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Marti Brutcher, N6XDS



This is very difficult to write knowing that it will be the last column I will write as President of YLRL.

I want to first thank those of you who learned that my brother lost his battle with leukemia on August 9, 1997-for the cards and notes and prayers. They really meant a lot to me. I know that my brother is with the Lord and out of his pain but we miss him so very much ... but life does go on. I know that many of you have lost loved ones this year and I know the pain that you have felt.

I want to say a special **"THANK YOU!!"** to all of the wonderful people who have served as an Officer for YLRL these past two years. Without your dedication and support, YLRL would not have continued through the years. Some of you are stepping down this year after many years of service. We can't thank you enough for your hard work and dedication. I have NEVER taken you for granted and know that without you, I could never have done my job this year. I have accepted the position of Membership Chairman and will continue to be active recruiting new members.

In this issue is an update on the Scholarship Fund. I am pleased to see how you have supported it. As you know, it is now officially the "Ethel Smith-K4LMB Memorial Scholarship". It was very special to our Ethel and I know she would be pleased that we are continuing her dream.

But, I want to CHALLENGE you to NOT wait until someone has become a Silent Key to acknowledge their contribution to your life. Send in a donation now in honor of them, while they are living. I always say, "Don't wait until I am dead to send me flowers." Here is a way you can send "flowers" that will last more than a week.

I am delighted to say that we have had more participation in our recent contests and I hope that continues. Be sure and mark your calendars NOW with the dates of the 1998 contests so that you don't schedule anything else on those dates. I especially am looking forward to the YL-OM Contest in February. What a "kick" that one is. But they are all important and we will be looking to hear your call sign on the air during the upcoming contests.

I want to officially welcome Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD and her Board of Directors who will lead us through 1998 and 1999. Nancy is a really neat gal and I feel kind of proud that I had a hand in bringing her on board to finish out the term for VP when Carol Hugentober had to step down. I know that she will do a terrific job as president. How can she miss with her enthusiasm and drive, and with all the help the membership will give her!

It has been so very special to have met so many of you either in person, on the radio or via a phone call. I am richer and more blessed for having known you. Thank you for your friendships.

There is so much I want to say but I'm feeling too emotional and this column has to come to an end. But let me just say that I owe so much to so many of you who have stood by me these past two years. Thank you again for your support!

I can't name all of you but I must to single out one particular person who kept me sane through many difficult situations and without whom I would not have functioned nearly as well. She was God's Gift to me and to YLRL and that person is our very capable Editor, Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS. Thank you, Margaret, from the bottom of my heart! We are fortunate and blessed that Margaret will continue as Editor and I know that you will continue to support her with articles and photos.

The bottom line is that WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER to make this organization continue to be a viable part of amateur radio. Let's each one do our part

By the time that you read this column, it will be mid-December or later. I just want to wish each of you a very Happy Hanukkah and a Blessed Christmas. My prayer for you and your families is that the true meaning of the Season will be a real part of your celebrations.

Again, thank you for letting me have this opportunity to serve you. God Bless You.



L to R: Marti, N6XDS & Mary Lou Brown, NM7N at 1997 Sea-Pac. Mary Lou is past YLRL President & current ARRL NW Division Director.

Highlights

Marti, N6XDS in Arizona at a Cactus Keys Luncheon in 1996.

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WOMEN IN AMATEUR RADIO

PART TWO

Linda Reeder, N7HVF

Editor's Note: This is the second of several parts of the serialization of a documentary that Linda Reeder wrote and recorded several years ago.

Carol Perry, WB2MGP teaches Amateur Radio to intermediate students in Staten Island, New York. Carol tells how she got involved in Amateur Radio.

Carol Perry, WB2MGP: "Several years ago I worked for an electronics manufacturing company. Most of the people who worked there were males. Several of them had Amateur Radio as a hobby. I would watch them having fun making contacts, having a little base station set up at the company.

"One day I said, "That looks like it's a lot of fun, perhaps I will get my license, too." And the response, and this was back in the early 1970s, was, well it is a lot of fun but you'll never get your license because you're a female. With that I guess the gauntlet was dropped and I proceeded to do the things that I have done in Amateur Radio, always keeping that statement in mind."

"First of all, I do teach a course at Intermediate School 72 in Staten Island, New York. I am a full time teacher in industrial arts technology. The name of the program that I teach is *Introduction to Amateur Radio*. I have thirteen classes every term with approximately 35 youngsters in each one. That's way over 400 kids each semester. I teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The children get exposed to Amateur Radio and some of them go on and get licensed."

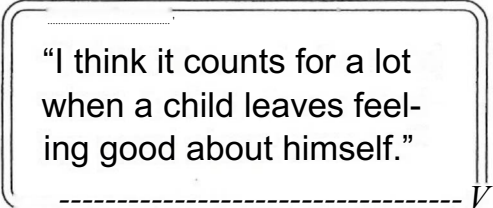
"I teach the curriculum for those grades through Amateur Radio, the purpose being to motivate them in different areas of the school curriculum by letting them have fun on the radio. At this point, it's a mandatory course in my school. All the children coming through the school will get the program. We have close to 200 kids a year who get licensed. Out of that, approximately 10% of them, as we can track them, do upgrade. We're pretty happy about that."

"When I began this 16 years ago I had an innovative principal who allowed me, after he saw me teaching a couple of science classes, to try this as a pilot program. We began it with one program. The children just responded so beautifully to it and the parents said, "Lets do that again." It just kind of snowballed. It was just so successful that it kind of fed on itself. As far as convincing the administration, once you show them that this is a viable, exciting and high motivational way to teach children, with all these different curriculum areas-social studies, language arts, math, science-all

an integral part of Amateur Radio. The kids have fun with this and they are actually eager to get involved with it. The course kind of sells itself."

"For example, instead of just saying, "Open up your books to page thirteen and let's read about the topography of Ecuador", it's going to be a lot more exciting if you can get on the radio and speak to a citizen of that country and ask the questions one on one. In my program, when the kids get on the radio and speak with people, it's very natural to run over to a globe or an atlas to look up and find out the location of where that voice is coming from, kind of on a need to know basis. And the same with all the other skills. The language arts skills come about from learning how to speak clearly and succinctly on the radio and by following up with exchanged letters and cards. So everything just happens because that's what we're doing. It's sort of a backdoor or painless approach to education."

"Today, there are so many programs out there and people with proven track records that I think it might be a little bit easier for a teacher to get it into a school. But clearly after all these years of doing it, I am thoroughly convinced that it belongs in every school because I've seen children who have never been successful at anything else in their school careers who are learning new skills and developing self-esteem by being in this program. I think it counts for a lot when a child leaves feeling good about himself."



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"As far as bringing it to a school, if anybody is interested in doing that, they need not reinvent the wheel. I would be more than happy, if anybody writes to me, to send them information that they can present to an administrator. Anybody can write to me, Carol Perry, POB 131646, Staten Island, NY 10313. I'll be very happy to provide information about what we're doing with the kids and a lot of documentation about the success of the program."

Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, WAOSGJ works for Handi-Hams, a non-profit organization helping disabled individuals get into the hobby.

Sr. Alverna O'Laughlin, WAOSGJ: "I'm a Franciscan sister from Rochester, Minnesota where our provincial house is. I have been a sister since 1950 (that's telling my age!) and I've been an Amateur Radio operator since 1967. Ned Carmen, the founder of the Handi-Hams system, which is a program to interest Amateur Radio operators among the disabled, got some of the sisters, in fact there were about seven of us, interested in one of the local radio club classes. Then he asked us to help him get this group started, so I am really a charter member of the Handi-hams.

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1999 YLRL Convention

Martha Barron, KA6TYO

Greetings to all YLRL members! As some of you know, the YLRL Convention in 1999 will be held in the Southern California area and be hosted by the Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County, ably assisted by the YL Radio Club of Los Angeles.

