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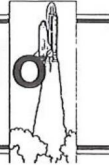
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The President's Hell

Nancy Rabe! Hall, KC4IYD/8



Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe that this will be my last letter to you. These last two years have gone by a lot faster than I could have ever imagined. When I first came in as your president, I was new to a lot of the goings on and history of YLRL. I previously held the position of vice president, a position that involves checking contest logs, listing contest winners, coming up with dates for contests and updating the contest rules. The job of the president is very different from that of VP in that it encompasses all areas of YLRL. During my two years I learned a lot about the various offices, committees and custodians in YLRL and made a lot of new and wonderful friends. At the YLRL convention in California, I met a lot of these new friends face to face and made many more new friends and that was definitely a treat. Before I leave, I would like to summarize my two years and then I have some business I need to tend to and then I will say goodbye as your president.

During that first year, my goal was to see more YLs become members of YLRL. To that end, I updated you in my president's letter on how the renewals for each US call district, VE and DX countries were going. In one of my columns I listed the names of the YL clubs from the various call areas and DX countries. Later on, I found out that YLRL has an Affiliated Club committee chairwoman, Donna Deyoe, **K6DNG**. So, if you belong to a YLRL club and have at least 50% of your club members who are also YLRL members, then be sure that your secretary contacts Donna so that your club can become a YLRL affiliated club. This not only gives your club recognition, but if new members are looking for a local YL club near them, this is a great way for them to find you. If you know of a YL who is blind or has trouble seeing, put them in contact with one of YLRL's tape topic librarians. They take the information from YLH and put it on tape and will mail it to hams who request it. There is no charge for this service. I believe this service is very important and that not everyone knows about it. If you are a tester, then try working one of the various YLRL contests we have or try working for one of the many certificates we offer. The contest information and certificate requirements are listed in the directory issues and on the YLRL web page at: <http://www.gsl.net/ylrl>. Do you have news that you would like to share with other YLs or have you done something pretty exciting? Well be sure to let the district chairwomen of your area know about so it can get printed up in YLH. You may wonder where I am going with all this. Well if you look at the inside front cover of any issue of YLH (including this one), you will see a list of all the various YLs in YLRL who hold an office. Each of them in one way or another provide a service that helps us get new members as well as help

those who are already members. I can honestly say that I know what each of those people do, can you? If not, contact them and ask them about their position. You'll make a new friend and you'll learn more about YLRL and then you can tell others about it too.

As my first year ended, I gave birth to my first child, Carol Stephanie on December 20, who I cannot imagine life without. Carol is now 8 months old as I write this article. She is already starting to crawl and trying to stand up using the furniture. She can say ma-ma, da-da, hi and ah-goo. She loves to smile, laugh and wave bye-bye. I will stop now otherwise, and those of you with grandchildren, children, nieces or nephews of your own know this, I could continue on for another page. And as YLRL welcomed a lot of new members we also had to say goodbye to many others. Also in 1998, the YLRL scholarship fund was given a boost when an anonymous donor came in who was willing to match the total scholarship drive up to \$25,000.

The first several months of 1999 were bumpy as I was searching for a new editor. I finally found 3 new ones to replace the previous editor. Two of the editors, Nan, KC7LZE and Mariann, AA9TB are responsible for YLH and the third Shawna, **NL7LI** will be handling the directory issue. At that time, I also become more aware of the amount of money that was being spent on YLH. Concern that we were spending much more than 3/4 of the dues on YLH (as specified in the Constitution) was brought up at the 1996 convention but it was voted to continue spending and to revisit the situation at a later date. Well that later date arrived and after several discussions and letters to the YLRL board members in general and the disbursing treasurer and the Budget and Finance committee in particular, the conclusion was reached that we are in a financial crisis and are in desperate need of a dues increase. The last time we had a dues increase was in 1985. Please read the section on the proposed changes to the by-laws to raise dues in this issue and please vote.

1999 also saw us lose several more YLRL members, especially Mary Lou Brown, **NM7N** and Dot Bedford, **NY4S** (ex **K4AOH**). To honor Mary Lou and her outstanding donation to YLRL, a proposal was made to create a second YLRL scholarship in her name. That proposal is currently being voted on. YLRL finally was able to get Ethel Smith's call, **K4LMB**, as our club call. We were not able to immediately get Ethel's call in memoriam since she had no living relative to give us permission. We had to wait 2 years following her death to get her call as a club call. I am the trustee for this call so if any YL group or YL club wants to use the call, **K4LMB**, for any YL-related activity, please contact me. YLRL also celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a convention on board the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. This was my 2nd YLRL convention and my third YL convention (CLARA in Canada was my first DX YL convention). I met so many YLs that I wish I could've stayed longer and chatted with each and every one of you. I again want to say thank

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Ethel Smith-K4LMB



Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by YLRL

In Memory of:

Margaret Haley Pearre, **K5MX0**
Helen McKeral, **W4DEV**
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Naciya Boeckenhaupt, **WBOWAS**
Mary Lou Brown, **NM7N**
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SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE WINNERS

1st-MINNOW \$300.00
2nd-Caroll Massie, **KC7TCK** \$200.00
3rd-GAYLARK \$150.00

All prize winners returned the money to the fund.

Hazel Cain, **K9QGR** Doll Winner Ruth Nelson, **KF6MRO**
LARA of Orange Co Quilt Winner Ginger Wonderling, **AB6YL**

Mary Lou Brown, NM7N was the secret donor. It is sad that we could not honor her at YLRL '99, but YLRL will honor her with a Memorial Scholarship. When she sent the \$25,000 to me in 1998 it was decided that at YLRL '99 she would donate \$10,000 of it to YLRL, Inc. This was done in her name.

Thanks to all the YLs , OMs, and YL Clubs who made the "Sky's the Limit" come true. Total sales were \$6,623.86

DONATIONS FROM YL CLUBS

BAYLARC LARA OF ORANGE CO
BUCKEYE BELLES MINNOW
CACTUS KEYS SAYLARC
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ARRL

YLRL sends SINCERE thanks to ARRL for their donation. The ARRL Officers and Board of Directors voted to match our ticket sales up to \$5,000! The check was presented by Fried Heyn, WA6WZO at the Saturday banquet. I must confess my "tears of happiness" did show! 3 3,

Marte KOEPE



CONGRATULATIONS!!!
"YOU" DID IT!!!

YLRL SCHOLARSHIP
FINANCIAL REPORT - AUGUST 1999

Ethel Smith, K4LMB	\$23,068.01
Mary Lou Brown, NM7N	26,601.80
Scholarship Ticket Sales	6,623.86
(Doll - \$63.00, LARA Cookbooks - \$23.00)	
	\$56,293.67
Mary Lou Brown, NM7N YLRL gift	<10,000.00>
Balance	\$46,293.67
ARRL gift to Scholarship Fund	5,000.00
(matching ticket sales up to \$5,000)	\$51,293.67
Accounts at Bank of America, Liberal KS	
YLRL, Inc. (Scholarship Fund) CD	\$40,000.00
6 months @ 4.80 % yield \$960.00	
Money Market Account	11,293.67
	\$51,293.67

Please except my personal letter of thanks to the YLs and OMs who donated to the fund while attending YLRL '99. Special thanks to all the DXYLs... your donations were deeply appreciated.

Thank you letters have been sent to ARRL Officers and Board of Directors.

