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# From The President's Desk Carol Hall, WD8DQG/7



This has been a year of change, at least for me and for YLRL! I hope that the coming year will be one of progress!

The year 2000 is now behind us! The most important issue of the dues was resolved with a vote to increase the dues to \$12.00 for two years, then to \$15.00. This should help us meet the rising costs of putting out YLRL Harmonics. Harmonics will return to six issues this year!

There are a lot of YL's doing many things in preparation for the YLRL convention to be held in Cleveland next year. It is wonderful to see the tremendous effort that is expended by everyone to make a convention a success!

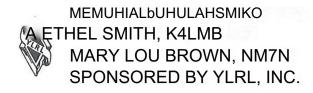
Sometimes I am amazed at the dedication of many women who give so much and ask for so little. The YL's who give of their time and energy in YLRL are really super and do not always get the recognition they deserve. Anne Manna is the Nominating Chairwoman who will be looking for YL's to fill the slate of candidates who will be presented to you in the May/June issue. If you would like to take a position with YLRL please contact her. She will be getting out nomination forms to the incumbents and those who have contacted her. You never know how much of a difference you can make until you try! **GET INVOLVED!!!** 

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Carol Hall
WD8DQG/7
President YLRL

### SUPPORT YL ACTIVITY DAY!



In 1980, Diana Hughes, G4EZI, originated the idea of looking for YLs on the hour, every hour, on the 6th day of each month. The plan is simple: Just call "CQ YL" on any frequency ending in 88 in the phone portion or 33 in the CW portion, beginning at 0000 UTC through 2400 UTC. And, of course, you do need to call-not just listen! The 24 hour time span allows you time to get on when your schedule allows and there should be propagation into all parts of the world. It's a good time to meet new YLs and to renew old friendships. Hope you hear you on the air!





Memory of: Dot Urban, **W8FJU** Vera Woodland, **WD8BOW**  From: TASYL TYLRUN

Jan. 12.2001 Treasury report:

Oct. 13, 2000, check #1003 for \$500.00 was sent to FAR to add to the scholar-

ship of Mary Lou Brown, NM7N making the total of \$1,500.

October, 2001 a check for \$3000 will be sent to FAR.

Ethel Smith-K4LMB \$1,500, Mary Lou Brown,NM7N \$1,500.

Balance in CD \$43.056.98

MM 16.55949

Total \$59.616.47

Totals confirmed at Bank of America.

To apply for FAR Scholarships send QSL card or letter postmarked no later than April 30,2001. To:

FAR Scholarships Post Office Box 831

Riverdale, MD 20738

YLs are eligible for all FAR Scholarships not just the two sponsored by YLRL.

Thank you for your support to the YLRL Scholarships.

Checks: YLRL, INC. (Scholarship fund) to:

Marte Wessel, K0EPE

RR 1 Box 73. Liberal. KS 67901

316-624-4285

k0eDe@rocketmail.com

33, Marte KAEPE

Want to make a difference in YLRL, run for an office next year. The YLRL nominations form is on page 21. If there aren't 5 YLs near you to nominate you, mail the nomination form to them or contact one of the officers, they would be happy to nominate you. Make your voice count!!!

YLRL Homepage -- <a href="http://www.qsl.net/ylrl">http://www.qsl.net/ylrl</a>

# 2002 YLRL Convention Survey

Mail to: Nancy Hall, **KC4IYD**, PO Box 775, N. Olmsted, OH 44070

. Name: Call:	
!, Mailing Address:.	
J. City, State, Zip:	
k Country:	
>. Phone number k Do you plan to attend 5. Do you plan to stay at the ?. Do you plan to stay with family/friends in O 10. Will you be sharing a room with another stay in the stay of the	the YLRL Convention in 2002? hotel selected for the convention? hio?
Mame/call:	
11. Will your OM or anyone be attending with	ı you:
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12. Do you have any special needs that we nandicap facilities, etc.)	e need to be made aware of: (dietary needs
13. Would you participate in or visit a vendors (one with both ham and non ham related item	
14. Please check off the top 3 places you vour OM is coming, please list his choices on	
o USS Cod/USS Mather	o Plain Dealer Tour (Cleveland newspapei
o NASA Glenn Research Center	o Lolly Trolly Tour of Cleveland
o National Weather Service	o Science Museum/OmniMax Theatre
o Cleveland Zoo/Rain Forest	o Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
o Cleveland Indians Baseball Game	o Shopping Trip- Arcade/Galleria/Tower
o Rock and Roll Hall of Fame o Case Western Reserve Historical Society	City o Other:
o Case Western Reserve Historical Society	o OM choice:
15. Please list any speakers or programs you	u would like to hear/see:

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### DX YL to North American YL Contest

CW: 1400 UTC, April 11,2001, to 0200 UTC, April 13, 2001 SSB: 1400 UTC, April 25, 2001, to 0200 UTC, April 27, 2001

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

**PROCEDURE:** DX YLs call "CQ North American YL1". North American YLs call "CQ DXYL."

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

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

**SCORING:** (1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests, submit separate logs for each contest.

- (2) DX YLs, including Hawaii and Alaska, may contact all the North American continent, which includes the 48 contiguous states and the Canadian provinces.
- (3) Contestants on the North American continent (including the 48 contiguous states and Canadian provinces) may contact DX YL stations, including Hawaii and Alaska.
- (4) A station may be counted once on each band for credit and one point is earned for each station worked once on each band.
- (5) Multiply the number of QSOs by the number of different ARRL sections /VE provinces/countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in the contest.
- (6) Contestants running 150 watts or less on CW and 300 watts PEP or less on SSB, at all times, may multiply the results of 5) above by 1.5 (the low power multiplier).

**LOGS:** All logs must show your ARRL section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section/VE province/country of station worked, approx, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. File separate logs fore each contest.

