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Marti Brutcher, N6XDS

I want to wish each of you a Very Happy, Healthful New Year and I hope that 1996 is all that you hope it to be.

Well, here I go with fear and trepidation. It seems incredible that I have only had my license for six years and am now taking office as President of the Young Ladies' Radio League. I now find myself asking, "Why did I ever agree to run?" But I really love this organization and think that it has so much to offer to YLs, that I thank you for voting for me and if you voted for the other candidate, well, you're stuck with me! Hi Hi!

In the November '95 issue of QST, Connie Dunn wrote an article on me, and if you haven't read that article, get a copy and check it out. There you will find my main goal for this organization. Based upon the inquiries I personally have received, there are many YLs out there that are unaware that YLRL exists. As Chris, our former President said, "If each one could recruit just one new member, we would double our numbers." Now, just increasing our numbers is not the important thing. The important thing as I see it is that there are a lot of YLs out there not connected with a YL group. Here we are, all of us enjoying the benefits of this organization, while they sit there alone.

So, here is my challenge to you. Take the copy of the application found on the last page of the last directory issue of *Harmonics*, have a minimum of 25 copies printed, and hand them out to YLs that you meet at a local club meeting or hamfest. Or send one to a YL that you talk to on the air. I personally have printed over 200 copies this year and handed them out at hamfests or mailed them out to YLs that I have had a QSO with. Now, I'm not asking you to do that many, but 25 is not unreasonable. So, can I count on you to help me with this goal? Oh -- and be sure that you fill in your call sign on the back where it says "Endorsed By" before you have them printed so that we can give you credit when they join. I personally will be offering a \$100.00 US Savings Bond to the member who signs up the most new members for 1996. And if you have any ideas about ways that we can increase our membership, I'd love to hear from you and I will pass on the information to our Membership Chairman.

Well, let me tell you what has happened since I was elected President of YLRL, besides moving lock, stock and barrel 1,000 miles to the wonderful state of Oregon. (That's another saga!) First, in September, I received the resignation of the Supplies Chairman. Flo has done a wonderful job for five years now, and needs to free up her time for other interests. We "Thank You!" Flo for being there and doing such a wonderful job. Then, in October, for health reasons, our wonderful Editor, Kay, sent in her resignation.

tion. What a terrific job she has done. She will be sorely missed, but we certainly understand why she must step down at this time. Then, I believe it was the last of October, I received a letter from our Circulation Manager, Ethel, K4LMB, saying that she would have to give up her position as she was to be moving in the near future and would not have the space or time to do the mailings. WOW!! Who next? I dreaded looking at the mail each day because I was afraid that I would get another resignation. I was beginning to be paranoid. Here I hadn't even taken office and my key people were leaving me. To say that I became a little depressed is an understatement. But I knew that these wonderful ladies had made a large contribution in time and energy over the years and certainly did not take it personally. Knowing I could not do anything except let the need be known, I first prayed about the situation and then wrote notes and posted bulletins on the two meter YL packet net. I can now joyfully report that each of these positions has been filled.

First of all, our new YL Harmonics Editor is Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS, of Arlington, Washington. Margaret is a new member and has had her ticket for less than a year. "THANK YOU," Margaret for stepping in and volunteering for this position. Our wonderful Database Manager, Mary Harper, AD4HC, has agreed to take on the position of Circulation Manager as well as Database Manager. We give her a big "THANK YOU" also. Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ, has agreed to become our Supplies Chairman and we, too, offer her a big "THANKS"! These three were the nicest Christmas presents that I could have received! Thank you, ladies, so much for being there for us and offering your talents.

There are so many things that I want to say to each of you, of my plans and dreams for YLRL, but there is not enough space to put them all here. But one thing that I know - without your help and support, I won't be able to accomplish anything. So please come beside me and give me your support and let's together make this a banner year for YLRL.

Now, concerning the conventions this year. Boy, do we have a lot on the agenda. I am so looking forward to meeting as many as can attend the convention in Albany, New York, and I am still hoping to go the International YL Convention in Berlin, but as of the writing of this letter, plans are not firm. However, Albany is within almost everyone's reach, so let's PACK THE HOUSE! Get your reservations in as early as possible so that you can have a room. If you have any physical limitations, don't let that keep you away - there will be plenty of us to lend an arm or hand if it is needed. Your presence is needed and wanted! SEE YOU IN ALBANY!

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November 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995



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K8ONV.....	35
K5BNQ.....	40
K6JPY.....	40
KD6GA.....	45
W8FPT.....	45



Harryette Barker, W6QGX

received a 55 year certificate for the years 1940-1995.

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YL Contest Calendar

DX YL to North American YL Contest

CW: 1400 UTC, April 10, 1996 to 0200 UTC, April 12, 1996

SSB: 1400 UTC, April 24, 1996 to 0200 UTC, April 26, 1996

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

PROCEDURE: DX YLs call "CQ North American YL". North American YLs call "CQ DX YL".

OPERATION: All bands may be used. Contacts with OMs do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be shown in the log.

EXCHANGE: Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section/VE province/country. Entries in log must also show time, band, date, and transmitter power.

See the 1995 Directory issue of YL Harmonics for complete rules.

YL Contest Results

Howdy Days

WA2NFY (Winner)112 K6KCI..... 14

1995 YL Anniversary Party

PHONE

NA-YL

K6KCI 1st Place
WA2NFY 2nd Place
W2GLB/7 3rd Place

DX-YL

HB9ARC
DJ1TE
DL2FCA

CW

NA-YL

WA2NFY 1st Place
N8UOO 2nd Place
----- 3rd Place

DX-YL

DL2FCA
CT1YH
EV1Y

HIGHEST COMBINED SCORE

Corcoran Award: WA2NFY

Haar Award: DL2FCA

SSB

HB9ARC*	2400	EU1YL*	216
K6KCI*	1482	WB1EHS*	216
WA2NFY*	1387.5	WD8DGQ*	180
W2GLB/7*	1320	KG8KV	121.5
WB3EFQ*	1134	KA1LDS/W1AW*	120
DJ1TE*	1080	KB7RRY*	115
DL2FCA*	1072.5	WA1JYO	108
VE7JOY*	769.5	K1IIF	81
KOGAS*	399	EV1Y	72
KQ4IQ*	396	W6CEE	63
DL3LS	363	DL6KCR	45
CT1YH*	345	VE7DKS	37.5
GOCVD*	288	KM8E	37.5
KB1A0V/W1AW*	273	KC1MX*	30
KAOBAT*	252	SM0HNV	22.5

CW

DL2FCA*	310.5	DL6KCR	108
WA2NFY*	157.5	N8UOO*	105
CT1YH*	157.5	EU1YL	78
EV1Y*	115.5	DF2SL	42
* Denotes Certificate Winners		I5UNA	36

Many thanks to all for your support, positive constructive comments, nice letters, and notes. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you. Have a "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" 33, Carla, WO6X

Beijing International DX Convention

Truus Rosenthal, VE3MRS

Last April at the Dayton Hamvention, Chen Ping, BZ1HAM, was the guest speaker at the Friday Evening DX dinner. He gave a very detailed slide review of the BS7H Scarborough Reef operation. At the conclusion of his talk, he invited all in the audience to attend the forthcoming Beijing International DX Convention sponsored by the 'Chinese Radio Sports Association' (CRSA) that would take place October 13-16, 1995.