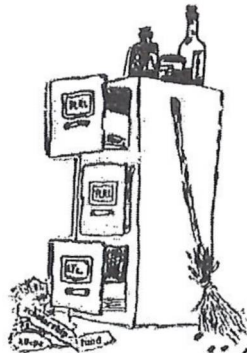
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If you have any questions please write or email me at k0epe@[rocketmail.com](mailto:k0epe@rocketmail.com)

Thanks YLs for a job well done!

Marte, **KOEPE & Kay, WAOWOF**



Proposed Change to the YLRL By-Laws - on order to raise dues

Over the last two years, YLRL has lost **\$16,000** based on the cost of *YL Harmonics*. We have to find a way to reduce our expenditures. In 1982 the membership voted to issue *YL Harmonics* quarterly if it became financially necessary to do so. In 1985, rather than enact that rule, YLRL dues were raised from \$6.00 to \$8.00. There has been no other increase in dues since that time and the only source of income for YLRL is through its dues.

At the last convention in 1996, members present voted to continue spending in excess of 75% of our dues rather than down-size *YL Harmonics* or raise dues. For the last three years, the cost of publishing and mailing *YL Harmonics* has exceeded the dues collected by more than 100%. In addition, the cost of mailing the directory issue is about twice what it costs to mail the regular bimonthly *YL Harmonics* issues. YLRL issues 5 bimonthly *YL Harmonics* averaging 35 pages each plus an 8 1/2 x 11,50 page directory issue each year. Compare the quantity and quality of *YL Harmonics* and the current \$8 dues with any other club and you will see that this is a bargain. This is also the cause of our financial crisis. Based on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Disbursing Treasurer, an increase in dues is the only way we can alleviate some of our financial problems.

Our current expense for mailing *YL Harmonics* is approximately \$14 per person. An increase in dues under \$15, even if *YL Harmonics* is published quarterly, will slow our financial crisis but will not alleviate it. The majority of opinion is that issuing *YL Harmonics* quarterly will result in a loss of the timely information that is in *YL Harmonics*. Therefore, based on discussions and suggestions made at the YLRL 1999 Convention in California and the input from the Budget and Finance Committee and the Disbursing Treasurer a vote to increase dues either to \$15 or \$20 is being proposed. This will result in a change to **YLRL By-Laws, Article II- Dues, Sec 1.**

Please complete your ballot and return it **IN AN ENVELOPE SIGNED BY YOU** to:

Donna Deyoe, **K6DNG**
YLRL Secretary
15408 SE 14th St.
Vancouver, WA 98684-8975 USA
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 1999

- A. I support the proposed changes to Article II, Sec 1 of the YLRL By-Laws as published in the Sept/Oct 1999 issue of *YL Harmonics* to raise dues to \$15.
- B. I support the proposed changes to Article II, Sec 1 of the YLRL By-Laws as published in the Sept/Oct 1999 issue of *YL Harmonics* to raise dues to \$20.

If this increase in dues will create an undo hardship for you, please contact your receiving treasurer. Just as we have sponsors for the DX YLs, we can find sponsors for those of you who will face undue hardship in paying this increase. We do not want to lose you as members but we need to keep solvent in order to bring you the best possible news from the YLs in the US and around the world.

Dues for family members will remain at \$2. Based on which of the dues increases which passes, first class dues will still be an additional \$4 (the total will be either \$19 or \$24) and dues for airmail and all other DX countries will still be an additional \$8 (total \$23 or \$28).

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• **The new address is <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl>.**
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: Take a minute and log in and check it out!
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YL CONTEST CORNER

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The remaining contests for 1999 are:

Howdy Days September 17-19, 1999

YL AP CW October 9-11, 1999

YLAP SSB October 23-25, 1999

Remember that the NEW YLRL Web Page has all the latest information and contest rules, etc.

33s Cleo

FDNANC5AL REPORT

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YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE, INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH
FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1999

DESCRIPTION	CHECKING PETTY CASH	GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT			TOTAL
		GENERAL FUND	PRESIDENTS FUND	CONVENTION FUND	
CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/98\$	2,889.92	8,785.98	\$ 201.18	\$ 900.03	\$ 12,777.11
CASH RECEIPTS:					
Dues & Subscriptions	5,528.00				5,528.00
First Class Postage *	1,487.00				1,487.00
Interest Income		114.03	4.06	10.03	128.12
Sales of Supplies	276.00				276.00
Transfer from MM to Operating Convention Fund				0.00	0.00
Donation for Recording for Blind	0.00				0.00
Donations -Other	27.00				27.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	7,318.00	114.03	TUB	10.03	7,446.12
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:					
YL Harmonics Expense	6,572.41				6,572.41
Handi-Hams Campership	195.00				195.00
Officers Expense	305.68				305.68
Chairrm's Exjenses	0.00				0.00
Supplies Invent cxy/Expense	838.29				838.29
Trophies and Av'rds	38.00				38.00
Convention Seed Money	0.00				0.00
Advertising at Commotions etc	150.00				150.00
Miso.	619.00				619.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	8,718.38	OTO	OTO	OTO	6,718.38
INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH:	(1,400.38)	114.03	4.06	10.03	(1,272.26)
CASH BALANCE AS OF 6/30/99	1,489.54	18,900.01	205.24	910.06	FT,504.85

YLRL Election Results :

Congratulations to all our new officers!!!

President	Caro]Hal-WD8DQG/7
Vice President	Phyllis Shanks - W2GLB/7
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Rec. Treas. #2	Doris May - KJ7RF
Rec. Treas. #3	Carol Schmitkons - KI8IM
Rec. Treas. #4	Christina Ronhausen-Terrell - N5YCH
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Dist. Chair #10	Cheryl Muhr - NOWBV
KL7 Dist. Chair	Betty Marsh - KL7FJW

Thanks...Donna **K6DNG**

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The new address is <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl>

Take a minute and log in and check it out!

1999 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's That Time Again!!

Dues were due and payable March 1st.

If you haven't already renewed your membership, won't you please take a moment and do so now? The renewal form is on the next page. The DX YL renewal form is at the bottom of this page. 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.)

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



1999 YLRL DX YL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please use this form if you are a DX YL paying your own dues or if you sponsor a DX YL. Make check (U.S. only) or International Postal Money Order (in U.S. Funds) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. A separate form is needed for each DX YL renewal.

Check one: Paying your own dues
 New
 Same adoptee / sponsor as last year

DX YLs NameCall _____
DX YLs Address _____
Province / DistrictCountryZip _____
Sponsor's Name Call _____
Sponsor's Address _____
CityStateZip _____
Check one: \$16.00 for Air Mail \$2.00 for family member
(If family member, give name and call of primary member)

Send to: Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH; 17630 Point Comfort Lane,
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DX Renewal Reminder ..

If you are sending dues in for a DX YL. please make sure they go to our DX Deceiving Treasurer Christina Qonshausen-Terrell. N5YCH. Send your own dues to the Deceiving Treasurer for your district Do noL send them together to one or the other.