### 2002 Convention Update - by Nancy Hall, KC4IYD

Hi everyone. Things are progressing with the plans for the 2002 YLRL Convention in Ohio. As I write this, our hotel chairman has narrowed the hotels to 4 choices and we will be meeting to make a final choice. We already have t-shirts and goody bags for the convention and have started collecting items for the goody bags.

If you plan to attend the convention, be sure to bring something to exchange with those attending the convention, like a QSL cards or something representative of their home or country. And be sure to put your callsign and the date on the item.

Finally, please fill out the survey on the previous page or fill out the survey on the YLRL web page. Until next time - **KC4IYD**, Convention Chair

### **Financial Report**

Ginger Wonderling, AB6YLgwonder@cnmnetwork.com

YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE, INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31.2000

			GENE	RAL FUN	ID MO	NEY MAR	KET	ACCOUNT		
1	CI	HECKING	GE	NERAL	PRE	SIDENT'S	CON	VENTION		
DESCRIPTION	PE	TTY CASH		FUND		FUND	F	FUND		TOTAL
CASH BALANCE AS OF 9/30/00	\$	4,614.97	\$1:	2,276.46	\$	344.07	\$ 3	,707.33	\$2	0,942.83
CASH RECEIPTS:										
Dues & Subscriptions	S	457.00							\$	457.00
First Class Postage *	3	227.00							Ψ	227.00
Interest Income		227.00	\$	84.25	\$	2.25	\$	25.83		112.33
Sales of Supplies		205.25	Ψ	04.20	Ψ	2.20	Ψ	20.00		205.25
Transfer from MM to Operating	1	200.20								0.00
Convention Fund	9									0.00
60th aniversary pin"		0.00								0.00
Donations -Other		2.00								2.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$	891.25	\$	84.25	\$	2.25	\$	25.83	\$ 1	,003.58
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:										
YL Harmonics Expense	\$								\$	
Handi-Hams Campership		0.00								0.00
Officers Expense		261.11								261.11
Chairman's Expenses		0.00								0.00
Supplies Inventory/Expense		123.98								123.98
Trophies and Awards		0.00								0.00
Convention Seed Money		0.00								0.00
Advertisng at Conventions etc		0.00								0.00
Misc.		0.00								0.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	\$	385.09	\$		\$		\$	•	\$	385.09
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CAS		506.16		84.25		2.25		25.83		618.49
CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/00	\$	5,121.13	\$1:	2,360.71	\$	346.32	\$ 3	3,733.16	\$2	1,561.32

<sup>\*</sup> Dues & First Class Poslage have been adjusted for returned checks.

<sup>\*•</sup> Pin sales are proceeds after the recovery of pin cost which is shown as a reduction to miscellaneous expensi

Balance Checking	\$ 4,771.13
Balance General MM	16,440.19
Petty Cash Funds	350.00
	21 561 32

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Teresa Cardoso, **PT2TF** (a longtime YLRL member and avid supporter) and her husband Walter who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 20,2001.



50 Years Together



## 2001 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's That Time Again!!

Dues are 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 years dues can be paid at a time. (Dues for new and reinstated members joining in the second half of the year are prorated by half. See inside the front cover for details.). The forms can also be downloaded from the YLRL web page: <a href="http://www.qsl.net/ylrl">http://www.qsl.net/ylrl</a>.

This is also a good time to make a donation to the scholarship fund ... just make sure to write a separate check for the scholarship portion and send the donation to: Marte Wessel, KOEPE, YLRL Scholarship Treasurer, RR1 Box 73, Liberal KS 67901

renewal.	Devine your own do-				
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DX YLs NameCall		411.0			
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Province / District		_ Country	Zip		
Sponsor's Name			Call		
Sponsor's Address					
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Check one:	\$20.00 for Air Mail		\$2.00 for family member		
(If family member, g	ive name and call of primary	member)			

### DX Renewal Reminder...

If you are sending dues in for a DX YL, please make sure they go to our president, until further notice. Send your own dues to the Receiving Treasurer for your district. Do not send them together to one or the other.

### 2001 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 1st 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:

Other Hams in Family:

Occupation:

Other activities, crafts, hobbies, sports, etc.:

Check one: . \$12.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)

\$12.00 + \$4.00 for 1st class mail in US (required in Canada & Mexico)

\$ 2.00 family member residing at same address (no YLH)

\$12.00 subscriber

\$16.00 subscriber. 1st Class Mail

\$20.00 DX dues, Air Mail (required for DX YL)

Make either your check or an International Postal Money Order (in US funds only) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., and...

# Send to the Receiving Treasurer for the district you <u>live in</u> (not your callsign district)

Districts 1 -4:

Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE; 23 Spencer Dr, Oneonta NY 13820

Districts 5-7:

Doris May, KJ7RF; POB 2807, Pahrump NV 89041-2807

Districts 8-10. KH6. KL7, VE: Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM; 43530 Middle Ridge Rd, Lorain OH 44053-3901

(The DX YL Renewal Form is on the previous page. Complett the renewal form - either using the form or a copy - and mail it to tl appropriate Receiving Treasurer)

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District

## Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Well, I guess there is not a great deal of news from 1 -land this month. I haven't heard from anyone directly.

The last get together of WRONE was held on November 6 in Seekonk, MA, just outside Providence, RI. The group was not large, but we had a very good time. Betty - KAI JKV was the hostess. She a terrific job despite the fact that her OM was in the hospital all week due to a fall. KA1JVN - Hennie assisted her at the luncheon and made the snowman ornament favors. The results of the WRONE election of officers were announced. President: Hennie-KAI JVN, Vice President: Samantha-N1MJP, Secretary: Arline-W1LIO, Treasurer: vacant, to be filled after audit, Net Chair: Marion - KA2ZKM, Membership Chair: Samantha - K1MJP, Hospitality: to be announced. Congratulations and good luck to each officer. A donation of \$100 was made by WRONE to the YLRL Scholarship Fund. WRONE will be celebrating its 45th Anniversary in 2001. The Spring Luncheon is expected to be a celebration of that milestone.