Our committee, after viewing several locations, has decided on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. The dates will be July 30th and 31st, 1999. The hotel has all up to date amenities, 365 staterooms, plus the rare experience of staying amid history aboard the largest, most luxurious ocean liner, the Queen Mary. We hope a lot of you will want to stay aboard as the rates are comparable to others we checked, \$79 to \$104 single or double occupancy, plus 12% occupancy tax. There will be a \$15.00 charge for rollaway bed for third person. Bear in mind the rooms are twin, queen or king beds and three people to a room are about max, unless you go to a suite, which is over \$300, so two rooms is a better deal. We have blocked 45 rooms which will give us enough comp to pay for our registration, hospitality, banquet and meeting rooms. Each attendee is responsible for booking for their rooms and paying to the Queen Mary. When making your reservation, please be sure to tell them you are with the YLRL convention to get those rates. We hope you will bring your spouses or friends, as side trips will be planned. Rates will be good two days before and two days after, July 28th & 29th and August 1st and 2nd. There is so much to see in the area so you may want to spend more time than the two nights.

Beside self-guided, or tour guided trips on the Queen, there are historic videos, gallery of art deco treasures, an array of colorful shops, rewarding restaurants, and the historical wireless room and museum, where you will be able to operate from W6R0. Just be sure to bring a copy of your license since you can not operate without it. Also, there is a Run-about bus that, at no charge, will pick you up at the QM and take you shopping, to restaurants and to the new state of the art Aquarium.

Please help us with planning and fill out the questionnaire on the next page and return it to me. Your quick response will be appreciated. 33.

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9. Do you plan to stay on the Queen Mary? _____
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Cathi Anderson, KB7QDD Headlines



*Cathi, KB7QDD
& close friend Liddy.*

Cathi Anderson, KB7QDD was recently featured in an article published in her hometown newspaper, The Tremonton Leader/Garland Times (Utah). She has been a ham since 1992 and recently sat for and passed her Extra exam. Cathi, who is blind, connected her speech synthesiser to a computer and was able to take the written test.

Cathi says that she didn't want have anything to do with the hobby in the beginning. Her idea of a Ham was a middle-aged man sending Morse code or sitting in front of a huge radio. Her husband convinced her to give it a try in 1992, about the time she began to lose her sight to glaucoma.

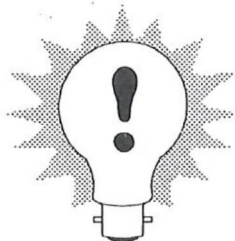
Cathi and her OM Bob belong to the UBET (Utah Box Elder Thiokol) Amateur Radio Club and Bob edits their newsletter, Radio Flyer. Cathi is co-editor and contributes articles. Cathi also serves as the Radio Communications Specialist in the Tremonton 6th Ward. Bob also serves in the same capacity in the Tremonton Stake Emergency Radio Response Service (ERRS).

Cathi's hobbies include making afghans, novels on audio tapes and keeping up on current events via talk radio shows. She also would like to return to college to study for a degree in history or rehabilitation services.

1999 YLRL CQDVen^IQD & mniveRSARY pin

In our last regular issue of YLH, we asked for designs for a commemorative pin for YLRL's 60th Year. To date, we have only one! Without a doubt, there are more creative souls out there, so let us hear from you.

Send any ideas, doodles, sketches, oil paintings, graphic illustrations, line drawings, or whatever you have to Marti, N6XDS. Plans are to have the pin available to the membership by the summer of 1998, so get your ideas in now.



Lia Zwack, WA2NFY, Ham of the Year

Contributed by Marcy Kessler, WA2URE & RRRRA

For those of you who were not at the June meeting, you missed a truly special night. While it was the annual meeting with election of officers, it was also the night that the club recognized a member that has done much to promote our hobby or provide service to the ham community. Past honorees have been Ray Pickens, Dwight Hill, Lenny Gessin and Joel Rossbach.

This year, a lady, in all aspects of the word, was honored. That person was Cecilia "Lia" Zwack, WA2NFY. She has been active in ham radio for many years and has been willing and able to change with the times as technology has changed. She has been active for many years in YLRL and, in fact, traveled to

Europe and Japan to meet and visit with the YLs she has met on the air. You can usually find her at the YLRL booth at our own hamfest.

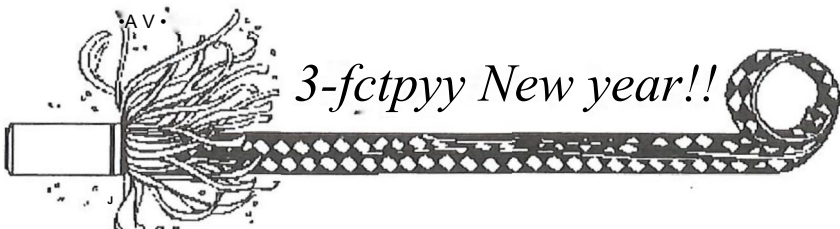
She has been our unofficial ambassador of good will, sending cards or visiting when she hears of a member that is ill or in the hospital or has become a Silent Key. She is respected and liked by everyone in RRRRA (Rochester Radio Repeater Association) and the Rochester ham community. She is a most valuable asset to our community. Next time you see her or hear her on the air, why not give her a hearty "Congratulations!" She is quite deserving of it.



Lia in the shack she shares with OM Lee, W2WPF.

Q5T, QST, QST!

Diane Ortiz, K2DO writes that she is planning to include a listing of YL events and contests in her bi-monthly YL column in QST. Please send your knowledge of these events to her via e-mail (hamyl@aol.com) or give her a call at (516) 286-7562. Her next deadline is Feb. 1 for the April 1998 issue.



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In Ethel's Memory

Nozomi Gohara, JH3SQN presented YLRLs scholarship fund with a check for \$300 while at the recent CLARA Gala. Thank you, Nozomi!!!

*L to R: Kay Eyman, WAOWOF;
Nozomi Gohara, JH3SQN; Carol
Hall, WD8DQG; & Nancy Rabe!
Hall, KC4IYD.*

YL CONTEST CORNER

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

Terrie's Challenge

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!

Terrie Tenney, AB7PX

What can I say. Challenge well met! I was so thrilled to hear all the YLs during the Howdy Days contest. You more then surpassed my expectations.

I was up early Thursday morning. I headed downstairs to put the coffee on when I decided to make a stop in the radio room. I turned to 20 meters and heard, "CQ YL, CQ YL . . . this is KC1MX for the YL Howdy Days contest." Stella in NH was working the contest. I never did make it to the kitchen. I sat down, picked up my mic and made a contact with Stella. The contest had begun. *continued on page 13*

Meet the Novices and Technicians Dav

CW & SSB: 1500 UTC, Jan. 10, 1998 to 0500 UTC, Jan. 11, 1998

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

PROCEDURE: Call "CQ YL."

OPERATION: Only frequencies in the HF bands that are open to Novices and Technicians may be used. Net and repeater contacts do not count. No cross band operation is allowed. A station may be worked once for credit. Maximum power output is 200 watts PEP. The modes of operation are CW and SSB.

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: CW - 3.675-3.725; 7.120-7.150; 21.120-21; AND 28.150-28.185. SSB - 28.300-28.500.

EXCHANGE: Station worked, RST, name, QTH, license class.

SCORING: 3 points for each YL Novice or Technician worked, 2 points for each YL General or Advanced, and 1 point for each YL Extra. Total score = total number of points.

AWARDS: Top scoring Novice or Technician - YLRL postcards and top scoring General or higher - YLRL postcards. Second and third place winners will receive certificates.

LOGS: All logs submitted must show the date, time, band, and station worked for each QSO. Logs must indicate the name, call sign, address, operating breaks, and the license class of the operator and must be signed by the operator. Logs must show the claimed score and be postmarked no later than 30 days after contest ends. Mail logs to YLRL Vice-President.

YL-OM Contest

SSB: 1400 UTC, February 14, 1998, to 0200 UTC, February 16, 1998

CW: 1400 UTC, February 21, 1998, to 0200 UTC, February 23, 1998

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

PROCEDURE: OMs call "CQ-YL" and YLs call "CQ-OM."

OPERATION: See General Rules on page 8. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be indicated in the log.

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

SCORING: (1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs for each contest. (2) Score each band separately. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band; YLs count only OMs and OMs count only YLs. Add together the QSO points earned for each band. (3) Multiply the number of QSOs by the total number of different ARRL sections, VE provinces, and countries worked. (4) Contestants running with a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, AT ALL TIMES, may multiply the results of 3) above by 1.5 (the low power multiplier). The maximum power output that may be used at any time during the contest is 750 watts on CW and 1500 watts PEP on SSB.