1999 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call:Recent _____ Prior _____ Call: _____
Name:Country: _____
Address:New Address? Y / N _____
City:State/Province:Zip: _____
Phone Number: () -Fax Number:() -- _____
Packet Address: _____
Email _____ Address: _____
License _____ Class:Year _____ 1 _____ st _____ Licensed: _____
ARRL Member? Y / N Year Joined YLRL: _____
List YLRL Affiliated Clubs You Belong To: _____

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

DOB:Anniversary:OM _____ Call: _____
Children-names, _____ Ages, _____ Calls: _____
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Occupation: _____
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Anne Manna, WB1ARU

The big news for this issue has to be the YLRL Convention. **W4GXZ**, Blanche, **WAIS**, Ann, **W1LIO**, Arline, and **WB1ARU**, Anne all attended, along with Blanche's OM, Wes and Anne's OM, Tony. We all had a terrific time. Arline did a presentation about Girl Scouts and ham radio, and Ann showed great slides and told about her DXpedition to Willis Island.

Blanche really enjoyed the Convention: "It was very well planned, organized and it all ran very smoothly. The speakers were a delight and the forum was well run and informative. After about 15 years with no dues increase I am not surprised that it was a topic of discussion - it is much needed and my only surprise is that it didn't come sooner. It was just wonderful to see so many old friends and, of course, make some new ones. I was so pleased to see Harryette, **W6QGQX**, who has been to every YLRL Convention. I first met her when we had the third YLRL convention here in Cambridge and she stayed at my house. I just hope everyone had as good a time as I did and I hope to be able to make the next convention.

Now to get packed up and ready to go to the QCWA Convention in St. Louis, where we will see lots of friends and again make some new friends."

W1LIO, Arline will be setting up the Special Events Station WOS, at the Exhibit Area of the 47th National Girl Scout Convention in Kansas City, MO on October 13-17. With the help of local hams they will be on HF, 2 meters, and Packet radio, demonstrating and handing out information on Ham Radio and sending traffic messages to friends and families. This is the third time Arline has done this at the Girl Scout Convention, which is held every 3 years.

KB1BMO, Linda wrote, "My OM and I did our ham communications volunteering at the Pittsburgh Grand Prix again this year. This was my third year and every year they issue a different commemorative pin to each volunteer. Someone told me that a complete set of 17 pins was seen on eBay going in the thousands. Pretty funny." Linda is also busy as an OO and is trying to get her code speed up by staying off sideband.

Linda also mentioned that the Wireless Women of VT are planning a small get-together at the beginning of October at Wake Robin where **WAI WQM**, Kit and Bob Wilson reside. "We've gotten really lazy going from our days of potluck suppers to a private dining room and a catered meal. I guess the important thing is we're still meeting periodically, usually including the OMs, and getting to discuss changes in amateur radio, ARRL, licensing changes etc."

K1TVT, Jean has a new email addressJEANT1@prodigy.net. She got a new computer and is having a bit of a time learning about it. She managed to wipe out the browser, but had it reinstalled.

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SURPRISE - SURPRISE - SURPRISE!

I trust most of you are as surprised as I am to have a Harmonics for September/October in lieu of the Directory. No doubt those of you attending the Convention were up on the facts and are expecting Harmonics. However the change kind-a-left us with "no mail" so to speak from 2-land gals. Thank goodness for those of you with e-mail that have written.

Probably by this time the Convention on the Queen Mary is a fond memory of old and new friends enjoying all the events, and everyone looking forward to the next one. I sure did miss not being there, in fact I envied you who were there, that was until I came down with sciatica that week, and was most happy to be home in New Jersey. If you have had it you surely understand the pain, and for those of you who haven't "thank your lucky stars." Last week I was finally able to discontinue the pills.

Although I was not on the Queen Mary I did receive a memento of the Convention which made up for my not being there. My good friend Betty, **KL7FJW** from Alaska sent me the beautiful Convention pins. They are quite different, and needless to say I will wear them with pride.

Minerva, **WB2JNL** wrote that she too did not attend the Convention as Lennie's sight is not too good and they don't travel much now. They had a "big birthday party" for a granddaughter, grandson, and a great granddaughter who were all one year old in July. There were 75 people there as two sons and two daughters couldn't make it. However their daughter from Seattle did get to visit for two weeks and they hope she and her family can get back for Christmas. Minerva like the rest of us "old time" SAYLARC members miss the really good times we had getting together, but as she said things do change. How true!

Miriam finally came through with e-mail also, and were we ever glad to hear from her. She wrote "wish I had something really important, but we're so well it's positively sinful. Bob's spinal fusion was a great success-four screws and a metal plate holding two vertebrae together don't seem to slow him down at all." They also have signed up for a 25 days in Australia trip starting January 29th. We will be waiting to hear all about that adventure, that's for sure.

Well that is the end of the news from here in Medford Lakes, NJ, where our weather has dramatically changed from a beautiful warm sunny 86 yesterday to a cloudy, windy 60 today. Maybe Dennis the hurricane is a-blowing our way. We sure hope not. Also will keep our fingers crossed all those hurricanes following him don't affect any of you and your families.

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Ahoy, Mates!! I'm still reliving the wonderful, awesome time we all had at the YLRL Convention aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA in July. It was about as close as you could get to a cruise and not have to worry about getting seasick! "Kudos!" to the CA gals who planned this convention! We got a chance to roam the ship, visit the ham radio shack and operate station W6RO when the rigs were free. Being aboard the Queen Mary was an exciting experience and meeting old YL friends and making new ones was definitely a perk. Meeting the DX YLs and seeing their native dress was especially interesting.

Three of us from 3-land were able to enjoy this experience: Lois, **WB3EFQ**; Ruthanna, **WB3CQN**; and myself, Barb, **KA3VXR**. Ruthanna brought three friends and these are her comments:

"The convention was great and we took the 4 day cruise after the convention and visited Catalina, San Diego and Mexico. After that the 4 of us rented a van and I drove up Highway #1 725 miles to Livermore, CA to visit friends. It is the most beautiful drive you could ever take. We stopped in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Big Sur. Did some shopping in Carmel and Monterey also in Morro Bay. While in Livermore we took BART to San Francisco and then the ferry to Sausalito. Met an old friend and had lunch and did some more shopping.

A friend of ours had a party for us our last day there so we could see a lot of our friends as we would not have time to visit everyone in 4 days. We finally got home on August 12...very tired but grateful to have been able to do all we did and to see our old friends and meet new ones.

Last but not least, we finally got some much needed rain and the grass is getting green!! Gals, the three of us, Lois, Barb and I were at the convention from PA. What a great group to represent PA!!!!!!"

Congratulations to Jeanne, **KA3CEO** and her OM, Dick on their 53rd anniversary. Jeanne couldn't make the convention but she sent this message:

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Hi Ladies, how was your summer? Here it was rather hot and now, personally, the cooler weather sure does feel good! Fall and spring are my favorites I believe. But, then again, summer and winter aren't all that bad. In summer we have all those mouth watering fresh veggies. And in winter, (when we have snow) there's the snow-cream my Nanny taught me to make! YUMMY!

Just a medical update on me: I'm recovering from surgery and doing okay. I have to wear a leg brace from now on, but that's okay, I can handle it. I have faith! Scott, the kids, and I thank you for all your continuous thoughts, prayers, cards, and e-mails. It means a lot to us!

BethAnn, **KD4IDK** and I have enjoyed visiting vial snail-mail and e-mail lately. She sent me a photo of her and her hubby Sonny, **KD4IDG**. This photo, along with a photo from Dot, **K4PPS** from Ellijay, GA will go in our District 4 photo album. Thanks ladies.