Martin, VE3MR, and I had always talked about visiting the Orient, but it was a long way to travel and we were reluctant to go alone.

When we returned home, I decided to fax a copy of the information sheet that was handed out to Tom Wong, VE7BC. I knew that Tom had good connections in China and could speak the language as well. Was he interested in joining us? Would his wife, Alice, VE7AW, be interested? She said yes, yes, and we became a traveling foursome.

Martin and I flew to Vancouver on October 8th, spending two days there to allow our body clocks to start adjusting to the final time difference of 12 hours. On October 10th, we all boarded our Canadian Airlines non-stop flight, Vancouver to Beijing. Eleven hours later, and the next day, we arrived. As expected, we were royally greeted at the airport.

The convention was originally booked at the China Resources Hotel, but due to road construction which impeded the entrances, it was switched at the last minute to a new five star hotel, the Catic Plaza, located in the northeast area of Beijing. Later, after checking in, we enjoyed a nice dinner in the hotel and got an adjusted night's sleep.

The next day we were picked up and taken to visit the famous BY1PK QTH. We spent a very nice time there with Tom recalling the good old start up days of many years ago. A visit to the roof showed us their current antenna farm that covers all frequencies, 3.5 to 144 MHz. Again, back to the hotel to await the out-of-country visitors. Not too many arrived Thursday evening, but Friday was a different story.

In all, over 100 participants arrived from many countries. Going strictly from memory, the following had representatives: VE, W/K, OH, BV, HL, JA, VS6, VK, UA, DK, F, OZ, S21, G, OE, etc. It was also nice to see so many Chinese amateurs in attendance. It was a real treat for them and they came from all over the country.

The symposium took place at the Beijing International Convention Center and was called to order at 10:00 am. Mr. Chen Ping, now BAI HAM, liaison officer and acting secretary general of the CRSA made the opening remarks and welcome. He was followed by the minister of the 'All China Sport Association', who gave a short talk about amateur radio in China. Martti Laine, OH2BH acted as the master of ceremonies and then asked the visitors in the audience if they would like to say a few words, a Chinese

tradition. The response from the floor was very good, with a dozen people coming to the microphone and making impromptu speeches.

K5FUV then gave a short talk on the history of the ARRL DXCC program and the qualifications needed to apply for the various awards. Next, Phil Weaver, VS6CT gave an interesting resume on the status of Hong Kong now and the changes that will take place when it reverts to China on July 1, 1997. He was followed by Tom Wong, VE7BC who gave a slide presentation that chronicled his 12 year effort to finally get China back on the amateur radio bands. HL1DK gave insight into amateur radio in Korea and the great influx since a new licensing system came into effect in 1990.

The next speaker called upon with much anticipation was the representative from the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea (North Korea). Greetings were passed on to the assembly on behalf of the state commission for physical culture and sports, under which the amateur radio association, DPR of Korea, functions. Unfortunately, nothing of substance was said, as the ultimate authority comes through their Ministry of Communications.

Martti then asked if the representatives from both South and North Korea would come to the podium and have their picture taken shaking hands. The South Korean delegation came forward, but the North Korean speaker gracefully declined. After a second request, his assistant did come forward. The flashes were really popping and I am sure this symbolic picture will appear in the major ham radio publications in the not too distant future.



Truus Rosenthal, VE3MRS at the Beijing International DX Convention, October 1995.

After a delightful Chinese lunch, the meeting was reconvened into two rooms. Dick Ehrhorn, W4ETO gave a talk to a Chinese audience on linear amplifier design and construction. The English speaking audience was treated to a most interesting lecture on what makes China tick today. It lasted two hours and was followed by a lively question and answer period.

After the sessions were finished, hot and cold drinks were offered in the lobby. It was a good opportunity to intermix with all the Chinese amateurs in attendance. Most of them were very young and enthusiastic. QSL cards, lapel pins, and other trinkets were exchanged.

A cocktail party was scheduled for 6:30 pm, followed by a CRSA reception and DX dinner in the banquet hall of our hotel. All participants

were invited. It was a very interesting evening, with a slide presentation and update on the current status of Scarborough Reef. A very beautiful gift was given to all foreign attendees and there were door prizes for the local amateurs, with the grand prize being a Kenwood TS-850 transceiver and matching power supply, personally donated by Kan, JA1BK. It was a super evening that was enjoyed by everyone.

All the speeches made throughout the day were translated, English to Chinese and Chinese to English. The translations were handled by Shun (Sean) Yao, BG1LUV who is a student at the Tsinghua University. This is a technical university and is also the home of BY1QH. Sean was a very congenial and outgoing person, who was well versed in both languages. We spent a fair amount of time with him. It was quite a learning experience to see the ingenuity displayed by the Chinese in what they have been able to do with this hobby, considering their limited part and component resources, that we take for granted.



Truus, VE3MRS (sitting) at the Great Wall where BT1X was located.

I was very happy that we had an opportunity to visit their station after the convention and spend some time with him and other members of the radio club. Only one of them was a YL.

At the hotel, a special event station was located on the 21st floor. All attendees were issued temporary licenses (the first time ever) to operate from the hotel and the Great Wall, and for the use of two meter handheld transceivers. The convention was supported by Yaesu, Cushcraft, Eto, and CQ Ham Radio of Japan. Through their efforts, BT1DX was the call

used from the hotel, while BT1X was used from the Great Wall.

The Sunday activities started with another large buffet breakfast, and then on to the bus for a short visit to BY1PK. From there, we proceeded to a Cloisonne factory and observed how each piece is meticulously hand crafted by individual artists. After lunch, we continued our drive to the Great Wall. By the time we arrived, BT1X had been installed and was on the air using a Yaesu transceiver and a R-7 vertical antenna. Unfortunately, conditions to North America from both locations were not very good, but there was certainly a direct pipeline into Japan.

It took $V/2$ hours to return, and those that participated in walking the

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YL Trio AT W1AW

Deb Clark, KB1AOV

For the October 1995 YL Anniversary Party, the Dynamic Duo expanded ranks and became the "Terrific Trio" and once again headed south to Newington, CT to operate W1AW at ARRL Headquarters.

Linda Robinson, KB1BMO joined Dot Burden, KA1LDS and Deb Clark, KB1AOV to make W1AW available for YL contacts during October 25 and 26. Because W1AW is only available to guest operators from 1300 to 1545 each weekday, the Trio made limited contacts. Band conditions were poor, but there seemed to be quite a number of YLs on the air. It was useful to have the suggested operating frequencies printed in QST as well as in YL Harmonics. The Trio also operated near 14.288 before the weekly Open House Net was called up, as well as after the Tangle Net on Thursday.