LOGS: All logs must show your ARRL section, province, or country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, the ARRL section, VE province, or country of the station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used and the operating breaks taken. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each contest. Logs must show claimed score.

AWARDS: First place phone: YL-cup, OM-cup. First place CW: YL-cup, OM-cup. The second and third place YL and OM winners in each contest will receive certificates. The winner of the phone contest cup is also eligible to win the CW cup. Certificates will be awarded to the YL and OM phone and YL and OM CW winners of each U.S. and VE call district and country, provided there are at least ten valid contacts on the log.

Terrie's Challenge-----*continued from page 12*

To all of you that worked the contest, both contestants and non-contestants thank you. Band conditions were not always great but you hung in there. Without your efforts, your encouragement, your voices there would have been no contest.

"CQ YL, CQ YL." Music to my ears! 33, Terrie

1998-1999 INCOMING OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following new and incoming officers!!

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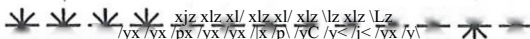
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Women In Amateur Radio----- continued from page 5

Ned Carmen worked for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota in collections and his territory was in Northern Minnesota. It saddened Ned to go to homes of people who had disabled individuals within their home and that individual was pretty well locked in their own home. At that time, when we think back 30 years ago, disabled people were not as visible as they are today. He wanted them to be able to talk with anyone and everyone on the air and experience the joy of Amateur Radio that he had known. So he started with a small group of disabled people, having them give him input on what was needed. Then he recruited some people as we call verticals that didn't have an apparent disability and had us give him some assistance on getting the group started.

This was an excellent way for individuals to travel around the world without leaving their homes.

It's a service to the disabled to assist them with getting their Amateur Radio license. The Federal Communications Commission requires that a license be given before an individual is able to operate on the Amateur

Silent Keys

Over the past few months, YLRL has lost several YLs.
Here are tributes to two of them.

Joan Gibson, KG1F, SK *Rita Judd, GOEIX*

I first knew Joan when she sponsored me for YLRL in 1987, when she was writing "YL News and Views" for QST. She also was the disbursing treasurer for YLRL from 1992 to 1994, and the custodian for the 50th anniversary award.

We spoke only a couple of times via radio as she worked full time, plus, of course, the time difference factor. However, we regularly exchanged letters, birthday and Christmas cards. We exchanged views on various matters from cooking, gardening, work and grandchildren, in fact all the usual subjects women chat about, so we got to know each other very well and became firm friends. I remember her always being dedicated to her work and sharing with me some of the day to day problems. She always said that one day she would love to visit England and how wonderful it would be if we could meet.

Joan wrote and told me that she

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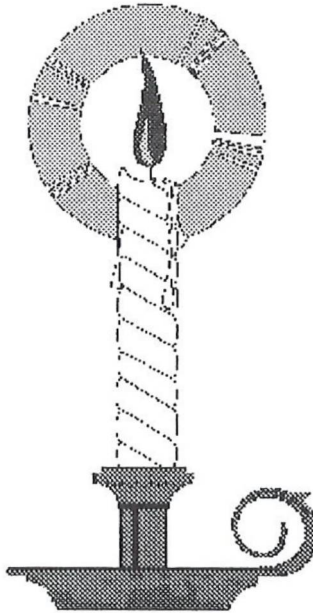
Carol Iams, W8WRJ, SK *Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD*

It is with a very sad heart that I inform you that Carol Iams, W8WRJ passed away in her sleep sometime on the afternoon of August 30, 1997. Carol was suffering from congestive heart failure and was recently put on morphine for the pain.

I have known Carol for several years and am truly saddened at this news. I would like to express my condolences to her family. Carol had been licensed since 1956 and a member of YLRL since 1963. She had been past president of the Buckeye Belles, past editor of the Buckeye Burr (the Belles'

newsletter), and was very active in a variety of other Amateur Radio activities, including public service and hamfests. At the time of her passing, she was secretary of the Chix YL club and was running for YLRL's 8th District Chairwoman.

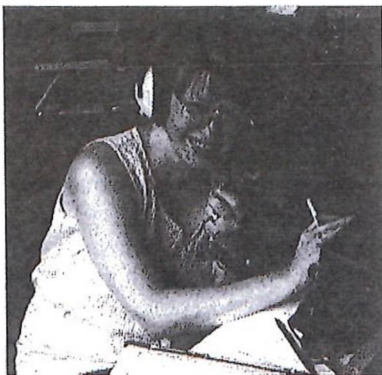
33 and 76 to you, Carol, and may you now be at peace.



Remembering

Terry Brown, KE4MHN works 10 meters from the family pasture in GA. She says that the horses wanted to work 80 meters real bad!

Around midnight their generator threw a valve, but two more were rounded up and they finished the event. Terry is Secretary of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta.



Beryl Pedersen, KA9BAC joined the Rock River Radio Club at Beaver Dam Lake in WI. With her are (l to r) Michael Pedersen, N9QMV; Gary Pedersen, KA9BAE; and Bill Wallace, KB9PDN.



Lia Zwack, WA2NFY operates CW on Field Day in NY. She is 3rd from left. OM Lee, W2WPF is on the right.

Sherry Weir, KBOSQQ (left) operates the YL station for the Wichita Amateur Club (KS). Julie Roberts, KBOZQV is logging.

Other YLs participating included Jodie Law, ABOEG; Lynn Grimes, KGOWQ; and Peggy Hull, KBOZQT. Their site was in an old barn at the QTH of Rodney McDaniel, KBOPAU.



Field Day 'S"S'



Missy, KB7SDC (left) and her mother Debbie Hiraki, KB7QMQ work 20 meters at Fort Flagler WA, with the Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club. Debbie also worked 10 meters and was in charge of that station.

Mary Lewis, W7QGP works 75/80 meters, also with the Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club.



Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS finishing up Field Day with the Snohomish County Hams Club in Everett WA, near Seattle. Yes, it rained!



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make these corrections to your directory issue:

Please add the following YL:

WB2YBA Christine Haycock, YLRL President's Advisory Committee, 361 Roseville Ave, Newark NJ 07107; (973) 485-3298; E-mail: chrish2@juno.com

The following Alaskan YLs were mistakenly placed in District 7:

KL7AZL Geraldine Baker
NL7DL Lillian Marvin
KL7FJW Betty Marsh
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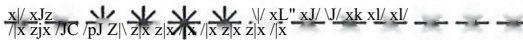


Please make the following corrections:

NX7V Lois Vallin; E-mail: loisiz@aol.com
KP3YL/WY Mady M. Langdon (ex-KA6ZYF), PO Box 1489, Santa Monica CA 90406-1489; E-mail: ka6zyf@gte.net

There are two corrections for the supplies page:

- 1) YLRL shirts are not 10 for \$1.00! The prices are as stated for the individual type of shirt.
- 2) YLRL rubber stamps are \$10, not \$9.75 as stated.



Calling All Young Young Ladies!!

It has been suggested that our younger YLs might benefit from their own column in YLH. Our younger YLs are those that are generally under 21 and are often students of any level. There are no hard and fast rules - you know who you are!! If you are a younger YL, please get in touch with the Editor. I know that there are at least two of you out there!



Greetings to everyone at this holiday season! It seems a little odd to write this when we are in the midst of "Indian Summer" weather following some cold days, a frost, and even some snow up north.

WRONE held its annual Fall Luncheon at the Passport Cafe in Windsor Locks, CT. Close to 40 members and guests enjoyed a lovely meal on a poor weather day. Guests went to visit the New England Air Museum while the YLs conducted their business. The results of the election were announced and the 1998 WRONE officers were introduced: President, Pat - N1LZH; Vice-President, Dawn -K1TQY; Secretary, Gail - N1TXJ; Treasurer, Judi - KAI YAK; Net Chair, Barb - WB1EHS, Membership Chair, Helen - KA1ZUP, and Hospitality Chair, Brenda - N1JWH. It was reported that over 100 letters had been sent out to new hams, letting them know about WRONE. There have been a few responses.

