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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Collings

Happy New Year!

I wish for everyone to have a prosperous year in 2023! Our last radio happening for 2022 was the OKVRC Christmas party. It was a lot of fun, as we had good food and fellowship, and played and sang songs at the end. The gift exchange was fun, with numerous items changing hands several times. Some of the gifts received included a replica 1950s pink Cadillac convertible, Lone Ranger and comedy radio show CDs, a coffee tin from and 1940s, Crosley ice cube tray, Crosley Ace V radio, various handy tools, a bottle of wine, and chocolate. The attendance less normal for this event, as some of our regulars were unable to attend, and were missed. But, we all had a great time!

The January meeting will be at our new venue! We will meet at the Golden Corral, [1501 S. Sooner Rd. Oklahoma City 73110](http://www.goldencorral.com/1501-S-Sooner-Rd-Oklahoma-City-73110). (I call this Del City, but the address is OKC). The meeting will be on Saturday January 14th with dinner at 6 PM, and start of the meeting at 7 PM. There is a separate room near the back with an outside door nearby to bring in our radios.

For our meeting, I've selected a rather broad meeting topic: Radio Equipment from the 1950's. In this era, designs changed from the post war to less deco, and more abstract designs, with some influence of the atomic/space age. It also includes the first transistor radios. So bring something from this era to share with our members. Also, please remember to bring something for the donation auction.

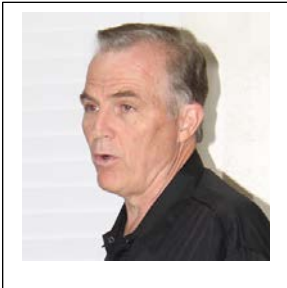
If you haven't yet paid your dues, they are due for 2023. Please send your \$15 to our post office box, or bring it to the meeting. Information for mailing in dues can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

See you at the January meeting.

Jim Collings, President

Report for the 2022 OKVRC Christmas Party

Jim Tyrrell



Here we are, in 2023 already! It seems as we get older, the years just seem to fly past so quickly. It seems like 2022 went by in a blur. All the more important that we try to slow down a bit and enjoy the good things in life while we can. And there are few events that I look forward to more each year than the annual OKVRC Christmas Party. While we had a smaller turnout this year, everyone had a wonderful time.

Club President, Jim Collings, and his great wife, Julie, once again opened their lovely Edmond home to us for the party. Guest began arriving around six PM, and enjoyed wine and conversation while waiting for others to arrive. Once we were all gathered, Jim gave to us a demonstration of some of the best items in his collection. A big favorite of everyone's was Jim's Reproducing Piano—a miniature Grand style that plays using a player piano roll mechanism in a drawer. One of the great things about a Reproducing Piano is that it plays the music without the tinny sound of a conventional Player Piano.

Next, Jim showed us several fantastic music boxes that play metal disc records, as well as several jukeboxes and acoustic wind-up phonographs. The sound from these really put us in the party mood (as if we need it). I've seen these instruments several times before, but seeing and hearing these 100-plus-year-old masterpieces playing like the day they were built never grows old.

Of course, those were just the first-floor items we saw. After that, we all went upstairs to view the rest of Jim's vast collection of radios, which, if you haven't been to his house to see them, you are really missing out. They are displayed across every upstairs room, perhaps except for the powder room.

Soon it was time to eat. Dinner included: salmon (particularly excellent), chicken, several vegetables, a large salad, and other side dishes. We used a different caterer this year, and although we have had other caterers over the years, the food from this one was wonderful; I'd venture to say it was unquestionably the best that we've had. We also enjoyed two huge (bowl size) parfaits, one chocolate and one berry for desert. Jim brewed coffee for those who wanted some with their desert, and Julie had tea and other beverages (besides the wine) available for all. You can be sure that no one went home hungry!