Dot, **K4PPS**, was first licensed in 1957 and has been a YLRL member for 15 years now! (Congratulations Dot!) BethAnn, **KD4IDK**, and Sonny, **KD4IDG**, used to live in South Alabama, but now reside in Leeds, Alabama, notfarfrom me. Beth has been having some health problems. If you would, please put her in your thoughts and prayers. She included an inspirational poem by Helen Stiner Rice. She thought I might want to pass it along to all of our YLRL friends. Here it is:

"Give Lavishly! Live Abundantly!"

by Helen Stiner Rice

The more you give, the more you get -
 The more you laugh, the less you fret.
 The more you do unselfishly,
 The more you live abundantly—
 The more of everything you share,
 The more you'll always have to spare.
 The more you love, the more you'll find
 That life is good, and friends are kind,
 For only what we give away
 Enriches us from day to day.

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Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

Well, the long looked for 60th YLRL Convention has come and gone and what a gala celebration it was. Martha, **KA6TYO**, and her committees had pulled out all the stops and planned a wonderful weekend for us. There was so much to see and to do on that fabulous ship, the Queen Mary, and in the surrounding area. We cannot give enough kudos for the excellent planning- we know it was long and tedious.

Fifth District people attending were: **KC5DDO**, Norma, and OM Lenny; **WD5FQX**, Darleen; **K5MIZ**, Alverta and OM Fred; **K5OPT**, Ruth and OM Gene; **W6QGX/5**, Harryette and daughters Linda and Susan (**LAOCY**); and **K5BNQ**, Doris and OM Andy. **N5YCH**, Christina and her OM Bill had to cancel at the last minute due to his illness. Christina is DX YL Chairman, and it was such a tragedy that she had to miss meeting all those colorful DX gals with whom she has been corresponding. And COLORFUL they were! The international flavor added so much to the festivities! Darleen, **WD5FQX**, has been roaming the globe, but she returned in time to be there and to room with her adoptee **XE1 CI**, Nellie.

Our Harryette, **W6QGX/5**, was honored for being the only YL who has attended every convention. We were very proud of her. She and her daughters arrived later than most. One of her daughters had a broken leg and Harryette herself was getting around with help, but they were there. They get additional plaudits for outstanding pluck!

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Margaret Pearre, **K5MX0**, on August 3. She lost a long and courageous battle with cancer. Our prayers and sympathy go to her OM Bill **K5MMP**, her daughters Linda and Ellen and other family members and friends.

K5JGC, Burnette and her OM T.P., **K5EYN** always report the most exotic trips. Can you believe they and their entire family took a cruise to Alaska this summer -all 14 of them-on the Sun Princess. What a blessing! A once in a life timer!

K5MIZ, Alverta's and **K5MJA**, Fred's grand harmonics did drama and math camp at Southern Methodist University and music work shops at the University of Houston, as well as Girl Scout Camp. What talent and determination! We know where they got it. Alverta and Fred keep very busy with many outreaches and banjo band gigs.

AB5BA, Alma and her OM JIM, **K5VRJ**, were honored with certificates of Life Time Membership to the Heart O' Texas ARC for all the good work they have done in their area. Congratulations, Alma and Jim! You deserve it!

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Jeri Haines, KB6USX



Where do I start? I'm still elated with the memories of our 60th anniversary convention aboard the Queen Mary. You probably know I was registration chair and I had such a good time, I'd readily volunteer to do it all again. The camaraderie of 14 nations of YLs is incomparable. New friendships and renewals will long be remembered. I hope I'll soon find the time to share the photos I took.

Val Von Holt, **KH6QI/7**, Chairwoman for the YLRL convention in Hawaii a few years ago, came and visited with us in registration. While she was there she extended an invitation to visit her ranch in Pahrump, Nevada.

Ruth Nelson, **KF6MR0**, herOM, Ed, and I, my OM and grandson had already planned a visit to Arizona and Nevada, so we decided to visit Pahrump, too. We arranged to meet for dinner at Terrible's Town Casino then drove to Vai's ranch, joining her horse trainer and his wife there. (Some of the nicest people I've ever met.)

The next morning we watched Val ride her prize Peruvian Paso (she has 40 horses at her "Alamo Ranch-Equestrian Breeding and Training"). She told us about the smooth-riding Paso and we watched as she rode around the corral. She asked if we would like to ride and to everyone's surprise, I took her up on the offer. It was the first time in my life to be on horseback and I couldn't believe, with my health history, that it would ever happen. I enjoyed it so much. My sincere thanks to our most gracious hostess for the wonderful experience. It was the highlight of our vacation.

Now I'm back to work and trying to write letters to my new friends. Thanks again to Martha Barron, **KA6TYO**, who did such a great job as Chairwoman, and to her committee, as well as YLRL of LA who provided the refreshments in hospitality during the convention. I enjoyed putting faces and names together and meeting YLRL officers and contributors to YL Harmonics. Great fun.

33s till we meet again in "Ohio." Jeri Haines, KB6USX

Martha **KA6TYO**, YLRL Convention Chairman reports receiving this letter after she had already left for the convention.

"Special Greetings to those gathered aboard the Queen Mary today from Vada McRae Letcher Gipson, W6CEE, president of YLRL in 1955, and instigator of the first convention in Santa Monica in June of 1955. 44 years have taken its toll, and many who were at that historic event are now silent keys. I pay tribute to them.

Salutations to Harry Barker W6QGX, who hasn't missed one yet; to Louisa Sando, W5RZJ, who presented the idea of a book of a compilation of her columns in CQ magazine; and, to the star of the party, Martha Edwards, W6QYL, who modeled her year-old wedding gown. Fond memories. My heart is with you today. I wish my body were too, but illness of the OM precludes the journey. Have another memorable event. 33, Vada, W6CEE"



I hope everyone had a great summer! The highlight of mine was attending the YLRL Convention on the Queen Mary. I was happy to see so many YLs from the 7th District - I counted 14 from all corners of the district.

I was especially pleased to meet two officers of CACTUS KEYS, - President Phyllis, **W2GLB** and Treasurer Phyllis, **K7SEC**. Cactus Keys didn't have a table at the Ft. Tuthill Flagstaff Hamfest this year but there was a meeting at Phoenix. The afghan winner was **WAOKVP**, Margaret Oros who lives in Lawrence, Kansas in the summer and in Apache Junction in the winter.

The Two Rivers YLs met at the home of Marti Brutcher, **W7AYL** in Portland, Oregon on July 10th for a potluck. Attending were: Marti Brutcher, **W7AYL**; Donna Deyoe, **K6DNG**; Barbara Yasson, **KC7KQI**; Sherryl Martin, **KD7CFH**; Barbara Mills, **KC7KVT**; Peggy Stone, **KB7SBK** and Deanna Anderson, **N7DLA** (ex **KC7ISG**). Deanna and also Dottie, **KD7FYK** are new members this summer. A business meeting was held and items discussed were the YLRL Convention and an upcoming public service event where 7 members of the Two Rivers YLs will be in attendance on Sept 19th for the "Race for the Cure" to be held in downtown Portland. As usual, a good time was had by all and the food was excellent as always.

On Sunday afternoon, August 15th, several members of the Two Rivers YLs got together for lunch at Elmer's in Delta Park to meet Maureen Ritson, **GOVRT**, who after attending the YLRL Convention, was hosted for 9 days by Marti Brutcher, **W7AYL**. Not only did Marti show Maureen, **GOVRT**, around the Portland, OR area, they traveled to Vancouver, BC, Canada for a quick trip and had the pleasure of meeting and having dinner with Elizabeth Anderson, **VE7YL**.