Judi - KAI YAK spent her summer vacation in Dresden, Ohio, the home of Longaberger Baskets. Judi is a consultant for Longaberger, and enjoyed the annual "basket convention". She returned with "baskets full" of decorating ideas! Judi's OM, Vinny - KA1WCA was a candidate for City Council in Stamford, CT this fall. That kept them busy.

Dot - KAI LDS, Deb - NN1C, and Linda - KAI BMO again journeyed to W1AW for the YL Anniversary Party. They were pleased to hear and work several YLs during their "Expedition". The three of them enjoy being on the receiving end of pileups as they call CQ. They recommend visiting and operating W1 AW any time you can.

The same three YLs are also responsible for the VT YL Net which meets on the NEFMRA repeater (146.88) every Sunday at 7:30 PM local time. The net just celebrated 4 years on the air. Participation has grown from 5 to 15 check-ins each week; about 33% are YLs. A QSL card is sent to each new check-in, and at the end of each year a certificate is sent to all participants. Guest resource persons are a popular feature of the net, as are the weekly discussion topics on everything from Field Day to "on the air manners."

I got a note from Stella - KC1 MX: "I thought I'd let you know what fun I had working the contest. Started off on 3912, 80 meters, worked W1 LIO - Arlene, KA2ZKM - Marion, K1TQY - Dawn, and WA1JYO - Vera. That took all of 3 minutes! Arlene and I took turns calling for a few minutes. Then Arlene had to go so Vera and I had a nice QSO, lasted about 40 minutes. Leaving breaks for YLs to get in, but nothing. So I went upon 20 meters and after a few calls I worked June - KM8E in Mich. Then AB7PX - Terrie. WOW! I met her challenge! We met three times in all. Also made contacts with NC, NV, KS, CA, OR, OH, VT and last, TX. It was great fun

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A very big "Thank You" for your vote of confidence from beautiful Medford Lakes, NJ. It has been quite some time since our last column and perhaps a few of you already know some of the news. However, for the benefit of those who don't, please read on and enjoy.

Effective with the October 1997 issue of QST, Diane Ortiz, K2DO of Long Island will write the YL column in QST. She is a member of SAYLARC and is scheduled to attend our Fall Luncheon in Fishkill, NY. Congratulations Diane!!

Karen, WD2AH's eleven year old daughter Nicole, KC2BHV has earned her technician license. Nicole's grandparents are Emily, AC2V and Paul, AC2T. There are now three generations of hams in their family. Nicole, a fifth grade honor student, received the President's Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Education, signed by President Clinton. Congratulations Nicole!!

Ruthie, K2ZQ (ex-AA2IO) writes that as of August 21 she finally joined the "Vanity Insanity" and changed her callsign. She loves her new call and say it makes quite a difference on CW and SSB, as it is both shorter and easier to understand. It's also an honor to a dearly loved Ham friend, Jim, W7ZQ.

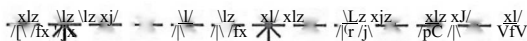
Minerva, WB2JNL is now well into picking apples, making jelly, apple sauce and apple juice, along with pickles and tomato sauce. She's quite a busy lady after a summer of having three granddaughters graduate from high school and off to college, two others in their 2nd year of college, and a grandson graduate from college. Now that it busy!!

Congratulations to Audrey, N2QJZ and her OM Fran who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. May you enjoy many more happy and healthy years together!!

Lia, WA2NFY was awarded the "Ham of the Year" plaque by the Rochester Amateur Radio Association. Congratulations, Lia!! We all know you certainly deserve the honor! Lia is one of our most dependable news suppliers, for which I am thankful.

It was sad news to learn that Rowena, K4GKO became a Silent Key. Lia and Rowena spent time together before Rowena went home to Florida. They last talked on YL OH. Rowena will be missed by all, especially Lia.

That's all for this time. I hope you enjoy your holidays and stay healthy. Until next time-bye now. 33, Myrtle, N2AKC



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Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN

Jeannie, KA3CEO and her OM Dick have been active with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Jeannie had a lumpectomy in September and has been taking radiation therapy. The doctors are encouraged and expect a full recovery. Thank Goodness!! Jeannie wishes to send a big'Hello'to her adoptees Akiyo, JHIGMZ and Mabie Bell, GI8SXN.

My adoptee, Nobuko, JR6XIX is now President of JLRS. We are all proud of you Nobuko!!

I want to send my best to all my friends down under. As far as I know, they are doing ok. Love to Pearl, ZL2QY who is now in a home.

I am finally settled in my new home and enjoying it. I sold my old place and am glad that all is taken care of. Now I can concentrate on getting the antenna up and working. I miss being on the air. Hopefully it will all be done in the next week or two. My new address is 3951 Country Drive, Dover PA 17315. 33 de Ruthanna, WB3CQN

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3-Land's new Chairwoman is
Barbara Bender, KA3VXR.
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and I made some good contacts. Each time I would ask if they were YLRL members. After working N6XDS, I asked and the voice came back and said "I am the President". I still smile when I think about it!! Nice to meet the Prez!"

I didn't hear from any other Field Day participants, but I know there were a few others out there. My club, Capeway Radio Club, finished tenth in 3A in the recently published results. We were third in 1-land, and third in our Section - EMA. Needless to say, we're happy!

Late breaking news: I just got a postcard from Ruth - KI I IF. She mailed it from Singapore on October 28 and I got it on November 4. I think that's pretty good!! She and OM Jack are on a "once in a lifetime" trip. The card was of a huge Holland America cruise ship. She lives in Lacey WA, but was once a 1-Land YL. She sends greetings to YLRL.

I didn't get much news considering how long it has been since the last issue. Please let me know what's up with you! E-mail is at wb1aru@juno.com. Please note that eastern Massachusetts has changed and added area codes. I am now at (781) 878-9235. 33, Anne, WB1ARU



SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL YLS.

Congratulations to Roseann Johnson, N4ZNO, for becoming our new 4th Call Area District Chairwoman. My thanks again to Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ for running this year. I'll be looking for her to run again in 1999.

Betty Mallay, KL7AP, came down for a weekend visit in October. Betty has been transferred from Anchorage to Columbia, MD by the FCC. She is still the only YL employed by the FCC at a field monitoring station. The OM helped install her 2 meter radio in the motorhome so you gals in the East listen for her on the air. We had a fun weekend catching up on old friends and revisiting memories.

I spoke with Janet Raines, N2SOI about activating the Southern Belles (with YLRL affiliation) in Orlando, FL. Michelle Clark, N1ZQL and Cindy Radice, KD4NLV are also involved in this endeavor. They need your support. Cindy is also President of the Orlando, FL radio club. All you Florida YLs get in touch with them and become involved. **WE NEED ACTIVE YL CLUBS.**

Terri Brown, KE4MHN, set up a YLRL table at the Augusta, GA hamfest October 11. She is another active YL doing her best to spread the word about YLRL and to get more YLs involved. Our thanks for her efforts.

I have purchased a new software program that translates written text into German, French or Spanish, back into English. I am going to write my DX-YL adoptee in German and see how good it is. I am very impressed with the software. It is called Easy Translator and is available on CD-ROM for either Win 3.1 or Win 95. Of course Traudel, DL1SYL, is ahead of me. She is learning English and writes well in English without the aid of a computer program.

I am looking forward to a fun Christmas this year with our two year old granddaughter, Sydney Marie. Tom and I are remodeling the house and hope to have it done in a year or two. We work slow. My New Year's resolution will be to be more active on HF and to work ALL the YL contests in 1998. My best wishes to all of you. It has been a pleasure being your District Chairwoman for the past three years. I would like to ask all of you in the 4th call area to write of your news to Roseann on a regular basis or catch her on the Alabama Nets on 3965 daily. 33 de Mary, KL7P

4-Land's new Chairwoman is

Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO

Send all your news to her at

1810 Macedonia Loop, Vincent AL 35178



Isn't this fall weather beautiful!?? The OM and I just returned from three weeks in Canada and New England where the colors were just magnificent. It was a wonderful trip, during which Andy's health improved tremendously.