I have not heard from Ann - WAIS since her return from K5K, but I know of many hams that were able to contact her while she was with the Dxpedition to Kingman Reef. If you haven't checked out the website, <a href="http://www.qsl.net/krDdxg/">http://www.qsl.net/krDdxg/</a>, for the pictures, you really should. It really gives you a good idea of the wind conditions that they had to deal with while there. Ann is shown operating in one of the pictures.

The Yankee Lassies Net is on every Wednesday morning at 8:30 ET at 3.120 MHz +/- for about one hour. There are usually 6 to 12 check-ins from all around 1 -land. All YLs are welcome to join in the conversation. On Thursday mornings at the same time and on the same frequency, the Maine YLs have a net. They too welcome checkins; you don't have to be in Maine!

Now for the commercials! This column would be longer if you sent your tidbit of information along to me. Please send information to either <a href="wb1aru@juno.com">wb1aru@juno.com</a> or <a href="enoaru@gis.net">enoaru@gis.net</a>. I have been having some difficulty with the juno account, but it seems to be operating OK most of the time. Second commercial: I am the Chair of the Nominating Committee for YLRL. If you are interested in volunteering your time and or talent to our organization, please let me know. We would love to have some actual competition on the ballot!

33, Anne, WB1ARU





# Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

Where did the year 2000 go? On this the last day of that year I hope all your dreams and plans were fulfilled and this coming year is one filled with much happiness, and most of all, good health. Winter is still with us, so who knows what will happen before Spring. Watching TV, I see you ladies more north than I am are having more snow and really bad weather from this storm.

Speaking of ladies in the North, the SAYLARC Saturday morning group all have been struggling through bad weather. Minerva, **WB2JNL**, said they have hac snow on the ground for sometime and no doubt would have a White Christmas with the temperature of 7 degrees up to 12. Roberta, **KA2AFL**, keeps busy with her friends by going out for coffee and going shopping.

We all extend our deepest sympathy to Vera, WAI JYO on the death of he brother. He had been sick and died on Friday, December 22nd. Vera is also a faithfu Saturday morning SAYLARC gal with a good signal. When the temperature reachec 40 degrees Vera said it felt like summer. Since it had been so cold, she had not beer getting out.

Lia called on the phone the other night, as she is unable to get on 40 or 7! because her antenna is down. She has lots of snow and said it really looks like Christmas. She traded in her old rig for a new Ten-Tec-Jupiter, so you can be sure sh< is one happy YL. Lia had a nice QSO with her friend in Panama, and also talked witl her friends in Germany and Italy for over 2 hours. She really enjoys her radio, bi misses talking to her sister who was in the convent in Connecticut as she died ii October. Lia said it has been too cold to ski, which she really enjoys doing. Hang i there, Lia—warm weather is coming!

Christmas letterfrom Jean,WA2BGE tells about her Thanksgiving in Arizona The family decided to go and spend the time with Valerie and Michael. The more sh thought about the plan the better she liked it, so nine of them flew in three differer planes for a week in Arizona. Traveled the Grand Canyon in two vans, spent two night at the South Rim, one night in Sedona. She spent the rest of the week in Phoen enjoying Thanksgiving with Valerie and Michael, and having dinner on the patio in th warm sunshine. Jean is now settled in her "Dream Castle" in Oneonta with family ar friends close by. It was a letter full of sunshine; however, the post-script stated sh was diagnosed with the big C in her breast, and she shall do nothing—too old to c through all that. Jean always prayed for so many throughout the years for varioi reasons, and God was gracious in answering all her petitions, so now it is Jean's tirr to be on the receiving end of all our prayers. Let us all remember her in our prayer?

There is no more news at this time, so I will close by wishing one and all healthy Happy New Year. Remember ladies that it is nice to be important, but mui more important to be nice.

33's Myrtle, **N2AKC** (akcehm@juno.com)

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## Barbara Bender, KA3VXR

Hello YLs! Greetings from 3-Land. We were covered with a blanket of snow at the end of October, and have not seen the lawn since. We are having a good old-fashioned winter with no end in sight. Where did the year 2000 go? Seems like we were just waiting for Y2K and now here it is January 2001 already!

In response to my article in the Jul/Aug/Sept issue of YLH asking "What are you or your club doing to get young people interested in ham radio?", I received two messages.

The first was from Gloria, N3IOP: "My husband Bill, KA3WJJ and I are very happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Nemah Lee, on June 20, 2000. That's the important news! Also, I have a radio club at the school where I teach Art, North Clarion County Elementary School. The callsign is W3NCS. There are 44 members in grades 5 and 6. We have operated in the 'School Club Round Up' for several years, and in the 2000 Round Up our club finished first in the elementary school category! The school kids and I are very excited about the first place finish. I would encourage YLs to work a few of the school stations during the contest. The Round Up is held the second full week in February. More facts could be found in QST magazine."

The second response to my article was from Bev Beichner, **KF3BV**, who also brought to my attention Gloria, N3IOP, and her outstanding work with the radio club (W3NCS) at North Clarion County Elementary School: "She (Gloria) inspired these students to several past years of runner-up position, but in 2000 they won First Place by a large margin - see page 51 of Sept QST. Not only has she helped to prepare students for radio exams, but also has gone so far as to take them to the examination. She would never blow her own horn, but she really deserves recognition"

Thanks for bringing this to my attention so that I can share it with all YL's who read YLH! Yes, Gloria **N3IOP** does deserve recognition for her outstanding work with these elementary students. It is because of dedicated Hams like her that we know our hobby will live on. Public **CONGRATULATIONS** to her for that dedication, and also to she and her husband on the birth of their baby girl!

Jeanne **KA3CEO** writes: "I had an e-mail from Akiyo Nishino, my adoptee, and received a good letter from Mabel Bell. Mabel has remarried" and here is her new address: Mrs Mabel TremlettGl8SXN Ballymartin, Kilkeel, CO. Down, N. Ireland BT34 4PN. She adds: "Finally made it into Tangle net and good to hear Marte and Phyllis." Hopefully by the time you read this, winter will be under control and there will be a little hint of SPRING!,

Send me news, gals!