The MINOW Net members were surprised and pleased to discover they had won the First Prize in the drawing for the Scholarship Fund. Sara, **AB7PS** was there to return it back to the Fund as planned. Second prize was also won by a MINOW - Caroll, **KC7TCK** who also turned it back. The MINOW Net members have been busy with picnics, travel, and entertaining guests. The Monday evening net that has been meeting on 3.916 +/- at 6:30 PM Pacific Time is changing to 7:00 PM (0200 UTC summer - 0300 UTC winter) which we hope will be more convenient.

Carol, **WD8DQG** writes: "Ruth, **IT9ESZ** and her OM spent a couple of days at **WD8DQG's** QTH where they spent a day touring Yellowstone National Park. They enjoyed their visit to the Museum of the Rockies and the fabulous view from Carol's new home. Before they could leave for Chicago and then home to Italy, more hams showed up - Kay, **KB5VJR** and her OM arrived from Oklahoma in their motorhome to spend several days.

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Shirley Rex, K8MZT



If Purgatory is anything like July '99 HEAT, we better start being very good!!!

The Belles & Chix were represented at the YLRL Convention by Nancy, **KC4IYD**; Wanda, **N8WM**; and Carol, **KI8IM**. They were privileged to operate the W6R0 station. The Queen Mary was nice in spite of the commercial tours that kept going through all the time. The Hotel rooms were adequate and the meeting rooms served us well. The food, a lot of chicken, was good but company was GRAND. There were Amateurs from Germany, 7 from Japan, 1 from Sweden, 1 from Mexico, 4 from New Zealand, 1 from Luxembourg, 1 from France, 1 from Italy, and 1 from Scotland. A total of 200 were in attendance. Maxine, **WA6AOE** who is 94 and Hazel, **K9QGR** tied for the oldest. Two girls were 14 years of age. One was from California and one was from Japan.. Nancy did a fine job as M/C. The girls were thrilled with the DX contingent.. .now they have faces!! The business meetings were on increase of dues and back to mid-week for contesting. Seems even the girls who work find it difficult to manage weekend groceries, laundry, and other chores with air time.

A friend sent me the two Official pins of the Convention '99. One is round with the calls of the founders on the edge: the other is the girl on the globe with the Queen Mary stern over her right shoulder. These are very nice and I'm sure everyone will want them. The Chix and Belles are very enthused about the next YLRL Convention and at this point don't have many details, except exact date, in the works. It will be in Cleveland for sure!

On July 17th the Chix had the installation of new Officers at Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. Jean, **KB8YHN** was elected as President. Traci, **KB8QAN** as Vice President, Nancy, **KC4IYD**, as Secretary and Carol, **KI8IM** as Treasurer.

Several important dates appear on the Chix Calendar:

- Sept. 10-12 Kelley's Island DXexpedition: take Newman's Ferry ; cabins available Sunrise point for four days operation
- Nov. 20-21 Sweepstakes-phone Carol, **KBSVYB's** QTH
- Nov. 27-28 Sweepstakes-CW, Nancy, **KC4IYD's** QTH
- Dec. 4th - Christmas Party at May, **N8MZJ's** QTH - bring gift.

The Chix are proud of the acquisition of W8WRJ as the Club Call. This is in honor of Carol Iams, W8WRJ, a long and faithful member of both the Chix and Belles. They will be using this call on the 147.060 Monday 7:30 net. Hope we can all reach the repeater. May, N8MZJ says "Catch us, there please"

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Summer is starting to draw to a close. I hope that each of you has been enjoying the warm (hot) weather. Our area has been in the middle of a drought, as most of the country has been. We have been finally getting rain, but it may be too little too late.

When I last wrote, I was looking forward to the convention on the Queen Mary. Sadly, that has past. We had a wonderful time. We left Indiana on August 26th and spent the first two days and nights with Irene, **KS6I**, and her OM, Elliot, **K6EO**. We hadn't been to their home in seven years. Our first full day there was spent going to see their new home (they were moving the following week). We also got to meet their two grandchildren.

On Thursday, we left for the Queen. Having never been to a convention, I didn't know what to expect. Everyone I met was wonderful. I feel like I have many new friends. In fact, I know that I have at least one. Peggy, **KY8Y**, and I discovered that we have the same taste in clothes. Fortunately, we didn't wear the same outfits at the same time. Yes, we have multiple outfits alike. We got many a laugh out of it. Believe it or not, we had never met before the Saturday banquet. She is a real joy. At the banquet, I was fortunate enough to win an Alinco DJ-S11,2-meter transceiver. I was thrilled. The side trips that were planned were outstanding too. On Friday we went to Universal Studios and Sunday to the Long Beach Aquarium. My OM, Al, **WB9SSE**, and I also operated from W6R0. What a thrill. Al and Elliot also went to the TRW swapmeet and toured the Russian submarine.

After the convention, we met up with some friends from Phoenix. We went to Catalina Island with them. None of us had ever been there before and it is very beautiful. We went to Disneyland on Tuesday and Wednesday we visited the Crystal Cathedral before we headed to Phoenix with them. We stayed in Arizona for two days and then headed back to Indiana. We got a lot of activities packed into 12 days. We also needed a vacation after we got home!

On a sad note, I heard from Adah, **W9RTH**, and Ann, **K9RXK** telling me that Fran Yelch, **K9ILK**, from Princeton, IN became a silent key on August 4, 1999. She had been licensed in October, 1959. She was a charter member of HAWK (Hoosier Amateur Radio Klub) which was organized in the fall of 1957. Fran was treasurer of HAWKS in 1958 and President in 1962. She was also net control for 15 years on the HAWKS Saturday morning net. Her OM Bud, **K9ILJ** is a silent key also and her son, Jerry, **K9EBY** has been a ham for many years. Fran was a net control on the Indiana Traffic Net and also did volunteer work for her local hospital. She had just returned from a trip to Alaska when she suddenly became a SK. I know that she will be greatly missed.

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Hello Ladies! I hope your summer has been as fun and productive as you hoped it would be. Mine has been filled with radio events, the most recent of course being the YLRL Convention in Long Beach, CA.

The Convention was wonderful! I was pleased to see almost every state in the Zero district represented. Registered to attend (including the OMs) were: **KAOBAT**, Melba Hoss; **KAOBHO**, Terry Hoss; **KOEPE**, Marte Wessel; **WOCM**, Pete Wessel; **KOJFO**, Cleo Bracket; **WAOWOF**, Kay Eyman; **WOXM**, Mike Eyman; and Me. I believe I even had a chance to speak to all the 10th district members who were there. We should have gotten a picture of us all, RATS! I always think of these ideas after the fact. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did! I can't wait for the next convention. Was there anyone there I missed? Write and let me know!! How did you like the convention? **WAOWOF**, Kay, wrote that she had a wonderful time.

Don't forget to keep the information coming so we can let the hobby know who the 10th district is. I would love to hear what your radio plans are now that the summer frenzy is abating. Are you looking forward to winter contests? Will you be buried under snow with just a microphone or keyer to keep you sane? What makes you turn the radio on?

To try to be fair, the spotlights are shown in the order in which they were received. Everyone is important and has something to share. Please, tell us how you got involved!

This issue's 10th district spotlight is on WAOKVP, Margaret Oros. She had been interested in Ham Radio in High School, but there was no opportunity to become a ham until many years later. A local club provided the help she needed.