I had a letter from Jenny, N5DXD, who is the daughter of Martha, W5YKE. She told of the sad story of Montserrat where Martha and OM Perry have had their island DX paradise for so many years. The island is now in bad shape and the volcano is so active that the native population is being forced to evacuate. What a shame! Jenny and her OM Bob, N5KXN, have bought a place in the Star Valley, south of Jackson, WY and are building there for their retirement. What beautiful country-one of my favorite areas.

Linda, KC5KNJ writes that she has been very active in ARES/RACES and storm spotting. She is a professor at Baylor University in Waco, teaching statistics in the psychology department. She is also one of the sponsors of Baylor's Amateur Radio club. In 1993, her son Patrick, KK5KN, got both her and her OM Ed, KC5KNI involved in Amateur Radio. Ed teaches in a high school, Pat is in College, and Linda is at the university. They are a very busy and exciting family-VERY INTENSE about Amateur Radio, and very active in the Heart of Texas Amateur Radio Club.

Alma, AB5BA also contacted me concerning Linda and another YL, Michelle, KC5CGH, who is also on staff at Baylor. She also wrote of a group of YLs from the Bosque County Amateur Radio Society that have started a YL Net on Thursday at 9PM on 147.18. Good luck, gals!!

Thanks to Burnette, K5JGC for the report on the 50th Wdding Anniversary of Margaret, K5MXO and her OM Bill, K5MMP. Their two daughters Ellen (formerly WA5CRP) and Linda (formerly WA5CRO) hosted a reception in the church parlor. Many hams were in attendance, as well as friends and relatives from afar. Later, they celebrated on the final cruise of the Rotterdam to Alaska. The Rotterdam was also celebrating its Golden Anniversary.

The OM, W5IWL and I attended the Texas YL Round-Up Net's annual party which was in Denton TX, this year on September 19 & 20. Attendance was scant compared to other years, but we had a great time anyway. New officers for 1998 are: President-Ann, K5GLM; Vice President-Julie, K5JFJ; and Secretary/Treasurer-Alma, AB5BA.

Immediately after the party, we headed out on our vacation. We went to the Limberlost area of Indiana (I have always been an ardent fan of Gene Stratton Porter and her writings), then on to Amish land, Niagara

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The Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County discussed several topics at their last meeting—the Christmas Party, a pot-luck dinner & white elephant sale, & the 1999 YLRL Convention on the Queen Mary.

The Young Ladies Radio Club of Los Angeles had their meeting in Pasadena. The guest speaker was Martha Barron, KA6TYO who is the chairperson for the 1999 YLRL Convention. She updated the Club on the progress of the Convention and requested the YLRC of LA to be in charge of the Hospitality Room. The YLRC Officers for 1998 will be Midge, K6BUS - President; Madge, WA6LWE - Vice President; Vi, W6CBA - Secretary/Bulletin Editor; Irma, K6KCI - Treasurer/Historian; Evelyn, N6DEJ - Parliamentarian; and Joanne, WA6QKC - Auditor. Irma, K6KCI is custodian of our Lads and Lassies Certificate. Judith, KC6PXF belonged to the YLRC LA Club in the early 1980's. She has returned to the LA area and has rejoined the YLRC of LA.

In other news, Jerrie, K6INK had surgery on her right rotator cuff on August 20. She also has informed me that the QCWA National Convention will be in Palm Desert. Convention headquarters will be at the Embassy Suites. Thanks for the news, Jerrie, and get well soon.

Many of the members from both YLRC-LA and LARA attended September's ARRL SW Division Convention in Riverside, CA. Edna Toll, KC6TXB, President of LARA, was one of the speakers at the seminar on "Club Activities that Work". It was an excellent seminar.

Irma, K6KCI attended her college reunion and didn't recognize anyone. Kay, KF6GW and her OM Paul, KO6D attended his 55th college reunion.

Miscellaneous news: Rosemary, KF6EKP and OM Archie, W6LPJ will be attending the Concord CA Pacific Division Convention and representing the ARRL 6th District QSL Bureau. Madge, WA6LWE hit her toe and cracked a bone in her right foot. Vi, W6CBA and OM Don, KA6DJK camped for a few days with an LA County group in Cherry Valley, CA.

This is my last column. I would like to thank all those who supported me over the past four years. I have enjoyed reporting 6-Land happenings. I know our paths will surely cross again. 33, Vi.

6-Land's new Chairwoman is

Jeri Haines, KA6USX

Send all your news to her at

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The holidays are nearly here. We've had an active summer and fall in the 7th district.

Cactus Keys' Phyllis W2GLB reported that they had the YLRL table at the Ft. Tuthill hamfest in July. About 30 YLs signed the register but there was so much going on they did not try to have a meeting. The October 25 meeting was held in Tucson. Look for a list of new officers in January's issue.

Two Rivers YL Club got together at Marti's, N6XDS July 19. Although attendance was down they had two new guests and a good collection for the Women's Shelter which they have adopted. They received a letter of appreciation from the shelter who admitted they had no idea what a YL is.



L to R: Marcie Stilwell, KC7DAT & Susan Johnson, AB7MD. (See page 28.)

Their September meeting was postponed because the bridge over the Columbia was under construction and they expected large traffic jams. Barb, KC7KVT did her part as one of those Hams who monitored traffic during the early morning rush hour. Saturday, October 25 the members gathered at the home of Barbara Mills, KC7KVT in Vancouver for their fall YL potluck. According to Barb, KC7KQI, "KC7KVT does REAL from scratch cream puffs, so we planned everything else around those tasty little morels." Others attending were Donna, K6DNG; Genevieve, KC7BSV; Jerri, WB7OXX; and Marti, N6XDS.

The MINOW net decided to hold a "NO BAKE" Sale fund-raiser in place of the annual fall bazaar. It seemed as if fewer and fewer members were participating in the bazaar. A MINOW Cookbook is also being planned. President Audrey, N7HAT received a lovely note from one of our DX adoptees - Devora, 4X4NW from Israel with a recipe for the cookbook! The Net also welcomed 6 new members - KC7LXS-Margaret, KB7PAD-Marion, N7SJH-Polly, AA7VL-Ira, KC7CLI-Peggy and KC7TCK-Caroll. On a sad note, AA7IV Barbara Oppenheimer became a Silent Key July 21.

7th district YLs have been busy. Marion Ayer, KB7PAD is President of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club in Oregon. Peggy Barchi, KC7CLI is president of the Maple Valley Amateur Radio Club (SE of Seattle). Peggy also enjoys QRPing and is looking for other YLs who are interested. Gloria,

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I'm sad to report that Carol lams, W8WRJ is an SK. Carol served YLRL as 8th District Chairwoman for several terms. She was extremely active with Chix on Six and the Buckeye Belles. She will be missed and condolences go to her OM Jim, K8BLB.

A group of Buckeye Belles and their OMs went out on the Island in Lake Erie again this year. I called them several times, but got no response. Nancy, KC4IYD told me that it was because they weren't up yet—time difference. Terri, WD8LQH; Chris, KC8DJL; Jean, KB8YHN; and some OMs had a good time. Nancy said they had 80 HF, ten 6 meter, and five CW contacts.

There were three Ohio YLs and two Michigan YLs at the CLARA conference in Aurora, Ontario this past weekend. Nancy, KC4IYD; Jean, KB8YHN; Bobbie, WB8BWT; Verline, K18V; and Carol, WD8DQG. (I guess I can still count myself with the Michigan bunch, just this one last time.) We had an excellent time. Kathy, VE3GJH did a super job. We had YLs from the US, Sicily, England, New Zealand, Sweden and Australia.

I'm headed back to Montana where I left the OM in charge of the house building which, by the time you read this, will be well underway.

I have enjoyed serving as 8th District Chairwoman for the past two years. I hope that you will all send your new to Terri and support her in any way you can. Thanks. 33, Carol, WD8DQG

8-Land's new Chairwoman is

Terri Berchak, WD8LQH

Send all your news to her at

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E-mail: berchak@ibm.net

CLARA'S '97 Gala Celebration —*continued from page 31*
CLARA celebrated their 30th anniversary with a "New Year's Eve Party" to start their next 30 years.