Linda, the newest member of the "Trio", enjoys motorcycling and kayaking and became licensed in the belief that amateur radio would make kayaking safer. "Now I spend so much time with amateur radio that there's barely time for kayaking!" she admits. Linda is a regular volunteer for public service events and shares net control duties with Dot and Deb on the Vermont YLtwo meter net Sunday evenings at 1930 local time. Linda spoke for us all when she said, "What a treat to be at the control end of a pileup for a change! To me it was the real meaning of 'reach out and touch someone'."

Since I normally operate at less than 100 watts on a dipole, and we are in a sunspot minimum, I have sorely missed being able to participate in the YLRL nets. This was a unique opportunity for me to renew acquaintances with all the YLs on the air for the YLAP. I was also pleased to make the acquaintance of so many new call signs, as well being the first ever contact for the new Olga, FL Radio Club. I got a very nice letter and some photos of an alligator as a QSL!

Look for the "Terrific Trio" at W1AW next April 24 and 25 for the DX-NA YL Contest. We hope to have another YL so that we can operate as you guessed it, "The Fab Four"!



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wall were tired and happy that dinner was being served in the hotel.

For those who did not sign on for the extra tour packages that were offered, the party was over and the exodus to the airport began. As for Alice, Tom, Martin and I -- we had two days of touring that took us to the major historical attractions that were in and around the city, but that's another story for another time.

To quickly sum it all up, this was a trip that will be long remembered!

WHY ALBANY?

Miriam Lamb, AA2DX



Are any of you into genealogy, as I am these days? The New York State Library is located in the Rockefeller Plaza, just a short walk from the Omni Hotel, our "home" for the convention next July. It has an absolutely splendid genealogical library, most particularly, of course, for those who are researching in the New York area. However, I have come up with some choice bits on my Connecticut and Maryland ancestors. Definitely worth a day or so either before or after the convention, if genealogy is your bag.

Just in case I missed contacting some clubs and/or nets in my mailing of a few months ago, we have reserved several so-called "Alcove Suites" at the hotel. These are larger rooms with a king size bed, a sleeper sofa, table and chairs, and a small kitchenette (no stove). They will sleep three comfortably (\$100 for 2, \$110 for 3) and make a splendid site for your group get-togethers, parties, etc., during the convention. Of course, we will have a hospitality room which will house the radio and will stay open throughout the convention. The alcove suites would be simply an adjunct for the use of smaller groups. You may make these reservations yourself directly with the hotel.

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YLRL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL, Presidnet of SAYLARC

The YLRL 1996 Convention will be here sooner than you think! It will be held at the Omni Hotel, which is located in the center of downtown Albany, within easy walking distance of all points of interest. There are trolley tours where you can get on and off at selected sites along the way. The hotel supplies transportation to and from the airport and train station. There is free underground parking for those who will be driving.

A block of rooms is being held for the convention. The cut-off date for our rooms will be June 28, 1996. We do have several Alcove suites available for \$100.00 per night if any group or individuals are interested.

There are two RV parks close to Albany: Alps Family Campground - (518) 674-5565, and Deer Run Campground - (518) 664-2084. For further information on the campgrounds, please write to Carlene Drake, WB1BTJ, PO Box 159, Stephentown, NY 12168.

NOTE: Checks are made out to "SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund" because SAYLARC has a tax-free number that can be readily used by our Treasurer. For her to use the YLRL tax-free number would take reams of paperwork!

Please see the last issue of YL Harmonics for more information.

YLRL 1996 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Albany, New York - July 11 -14, 1996

GENERAL REGISTRATION:

Registration, Get-Acquainted Social, Banquet - \$45.00 @ # 2 \$ 76.00
Baked Scrod #
Chicken Breast Chardonnay # 2
YLRL Luncheon - \$15.00 @ # 7 \$ 105.00
Sunday's Farewell Brunch - \$12.25 @ # 2 \$ 24.50

TOURS:

Friday: ARRL and Lunch - \$20.00 @ # \$
Saturday: OM tour, Hudson River Cruise, Lunch-\$20.00 @ # \$

Group Photo: \$10.00 if mailed to US address # 1 \$ 10.00
\$12.00 if mailed overseas # \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

Make your reservations with the Omni Hotel, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY 12207. Telephone: (518) 462-6611 and FAX: (518)462-2901.

Rooms: Single and Double, per night: \$89.00
Triple and Quad, per night: \$94.00

To get these rates, mention the YLRL Convention.

Please fill in the following information for our records and return this sheet, together with your check made payable to "**SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund**" to the Convention Treasurer at the address below.

I expect to stay at the Omni Hotel for _____ nights and I will arrive on

Wed, July 10 . I will be rooming with:

WAIENO Tonu Manna (my OM!)
(Call) (Name)J

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Name: Anne M61.H/A Call: W.B.I.A.R.<^C

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Phone: (617) 878-9235

Include your callsign on your check, which you should make payable to **SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund**. Send it to the Convention Treasurer:

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Help Support YLRL's Scholarship Drive!

Donation: \$1.00
Drawing: July 13, 1996
 YLRL Convention
 Albany, New York

First Prize: \$330.00
Second Prize: \$188.00
Third Prize: \$173.00

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS JUNE 30, 1996!

Send donations (& SASE for ticket receipt) to:

Marte Wessel, KOEPE
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 Liberal, KS 67901

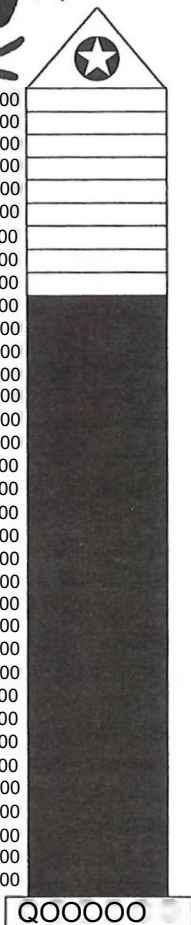
Due to a generous donation from Mary Lou, NM7N, we will extend our goal to \$3,600.00. This amount will enable YLRL to give one \$1,200.00 scholarship for each of the next three years. Thank you, Mary Lou, and all the YLRL members. You are doing GREAT! WE CAN DO IT!!

Marte, KOEPE



\$3,600.00!!

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1996 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Use the form on the next page to renew your membership and keep up with YLRL activities. We have expanded our renewal form and ask that you take a few minutes to fill it out and include as much information as possible.

Remember, you will help YLRL function better if you renew promptly. Individual reminders are not mailed unless you have become delinquent. This is costly to YLRL and means extra work for the Receiving Treasurers and the Database Manager.

If you have moved recently or changed your callsign, please make a note of this when you renew.