73/33 de Barb KA3VXR

# District

## Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO

Hello to all of our YL's in District Four. It is really hard to believe that we are already well into the year 2001. It seems that 2000 zipped right on past at a rapid rate. I have not heard from many of our YL's in District Four. I'm sure everyone is probably busy.

Those I have heard from include Lorraine **WAI EDR** in Florida. I appreciate Lorraine sending me several photographs from the YLRL convention in Wichita, KS. for the photo album. Looks like all of the ladies and gents were having a wonderful time! Thanks Lorraine. I also was glad to hear from Christine **N4XDA** in Florida, Shelly **AE4HD** in North Carolina, and Mary **KL7P** here in Alabama. It means a lot to me that these four YL's took the time to send me a hello.

I do want you all to know that when elections roll around this time, I will not be running again for your Chairlady. I appreciate the support and confidence each and every one of you gave me in my two terms as your District 4 Chairlady. My health is fine. It's just that now since I have to use a knee brace and a walking cane, I am not as mobile as I used to be. This makes it quite difficult for me to travel to numerous Hamfests and other Ham related activities to visit with other YL's about what they are doing. That's one reason I looked forward to receiving letters from everyone. If anyone in District 4 would be interested in running for District 4 Chairlady, please let me know. Until our next issue, have a nice day.

Roseann

### "District 5 News"... continued from page 15

It was -30 degrees Centigrade. We rode the tundra buggies and went out to see and photograph the bears - saw 27 of them." Wow! Doris' health also permitted her to participate in her church's cantata, so we KNOW that modern-day-miracles DO occur! During recent weeks, they like so many other parts of the country, have experienced inclement weather with many snowbound days.

**K5EYN** and **K5JGC** have enjoyed several trips to the OM's WW II annual Reunions held in Manhattan, KS, Colorado Springs and Winston-Salem, NC. The numbers are rapidly dwindling, so we are grateful to have the opportunity to visit with our "second family" in the 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association and the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Organization.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD BLESS OUR NEW PRESIDENT BUSH AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AMERICA!

33 and God bless, Burnette, K5JGC

# 5 District

# **Burnette Boyett, K5JGC**

A blessed and Happy New Year to each of you and to those you love for this New Year of 2001! Thank you for your FB news for the Fifth District Column—it means so much. Also, thank you for your cheery Holiday Greetings; they were most heart-warming.

Please show the change of address in your YL HARMONICS DIRECTORY: Frances Smith, **WA5MPM** Telephone (713)-626-2759,4718 Hallmark Dr. HCC 2202, Houston, TX 77056

Thanks to Alma, **AB5BA**, for the following news: Alma and the OM Jim, will relinquish the job of VE TESTING. Their team needs a much-deserved break, and she feels there are those who would like the opportunity to pursue this endeavor. It goes without saying—A job well done, ALMA and JIM! These two are still active in ARES NET, not to mention their participation in other civic activities.

TYLRUN OFFICERS - 2001: Alma, AB5BA, PRESIDENT; She is Net Control - 3.942 MHz, 8:00 A.M., CST, THURSDAYS. She will be looking for you. Others include Ann, WA5GLM, VICE PRESIDENT; Linda, AC5QQ, SECRETARY-TREASURER; and Judith, WOJJ/5, PUBLICITY.

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** Doris, **K5BNQ**, and Harryette, **W7QGX/5**, are improving but still need our prayers for healing. Mary, **K4MPI**, suffered a stroke in October and has since entered a Rehabilitation Home. We wish each of you a very speedy and complete recovery.

The GAYLARKS continue to travel. Anita, **WA5JMC**, and OM Pump, **WA5CYI**, Jim, **WB5PNL**, motored to Albuquerque for the annual Balloon Festival in October. They also attended the HAMORAMA HAMFEST at Lake Texoma. Anita's mother-in-law has been in and out of the hospital since July; we wish her well. The Fawcetts were overjoyed to have all HARMONICS at their QTH for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Christina, **N5YCH**, and OM Bill, **W5DNE**, vacationed in Branson after working the "Wings Over Houston" Air Show. Bill was in charge of communications. They, with approximately seventy ham radio operators, volunteered for the show, which included the "Special Show for Special People", specifically for the physically and/or mentally challenged members of the Houston Area Community.

Shirley, **KC5RVH**, and OM Joe, **N5BCI**, returned home from vacation with nothing but the highest praises and plaudits for the Colorado hams. En route, their motorhome encountered mechanical problems, and had it not been for the gracious and generous hams, their vacation would have been ruined.

What a wonderful last-minute storybook e-mail from Doris, **K5BNQ**, and OIV Andy! I her own words: "We took a 10-day impromptu trip in Nov. to Churchill Manitoba to see the polar bear migration. We flew to Winnipeg and then rode the VIA train 2-1/2 days to Churchill. I rested a lot and did pretty well. Just had trouble staying warm.

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# District C

# Jeri Haines, KB6USX

The New Year is upon us and it's time again to say hello from the sixth district and time to reflect on the past holiday season and begin planning for the new. With sincere wishes that the holidays were good for all, here's some of the memories we've added during this time.

LARA extended Christmas in October giving aid to four local organizations, which serve abused women and children. Contacts were made with each organization to determine their needs before making the presentations. LARA also presented a donation of food to the H.O.P.E. Outreach program before Christmas, providing baskets for needy families in local communities and an annual donation to the Marine's Toys for Tots drive. The toys were presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division's Luncheon, a lovely party at the Petroleum Club of Long Beach.

Kathy Stanfill, editor of LARA's monthly newsletter, has changed her call since obtaining her new upgrade, and is now **KS6CW**. This will be easy to remember as she is quite active in CW. The Christmas luncheons were also memorable. With LARA (Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc, of Orange Co.) partying at the Claim Jumper restaurant in Buena Park, CA. highlighted by their gift exchange and additional gifts presented.