Sunday morning we all sat down and enjoyed a bon voyage buffet breakfast. A group picture was taken after breakfast and then we said our goodbyes to all our friends who had to leave. The rest of us drove to Tottenham and rode on a steam train ride that toured through scenic Tottenham, Nowhere and Beeton. After the train rides we again said our goodbyes and left for home.



Happy Winter, Ladies! I can't believe that we are preparing for Christmas already. Where has this year gone?

On October 25 we left for Florida with our son, Michael N8VAN, his wife Loann, KC8BDV, and their three sons, Sean, Tyler, and Evan. We caravanned down and, since we four adults are all hams, we were in constant touch. The two-meter radios were really a HUGE help at Disney World. We could go our separate ways and still be in touch. We had a wonderful time with the boys there. They were supposed to trick or treat in the Magic Kingdom on Halloween, but due to a monster storm (tornado warnings and all) we stayed at the hotel. I made the three boys'm & m' costumes and they got to trick or treat in the hotel. On November 2, Al and I left for Tampa and Busch Gardens. Michael and crew left for home. We left a day later. It was really terrible coming home to winter weather after being in 70 degrees. We then had 4 days to get ready for company from Arizona. The day they were to arrive, Al got the stomach flu and he was down for the day. I was fine for the first two days of their visit, then I got it. Then to add insult to injury, I got my annual case of laryngitis. So, now I'm on antibiotics to shake it. Winter! Bah, humbug!!!

I received a nice note from Dot, N9ALC. She said that they had a nice field day and had lots of help putting up the antennas, etc. She and her O.M. celebrated their 56th anniversary on August 16. They didn't have a party, but were planning a trip to Las Vegas in September. I hope that they had a great time and were successful in the casinos. She said that they were also busy with family parties, out-of-state relatives, fishing, etc. It sounds like they had a full summer.

We had elections last month at the Fort Wayne Radio Club. I am on the board of directors again for another year. Anne, KA9YYI, Becky, N2XUW, and I are in charge of the annual Christmas party. The club decided to adopt a family this year. It always gives you a warm, fuzzy feeling when you share with those less fortunate, especially at this time of year. We also do "Ham Santa" at a few hospitals. Last year we had Santa on ATV for the kids to see.

Well, I guess that about does it for this year. Whether you stay home or travel, I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and blessed holiday. Please make a resolution to keep your district manager apprised of your activities in 1998. See you all in the New Year. 33's, Carole, WB9RUS





To everyone who has desperately been trying to get in touch with me, here is the new information:

Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV
PO Box 342, Littleton, CO 80160-0342
Phone: (303) 730-9109

Sherry Weir, KB0SQQ and her OM passed through Denver on their way to the National School Bus Championships. Sherry placed sixth at state and her OM placed fourth, allowing them the chance to work hams across the US on their way to Portland, OR and Nationals. (Hey, wouldn't this be a great way to help the worked all counties YL rates?!?)

Fall is also a wonderful time to take your vacation and work Hams not normally found in YOUR own backyard. Allura Sortland, AA0LU has been challenged by the conditions on 6 meters, but has managed to hunt up a few contacts around 11pm (her time) this summer in Jamestown, ND. Look for her on all the bands, as she and her OM have been working on their antennas and are looking forward to the better conditions that have been starting lately and will be getting even better in the future.

Ten seconds before the ink hit the paper, or rather the electrons hit the screen, we learned of a DXpedition by WAIS, Ann Santos to Willis Island per Marti Brutcher's E-Mail. My OM and I are both looking forward not only to working a new prefix, but to (Hopefully) gain another YL country worked. Good luck to Ann and her DXpedition party.

Keep your information coming! With the move the station has been TEMPORARILY disassembled. I can't wait to get back on the bands and find out what you have been up to lately. 33, Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV

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KJ7QL is completing two years as Member at Large of the Olympia Amateur Radio Society. Debra Hiraki, KB7QMQ and her teenage daughter Missy Allen, KB7SDC, members of the Mike and Key ARC in Seattle operated on 20 meters as a team for Field Day. (Debra operated, Missy logged.) In Arizona, Joan, AB7KE is net control one day a week for an HF Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net and Mary, AB7NK is the Net Manager.

Susan Johnson, AB7MD organized a YL table at the North Kitsap ARC Hamfest(WA) and Marcie Stillwell, KC7DAT did a great job giving out information on YLRL and other YL nets. Susan writes that she will keep the left over information to give out at their club meetings and testing sessions! Great idea. Is there a Hamfest in your area? Why not send for YLRL applications and sample copies of Harmonics and have them available. Contact me and I'll be happy to send them to you.

I think that does it for this time. Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season! And DON'T FORGET TO WRITE! 33, Sara



Greetings from Alaska. By the time you read this, the holidays may be quite close, so I'll send greetings to all from the North.

In late September, there was a Hamfest held in Anchorage. Lil Marvin, NL7DL was one of the gals in charge of the event. She is a member of the PARKA YL Club, which also includes Dianne, NL7KN; Susan, NL7NN; Margie, KL7GLU; Stephanie, WL7SV; and Geoff, KLODS. It has been organized for many years. They meet the third Saturday of the month at Peggy's Airport Cafe in Anchorage and also have a two meter net once a week. It was this group of gals who worked so hard on the Hamfest, since they are all members of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club.

The attendance was great and the speakers, the best. Gordon West, WB6NOA was the main speaker. His many books, video and audio tapes, and classes are of much help to us all. His articles on marine radio really helped Ralph and I while we were sailing and getting set up for ocean cruising. His wife Susie, also a ham, accompanied him to Anchorage. Rich Palm, K1CE, Field Services Director for ARRL, was a guest speaker, as was Chip Margelli, who is very familiar with Yaesu radios. He was able to answer questions from local radio owners.

The Hamfest included the usual related activities: raffles, demonstrations, VEC testing, a banquet, a swapmeet, the Country Store, and auction, and food. The socializing is always a treat. I get caught up with friends from the whole area.

I have met a few more YLs on the 40 meter Alaska Bush net and have sent them the information sheet, hoping for new members. News from the rest of gals is slow in coming. Cheri, WL7MA is busy as always.

Our son Jim, KL7GCC has been down from Fairbanks helping his dad put in a new engine and outdrive unit in the new aluminum boat we will hopefully use to break the ice in the bay this winter. It is a slow job, with all the rain and wind we have had in September and October. It must be the fault of 'El Niño'. But I won't complain. At least I don't have to shovel it!

I hope every one had as much fun on the YLAP as I did. It wasn't the best ever, but I did get to talk to Christa, who I met in Hawaii, and then again in Washington DC in 1982. What fun! I even made 14 contacts, which was much better than the two I made last year!! HI HI!

The Happiest of Holidays to you all and Best Wishes for the New Year. 33, Betty Marsh, KL7FJW



**CLARA** Events

O.9-R9 97 Gala: CLARA'S 97 Gala has finally come (and gone), much to the delight (and sadness) of those who attended. See the next page for details of the event, and the December 1997 issues of *Worldradio* and *QST* for more on the festivities.

009 Nets: Don't forget that the CLARA Nets have started back up. The 80 meter CLARA Net meets on the frequency or 3750 at 7 p.m., Ontario time. NCS for this net varies.

The 40 meter Eastern Canada CLARA Net meets every Tuesday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m., eastern time, from September to May, on 7055. NCS is Helen, VE2YAK with relays from Minnie - VE3DBQ, Audrey - VE1PK, and Joyce - VE3JCE.

The twenty meter CLARA Net meets Tuesdays at 1700 GMT on 14.120. NCS for this net varies.

009 Membership Renewals: It's that time of the year again. Renewals are due by December 31. Canadian YLs and subscribers are \$12. Canadian Family YL Associates (same address as full member but no "CLARION") are \$3. USA and DX YLs via surface mail are \$14, and DX YLs receiving "CLARION" via air mail are \$16. CNIB licensed YLs joining CLARA for the first time pay a one time initiation fee of \$3 and receive a cassette version of "CLARION", read by Audrey Hughes, VE1PK. Please send your renewal form and the appropriate amount in a cheque or money order (Canadian funds) payable to CLARA to:

Kate Anderson, VE1VAO

MacPhersons Mills

RR #5

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia B2H 5C8

YLRL Needs You: YLRL is looking for a volunteer to become our District Chairman for our Canadian sisters. The only requirements are that you have been a YLRL member for one year and that you live in Canada. Please consider volunteering. Contact Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD.