Our Constitution, By-Laws, and Procedure Policy state that only one year's dues can be paid at a time. (Dues for new and reinstated members joining in the second half of the year are pro-rated by half. See inside the front cover for details.)

- \$8.00 — One year's dues, with bulk mail delivery**
- \$12.00 — One year's dues, plus first class mail delivery**
- \$2.00 — Family member, same address as primary member**
- \$16.00 — One year's dues for DX, air mail delivery**

Please send the correct amount to your district's Receiving Treasurer.

Donations to the scholarship fund may also be included with your dues check.

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^IMPORTANT NOTE^

Please send in your renewal right now. Late dues create extra paperwork for the YLRL volunteers who are serving you. Early renewal will also ensure that you won't miss any issues of YL Harmonics.

1996 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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License Class: (p>C'CIGCC- | Year 1st Licensed: 1977

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List YLRL Affiliated Clubs You Belong To: WRONE

What ham activities do you enjoy &/or participate in? Include nets, modes, contests, clubs or

Capeway Radio Club, Field Day, Yankee Lassies,
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Children-Names, Ages, Calls: Robert 1-7 (3-31-79) no call yet

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- Check one: \$8.00 regular member, bulk mail **(USA only)**
- \$8.00 + \$4.00 for 1 st class mail in US **(required for Canada & Mexico)**
- \$2.00 family member residing at same address (no YLH)
- \$8.00 subscriber
- \$12.00 subscriber, 1st class mail
- \$16.00 DX dues, Air Mail **(required for DX YL)**

Make your check (US only) or International Postal Money Order (in US funds) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., and send to the Receiving Treasurer for your District. The Receiving Treasurers are listed on the prior page.

DX YL Memberships: In addition to the above information, please provide the following:

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City:State/Province:Zip: ---

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Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone has a healthy and happy 1996. It looks like it will be a snowy winter if things continue as they started in December.

I've been able to check in with the Yankee Lassies for two Wednesdays in a row thanks to the snowstorm before Christmas. It was good to hear the gals from all over New England. Check-ins included N1OMA - Arline, W1TGY- Dot, K1TQY- Dawn, WA2ZKM - Marion, K1QQG - Ruth, KB1NX - Helen, KAI TAG - Eva, WA1JYO - Vera, and N1JAZ - Lynne. Reports of snow depths vary from 12 to 24 inches across the region. We have not had a "white" Christmas for 15 years in the greater Boston area, but we certainly did this year.

I had a nice note from KA1LDS - Dot after the last YLH. She wanted to let me know that KB1APN - Julie was at the Rutland Field Day operation, she wasn't. Dot and OM, WA1BRE - Bill visit as many FD sites as possible as he is ARRL NE Division Director. The visited Twin State - W1FN, Connecticut Valley FM Assoc., Contoocook Radio Club, and Nashua Area Radio Club - the highest scoring station in the country. Dot did get a chance to operate at W1FN.

N1OMA - Arline has been talking to 8th grade students at Medfield Middle School during study periods once a week. Her topic, presented to 20 students at a time, has been "A lifetime Hobby of Ham Radio". She has covered public service, traffic handling, talking to astronauts, using the computer, and worldwide contacts with other hams. Students were given a secret message to decode, with the code on the back of the page. A mistake was made in the message to challenge them. Some members of the Wellesley Club got on the repeater and talked with the students. At least two people are planning to join the Wellesley class in the spring to get their novice licenses.

I haven't heard anything from the snowbirds, but will have to assue all is well with them. I'd like to hear from any of the 1-land YLs. Thanks to Dot and Arline for their news. If you don't want to write, call me at (617) 878-9235 between 8:00 and 10:00 pm. 33, Anne, WB1ARU



Rumor Has It...

. . . that YLRL information will be available to surfers of the Internet, as well as to America Online subscribers. Details will be available in a future issue of YL Harmonics, so keep your eyes open!!



HAM IN' NEW YEAR

Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO

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It's a hamin' new year,
and again, here I go
marking on my new calendar
for all those hamin' events, you know.

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Checking out all the magazines,
newspapers, and newsletters too,
I and my pen
"X" all the dates of something to do!

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Not a month is left out
that an "X" doesn't show.
Of that there's no doubt
there will be somewhere to go.

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There will be tail-gaters, eatin' meetin's,
Field Day, and oodles of hamfests,
just to name some of the places
I expect to see your smiling faces!

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So here we are my friends
in a hamin' new year.
Time to put your walking shoes on
and get it in gear!

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!!**

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Miriam Lamb, AA2DX



Barbara Lottridge, NC2Q, and her OM Lew have had their share of physical problems this year, what with backs (both), eyes (Barb), and a ruptured tendon on a finger (Barb), but by the tone of their Christmas message, they are still in good spirits. Barb continued to play the organ in spite of the splint on her finger. As she said, "I can now tell you it is possible to play with one thumb and three fingers." They failed to mention whether they were on the radio much or not. I'm sure Lew has continued with MARS!

Trudy Forbes, K2UXW, writes that her OM Roy continues to be plagued with serious physical problems. He has had to return to using the walker which is depressing in the extreme.

I was delighted to plug into the internet just before the holidays and find a message from Hermie Batchelor, NB2H and her OM Gordie (durned if I haven't forgotten his call). They have a new home address now: 514 Beach Blvd., Laguna Vista, TX 78578, so change your Directory. They are both well and happy.

Speaking of the internet, here are a few addresses I know:

Hermie, NB2H-----103012.1012@compuserve.com

Carli Drake, 2B1BTJ/2—carli@taconic.net

Barbara Sweet—bsweet@mhv.net

Miriam Lamb, AA2DX—mblamb@ix.netcom.com

Any of you want to add yours to the list? Please do, but don't send them to me! This is the last column I will write as your Second District Chairman. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed the past years in this job and I really hate to give it up. But Bob and I are moving to Williamsburg, VA next summer, so that takes us out of the second district entirely.

However, as you noticed in the last issue of YL Harmonics, we're so fortunate to have the job taken over by Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC. Her address is in the Directory as well as the Callbook. Some of you may know her as net control on the Thursday morning (early) Rooster net. Be sure to keep her posted with all your news.

I thank you all for allowing me to be your representative in YLRL and for your support all these years. Good luck, keep well, and write to Myrtle.

33 and 88 - Miriam

P, S. See you at the convention!!

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the wonLd tips away when we look into OUR children's faces.

-Louise en&nich-

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Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN



I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and all the snow!!! May we all enjoy Good Health and have Peace on Earth.

On December 15, Maryann, WA3HUP and I were talking on two meters when we heard Ruth, 1A0KM on 20 meters. Needless to say, we called and both worked her for a new YL country!!

Mary, N3RBT and her OM Bob, N3NBT have a new home. Bob recently had a serious operation on his kidney. I am pleased to report that he is now home and getting better each day.

