

Wow the New Year is traveling quickly. I hear that happens when you get older, time seems to fly by. Our year as district couple is doing exactly that. Becky and I made some Chapter meetings, but we need to do a better job of visiting. One thing I can say we learned quite a bit about the Couple of the Year Program. One thing about being a Chapter or district couple means you are the ones willing to step up and help no matter where you are or what you are doing. An example is when we went to an out of state rally. We introduced ourselves to the District Directors and had a quick but pleasant talk as they were quite busy as you can imagine. They asked us to get with their Membership Enhancement Coordinator and see if we could help. We met her at her assigned table, she was on her way to begin another pre rally task. She asked if we could set up her ticket sales. By the time she got back we had the ticket barrels lined up, the rolls of tickets set for sale and asked her for the money bank so we could get started selling. After that no matter where we went, we asked to help and didn't wait for anyone to come to us. Couples are asked to judge competitions from shirts to COY selections. It is an honor to be able to help others and we feel lucky to be able to do so.

So now I'm speaking to the Chapter Directors. Do you have that couple that always seems to help at Chapter meetings or other Chapter functions? Do you have a couple that always smiles and talks to the other Chapter members? Do they bring candy or something to liven up the meetings? Those are your candidates for Chapter Couple. It is an honor for them to be chosen to be the representatives of your Chapter!! Now what do they need to do? Well, nothing else if they don't want to. Should they wish to represent the District there is help available!!! That's where your Membership Enhancement Coordinator for the District comes in. That is where we, the present or past District Couples can help!! There are guidelines to follow and rules, so everyone gets a fair shake at being selected as the District Couple. Some of the items needed are a resume and a picture. The resume is about the couple's history with GWRRA and other topics about themselves. It really is a great experience meeting other couples and being recognized at District rallies.

Becky and I are going to compete for International Couple of the Year for the Southwestern Territory. We are looking forward to be another couple from Louisiana being chosen as an International Couple!!