After desert and coffee, it was time to once again play the "Dirty Santa" game. Each guest had brought along a small wrapped gift, and when our number was called, we picked a gift from under the tree and opened it, or stole a gift that someone else had already opened. There were some very fun gifts, and a few of them traded hands more than once.

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2022 OKVRC Christmas Party Report (Continued)

We finished up an unforgettable evening with our usual guitar jam session. Some traditional Christmas carols were played, to which we sang along, and so too were many Rock and Folk favorites. This musical program is my favorite part of the Christmas Party, and I didn't want it to end. We all enjoyed the party so much that it was fairly late when we all packed up our gifts and dinner leftovers and said our goodbyes. It was a great evening.

Many, many thanks to Jim and Julie for once again showing us all such a great time.

Jim Tyrrell, Secretary



1: Left to right: Raymond Cady, Dorothy Cady, Bernadette Ray, and Jim Ray



2: Back left to right: Jim Collings and Julie Collings opening a Dirty Santa gift. Couch: Ray and Dorothy Cady, Back row Jim Tyrrell (sitting), Jerry Meyers (standing)



3: Sitting (L to R): Bernadette & Jim Ray, Ray & Dorothy Cady, Carol Ellinghouse. Standing (F to B) Jim Tyrrell, Jerry Meyers, and Jim Collings (giving out Dirty Santa numbers).



4: Jim and Julie Collings. (I'm sure you can tell who is who, right?)

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HLARA's 2023 Christmas Party
Dorothy Cady

Raymond and I always try to go to the Tulsa club's (HLARA) Christmas Party, and happily, we made it again this year. Jerome Thomas usually serenades us with sing-along Christmas songs, which we always enjoy, but this year the club decided to do something different; they brought in a magician. His magic was entertaining, funny even, and traditional (no heads being cut off or airplanes appearing in our midst), and he did use volunteers from the audience, which included me and a few others, so more about that in a minute.

We arrived at the prescribed time and I was surprised to see how many members and significant others were already there and seated. We greeted nearly everyone, and then joined people already sitting at one of the round tables. The food was already set up buffet style, so it wasn't long before we lined up and dug in. The smoked chicken, brisket, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, and cobbler for desert was all delicious. I have not been to a party where the buffet ran out of food, and this was no exception. As we cleaned up after the party, the club's leadership decided to put the extra food that no one else wanted to take home into the refrigerator just off the meeting room. No reason those who volunteer their time at the Asbury Church could not share in some of the food joy of the holiday season with us.

When officially done with dinner, we gathered around the stage to be entertained by John Jolly of Yukon, while the Dirty Santa gifts sat gracefully under the tree off to the side. John did card tricks for us, and enhanced his presentation with, as he called them, "old jokes," but they elicited lots of laughter. He also did a trick with riings, you know, the kind where they attach to and then magically detach from each other. I had a great time with those tricks; I was asked to assist him on stage. He showed me how to do the ring tricks and had me work them after him, kindly turning away and assuming I had done the trick correctly, which, of course, I had not. Having taught for many years, the stage didn't scare me, so I had a great time playing along. And the audience joined in the fun and laughter. There were plenty of endorphins flowing through all of us that night.

I understand that laughing hard has many benefits for our body. It can help us to lose weight (not than any of us were worrying about it just then), lower our blood pressure, increase our tolerance to pain, boost our immune system, make us a little smarter (it stimulates our cerebral cortex), and on the less desireable side, make us cry and wet our pants. Oh, but it was well worth it. Thank you John and HLARA for making it such a fun night.

The last of the evening was spent playing Dirty Santa followed by goodbyes and cleaning up the food and any messes we made. All in all, it was a great party!

About OKVRC

Oklahoma Vintage Radio Collectors (OKVRC) publishes the *Broadcast News* to share historical information, and provide enjoyment for club members and friends.

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We hold Swap Meets in April and October, currently in MidWest City.

Happy Birthday to our January-born members and their loved ones. May 2023 be a great year for you!



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