From all of us in 3-Land, a BIG THANK YOU! to Kay for a job well done as our editor. We Love Ya, Kay! I A WELCOME ABOARD to Margaret, KC7LXS as our new editor. We're looking forward to working with you.

Lois, WB3EFQ and Jeannie, KE3CEO are looking forward to Albany, and I hope to join them.

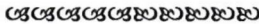
Our friends from down under, Poppy - VK6YF, Mavis - VK3KS, Gwen - VK3DYL, and Heather - VK2HD are fine. Thanks, gals, for the season's greetings and news.

I heard from Nobuku, JR6XIX and her OM Dominic. They are doing fine and now have her mother-in-law living with them. Thanks for the lovely picture of all three of you and the calendar.

My friends Irina,UA4CAH and her father, Yuri,UA4CX sent me two sets of Russian nesting dolls. What a lovely gift!!!

Come on 3-Land gals, let me hear from you!!!

33 de Ruthanna, WB3CQN



BERLIN YL WMILE) 'SXS

International YL Meeting

Berlin

June 20 - 23, 1996

The International YL Meeting will be held in Berlin, Germany on June 20 - 23, 1996. In addition to YL Meeting events, several tours have been arranged, including the Spreewald region, Berlin, Potsdam, the Sanssouci Castle, and a moonlight boat trip on the Brandenburg. Contact Marti Brutcher or the [YL Harmonics](#) Editor for a registration form as soon as possible, as registration may close soon.





To start things off right this year, I am asking for HELP from a YL in each state in the 4th call area. I make the most of the activities in Alabama, but only a few in Georgia and Florida, and none in the rest of the states in our area. I would like a volunteer from each state to make a concerted effort to send me news from your state to include in this column. Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia — I know we have YLs out there. Write, call, send packet messages — whatever it takes.

The following is an excerpt from a letter I received from Jensen Montambault, who recently upgraded to Advanced class and has changed her call to KS4ZQ.

"I graduated from the University of Virginia in May 1995 with degrees in Environmental Science and English. I have spent to fall working for an Environmental Education Center affiliated with Jackson (Michigan Community College. On my way back to Virginia after that internship ended, I got to visit W1 AW in Newington, CT and work 80 and 40 meters. On 80, I checked into the Old Buzzard's Net (3905), and on 40 I was able to reach my father in Louisa, VA, as well as hams from ME to GA. I was only running 150 W, but came in a 59 almost anywhere because of the fantastic antennas at W1 AW. I was a lot of fun having a call that everyone recognized — at least for a little while!

Finally, I am planning to leave 2 January 1996 to serve in the Peace Corps. My assignment is "Community Environmental Promoter" in rural Nicaragua. I am applying for a Yankee November" reciprocal license, and I'll let you know what happens."

Jensen was the 4th District Chairman prior to my term. Lets all listen out for her from "YN" land.

I enjoyed meeting and talking with Diane Monk, KR4CX from Ozark, AL at the Montgomery Hamfest. Look for her in the new members column soon.

I'm still planning to make it to Albany. Hope to see many of you there.
33, Mary, KL7P

Be My Valentine!





Happy New Year to everyone. Here's hoping you all had a fabulous Christmas with all your loved ones. We did, with 36 present for Christmas Eve Dinner. We got a new upgraded computer at our place, and now the OM and I are playing that old game "Go In and Out the Window"! Remember?

A couple of sad notes to report. Myrtle Sinnett, WB5FGM, President and Net Manager of the Texas YL Round-Up Net, became a Silent Key on October 30. Her memorial service was on her birthday, November 1. She will be sorely missed, as she has been a "Keeper of the Net" for quite a few years. Joyce, W5MWK, has been serving as Net Control during Myrt's illness and since her death. Joyce will assume the Net Manager position, and Julia, K5JFJ, will now be the President and NCS for 1996.

This second sad report is tardy — I'm sorry we had not been informed. Audry Beyer, K5PFF, passed away on April 25. She was a former member of TYLRUN and a Charter Member of GAYLARK. Her colorful career included serving as a radio operator in WWII in the WAC and much work with both the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. A really neat lady! Our apologies for the late report, but it just underscores how important it is to report to your District Chairman. Right?

Thanks to Margaret, K5MXO, and to Burnette, K5JGC, for their letters bringing us up to date on a lot of the Houston girls. Margaret and her OM Bill, K5MMP enjoyed a cruise to the Panama Canal and a trip to Nashville. Shirley Cox took her radio exam on October 10. She wanted to send plaudits and praise to a ham who "saved" their lives while they were vacationing in West Texas. When the transmission on their motor home failed, this kind man remained with them, provided help in a matter of yours, and then sent them safely on their way. Shirley says, "What a special fraternity!"

Harriett, K5BJU, and OM Kirby, W5VWF spent time in England tracing the steps of her brother who served in the military there during WWII. They visited his gravesite.

Chris, N5YCH, and Alverta, K5MIZ participated as "communicators" at the WINGS OVER HOUSTON AIRSHOW October 20-22. Chris' OM, W5DNE was coordinator for the communicators. Some 60 area hams participated.

Burnette, K5JGC and OM T. P., K5EYN have been "50th Anniversaring" for the past year and a half. They toured with his 30th Infantry Division for 3% weeks throughout Normandy. They met many

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Would someone please tell me where 1995 went??? The Ladies Amateur Radio Asn. of Orange County had their Christmas Luncheon at the Cannery Restaurant in Newport Beach, CA. There were 32 members and guests that had a delicious variety of lunches to choose from. Playing our usual Swipe and Swap Christmas Package Game was fun. Especially since I have waited a whole year to win a pillow handmade by Kathy, KA6NLP. It turns out she made two pillows this year. She brought one and her Mother-in-Law brought one. Judy, KA6FBI won the other one. They are very beautiful and everybody wants to get one. The members brought canned food for the two baskets that the Club is putting together, along with donations of an wrapped gift, to give to local needy families. Pictures of the group were taken by Jeri Haines, KB6USX to preserve the Kodak moment. A lovely time was had by all.

The YL Radio Club of Los Angeles went to the Clearman's North Woods Inn Restaurant in San Gabriel, CA. The arrangements were made by Cristina Andres, KA6YGI. There were 30 members and guests present. You could order anything on the menu. The problem was, "How hungry were you?" Instead of having a gift exchange, the girls brought an unwrapped gift to be distributed to a shelter for battered and abused women and children called "Hillside Home for Children" in Pasadena, CA. Pictures were taken by our top photographer, Jeri Haines, KB6USX, to preserve another Kodak moment.

I received a note from Billie Blakesley, K6ANG wishing everyone a "Happy Holiday" from Maryland. All is well with them and their family. They are leaving for Florida in January for three months to warm up. She misses the warm California weather. (And we miss you, Billie!!)