YLRC of LA (Young Ladies Radio Club of Los Angeles) celebrated at Coco's, Arcadia. One of our members came from Pahrump, NV to attend the party.

Judith Fox, **KR6DZ**, attended and reports she and her OM, Don, **AA6ZX**, are now active in their new residence with the Antelope Valley Amateur Radio Club. She is the newly elected secretary for the year 2001, being installed at their December potluck dinner. The club is quite large and very active. She has also become a member of the Disaster Communication service, a part of the Los Angeles Sheriffs volunteers in Lancaster. (I'm part of DCS in the La Mirada area.) The group presents training classes and weekly nets to prepare for responding to any emergency.

Donna, **KE6WDJ**, hosted her Dad from Maine **(KIBUC)** recently. They got together with Irma, **KC6KCI** and Joan, **WA6QKC** for lunch. A good time was had by all.

I can't forget to congratulate Helen McDermon, **KD6KBP**, and her husband Collier, **KC6WJM**, who just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their children had a party to celebrate the event and I was pleased to have been in attendance.

Well, that's all, folks. There will be more in the spring.

33's, Jeri, KB6USX



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# Sara Lyon, AB7PS

It's time to bring you up-to-date on what's happening in the 7" district!

The Two Rivers Net had a busy fall. Sept. 17 many of the members served as the communications team for the 9th annual Race for the Cure in Portland, OR. The radio operators who operated from the 5 communications stations along the route were Annette Arnold-Boyd, KD7FLC; Barbara Mills, KC7KVT; Janet Bell, WB7FJC; Jerri St. John, WB70XK; Laura, KC7LOK, and Leo, N6JJQ, Seitlinger; Loisann Baity, KB7MRA; Marilyn Lum, K7LUM; Rebecca Boyd, KD7FGH; Shawna Ross, NL7NI and daughter Sarah; and Sherryl Martin, KD7CFH. The operators at the Waterfront Park net control station were: Dana Johnson, KC7SNQ; Donna Deyoe, K6DNG; Sharon Kennedy KD7CWP; and Barbara Yasson, KC7KQI. Nov. 11th two of the YLs helped provide communications for the Veterans Day Parade in Vancouver, WA. - Kristin Brown KD7IED (a high school freshman), and Barbara Yasson KC7KQI. After the parade the YLS (OMs and friends) met for lunch at the downtown Denny's. YLRL members attending were Donna Deyoe K6DNG; Barbara Mills KC7KVT; Shawna Ross NL7NI; Jerri St. John WB70XK; Barbara Yasson KC7KQI.

Cactus Keys: Phyllis Shanks W2GLB, President wrote: "Due to lack of volunteers to serve as officers, the Cactus Keys sent out a survey to see what the membership wanted to do. (The results were shared at their luncheon at the Top Shelf restaurant in Mesa, AZ after the December 2nd Swapmeet.) The consensus was that we should abandon the formal organization. We decided to send 5% of our treasury to each of the two repeaters we have used and to continue our 2M nets. The balance of the treasury was designated for YLRL, half to the general fund and half to the scholar ship. We will continue to promote YLRL at hamfests, etc."

Evergreen Intertie YL Net. The Evergreen Intertie is back up again (forth< time being at least) and we are delighted to have YLs from Eastern Washington am Idaho checking in once more through the KABARA system. Several new YLs havi joined us in the last few months.

The MINOW NET; Flo, **KU7F** was one of 3 YLs from the USA who attended the YL2000 Convention in Hamilton, NZ 29 September -1 October. We have discontinued the evening net for lack of participation but may try some evening contacts  $\mathfrak C$  scheduled times.

Lory N7KTY initiated a Christmas Special Event. "Following the set-out directions in the article "A Tear For Christmas", December QST, p. 83,1 set up and orge nized a cadre of 8 volunteers to send messages via NTS from our Eugene area nursin home on December 8. Some of the messages were from residents, others from sta members. All the messages were limited to ARRL Sixty-One. We passed a total of 1 messages, all across the country. To date, we have received back 5 replies. Bu better still, there is an awareness now at our nursing home as to what a service harr can provide to nursing home residents throughout the year, not just in times of erne gency. Also, 2 of our staff members are signed up to begin their license training class. What a great way for YL's to do something within our hobby for the good of othe people." Congratulation's Lory!



# Nancy Hall, KC4IYD/8 Terri Berchak, WD8LQH

Pat, W4NKL, in MI reports that she will be moving from in about a month. She will let us know where so it can be added to the newsletter.

Sharon, KJ8F, wrote that she will be going into the hospital for surgery tomorrow, 12-11 and will be there 4-5 days. Have to get a problem fixed. Her OM, Joe, broke his leg Aug 14 and is just now beginning to walk on his own. It was guite a bad spiral break. I guess he won't talk back anymore!

Anna, KG8YL dropped me a line to say that the TenTecKit 2-Meter FM Transceiver she recently built is working great. If only there were some YL's to talk to. OM's are so condescending. She guesses that she will stick to QRP with my SGC 2020 on the low bands. (DC note: If anyone wants to contact Anna to set up a schedule, I am sure she would be delighted.)

Rose, K8VFR, who has been keeping us up-to-date on her mom sadly reports in Dec. the passing of her mom after caring for her in her home for 3 years.



The Auto State Young Ladies (TASYL) celebrated 35 years of amateur radio together. Thev met Zhenders' in Frankenmuth on Oct 14 for a chicken dinner and afternoon of visiting and shopping. Pictured are the Officers are (from left to right): Pres: Fran KD4OHJ: Vice Pres: Rogene AA8WC; Sec: Grace N8NJT; and Treas:

Myriam K8ILN. TASYL net

Carol, WA8YL, had an Open House at her home in Cincinnati, OH on Sunday Nov. 19th 1:30 PM until 4:30 PM to introduce YLs to Buckeve Belles and YLRL.