"Looking back from 30 years, I can still remember the struggle I had with code. I was fortunate to have a local "Elmer who was very patient, and also insisted that I assemble my first radio. Later I served, weekly, as net control for a Kansas net, helped out a time or two watching for possible tornadoes and helped with communication after a local one. I was in a building damaged that night, but we were all safe."

Though not as active as she once was, Margaret enjoyed attending two of the YLRL conventions. Lately, she has been checking into the YL nets. She winters in Arizona where a large group of hams gathers at least weekly.

As with most hams she has lots of hobbies including membership in Kansas Corral of the Westerners. In June, she went with them on a Rendezvous in northwestern Kansas. Each summer the group meets at an interesting area of Kansas. This one combined visits to interesting fossil sites, museums and Indian-Cavalry battlefields. (Did you bring the radio for emergencies?)

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Betty Marsh, KL7FJW



Happy fall to all. Doesn't seem possible that summer is on the wane, but rains have started here again, and plants have stopped growing and temperatures no longer close to 70 daytime. But hope your weather has settled all over. Strange year again!

The convention was a great experience as usual. Meeting old friends and making new ones. The business meeting went well and hope new ideas are able to help resolve some of the issues. We really enjoyed all the DX Ladies, and their program. The Japanese girls were outstanding. Loved the German ladies, along with Lea's, WA2NFY, help, singing the song they had prepared. The setting on the Queen Mary really was an added touch too. Weather was warm but not uncomfortable. My OM really enjoyed it too, including the tour of the Russian Submarine. He finally found out what the pin, given us by two Russian sailboats in 1991, in their redoing the original Vitas Bering course across to Sitka from Vladivostok in 1741 was. The pin was in commemoration of the lend-lease program during WWII when the subs used Vladivostok as a supply point. In spite of their knowing little English and we knowing no Russian we had a great conversation, mostly about sailing of course.

Did get some news from Cheri, WL7MA. She took a quick trip to Boise, Idaho, to help her older daughter settle in college for the year. They did get the trim painted on the house between rainy spells, and put in a new lawn and designed new flowerbeds. Would love to see it Cheri, who knows maybe some trip north. They did take time out to do a little fishing, probably out of Seward.

Weather has not been the best for growing up here this year. Just hot and dry in the interior, and cool and damp the rest of the state. Even my poor attempt at gardening, did poorly except for a good supply of fresh lettuce and New Zealand spinach. But next year is bound to be better. Happy fall to all.

Send some news please gals.

33, Betty Marsh KL7FJW

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• **The new address is <http://www.gsl.net/ylrl>** •

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VE1VAO, Kate writes that she and her OM attended the Nova Scotia Hamfest on August 14th. They had a great time, meeting old friends and getting caught up on news. There were also competitions going on. Kate won the competition of listening to static and a vocal distress call, figuring out what was the message.

VE3UHG, Beryl has been very busy with sorting out everything in her aunt's home. Her aunt died earlier this year at the age of 93, so there is a lot to do. Then there is also an auction sale of items. Beryl and her OM are looking forward to their annual trip to Florida later this year.

VA3WX, Jeanne has had a quiet summer and not many contacts on the air with the poor band conditions. The QTH has a new car. Jeanne and her OM went to Niagara-on-the-Lake, had a picnic lunch in a park there and did some shopping, a nice day trip on their holidays. Also two new computer centers were installed. They didn't go far during the two weeks as Jeanne has been producing kidney stones!!

VE3HAI, Ann is the proud grandmother of a healthy baby boy. Neil arrived two weeks early, so Ann and her OM went out to Alberta in June. They were away for over a month and had a great time playing with Kelsey, Neil's 2-year old sister. They had a good time although the weather was unusual...they had a picnic July 3rd in the snow! Ann was delighted to receive a card from her sponsor Carol, **WD8DQG** and other YLs at the Convention in Long Beach.

VE7TLK, Elizabeth writes - we would like to thank the many YL organizations around the world for reporting on and including pictures of the VE7 CLARA Conference that took place last May in Vancouver BC. Two YLs Paulette, **VE7VPE** and Heather, **VE7WPX** are now busy planning for the next British Columbia YL 2000 CLARA Conference, to be held in May next year, in the Vancouver area. Also a YL website committee has been formed for the purpose of designing a Western Canadian website for British Columbia, Alberta, NWT and the Yukon.

VE7LQH, Muriel -1 hope that you have all had a nice summer. Some have had it hot and humid. Here on the west coast, our summer was slow in arriving, and now it already is starting to look like fall. It has been a busy season with visitors, and yard work mostly. I am not travelling this year. My son and his family are coming for a week in early October. This gives Grandma a chance to get even...all grandmothers will understand that statement...

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Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH



Hello to all. I hope that you had a cooler summer than we had here in Texas (95-100 degrees or more, with 90+% humidity). We still have a couple more months of hot weather and then, hopefully, a cool winter.

Oh, my mailbag has been so lonely...little mail to keep it company! I have received only 3 letters this summer:



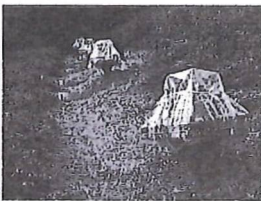
Nozomi Gohara, **JH3SQN**, sent me a picture of her OM, Ken, and herself, "taken under the cherry blossoms, in front of my church and kindergarten on 27th March, 1999. It is my 45th wedding anniversary day." Congratulations Nozomi and Ken!! Lia Zwack, **WA2NFY**, sponsors Ms. Gohara.

(Nozomi Gohara, JH3SQN and her OM, Ken, JH3WQM)

Ms. Gohara had previously sent me several pictures of a "Bon Fire in Kyoto. The fire sends all souls of our ancestors to the heaven. The souls have stayed in our home or on the land during the Bon period for several days. The fire lights up the way to the heaven for them. In our Kyoto, Bon Fire tells the end of summer. There are 6 fire places named: Dai (means Great), Myo & Ho (some dogmas of Buddhism), ship, left Dai, and Torii (means Gate of the shrine)."



(Myo, a Chinese character on the slope, lighting is ready now)



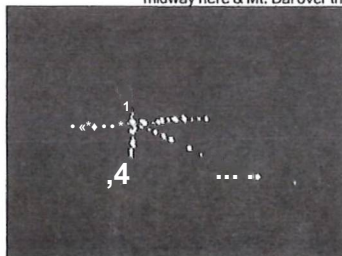
(A line of covered firewood for the rain or shower)



(A view from the hill of Ho. Our home (the Goharas) is in the midway here & Mt. Dai over there)



(A view of Mt. Dai from the roof of our home. Dai is a Chinese character too)



(Bon Fire. Lit up at 8 PM)

I also received an e-mail from Tuuliki Hartikainen, **OH7XX**, of Finland. Tuuliki, who has been sponsoring herself in recent years in YLRL, is now being sponsored by Nancy Rabel-Hall, **KC4IYD**. In her e-mail, Tuuliki tells about herself and her country of Finland (parts of this e-mail was to be inserted into the July-Aug Harmonics in my absence).

Hiromi Hishiki, **J JI CAS**, of Tokyo, Japan sent me her QSL card (I'm jealous of her athletic ability!!). Hiromi sponsors herself in YLRL.