Martha, KA6TYO and some of the girls of the LARA Club nominated me for the Jean Carter, KA6HJK Memorial Award, which is given by the Buena Park Amateur Radio Club. I was selected to be the recipient on December 15. I have never had such praise given me in my life. Not only is my name and call inscribed on a perpetual plaque that is hung in the Buena Park City Hall, but they gave me a certificate stating, "The Buena Park ARC presents the Jean Carter Memorial Award for Outstanding Public Service Efforts", along with a beautiful wooden book that opens to a lovely roman numeral clock and a plaque inscribed, "The Jean Carter KA6HJK Memorial Award for Public Service Through Amateur Radio, Violet "Vi" Barrett W6CBA - 1995." Jean's OM, Dick, was the first to receive this award in December last year, when she passed away. I am the second recipient and, what makes it even more meaningful, is that Dick and Jean

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Since our November/December report started with "this is my last column", I thought it appropriate for my column to start with "This is my first column."

Greetings to all the YLs out there from Seven Land. I hope that your holidays were all you wanted them to be and that you have a wonderful 1996.

I am your new District Seven Chairman, but I guess hardly anybody knew it, as I only received one piece of news for this column. I sincerely hope that everyone will respond for our next issue. I must tell you that I live 75 miles northwest of Las Vegas in a **very rural area**. There are no YL clubs out here and maybe only one or two YLs that are above Codeless Technician, so there isn't a chance to form one. For this reason, I really hesitated to take this position and sincerely hope that we can perpetuate it with subsequent issues. Therefore, I must depend on you for news, or we won't have a Seventh District column for the YL Harmonics.

Gwen Jackman from Utah, W7N0B wrote to let us know that her OM, Jack, W7MEZ, was a silent key on July 9, 1995. He had been ill for a very long time. She tells us that they hadn't been active on the air after moving to Utah from La Grande, OR, twenty years ago when he retired from the Union Pacific Railroad as a locomotive engineer. Gwen tells us that she sure enjoys reading about the "old-timers" in YL Harmonics and those she remembers on "The MINOW Net." Their 62nd wedding anniversary was in April 1995. She has a very supportive family of four children and spouses, 25 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Doris May, KJ7RF, lives here in Pahrump, Nevada and she has upgraded to Extra Class just this month (December). We are very proud of Doris, as she worked hard at this and never slowed down as she upgraded each time. Congratulations, Doris!!

That's all the news I have. We had a wonderful Christmas in California with the children and grandchildren, but are happy to be back in our quiet rural life here in Pahrump. It is so quiet and peaceful out here, that going to California becomes a bigger chore each time we go.

Don't forget to feed me the news for our next column. I am really depending on you gals to Seven Land to help me make this a successful year for YL Harmonics. 33 from Anne-Marie, N6QP/7, PO Box 508, Pahrump, NV 89041

then give to the would the Best you have,
and the Best will come Back to you.

Happy New Year to all the YLs in the eighth district. I have tried to check into the Buckeye Belles' Tuesday evening net on 3972.5 at 8pm EST, but the band has not been very good Doris, WD8IKC is net control, but the memorial station call is W8MBI. It would be nice if we could get more check-ins.

Donna, W8QOI has moved into her daughter's home: 10834 S. Nash Highway, Clarksville, MI 48815. Her husband, Ralph, has had to enter an extended care facility in Ludington, MI. We certainly hope that when spring comes, they will be able to return to their home in the northern woods of Michigan.

We enjoyed the Findlay Hamfest the weekend after Labor Day, where we had a lot of YLs stop by the table we shared with the Buckeye Belles. It was good to see Doris, WD8IKC and her OM Stan, who, after breaking numerous bones when he fell out of a tree a year ago, is walking around very well.

In October, we slid down to Fort Wayne, IN to visit with Carol, W9RUS and her OM and attend the Fort Wayne Hamfest. We had a terrific time, but that's the second time we have gone to Fort Wayne in a snow storm.

Jim, my OM, was asked to go to Esbjerg, Denmark to do some work and, being quick witted, he got them to agree to my going along. I pulled out my YL Harmonics Directory issue to see if we had any members in Denmark. We have three and, would you believe, one lives in Esbjerg. I telephoned Grethe, OZ1DXX when we arrived, but when she returned my call, the desk failed to let me know she had phoned and we missed getting together. But I did receive a nice letter from her when I got home. It was very cold and windy, but we got to see the oldest town in Denmark, Ribe, and were able to spend a day and a half in Amsterdam on our way home. Next time we'll go when the weather is nicer! Carol, WD8DQG

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gracious hams in Europe, especially ON2KDJ. They attended several stateside celebrations and national reunions to honor veterans of the Battle of the Ardennes (Bulge).

Darleen, WD5FQX, has really been keeping the airlines busy as always. Thailand, Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria, several trips to California to visit her 91 year old Dad, and during December, she, KE5UO, and KB5HPH took a cruise in the Caribbean!! Darleen says her transmitter is broken at present and she doesn't know when she can get it fixed. We hope you stay home long enough to accomplish that, Darleen. We miss you on the air.

Guess that is it for this time. Let us hear what is happening in your area. 33, Doris

District 9

Carol Burke, WB9RUS

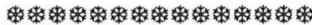


Well, the holidays are past and it is time to think spring, although, as I write this, it is snowing to beat the band outside. We are going to have Christmas this weekend with our son's family. They spent the holidays in Colorado with his wife's sister and her family. We had a wonderful Christmas. Elizabeth, now four months old, loved looking at the Christmas lights. Her favorite toy was a stuffed snowman.

At the Fort Wayne Hamfest in November, I had my usual visit with Peggy Colter, K9JUJ. And a nice surprise was that 8th District Chairman, Carol, WD8DQG and her OM, Jim, AA8Y came down from Michigan for the weekend. Al and I had a great visit with them.

I haven't heard from anyone lately. Maybe someday when I'm retired, I'll be able to get on the nets and find out what is going on. Until then, I need input by letters, cards, or E-mail. My address on COMPUSERVE is 71621,3335, or if you are on Internet, it is 71621.3335@ compuserve.com. I check daily for mail.

Well, you are getting off easy this month. I won't bore you with Grandchildren news, so this is it. I would love to hear from you. That's what I like most about this job. Spring IS around the corner. 33, Carole, WB9RUS



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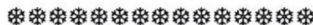
Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV



As many of you may have heard by now, Kay Eyman, WAOWOF has retired from Editor of the YLRL. Kay is a pleasure to work with and has done a wonderful job. Make sure to look for her on the air and say "Hi."

At the same time, we welcome Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS as our new Editor of YL Harmonics. "Good Luck!" from Zero-Land.

Ann Trudeau, KAOZFI, is due to have heart surgery on December 28. She is President of the Colorado Y-Ls. We wish Ann good luck and a speedy recovery. Happy Holidays to everyone in the YLRL and I hope to hear from you soon! Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV



and what is a weed;
a plant whose virtues have
not yet been discovered.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson-





HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone and WELCOME to the new starting Executives.

