

The East River Amateur Radio Club met for its annual Christmas dinner and meeting on Monday, December 5, 2016 at Bluefield Virginia's La Fiesta Fresh Restaurant and Cantina. There were 30 members and guests in attendance. Ginny Fisher KF4YBU and myself arrived at 430 to decorate the upstairs meeting room and guests started to arrive around 540pm. Ginny had Christmas music playing to her 'party ball'(with colored lights projected to the ceiling) via blue tooth. ERARC President Keith Jennings NO8P welcomed all to the dinner, gave a blessing over our meals and we visited with one another and ate a great dinner. The Club collected donations to the Bluefield, WV Union Mission and these were delivered to the Mission at 3pm the following day on Tuesday. I'm not sure of the total amount as we left all donations in their envelopes and put any cash donations into a separate envelope. The Mission will mail us a thank-you note along with the total amount donated, as they did last year. There was presentation of a monetary donation by Mark Williams KQ4Q from the local Jaycees Civic organization. Each person was given a numbered ticket and we used the table center pieces as door prizes. There was no further business for the Club. The dinner/meeting was over by 0750pm.

The East River Amateur Club, Bluefield, WV, wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May God bless us all that live on this rock called Earth and bless this rock itself. Bestest Best Wishes to all!

P.S. We are still collecting dues for the upcoming year. It's \$15 per member and \$1 additional for each member at the same mailing address.

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Bluefield, WV 24701 thank you!