QSLcard for Tuuliki, JJ1CAS)

Dieuw Wildeboer-Vlaming, **PA3CEB**, of the Netherlands, sent me a letter telling me of her new daughter-in-law. Ansje joined Dieuw's family in April, 1999. Dieuw shared that Ansje has become "a real Ham"—her call sign is **PD5ANS**. Dieuw included a photo of her immediate family—"we are a full HAM family".



(L. to R.: Dieuw's son Arno PEI DAM, Dieuw PA3CEB, daughter-in-law Ansje PD5ANS, daughter Marja PA3CIS, Dieuw's OM Wim PEI PAD, and son-in-law Ton PA3BYF)

Dieuw is sponsored by Truus Rosenthal, **VE3MRS**. Her daughter, Marja Wolf, **PA3CIS**, is sponsored by Jeanne Parker, **WA6UVF**.

Please keep the mail and photos coming—I really enjoy hearing from each and every one of you. I was really looking forward to meeting all of the DX YL members and their sponsors at the convention. However, my husband was hospitalized for two weeks at the beginning of July and was not able to walk adequately enough by the end of July to attend the convention. I hope that all that attended the convention had a great time.

33's,
Christina

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Yankee Lassies Net has been going strong all summer, with close to 12 check-ins every Wednesday at 8:30 AM on 3.912+/. Those I heard this summer included **K1TQY**, Dawn; **W1LIO**, Arline; **WB1EHS**, Barb; **WAI JYO**, Vera; **W4GXZ**, Blanche; **KA2ZKM**, Marion; **NF1C**, Geri; **W1TGY**, Dot; **W1JX**, Bobbie; **WB1ARU**, Anne; **KAI PON**, Ann; and **KA1TAG**, Eva.

I had a marvelous time at the Convention and traveling to and from it. My OM and I flew to Salt Lake City and then rented a car. We went to several of the National and State Parks in southwestern Utah. The scenery is so awesome that it can't be described - I can only say that you should see it for yourself. We also spent time in Las Vegas on our way to Long Beach. At the Convention we renewed many friendships with hams from across the country and around the world. What a joy to see so many there - from ages 14 to 94! After the Convention we went to Yosemite and Lake Tahoe. Even the drive across Route 50 in Nevada was fascinating. It's hard to imagine how the pioneers could make it across that territory, or choose to settle there. Our country is truly beautiful - we should all appreciate it more.

Next issue will be the Directory, but send me news anyway. If someone hasn't heard it - it's news to them, even if it isn't new!

33,
Anne E. Manna WB1ARU
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Since our next column won't be until after the Holidays, if I'm not mistaken, I would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all the very best Happy Holiday Season. May your future into the millennium be Healthy, Prosperous, and one filled with many extra special memories. Remember - it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice.

Bye Now 33 - Myrtle N2AKC akcehm@juno.com

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"Dick and I are doing fairly well all things considered. We will be 80 next year and had our 53rd anniversary in June. Had a good e-mail from my adoptee, Akiyo Nishino, JH1GMZ. She is now semi-retired from the University of Tokyo and is glad to have a little free time. Had a note from Mabel Bell, **GI8JER** in Northern Ireland a short time ago. Will have to find out if she has e-mail, too. Our e-mail address is wb3aic@dmv.com. Our son lives in Akron, Ohio so hope to make the next convention! hi hi"

I sent out on e-mail a plea for news to all the 3-land e-mail addresses that I found in the last directory. I received an interesting reply from Lesley, **SVOLN/N3TIA**:

"My OM is a Foreign Service officer working for VOA (Voice of America) overseas. We are currently located in Northern Greece at a lovely spot on the Aegean Sea. We felt the tremors from the Turkish earthquake early Tuesday morning because we are not all that far from Turkey.

We were previously in Botswana, A22 land, and Sao Tome, S92 land. We don't know where the next assignment will be, we will have to wait and see."

SEND NEWS!! E-mail: ka3vyr@penn.com OR 533 Bovine Rd., Ebensburg PA 15931

33 and Happy Hamming! de Barb KA3VXR

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Thank you Beth for the poem. It is great. Also, Beth has a wonderful philosophy she shared with me..."to use up all my energy every day, and God will Bless me with a fresh supply every morning."

On this touching note, ladies, take care and have a great fall season. And since the Nov-Dec issue will be the Directory Issue, Scott, Walter, Amanda, and I wish you and yours a wonderful Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. Till the New Year's issue...

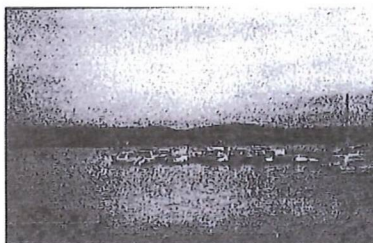
33,
Roseann

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Shirley, **KC5RVH** sent the following:

Heaven on Earth can be described as being in Yellowknife, Canada -Northwest-Territory at the end of July and having the high temperature of the day at 42 to 52 degrees for the high, while Houston, my home base is somewhere near 100 degrees.

The clear, clean air of this small town was intoxicating. The view of Great Slave Lake from our B & B was very relaxing and the history of the village was wonderful to experience. Enclosed are a few pictures wish you could have been with us.



The day the OM and I got home from Long Beach our sky fell in. Our granddaughter Lori and her 5-year old son Taylor were in a horrible car wreck and were life flighted to a Tulsa hospital. Multiple injuries. Taylor has been in traction for 3 weeks and just got a body

cast, which he will have to wear, immobilized for 6 weeks. Lori is recuperating from hip surgery and other injuries. Taylor had 3 skull fractures. Our planned mission trip to South Africa had to be cancelled because I became very ill-have been in and out of the hospital and still looking for answers as to what ails me. Our only grandson was in a 5-car pile up while he was stationary at a stoplight. His car was accordion pleated-totaled-but he escaped with a sore back and neck. And TODAY my sister, who is also my closest of my siblings, passed away. Her name is Katherine "Katie" Kindy, her home Muskogee some 40 miles from me. So with a heavy heart I bid you all,

33 Doris

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Now fall is here and it's time to get back in the groove. I hope as many of you as can will participate in the YLRL contests this year. And, PLEASE, don't forget to send me your news of activities and upgrades.

Send your comments and information to me at:

E-mail -jean@halcyon.com

packet - AB7PS@KB6LE.#WWA.WA.USA.NOAM

Snail mail -Sara Lyon - 7734 Nottingham CT. SE. Olympia, WA 98503

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On August 15th the Buckeye Belles and Chix had a combined picnic at Carol's, **KI8IM** newQTH. 10 YIs, 6Oms, 7 1/2 month old Carol, daughter of Nancy, and Jean's, **KI8IM** niece Liz, 5 months were present. There was plenty of good food and conversation. May, **N8MZJ**, President of the Belles, brought up an increase of dues (all clubs have this problem) for both Clubs. Plans for hosting Convention is paramount in all of our minds.

W8RZN, Dorothy Higgins became a Silent Key August 27, '99. Dottie was one of a group of Toledo, Ohio Amateur Women Radio Operators who met for pleasure every Wednesday morning at 9. From this group came The Buckeye Belles. Dottie served as custodian of the Memorial Station with the call of **W8MBI**, in memory of Marvel. Dorothy was responsible for the Buckeye Belles Doll Certificate, which used Marge's, **K8ITF**, design of the Doll. She was one of ten Founders of the Belles and along with Marge, **KI8ITF** and **K8MZT**, Shirley, sponsored the Clubs Founders Award. Dottie and her OM, Fran, **W8RZM** were elmers to many Toledo and lower Michigan Amateurs. She was usually the instigator of any group to the YLRL Conventions and any Hamfest during the '64 to 90s. Our Condolences and Sympathies to her family.