VE1VCH - Marge and OM Rus spent Christmas with the family in Dartmouth, N.S. Marge thanks the YLs in the L.A. Club who have kept in touch and was ever so glad to have received phone calls from WB6SLV in Santa Mario.

VE3LQA-Pauline celebrated Christmas three times in December. She and her OM drove down to Cambridge, Ont. the second week of December and had a mini Christmas, gathering with her ham family - Father and two brothers. Christmas Day celebrations were with the grandchildren and their parents. Then son Andrew came home from Toronto, so there was another get together.

VE3BXL - Doreen went down to Florida in early November. Old man winter was with us when she returned in December and I'm sure she will be glad to return to Florida in January until the end of April.

VE7DKS - Vicki is the Reception Center Manager for any disaster for the Municipality of Colwood in B.C. In January, she did a three day course at the Justice Institute on 'lodging', in case large numbers of homeless people would have no place to go. In February, she will attend an "Essential Social Service Directors Course."

VA3WX - Jeanne came on packet in late October and is getting lots of practice in sending and receiving messages from her CLARA friends. It sure beats waiting for the postman! There was snow on the ground for Christmas and she enjoyed touring her area to see the lovely outside decorated homes.

CLARA Calendar

CLARA will have Guides-On-The-Air on February 17 and 18, 1996. More information can be obtained by contacting Marilyn Ellison, VE3YOY.

CLARA and Family H.F. Contest is on 12 March 1700Z to 13 March 1700Z, 1996. More information can be obtained by contacting VA3EZ, Renee Devenny.

CLARA will celebrate its 30th Anniversary with a convention on September 26, 27 and 28, 1997. Cathy Hrischenko, VE3GJH is the coordinator. More details will follow in later issues.

PLEASE keep our Canadian column full of news. I can be conacted either by mail or by packet at VE3DTW.



DX YL News



Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV

This is my first column as new DX Receiving Treasurer for YLRL. I will try to fill the shoes left by Lorraine, WAI EDR, but that will take a monumental effort. Lorraine's attention to detail has made things much easier for me. Many thanks to Lorraine for all her assistance in helping me get situated in the position.

I have been married for 20 years, my OM's name is David and his call is AE4BU. I have been licensed for 12 years. I started out as Technician class and finally worked up to Extra class last year. I really enjoy contesting, especially the smaller ones. I hope I will be able to work some of the YL contests this year. I recently purchased a KAM Plus and have been enjoying Packet and reading the mail on the YL Packet Net. One of my resolutions for 1996 is to start being active on the YL net. My address are:

Packet:..... N4JFV@K4RY.#CENAL.USA.NOAM

Internet:..... N4JFV@BBS.K4RY.AMPR.ORG

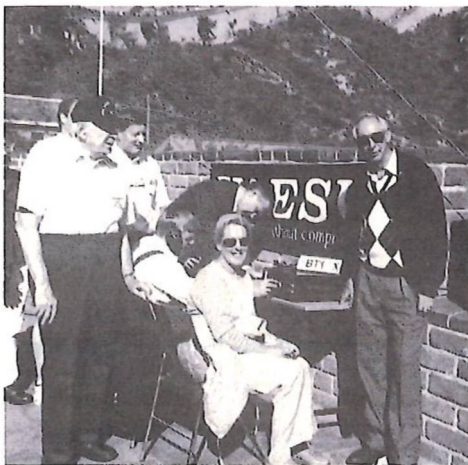
America On Line:... CherylW262@AOL.COM

I am thinking of organizing a listing of Packet/Email addresses for North America and DX YLRL Members. I would appreciate input from all of you on the subject.

NEWS OF DX YL MEMBERS

ITALY: Barbara Nadalut, IV3GDO, was active in three contests this summer on the VHF and UHF

bands with her portable QRP station. It is made up of a Yaesu FT-290 running 2 watts into a 9 element Yagi antenna. The station is built to operate from mountain heights and she successfully operated from "monte Cimone del Montasio" which is at 2380 meters elevation. The operation included Barbara, her boyfriend Luciano, IV3IKK, and their friend Carlo, IW3RJC. The expedition meant walking for five hours with the equipment on their backs. Barbara also planned to operate as single operator-fixed station for the last time from her city house



Barbara Nadalut, IV3GDO at work on the Alpe Adria Contest, August 1995.

in the "22 degree Marconi Memorial Contest VHF - IARU Region 1 Radiotelegraphy", which took place November 4-5.

Ruth Geering, IT9ESZ, from YLRICI- Elettra Marconi writes that they had good participation in their Annual contest in the spring. Participation was mainly from Europe due to low propagation. Ruth said that to increase interest in their only contest, they decided to award the winners of the two first places with a trophy instead of the usual medal and award. The club also had another celebration this year - the 25th anniversary of their oldest award, the GIOCONDA or MONA LISA AWARD. They were on the air with the special prefix "IR" for TO days in October. There was a special award and QSL. Thirty club members made more than 6000 QSO's, mainly on 20M and 40M. Over 75 applications have been made for the special award.



IV3GD0's location for the Alpe Adria Contest - "monte Cimone del Montasio."

SWITZERLAND: Anny Jenk, HB9YL, writes that she goes to a local rest home to play games with the elderly folks in wheel chairs. She says it is hard to get some of them active because some are partially paralyzed. She also is involved with a "old-ladies" gymnastic club. Anny has led the club for 15 years and they meet in her old QTH of Frutigen. She has a new radio, a Yaesu FT-990, and it really works well. She is mostly into CW and hopes to reach the US when conditions are better. Anny wishes everyone a very Happy New Year.

SCOTLAND: Christine Dons, GM4YMM, writes that she and husband Ken went to the HF convention in Windsor. They got to meet a lot of DX'ers and enjoyed listening to their adventures. She also got to meet Raja, SMOHNV, and had a long chat over coffee. She also met Lesley, S79YL from San Tome Island. Christine is looking forward to the YL meeting in Berlin next year. She is still listening and calling the European YL Net every Thursday but propagation is still very bad. Christine reports that she still needs UTAH, NORTH DAKOTA, MISSOURI and NEVADA as YL states and will try to work them in the February contest.

ENGLAND: Florence Nicholl, GOCVD writes her sponsor Lorraine, WAI EDR that she will let her 3 grandchildren Lucy -10 years, Samantha - 5 years, and Sophie - 3 years help dress the Christmas tree and the house. Florence attended the 10 Pin Bowling League Dinner and her Radio Club Dinner. Florence joined in with the YL Anniversary Party in Octo-

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Portrait of a dinner

Bob Painter, WA6PLM

*This article will acquaint
you with the 1995
recipient of the
Jean Carter Memorial Award.*

Violet "Vi" Barrett, W6CBA, has been a ham since February of 1948. And it appears that there hasn't been an idle moment in all those years. Vi has a list of credentials and awards that is mindboggling.

