

TEXAS DISTRICT COUPLE OF THE YEAR 2010-2011

Dave & Jean Simmons



Dave and Jean met the summer of 1952 at the city swimming pool in New Castle, Indiana, (where they both grew up). Dave came up behind her and pushed her under the water (she says he tried to drown her). But she says that she got even with him a few years later and married him!. At the time they were selected to represent Texas as their District Couple, they had been married 52 years. they have two children, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

In their younger years they rode a two wheeler. It was not a gold wing but it was a Honda. They lived in the Philippines for a while courtesy of the

US Air Force and rode all over the island of Luzon.

Their first experience with GWRRA was to join Chapter A in amarillo where they were living at the time. They enjoyed chapter life so much that when they retired and moved to lake Coleman, they started looking for a local chapter. They found Chapter O2 which was chartered in Brownwood, and have been active ever since. They served as Assistant Chapter Directors, Chapter Director, Membership Enancement Coordinators, Newsletter Ediotr and as 2009 Couple of the year. On January 9th, 2010, they were scheduled to participate in the District Selection process. The fire alarm went off in the Killeen Event Center and the fire department curtailed access to the building. The process was hastily moved to the Shilo Inn. There we were selected to be the new Texas Couple of the Year. In May, at the Texas Convention the selection process was changed to be during the Texas Convention and therefore we were extended to half of 2011. This resulted in the term for the COY being across two years.