33 & 76 de **K8MZT** Shirley

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VE3LQA, Pauline writes that it has been a long hot summer. Her OM had his surgery and is now undergoing chemo treatments. So far he is doing well. Pauline is looking forward to the Ontario Grand Chapter Order of the Easter Star sessions held the end of August in Toronto. It will be a nice break, and her OM will go down with her. Pauline is a hostess and has been working on her dress, as it had been left to the last minute!

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For some happier news, Adah also reported that she has a first great, great grandson as of June 1, and a new great granddaughter-in-law as of July 23. I can't imagine how it must feel to see your family grow like that. Adah, you can't possibly be old enough to have great-great-grandchildren! Congratulations.

And so on that, I think I will close this column for this time. Everyone please stay well. And let me hear from you.

33's,

Carole, WB9RUS

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Next time, meet KBOWT, Rebecca Rich. She is an avid ham with a lot of radio interests!

Remember that the November/December issue should be the directory issue, so no news until 2000, but I can't wait to see how your millennium is shaping up. Please give me all the details.

And look for the words ballot issue on each Harmonics so you remember to vote as issues come up. If you don't cast your vote, you may not like the outcome.

Hope your holidays make all of your dreams come true. Good luck in the New Year. Let me know if you have any radio resolutions. I know one of mine will be to get my code speed up or go on at least one DXpedition in 2000.

Happy Holidays a bit early.

Cheryl

"NEW MEMBERS", "PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS CHANGES", "EMAIL CHANGES", "CALL CORRECTIONS", "NEW CALLS", AND "SILENT KEYS" will be in either the next issue of Harmonics (Directory Issue) or the January / February 2000 issue.

POST CONVENTION UPDATE AUGUST 1999

By Martha Barron **KA6TYO**

WOW! What a wonderful convention. I'm not trying to pat myself on the back, as each of you that attended all contributed to its success. I felt such love and caring from all of you, and when glitches happened, you graciously made me feel at ease. As most of you know this was my first convention (certainly not my last) so I had to depend on a lot of you older members to help with protocol and tradition. It was an interesting experience for me and one I shall cherish always.

I will especially treasure the friendships I made, finally meeting all those from whom I had heard by e-mail, fax, snail mail and telephone. The number of DXYLs that attended was outstanding, and such a talented group they were. At our "Show and Tell" program, where each, some in native dress, stood and told about themselves, and showed items that came from their country. Most brought small mementos that were shared with the large group of YLs and OMs in attendance. A special treat was enjoyed by the group when the German YLs, along with Evelyn **F5RPB** (my darling adoptee from France) and Ruth **IT9ESZ** from Italy sang a medley of songs in German. Japanese YLs, Nozomi **JH3SQN** and Masako **JAOCYL**, in their beautiful kimonos, came with children and grandchildren, and entertained us with songs in excellent English. No one wanted the evening to end, and both YLs and OMs gave a rousing round of applause to show their appreciation.

The Queen Mary proved to be an excellent place to have the Convention. I think it was a big draw for some of our members and accounted for many of the 170 registrants. We would have had more than that, but had some last minute cancellations due to illness. The Queen Mary bent over backwards to help us in most situations. I know some locals were upset when they could not get in their rooms until 4 o'clock, but that seems to be a trend now, and I've experienced it at other hotels. When check out time is 12 Noon, it takes four hours to clean 365 rooms I would imagine.

Monetarily, it was successful as well. All bills are paid, including the \$1000.00 from YLRL, and we still made a profit that will go into the Convention Fund for the Convention of 2002.

I have recently moved and want to make sure that you have a current address on me, because I want to hear from you. It's Martha L. Barron **KA6TYO**, 3719 Country Club Drive#9, Long Beach, Ca. 90807. New phone number is 562-981 -0696. My e-mail is the same marthabar@aol.com and I do not have a fax at the present time. Just as a reminder, the new Directory will be out after this issue. Please make sure that your information is correct. I can't tell you how many people I tried to call and after finding no number went through information. In some cases there was an unlisted

number. If you have e-mail capabilities, please publish your e-mail address. It would have saved me a lot of telephone calls to check out information. This will help the next convention committee.

Some of you either did not order a picture of all the YLs on the fantail of the Queen Mary and now want one; or, did not attend and want a picture anyway. I have arranged for Mr. Rich Alerte of PRO IMAGE, 12102 Paramount Blvd. #103, Downey, Ca 90242 to mail you one for the sum of \$25. That includes 16 x 20 picture, mailing tube, tax and postage.

Thanks to those of you have written to tell how much they enjoyed the convention. I want to hear from more of you. And if you can, send pictures. I was too busy and excited to take any. I started giving you information on our convention in October 1997 and this will be my last column two years later. It is bittersweet that my job is done. My very best 33 to all of you.

Martha **KA6TYO**

...check out the picture on the next page!!!...

(Back Row, L to RDF6FM-FRIEDL, LX1TL-LEA, KA6TYO-MARTHA, DL3L6-SIGRID& DF4ZX-ISOLDE.

(Front Row, L to RIT9ESZ-RUTH, F5RP8-EVELYN & DJ6US-WALLI)



Some Extra Additions ...

Eddy, Texas Hams Honored

We are so proud of this we wanted all our family, friends, and some "Hams" and THE VEC on this list to be happy with us. Today at the Area "Ham" breakfast the Heart O'Texas Amateur Radio Club of Waco honored us with the club's first ever LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. We were speechless when they gave the certificates to us. Now most of the "Hams" in this area know we have worked hard but enjoyed each moment of the time, ESPECIALLY the FCC Amateur Testing we have headed up in this area for some years. Of course WE sure could not have done it without the VEC and the VEs. We will continue to do testing and other activities related to the community and Amateur Radio. To the "Hams" 73. To all our family and friends our usual HUGS to all.

Alma, **AB5BA** and James **K5VRJ**

THANKS FROM THE DX CHAIRPERSON:

The last 18 months have been quite tumultuous for my family and I as a result of numerous health crises for my husband and both of my parents. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of YLRL for keeping my family in your thoughts and prayers.

Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, **N5YCH**

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From the Editor's Desk

..... Nan Forney, KC7LZE

Happy Holidays to all ... but boy does it seem strange to be sending holiday wishes when it's still in the 80's (here in Oregon ... home of the rain).

I have enjoyed being part of Harmonics and look forward to the millennium.

Best wishes to all 'til 2000 ... 33's

Nan, KC7LZE



60th Anniversary YLRL Pin

"This pin was designed by Terrie Tenney, AB7PX. There were 13 founding mothers and the pin contains all but one (W1GQT - Lida)."



From the Assistant Editor

Here it is already the end of the year and it seems like it was just New Year's yesterday. Since this is the final issue of this year, I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. I hope the New Year brings you a year better than the one you had, but not as good as the years to come.

I would like to wish special good tidings to my wonderful friend Joan, **AB7KE** (whom I affectionately call Mom) and her OM Charlie, **KC7AJM**. Joan and Charlie live in Prescott, AZ where we hope to be living in 3 years. They have opened their home to us and made us feel warm and at home. HUGS MOM!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (By the way, Joan and Charlie are not THAT much older than I am!)

Until next year,
33,
Mariann, AA9TB


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