The Chix YL club had their Christmas meeting on Nov. 18th. It was a month earlier than we normally had, but a lot of our members were going to be out of town in Dec. and there was concerned about the weather. The Chix YL club and the northeastern Buckeye Belles have met in Sept, and twice in Oct. to discuss convention issues. Read the Convention column for more information on page 7. You can fill out the convention on page 6 or go to the YLRL web page: http://www.gsl.net/ylrl and fill it out and I will automatically received it.

33/76 de kc4iyd, Nancy, kc4iyd@arrl.net



## Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy 2001, ladies! Where does the time go? I hope that all of you had wonderful holidays and were able to spend time with family. Our Christmas this year was oh so hectic, as I'm sure yours was too. On November 29, our daughter, Kelly, gave birth to our sixth grandchild, Erica Lorraine, 7 lb. 10 oz., 20 inches long, sc Christmas day we had five of the six grandchildren here, (our daughter's stepson was at his mothers.) The next day we had all six here with parents in tow. We had a photographer come to the house to take a family portrait.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club's Christmas party was one of the best and not jus' because I headed it up. The food was excellent and the entertainment great. We had a quartet from the local chapter of the Sweet Adelines and they were wonderful. The dinner was a carry-in and do you know what I decided? We hams are great cooks!

March 9 the Fort Wayne Radio Club will be doing our annual stint helping with the local PBS telethon. What a great way to help the community and to get our hobby in front of people!

We are starting a new item in the newsletter this month. We are going t<br/>biography one or two YL's each issue. I will get me out of the way first.

My O.M., Al, **WB9SSE**, is an electrical engineer and has always been inter ested in amateur radio. When our daughter was born in 1968 he got his first license we were living in Champaign, Illinois at the time. During the next couple of years decided I wanted a license too. I studied code myself with a record.

In 1971 we moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana and we went to the Fort Waym Hamfest and saw the Fort Wayne Radio Club's table advertising code and theory classes Al said this was what I was looking for to finally get my license. I enrolled in the novio class. The code came very easily to me (I even remembered some of what I learned couple of years earlier). The code was a bit harder, but Al tutored me at home, passed my novice first time out and got WN9RUS. In about 18 months I decided to tr to upgrade. I went to code and theory classes again, but I didn't do so well this time I tried the test twice and blew it both times, even though I was convinced that I kne' everything there was to know about the General theory. So in January I started stud} ing in earnest by myself with Al tutoring me in the evenings. I was aiming for the Ma test. I was convinced I didn't know anything, but Al kept telling me I was ready an knew everything cold. I was a basket case. Anyway, I took the theory and PASSEf Then I had to take the code. To my surprise, (I hadn't been working on that, figured take that in August) I passed the code too. So I walked out of there about six fe< above the sidewalk with my General class license, WB9RUS. A few years later I g< my Advanced and maybe someday I'll get my Extra. I have enjoyed amateur radio s much, have met so many wonderful people, especially YL's. Since then we hal added our son, Michael, N8VAN, and his wife, Loann, KC8BDV.

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# District

# **Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV**

Hello District 10! Well, a new year is upon us and with it my new resolutions. One is to get out my yearly letter to you checking that addresses are correct and begging for news. Don't let me down! Hope your holidays went well.

Just before Christmas, the OM and I participated in the 10-meter contest from VP5 in Turks and Caicos. It was a blast! I can't believe the number of YLs I heard, especially from the East Coast. I am proud to see so many women participating in the contest. I heard women from all over the world both in the contest and the week that we were there. We ran low power for a mixed mode effort, but unfortunately that put us in a high power category. Still, we had a lot of fun and I think we did okay.

Here is this issue's district 10 spotlight. One of our newest members is Judy Hilton, **KCOHVD.** I met her first over the air on the Colorado-YL, Inc. net one Saturday morning and later at a hamfest in the Denver area in person. Here's how she got started in ham radio in her own words:

"About a year ago, my husband, **KCOHVC** asked me what I wanted for my birthday. I though for a few minutes and said, 'How about a multiband radio?' . My radio was about 30 years old. He said, 'OK.' Ed got me a new radio.

One night I said, 'How can I talk back to these people on the radio?' He told me that I had to take a test and get a license. I said, 'Let's do it!' He said, 'OKAY!' So we went to Radio Shack in Conifer, CO and asked how to go about doing it. We went to HRO, got the books and took the test." They both passed.

Judy says she already knew some of the local hams including Padre, **WOWPD** who was her elmer. Many of the hams she knows are on the weather net on 146.940 every morning. Judy says she loves ham radio. "Everyone in amateur radio is the nicest, dearest, sweetest and kindest people I have ever met." I think Judy fits right into that category. Look for her on two meters if you are in the Denver/Conifer area of Colorado!

Thanks to Judy and all of you. It is members like you that make this hobby so much fun to participate in. I look forward to hearing what everyone is up to next!

33 & 73, Cheryl NOWBV

### "District 9 News"... continued from page 19

I hope to hear from a lot you, I have been getting many wonderful biographies and I thank you all for them and they will appear each issue. I would like to hear other news too. I hope that everyone has a mild winter, stays warm and we will all look forward to an early spring.

-Carole, WB9RUS



# Betty Marsh, KL7FJW

--Betty, we've missed you in the last two issues and my email message to you bounced. Let me know if you have a new email address or just mail us your news - editoYLRL Nomination Form

I,accept nomination for the office of

for YLRL for 2002-2003.
I have been a member of YLRL since(month & year)
and have been a licensed operator since(year)
My Club affiliation is, in which I have held
these offices:
I belong to these YL nets and round tables:
I have held the following offices with YLRL:
Date:Signed (name & call):
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:E-Mail:
We the undersigned members of YLRL, nominate the above named
candidate for the office of
to serve YLRL during 2002-2003. Endorsement of five YLRL members:
1. (name & call):
2. (name & call):
3. (name & call):
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5. (name & call):
Send this form to the Chairwoman of the nominating committee.