The radio bug bit Vi when her uncle, W6HMW, showed her what it could do. With money saved from baby-sitting, she bought an HQ-129X. After listening, she just had to get a license and join the fun on the air. Fresh out of high school, Vi applied for a job as a clerk-typist, but the FBI liked the way she handled a microphone and they made her a dispatcher in the Los Angeles office.

She and Don Barrett married some 40 years ago. She insisted that her ham radio interest was part of the package he was marrying. Vi took time off from work to raise children until they were off to school. Then she went back to work to earn enough to upgrade her ham equipment. Her job was with the East Whittier School District. Vi retired in 1986 and now spends most of her time on public service ham events.

Among her souvenirs are letters of thanks or commendation from the ARRL, the City of Whittier, the City of Montebello, the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, the YMCA, the American Heart Association, the Children's Benefit League and many others.

Vi provided a link to home for servicemen in the Vietnam days via phone patch.

She was also involved in the Rehab Amateur Radio Club at Presbyterian Hospital in Whittier. This club provides handicapped persons with an opportunity to reach beyond their handicaps via ham radio.

As part of the program of the Rio Hondo Amateur Radio Club, Vi teaches CW for license classes.

She has been associated with most of the ham radio organizations in the area including LARA, YLRC, QCWA, YLRL, ARRL, QCWW, RACES, MARS and the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service.

She has given ham radio an incredible amount of favorable publicity and her work has been recognized in QST, World Radio and by several articles in the Whittier Daily News.

One of Vi's pet projects is giving talks on ham radio at local schools. To quote QST, "She introduces children to Amateur Radio by giving talks throughout the East Whittier School District. She has been doing this for 10 years. Her talks include showing Dave Bell's film *The Wonderful World of Amateur Radio*. Her talks are followed by an invitation for a field trip to her home, where she provides the children, and parents who chaperone them, with on-the-air contacts. They have contacted stations in Missouri, New Mexico, Canada, Chicago, West Virginia and Oklahoma.

In 1980, Vi started Operation Santa Claus in four convalescent hospitals in Whittier. She walked around the wards with a 2-meter rig in a red wagon and had patients talk to Santa Claus at the North Pole. (Santa was really her husband Don, KA6DJK, who was outside in a truck. Helpers with handhelds would stand outside the patient's room and feed "Santa" information about what the patient was wearing, things in the room and so forth.)

The Santa Claus operation has been expanded to the pediatric ward at Whittier Intercommunity Hospital. It takes a little prompting, but the toddlers love talking to "Santa" by radio once they get warmed up. A newspaper article about this annual even mentioned that the part of Mrs. Santa Claus was originally played by Jean Carter, KA6HJK, in whose memory this award was established.

When the devastating earthquake of 1987 hit Whittier, Don was at the EOC within 15 minutes after the quake began. In another 30 minutes, Vi was at the Whittier Hospital providing communication when the telephones became overloaded and were no longer available.

If there is a public service event anywhere near Whittier, chances are you'll find Vi in the thick of it.

--Excerpted from The BPARC Communicator, November 1995

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ber and enjoyed it but conditions were very poor. She was only able to contact one YL in the USA. The rest were in Europe. Florence and her OM wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Constance Hall, G8LY, sends her best 33 to everyone. She lives opposite the Isle of Wright between Portsmouth and Southampton, in Hampshire, England. Conditions are bad but she keeps in touch with a blind friend over the air. He lives in the Isle of Wright and keeps his radios repaired himself, all by feel.

**NETHERLANDS:** Dieuw Wildoboer, PA3CEB says she plans to be in Berlin in June 1996 for the "Berlin YL World 96". She also wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Dawn Young, ZL2AGX, received her certificate for DXCC and only has about 50 countries left for the Honor Roll. She says that will probably take a while since conditions are so bad. Dawn says she has several YLs down under who would like sponsors for the YLRL. One of them is Margaret Mcconachie, ZL3UD. Dawn hopes everyone had a happy festive season and has a very Happy New Year.

**GREECE:** Evgnosia Tigaraki, SV3AGQ sends greetings from Greece for a peaceful and healthy 1996. Here friends call her Sitsa, but this not her legal name. Please change your directory to the correct spelling of her name "Evgonsia Tigaraki".

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are very good friends of ours. Thank you Martha and girls of the LARA Club for your vote of confidence. (See *the article on page 28! -Ed.*)

Betty, KA6JEX told us at the LA Christmas Luncheon that her OM Don, WA6SQF had fallen off a ladder that was leaning against the roof of the house. He was cleaning leaves that had accumulated and the ladder slipped. He caught his ankle in the rung of the ladder and fell with the ladder to the ground, seriously injuring his ankle. Fortunately, it was not life threatening but, none-the-less, a very painful situation.

My OM Don, KA6DJK and I left the Sunday after Thanksgiving for Lake Cachuma, just east of Santa Barbara. The park was almost empty. It was warm, quiet and restful. "Why?", you might ask. We had just completed teaching a NO CODE class of eight very dedicated people. It was study, study, study for six weeks, two times a week. The test was given on November 20 and, would you believe, we had 100% passing. We were all very excited and Don and I were so happy for them. 33.



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# From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS



Well, there you have it -- my first issue. I sure hope that you have as much fun reading it as I had putting it together. Of course, it wasn't just me -- a lot of people helped me and it wouldn't have happened without them. But two in particular deserve "Atta-Girls" for everything they did for me. First comes Marti, N6XDS who got me into this in the first place! (Of course, I did volunteer to help! ©) In addition to answering my questions, she supplied me with plenty of material to include in this issue. The other person that deserves my gratitude is Kay, WAOWOF, the past YL Harmonics Editor. She sent me everything she had and then some. She also put up with me pestering her with all manner of questions. She has been tremendously helpful and kind as I stumble along with this, my first issue. I don't expect to improve on what she has done with the magazine --1 only hope I can equal it. Kay, Thank You!!

As you probably know, I am new to Amateur Radio and to YLRL. My OM Jim, KC7LXT and I got our licenses the day after Field Day, and have been having a great time ever since. I started at the Technician level, and last month earned my "Plus". Some of you have expressed a desire to hear me on the HF YL Nets, but I have yet to earn my General privileges. But I'm working on it. I'm so new to YLRL, that my name should appear in this issue as a new member! When Marti asked me to be Editor, I hadn't seen a regular issue of YL Harmonics, only the Directory!

Around home, I can usually be found on the Evergreen Intertie YL Net on two meters and the YL Packet Net. I've even managed to make some CW contacts, sweaty palms and all. I also enjoy reading, travel, computers, downhill skiing (when I'm in shape!), and my two small boys, Kelly -- 3½ years and TJ who is 17 months.

So, keep passing your news to your District Chairmen. They need your help! Without YOU, there is no YL Harmonics. I also am looking forward to your articles, photos, poems, comments, suggestions or ???

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I can't wait to hear from you!

33, Margaret, KC7LXS

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