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Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

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Newly Elected Sheriffs' Give to Toys for Tots



Carlos Ortiz presents Tonia Welch with Commander's Award

Forsyth, Georgia. On December 2nd, 2008, while attending the Georgia Sheriffs' Associations, Sheriffs' Elect Academy at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, 44 newly elected Georgia Sheriffs' did their part in helping fulfill the Christmas dreams of Georgia's least fortunate children. The Sheriffs' Elect each donated some toys and made a cash contribution totaling \$520.00 to the 2008 Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots Campaign. This year's campaign is being spearheaded by the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Chapter XII with the support of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Accepting the check on behalf of Toys for Tots was

Carlos Ortiz, the Secretary for Blue Knights LE MC GAXII. In accepting the check, Carlos thanked the Sheriff's elect for the generous contribution. In addition, Carlos Ortiz, presented Tonia Welch of the Georgia Sheriff's Association with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Commander's Award for their outstanding achievement in support of the 2008 Toys for Tots Program.

The Honorable Sheriffs' elect that contributed were: David Moore, Atkinson; Dana Meade, Baker; Jud Smith, Barrow; Anthony Heath, Berrien; Michael Dewey, Brooks; Josh Hilton, Calhoun; Tommy Gregory, Camden; John Everette, Chattooga; Kem

Kimbrough, Clayton; Jerry Pope, Coffee; Johnny Daughtrey, Cook; Lewis Walker, Crawford; Kevin Sproul, Dougherty; Randall Tippins, Evans; Dane Kirby, Fannin; Wayne Hannah, Fayette; Ted Jackson, Fulton; Mitch Raulston, Gordon; Joe Terrell, Habersham; Keith McBrayer, Henry; Robert Oglesby, Jenkins; Larry Waller, Lamar; Reggie Rachals, Lee; Chris Prine, Lowndes; Stacy Jarrard, Lumpkin; Kip Thomas, Madison; Steve Jessup, McIntosh; John Darr, Muscogee; Ezell Brown, Newton; Gary Gullledge, Paulding; Donnie Craig, Pickens; Kelly McLendon, Polk; Billy Cape, Pulaski; Steve Newton, Quitman; Frank Andrews, Rabun; Heath Elliott, Seminole; Randy Shirley, Stephens; Herman Howard, Talbot; Johnny O. Smith, Telfair; Chris Clinton, Towns; Ray Wiley, Turner; Randy Royal, Ware; Randy Dely, Webster; Mark Moore, Wilkes.

December Birthdays

James Reeves - 25th

Time to Renew!!!!

Only about half of the Chapter has renewed their membership. If you have not sent in your dues (\$35.00) for the next year, please mail a check payable to the Blue Knights GAXII at P.O. Box 884, Gray, GA 31032. The deadline to get your dues into the Chapter is January 12th. This will allow us to get our dues and membership roster to International by their deadline. According to the International Constitution, members who fail to renew their membership on or before such date of each year shall be considered new members and assessed a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) membership fee.

Ride with Pride

GAXII and GPSTC to Host Toy Drive



On December 17, 2008, GAXII will hold a toy drive to support Toys for Tots. The toy drive is being hosted by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center

in Forsyth, Georgia. It will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Members are encouraged to participate and solicit toy donations from their respective agen-

cies and bring them on that day. Red Dog Public Safety Outfitters has generously donated a \$50.00 gift certificate to be raffled off at the conclusion of the drive. Those who donate can register for a chance to win.

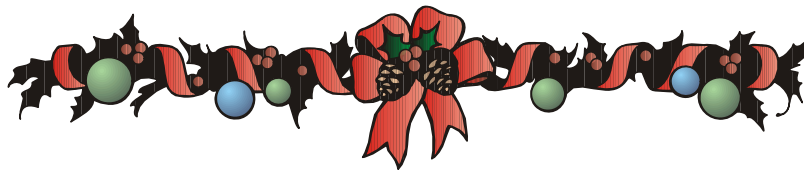
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Upcoming Chapter Events:

- Toys for Tots toy drive: December 17, 2008
- Toys for Tots toy run: December 22, 2008
- Next Meeting: Jan 08, 2008

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Presidents Corner:

I would like to ask all members to come out and help with the toy drive on December 17th. Please encourage members within your agencies and community to donate a toy. If you can't make it, please contact the Chapter and we will make arrangements to pick up any toys you have collected.

The first Thursday in January is New Year's Day. So we have rescheduled our January meeting for the 8th. Please make a note of it in your calendars.

If yo have not sent in your dues, please get them in as soon as possible.

Be sae and have a Happy Holidays.

Justice for Mike

According the November 20th edition of the Macon Telegraph, a Macon man has been charged with vehicular homicide in the death of Bibb County Deputy and GAXII member Mike Thomas. Levi Bonner, 50, was indicted by a Bibb County grand jury Tuesday, according to court records. He was released on \$16,600 bond Tuesday, according to Bibb County jail records.

Michael Sean Thomas, 32, a motorcycle patrol officer and eight-year veteran of the sheriff's department, collided with Bonner's 1999 Chevrolet pickup truck on April 26 while traveling west on Emery Highway as he approached the Lakeside Road intersection, according to the sheriff's office.



LEVI BONNER

Bonner was exiting the Thunderbird East Package Store parking lot, according to deputies. Bonner, of Knightsbridge Road, is accused of failing to yield the right of way to Thomas and driving drunk, according to court records.

Mike became a member of the Blue Knights Heaven I Chapter on May 25.



In Real Life, There Is No Reset Button

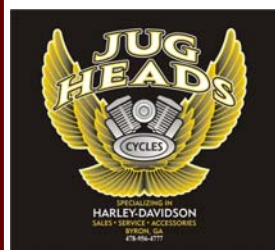
Riding a motorcycle is fun, but it isn't a game. Motorcycle riding demands your full attention. Even one drink can impair your coordination and sense of balance. Studies show that nearly half of all motorcyclists who dies in solo crashes were under the influence of alcohol. They simply lost control of their bikes.

Game Over.....FOREVER.

Please be safe this Holiday Season!!!



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