IT MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10, 2001
Chairwoman: Anne Manna, WB1ARU, 614 Webster St., Hanover, MA 02399

# District

## Pauline Burt, VE3LQA

**VE3BNN** Margaret writes that she has been busy with her local library. They have a large book sale every year, and they raise quite a bit of money on the books and magazines that have been donated. She is also involved in re-writing the handbook for their local radio club regarding EMO procedures.

Ann, VE3HAI has had a busy time lately. The main bathroom renovations are finally complete. It looks terrific. The family will really enjoy it when they come home for Christmas. Janet, **N9ZKU**, Ann's daughter was home for a quick visit in early December and will be back with her husband for the holidays, when daughter, Jean, and herfamily arrive from Alberta. Ann wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

VA3WX- Jeanne's OM is now retired and for him not to get bored they purchased a purebred Cairn Terrier pup in Aug. at 6 weeks of age. His name is Benji and having lots of fun with him. Jeanne as of the end of December stepped down from her various jobs including Secretary for CLARA. She is looking forward to catching upon reading and maybe a bit more volunteer work with the Red Cross. No snow yet in Burlington the beginning of Dec. Jeanne attended a Xmas, party put on by the Red Cross in early December and she had her yearly Xmas get together for 12 ladies in mid December. She sends along best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy 2001.

Elizabeth VE7YL - It is hard to believe that I have been home for one month now! Talked about and thought about my trip to Hamilton and the YL2000 meet for so long it is now difficult to realize that it is now all behind me. I left home on Sept. 24th and packed a lot into 5 weeks away. 163 people registered for the YL2000 in Hamilton -107 were YLs - 67 of those DX YLs and 40 New Zealand YLs. It was a wonderful gathering. So nice to see so many friends and to make new friends. A friendship we can continue on air. Left New Zealand on the 5th Oct. for Norfolk Island where a group of YLs took over Aunt Em's, a B & B. We set up three radio stations and with the special call AX9YL worked the world. We had a wonderful time. The island is lovely. So nice to meet Kirsti VK9NL and Jim VK9NS. Left Norfolk on the 12th and with VK4HF Rick and his wife Juli spent 3 days camping on Fraser Island followed by a 3500km camping trip across Queensland and back. Sat on a sand dune on the East side of Fraser Island on Oct. 13th and watched the full moon rise out of the Pacific Ocean. Spectacular! After all this excitement I'm now home playing golf in the rain and cold! Happy Holidays everyone. 33, Elizabeth VE7YL

All is moving smoothly at my house. My OM Bill is slowly failing, but so far everyone is coping. Home Care is now involved and that is a relief. This is my last column for the VE News, and I want to thank everyone for their kind co-operation.

-Pauline, VE3LQA



# **DX YL News**



### **News from YLRCI**

Dear Friends.

We have just started a New Year, a new century, 3 weeks passed since and I think to be still on time to wish you and your families all the best, good health and peace for the remaining 49 weeks. I apologize to be late once more, but the reason is that I wanted to wait for the election results and communicate the changes in our club. They arrived a bit late tool We have new executive officers for the coming 2 years. The Board of officers is as follows:

President and DX Correspondent:

Secretary and Editor:

Award Manager :

Puccini Award Manager:

**Contest Manager:** 

**Net Control:** 

IT9ESZ Ruth B. Geering

**IKOPXD Maria Lupoli** 

IT9KXI Santina Lanza

IK5GBL Pina Lazzarini IK8HEQ Dorina Piscopo

IT9KXI and IK5GBL

We hope to keep up the good name of our YL-Club ELETTRA MARCONI and everyone of us has good intentions and is encouraged to give her best for it. Most important is one thing: to work together in harmony and try to avoid frictions and competition. Not against each other but TOGETHER I

I am thankful to all who voted for me and will do my best not to disappoint the club members and all friends from other YL clubs all over the globe. There will be great work ahead for the PALERMO YL 2002 but we have a nice team and start now; you'll hear often from us

33+73's de Ruth IT9FSZ

### "District 7 News"... continued from page 17

I know that several YLs have upgraded in recent months - to Extra Class **KB7TW** Patricia Chaddock, and **KD7JDY** Nina Archer, both Washingtonians and **KD7VR** Betty Youse of AZ who wrote that she has enjoyed QSOs with her brother ir Mississippi on 20M and with her son in California on 40M.

7th district YLs - Please let me know about your activities and upgrades and do not forget to send in your dues to Doris May, **KJ7RF**. Best wishes for 20011 Send your comments and information to me at:

E-mailan@halcyon.com

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

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

# A Special Christmas Event

Lory, **N7KTY**, a 7<sup>.h</sup> District YL and member of YLRL and MINOW NET initiated a very special Christmas event in December 2000:

"Following the set-out directions in the article "A Tear For Christmas", December QST, p. 83,1 set up and organized a cadre of volunteers to send messages via NTS from our Eugene. OR area nursing home on December 8. A resident living there, **K5WFL**, used his 2-meter hand-held to talk to other 2-meter Valley Radio Club volunteers, standing by in the community. There were about 8 volunteer hams, some of which are still in their teens others retired. Some of the messages were from residents, others from staff members. All the messages were limited to ARRL sixty-one, again, as outlined in the QST article. John, N7RVW, took the first 10 messages home, to start getting on the HF nets. The rest of the messages, sent by me via 2-meter ARES net on 146.78, beginning the night of December 8. We passed a total of 17 messages, all across the country.

