rich Hentschel from Hagerty gave away some prizes. Hagerty

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also helped us out by donating \$500 towards our party. This is a huge help as the cost for this event each year far exceeds the amount that we take in on it.

After Rich, I made a few announcements. This included announcing the official date for the Gateway GTO Pizza Party for 2023 as January 22nd. 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 2022, Jim McCarthy for keeping the club roster up to date, and Earl Lewis for all of his 50/50 and other fund raising efforts. I also recognized Sandra Melrose for all of the years that she has been organizing the Christmas Party.

After the announcements, Sandra and Mark had two games planned. The first was a contest to see which table could, without using a cell phone, name the most cars that were named after birds. The second game was more of a skill contest. For that game, each member



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received 2 bowls, 6 candy canes, and chopstick. The goal was to place a chopstick in your mouth and use it to transfer the candy canes from one bowl to the other.



After the games it was time for our annual Rob You Neighbor gift exchange. This year Marty suggested that we move the tables to the side and have all of the member sit in a large circle so that we could all see the gifts better as they were opened. That turned out to be a great idea and made the gift exchange a lot more fun.

So, as always, Sandra pulled off a great event and everyone truly enjoyed it. It was bit bitter-sweet this year, as Sandra announced that, after many years organizing this party, that this would be her last year.

Sandra has done an amazing job over many years pulling this event together for us. It will be challenging for next year for us to carry on with the tradition of planning and executing this party in a way that will keep up with the standard Sandra has set for the event. I want to thank Sandra for all of her hard work over the years organizing this party each year!



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

As I am writing this a few days before Christmas, it looks like we are about to get a blast of super cold weather and snow over the next few days. So, it looks like 2022 will be going out on a cold note.

2022 was a good year in general for Gateway. We did a great job raising money for causes we support. We raised \$1810 at the Wheels in Motion car show despite horrible weather and a less than ideal new location. Much of this due to some amazing pre-event fund raising by Earl. This was rolled together with other proceeds from the show and allowed for an overall donation from the event of \$12,100 to the National Children's Cancer Society. We recently learned that over the years this event has raised over \$250,000 for that great cause.

We also had a successful GTOAA Regional car show to raise money for the Pontiac Museum. Although our attendance was hurt by a number of competing events that weekend, we still managed to raise a total of \$4000 to support the museum this year.

Also this year Bob Blattel worked on our annual toy drive. This year with help from Gateway and the St. Louis/St. Charles communities, toys were provided for over 200 families.

We are planning to get 2023 off to a running start. Our first event will be the Pizza Party. We will be back at Crusoe's in 2023 on January 22nd. I have the flyer attached here. As usual, the club will provide the pizza. This event is always a lot of fun and a great way to break up what is otherwise a pretty dull month for the car hobby in this part of the country. It is also a great time to pay your annual Gateway GTO dues for 2023 if you have not already done so.

Speaking of 2023, the GTOAA National Convention in Springfield will be here before we know it. If you have not already, be sure to get your hotel room booked and your cars registered. We will have limited indoor Concours parking so if you want to be inside there is no time to waste. Dan and Tom have been filling in the worker schedule for the event and we now have only a few slots remaining. If you would like to look at the sign up sheet to see what you signed up for, or to see what slots are left, it is posted on the Gateway GTO website. Click [HERE](#) to go to the page.

I hope you and your families have a very happy holiday!



Gateway GTO Annual PIZZA PARTY!

Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 1-4 PM



Crusoe's South
Oakville Shopping Center
5511 TELEGRAPH ROAD
St. Louis, MO 63129
(314) 892-0620

Club furnishes the pizza – drinks, salads, etc. are members' responsibility.



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Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2023 are \$20 and are due by the annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party.

- Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting
Will's Address:
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304
- In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

☐ New

☐ Renewal

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

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Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car(s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

GTO Association of America membership number: _____

GTO Association of America membership renewal date: _____
(found on address label of *Legend*)

PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS

And mail to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304

Membership dues are \$20.

You are allowed one associate member (spouse, significant other, etc.).

All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA

Go to WWW.GTOAA.ORG to join or renew GTOAA membership



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**GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to
GTOAA**

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at www.gtoaa.org.
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

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2023 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

22 - Gateway GTO Annual Pizza Party at Crusoe's (See flyer attached to this newsletter)

February

2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

March

2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

April

6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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Classified ads are free to members. Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue.

Gateway GTO Club Information

The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984 by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a form of communication we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop". The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members informed of all upcoming activities as well as providing interesting event coverage. The club meets every first Thursday of the month at Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. You are allowed to have one associate member.

Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Advertising is free for members in good standing.

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