Last Minute Rumor!!

Rumor has it that we may have a District Chairwoman for Canada. Once all is confirmed, we'll update you!

CLARA's '97 GALA CELEBRATION

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ & Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

Approximately 70 YLs from around the world and their OMs attended the CLARA convention in Aurora, Ontario on September 26-28th. The international guests included SMOHNV-Raija, JA3SQN-Nozomi, JA3SQM-Ken, VK3DYL-Gwen, ZL1 ALE-Aola, ZL1 AMN-Dave, Ruth-IT9ESZ, and her OM Vincent.

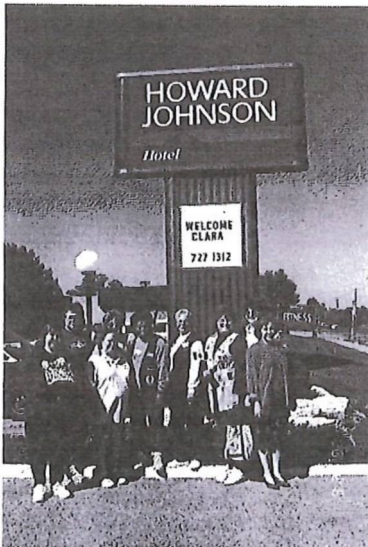
After a harrowing "white knuckle" trip through downtown Toronto at rush hour, the YLRL contingent - Barb-KA3VXR, Lois-WB3EFQ, Nancy-KC4IYD, Bobbie-WA8BWT, Jean-KB8YHN, Kay-WAOWOF and Carol-WD8DQG arrived Thursday evening and got settled in. We all went to "The Keg" for supper with Elizabeth-VE7YL, Raija-SMOHNV, Ruth-IT9ESZ and her OM Vincent, Nozomi-JA3SQN and Ken-JA3SQM. Coming back it was "how many can you fit in a VW"? Other YLs from the US who attended included Diane Ortiz-K2DO, Verline-KI8V and their OMs.

Friday, most went to the Fred Hammond Museum in Guelph, while others headed to Toronto for shopping. Friday night we gathered together in the Queen Elizabeth room for a buffet dinner and were serenaded by bagpipers Bob and June Smith, watched the play "The Melville Boys" on stage and enjoyed the music of a homebrew country/bluegrass/ Elvis sighting ensemble.

Saturday morning we met at breakfast and then scurried around filling out our "get acquainted" sheets. Afterwards, some of us were treated to a free massage while others went shopping. Then CLARA had their business meeting followed by forums on girl guides (similar to the US girl scouts), money management and DX travel by Elizabeth VE7YL of the 1997 ALARA convention and Gwen VK3DYL on her most recent trip to Newfoundland and Labrador.

Saturday night's dinner was a buffet with entertainment by the Yavir Ukrainian Dancers and later, music by DJ Tom Job, VE3II with lots of dancing, dancing and more dancing. At 11pm (midnight in another time zone)

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L to R: Verline, KI8V; Carol, WD8DQG; Jean Ruth, KB8YHN; Gwen, VK3DYL; Nancy, KC4IYD; Bobbi; Barb, KA3VXR; Lois, WB3EFQ; & Kay, WAOWOF.



DX YL News



Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

I am sorry to report that Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV was unable to complete her term as DX Receiving Treasurer and has decided not to continue during the 1998/1999 term. Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH has volunteered to take her place and will begin her term in January 1998. Please send all your DX YL News to her. -- *the Editor*

Our new DX YL Receiving Treasurer/Chairwoman is:

Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

Send all your news to her at

17630 Point Comfort Ln, Webster TX 77598-3223, USA

(281)338-2918

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Mark your calendars for the "15th BYLARA Contest", Thursday, 12th February 1998 and Saturday, 14th February 1998. All licensed operators and SWLs are invited to participate. Look for more information in the next issue.

WARO's Ranunculus Lyallii



Ranunculus Lyallii is the Giant Mountain Buttercup. This glory of New Zealand alpine plants has tall branched flowering stems usually with many large white flowers, each with numerous overlapping petals, and is found in the southern alpine regions of the South Island and the highest peaks of Stewart Island. The leaves are almost circular, can be up to 40 cm across and, in the central hollow where the stem is attached, can be deep enough to hold a cup of water. The flower can be between five and eight cms in diameter. The white petals surround the golden stamens and in the centre, the greenish pistils overlap likefish scales. It is a noble plant and the largest and finest ranunculus in the world.

The Giant Mountain Buttercup has been adopted as the WARO Emblem. The text and sketch was supplied by Brenda Shore, ZL4OQ some 17 years ago. - *reprinted from NZ WARO Bulletin, December 1997*

SVALBARD POLAR YL '98

Unni-LA6RHA, Turid-LA9THA, Ruth-LA6ZH, and Ingrid are hard at work with the plans for 1998's Svalbard YL Meeting in Norway. It will be held August 20-24 in the town of Longyearbyen, which is situated at 78° north on Spitzbergen. Spitzbergen belongs to the group of arctic islands called Svalbard. The meeting will be hosted at the Svalbard Polar Hotel and will include sightseeing trips with ample time for leisurely strolls and tax-free shopping. There will also be an opportunity to operate Amateur Radio from the shack of the Svalbard Group of the Norwegian Radio Relay League (NRRL) using the rare and popular prefix JW. (If you do not have a CEPT-license, a copy of your national amateur license will be needed no later than May 1, 1998 so that a permit can be applied for to operate on Svalbard with the JW/prefix. No cost is involved in this.)

If you wish to attend, please contact:

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=====BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997=====

Estimated price is NOK 4350,- per person double occupancy or NOK 5890,- one person in a single room and includes:

- Four nights with breakfast
- Guided sightseeing in Longyearbyen
- YL Forum
- Banquet
- One day tour by boat on the Isfjord
- Sightseeing with local guide in Barentsburg
- Russian lunch
- Transport to and from the airport

There are optional tours available:

- Fossil hunt next to the Longyear Glacier (NOK 250,-)
- The Plateau Mountain (NOK 300,-)
- Glacier walking (NOK 400,-)
- Kayak tour (NOK 400,-)
- Coal mine tour (NOK 550,-)
- Airplane tour (NOK 500,-)

There is a very comprehensive website containing much more information. It's URL is <http://home.sn.no/home/tbjerke/svalbard/>. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

What a great opportunity to visit Norway under the midnight sun!!

Joan Gibson, KG1F, SK-----continued from page 15

had been diagnosed as having leukaemia, but with chemotherapy this dreadful illness was kept at bay. She was monitored constantly and on daily medication. At this time I know she suffered terribly with the side effects of the chemo and, of course, the mental anguish. Her husband Stewart was wonderful and gave her all the love and support imaginable. With her strong will, Stew's encouragement and constant medication she was able to go to work and lead a fulfilling life again.

She took an interest in music and had tuition. Her tutor encouraged her to play a new instrument, the marimba, and found one for sale, which she bought. Joan also loved her dogs, cats and was a keen gardener. On November 02nd 1996 Joan wrote to say that she would be coming to England on 14th November for a visit, The leukaemia was under control with medication and she felt able to come, even though she became easily fatigued. We both had e-mail so the lines between our countries were red hot!

We had a wonderful and memorable visit. Joan and I recognized each other immediately when we met in the lobby of the London hotel. Many photos later, we visited the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, (more photos) then afterwards we went for a pleasant pub "Ploughmans lunch". It rained almost constantly that day but it did not deter us from walking arm in arm, non-stop chatting under an umbrella. We bought each other keepsakes before having to say good bye that day. Joan phoned me from Bath where they were staying and we decided to go there for the weekend. We continued to cement our friendship and the second farewell was very sad and emotional for me. We made plans to see each other again and keep in touch via e-mail. Joan sent me a wonderful photo of us which I keep on top of my radio. Her smile lights up her whole face and I confess I sometimes talk to that photo.

Joan fought her illness for 3 years, 11 days. I feel privileged and proud to have met and known her, a truly wonderful friend, devoted wife and dedicated worker. She will be sadly missed by all the people she touched in her all too short life.