To date, we have received back 5 replies. But, better still, there is now awareness in our nursing home as to what a service hams can provide to nursing home residents throughout the year, not just in times of emergency. Also, 2 of our staff members are signed up to begin their license training class. We sent one of the messages to our head office, to the President, A letter from me followed, in which I enclosed the original article. We received a nice letter back from her, stating that she would share the information with the other homes in our organization. A side light of the entire operation was the fact that all the operators contacted with messages, were told, upon their request, of the original article's inspiration. They all were genuinely interested, and I hope this sparks an interest in ham clubs throughout the country, to provide a means of communication with friends and loved ones for so many of our residents who live in nursing homes. This is a great way for YL's to do something within our hobby for the good of other people. I've worked 2 earthquakes, but this was so much more rewarding. After receiving one of the replies, I couldn't wait to get to work the next day to give it to the resident. She was so very grateful, she gave me a kiss, then gave me a "great big hug". Believe me—it was the best reward for the effort I could ever have hoped for! Other hams participating in the exercise were: WA7SVV, N7QIS, KC7SGM, N7YSS, AC7DD, KD7HUJ, KD7CUT, KD7GES, KD7JRN, N7USQ, and W7FPY.

Things My mother taught me...

My mothertaught me RELIGION
You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me LOGIC Because I said so, that's why.

My mothertaught me FORESIGHT Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.

# **Directory Updates**

### Welcome to our New Members:

KC4CRI Glenda Nicholson, 4329 Brookhaven Dr., Greensboro, NO 27406

KG4HGF Katana Luther, 3224 Panther Mt. Rd., Asheboro, NO 27203

KU4KA G. Maxine Waldon, 509 Player Dr., High Point, NC 27260

K6EY Becky Ormonde, 12420 Telephone Ave., Chino, CA 91710

WB6PCS Alice Fuka, 18926 Felbridge, Canyon Country, CA 91351

N70JO Dale Crowley,790 Pawnee, Carson City, NV 89705

N70WV June L. Bennett, 3547 Arcadia Dr., Carson City, NV 89705

### Welcome back to Rejoining Members:

WA8BWT Barbara A. Holton Skidmore, 3163 Lincoln St., Lorain, OH 44052-2714

### **Address Changes and Corrections:**

ZL1ALE Aola Johnston, 2/29 Manse Rd., Papakura, NZ

K40VR Rose Porter, P.O. Box 3896, Plant City, FL 33564

N7GBX Thelma R. Gray, 41 North 14th Dr., Show Low, AZ 85901,

N9MBL Jolene Ross N7969 Cattail Ln., Irma, WI 54442-9758

KB0SSQ Sherry Weir, 407-1 S. Sunset Dr., Andover, KS 67002-7826

### E-Mail for new members and other updates:

ZL1 ALE Aola Johnston, davola@clear.net.az\_

**K6EY** Becky Ormonde, <u>k6ey@hotmail.com</u>

WB6PCS Alice Fuka, k9radio@rglobal.net

N7GBX Thelma R. Gray, ntgray@whitemtns.com

N70WV June L. Bennett n7owv2@juno.com

WA8BWT Barbara A. Holton Skidmore, wa8bwt@aol.com

ABOMV Merrimon Crawford, abOmv@ix.netcom.com

### Congratulations to

Merri Crawford **ABOMV** (formerly KF4OAD) on her marriage last August to Glenn Pladsen **AE0Q**. They met during the 1998 10m contest, practiced CW together, and finally tied the knot. There seems to be something to the romance of CW. Her new address is: 3351 S. Field St. #137, Lakewood, CO 80227

### Sincerest sympathies to:

Rose Porter **K40VR** for the loss of her husband in 2000. Bobbie Skidmore **WA8BWT** on the loss of her husband, Don Rose, **K8VFR** on the loss of her mother in 2000.

**Thanks to** Ruby Byrd **KF4NI** for helping to spread the word. She is a VEC and gives YLRL memberships to the YLs who become hams at her test sessions.

### ... From your Production Editor...

This is not meant to be an excuse but rather an acceptance for the responsibility for the October November December 2000 Harmonics issue not getting to the members in a timely manner. I have been diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome which precluded me from any of my normal activities and confined me to bed.

This is not an excuse and I recognize in retrospect that I should have had my husband contact Carol Hall and apprised her of the magnitude of my condition. I just kept thinking that I was going to beat this thing. One of it's symptoms is that it comes and goes thus causing it difficult to diagnosis and plan around.

I was bed ridden, not making or taking phone calls, sleeping 16-18 hours a day, and just dealing day by day. Randy (my husband) was not aware of the deadlines or he would have contacted Carol. I let the ball drop on Harmonics by not making sure that the issue either went out or provisions made to let Carol know the situation.

I have made many changes in my life including quitting my job to avoid a similar situation and not placing myself in a place where 1 can not meet my responsibilities. I hope that my past dedication and performance as editor and what I hope to do in the future will restore the memberships confidence and forgiveness.

Last year Harmonics switched from a bi-monthly to quarterly issue as a cost saving measure. That and other changes have helped in controlling publication costs. Carol believes that we can now switch back to bi-monthly issues.

So that the transition from quarterly back to bi-monthly be as smooth as possible I think it would be good to review deadlines for submissions to Harmonics. District Chairwomen will need to submit their articles to the copy editor by a date that will allow her the necessary time to proof and edit the columns and have them to me by the 20th of the month prior (District Chairwomen will be getting this deadline from the copy editor). All submissions that come directly to me will need to be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to the monthly issue. For example, for the March / April 2001 Issue, articles need to be submitted to me by February 15th. I realize that this first time the submission date may come before this issue even reaches you so please do the best you can and get the articles to me (and the District Chairs to the copy editor) as soon as possible.

The articles need to be sent as an attachment via email in either in Word or WordPerfect format. If anyone needs help with this process let me know. Also if the article requires formatting (like an indent for a new paragraph) use tabs rather than spaces. Harmonics is done in black Ariel 10 font with call signs bolded so it helps if your submissions come that way. If your article includes pictures (pictures really add life to the publication), please send them as an attachment. If there is a specific place that you wished them placed make sure that is included ... also a caption is very helpful.

Here's to a great year!!! 33's Nan

More things my mother taught me....

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"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

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