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Falls, the Antique Wireless Museum in Rochester (which was fabulous), on into Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island (I'm a fan of L.M. Montgomery and Anne of Green Gables, too), Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. Taffy our yellow lab went with us, and she had a ball, too, except she didn't like being lift in the hold of the ship for ferry rides.

Andy is now excitedly building a Tesla Coil. He got directions and schematics from Randy, WA8GAU when we stopped by his place in Mt. Cory OH. Randy calls himself "the mad scientist". I guess Andy is on his way to being one, too. It's too bad he didn't get his coil finished by Halloween. We could have done some Frankenstein stuff.

See you next time. Stay warm and feed my mailbox, y'all hear?

33, Doris, K5BNQ. E-mail: andydoris@juno.com

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

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SILENT KEYS !!

Our condolences to the families of

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| AA7IV | Barbara Oppenheimer, SK on July 21, 1997 |
| K4GKO | Rowena Reynolds, SK |
| KA8IWD | Lilo Hermann, on the passing of her OM Jack, W8TSF on October 10, 1997 |
| KG1F | Joan Gibson, SK on June 15, 1997 |
| N6XDS | Marti Brutcher on the passing of her brother John Stephens on August 9, 1997 |
| W1ICV | Jane Anderson, on the passing of her OM Vern, W1SP on July 18, 1997 |
| W7FTX | Clarice Goodman, SK on October 27, 1997 |
| ZS6GH | Diana Green, SK on July 22, 1997 |

Look for changes & corrections In the January/February 1998 issue.

From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS



The end of the year is nearly upon us again. They all fly by so fast now. Looking back over the past year, I found that I wore many more hats than I ever intended-Editor, Database & Circulation Manager, and even DX Receiving Treasurer for a very brief time. I am glad to say that the last three have been filled and some of my time is becoming my own once again.

However, I find that I have not filled the hat I love best very well-that of Editor. The problem isn't with the magazine itself, but with my lack of punctuality in getting it out on time, including this issue. You have all been very patient with me and I can't tell you how much that has meant.

But you deserve better. So, I'd like to make this New Year's resolution to you all. YL Harmonics will be out on time. Period. There isn't much else to say about that.

My time on the Amateur Radio bands has finally become quality time. I've had the recent pleasure of seeing the ten meter band come alive. It has been great fun, speaking with folks all over the USA and even into the Caribbean and South America. I've also been introduced to easy satellites with the launching of the little Sputnik 40 and my accidental discovery of DOVE. It has been great fun and reminds me that there is lots out there for us technicians.

Last and certainly not least, I'd like to bid a fond farewell to Marti, N6XDS. She has made the last two years unforgettable for me, as she extended her friendship and knowledge to me as she took my hand, showing me how to be an Editor, and a better person. Thank you.

Special Edition YLRL Pin

We have the opportunity to place an order for the pin shown below if enough interest is shown. The pin has clear blue stones set in a silver tone setting. If you attended the CLARA Gala, you saw a red one there, or if you attended the last SeaPac in Oregon, you saw the original blue. They will cost approximately \$25 each, including shipping and handling. If you are interested, please contact the Editor so we can get a head count.

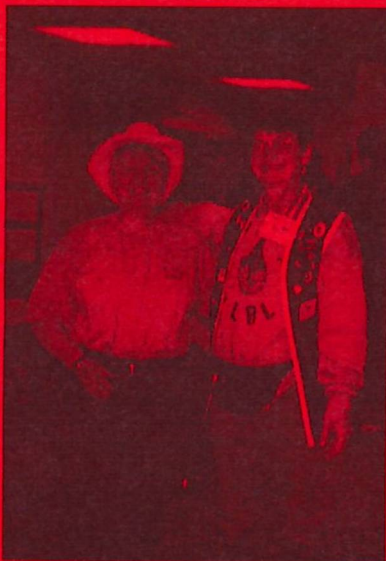


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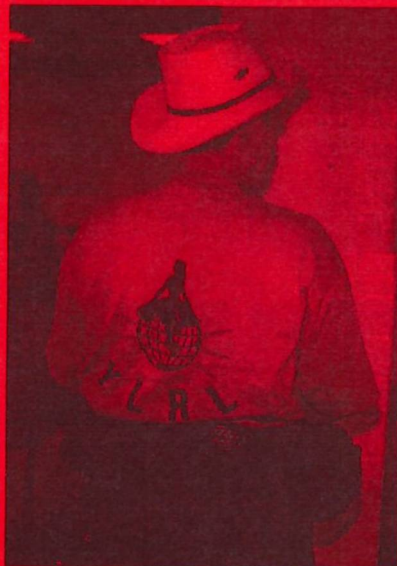
Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

There have been many recent changes in what is available to be purchased. We no longer carry name tags or mugs. We have upgraded our t-shirt line to include 3-button placket staff shirts and sweatshirts, all with personalized embroidery and three colors to choose from. Self-inking stamps in black or blue have been added. Confused? Check out the supplies page for everything you need. I've added an order form below to help you sort out your choices! Have fun. 33, Lois

Fay, N9FA (in hat) and Lois, WB3EFQ model some of YLRL's shirts.



T-shirt on left, sweatshirt on right



Back of T-shirt

Please note that some of the prices printed in the recent directory issue are incorrect. The prices printed on the next page are correct.

Stamp: Self inking Wooden mountDiamond GOG
 Blue Black

Shirt: **Style:** T-shirt Staff Shirt* Sweatshirt _____
 Color: **White** Light/med/blk/whia Birch/ash
 Size: Sm Med Lrg _____ XL XXL _____

Please print name & call for imprinting:

----- **Staff shirt is still available^**
in light blue.J


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YLRL STATIONERY: Diamond Logo Letterhead & Matching Envelopes

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| 50 sheets, 8½ x 11, with 50 #10 envelopes | \$6.50 |
| 25 sheets, 8½ x 11, with 25 #10 envelopes | 4.00 |
| 50 sheets, 5½ x 8½, with 50 note-sized envelopes | 4.50 |
| 25 sheets, 5½ x 8½, with 25 note-sized envelopes | 2.75 |
| YLRL postcards (without postage) | 25 for \$1.75 or 50 for 2.75 |

YLRL JEWELRY, PATCHES, AND DECALS: Girl-on-Globe Logo

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| Pins: | Gold-filled | \$17.00 |
| | Silver | 17.00 |
|    | 50th Anniversary pin/charm | \$2.00, while supplies last!! 4.00 |
| Charms: | Gold-filled | 17.00 |
| | Silver | 17.00 |
| Patch: | 4" circle, gray with blue logo | 3.50 |
| Decals: | 3" circle, silver and blue (indoor use) | 3 for 1.00 |
| | 3" circle, silver and blue Mylar | .75 each or 3 for 2.00 |
| | (for a window or windshield; logo faces out) | |

YLRL JEWELRY: Diamond Logo

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| Pins: | Gold and blue enamel | \$4.00 |
| | Silver and blue enamel | 4.00 |
| Charms: | Gold and blue enamel | 4.00 |
| | Silver and blue enamel | 4.00 |

YLRL RUBBER STAMP: Girl-on-Globe or Diamond Logo

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| Your call, name and address | |
| Self-inking in blue or black | \$22.00 |
| Wood mounted (no ink supplied) | 11.00 |

BOOK: CQ-YL, by Louisa Sando, W5RZJ.

\$12.00

Covers all phases of YL participation in amateur radio. Three-hole punch, no cover. Over 220 pages and over 600 photos. 4th edition printing includes officer data through 1994 and YLRL convention reports through 1993. \$2.00 shipping fee included.

★★NEW ITEMS!!★★

GIRL-ON-GLOBE STICKERS

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| Silver with blue girl, 1" diameter | 10 for \$1.00 |
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YLRL SHIRTS

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| T-shirt, 3-button placket staff shirt, or sweatshirt with name and call embroidered on front and girl-on-globe logo on back; sweatshirt with girl-on-globe on front. Available in sizes S-XL; XXL add \$2.00. Colors-white, light blue, or birch/ash. | |
| T-shirts | \$14.00 |
| Staff shirts w/ 3-button placket | 21.00 |
| Sweatshirts | 22.00 |



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