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The President's Letter:

de Kay Eyman WAOWOF

On behalf of all **YLRL** members, I'd like to extend our thanks to all the outgoing officers for their service during the past two years. **Nancy KC4IYD** deserves special recognition for her efforts as a volunteer Editor for the last five issues of **YLH**. Well done to all! I'm so happy to be working with the team that has been assembled for 2002-2003. We have lots of ideas and plans to keep **YLRL** growing and I hope you'll take a minute to look on Pages Two and Three to see who has volunteered. Some are serving despite health problems or over-commitments, but they are dedicated to serving **YLRL** and you! Please support them every way you can.

There are two big meetings coming up this year. The first is YL-Palermo 2002, which will be June 20-23, and the second is the YLRL Convention, in Cleveland, which will be held August 2-4. Detailed information and registration information can be found in this issue so make your plans to attend these great functions now. If you've attended YL meetings in the past, you're probably planning to go because you know how much fun they are; if you haven't, you don't know what you're missing! I'm planning to attend both meetings and I hope to see you in Palermo and in Cleveland.

How did you learn about **YLRL**? In my case, **Beth** Taylor **W7NJS** found me on the air not long after I was licensed and signed me up. **Beth** served as Membership Chairman for many years and was tireless in her recruiting efforts.

To honor Beth's memory, a new membership drive will begin in 2002. Lois **WB3EFQ**, our new Secretary, has agreed to keep track of how many new members each YL signs up - so make sure when you pass out applications, you put your call sign in the "Endorsed by" blank. The YL who brings in the most members will receive a free membership for herself in 2003. Good luck to all!

The Colorado YLs have offered to host the next YLRL Convention in 2005, and they have some wonderful plans they would like to begin working on. If any other YL clubs would like to submit a bid for 2005, please let me know right away so all options can be considered.

And there's more news! The YLRL web site can now be found at YLRL.org, which will make it easy to locate. **Nancy KC4IYD** is helping with the technical part of this so drop by and take a look and let us know what you think. Your ideas and suggestions on any YLRL topic are always welcome!

YLRL will be offering a new certificate in 2002 and our Vice-President, **Jeanie WA6UVF**, will have all the details in her column. Please note this is for all YLs and OMs, with any class of license. Just find 33 YLs and make those contacts before December 31st.

The **YLRL** Forum at the Dayton Hamvention will be held on Friday, May 17, in Room 3, from 1:45 to 2:45. I hope to see you there and also hope to hear you in the **YL-OM** contest in February. And don't forget to check into **YL** Open House, **YL** Tangle Net, and your local nets. See you on the air!

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



ETHEL SMITH K4LMB
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Memory of:

From:

There were no memorial gifts this time.

The bank balances of scholarship fund were audited by **Margaret WAOKVP** on November 28, 2001

Money Market	\$14,731.68
CD	44,786.58
Total:	\$59,518.26

Final report from the bank for 2001 is:

Money Market	\$ 14,743.46
CD	44,957.75
Total	\$59,701.21

Information and an application form for applying for scholarship may be requested, by letter or QSL card postmarked prior to April 30, 2002, from: FAR Scholarships

Post Office Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20738

Send donations to:

Marte Wessel KOEPE

RR 1 Box 73

Liberal, KS 67901

Checks to: **YLRL, Inc.** (Scholarship Fund)

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Marte
KOEPE





AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer sixty-two (62) scholarships for the academic year 2002 - 2003 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds seven of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-five (55) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs, especially those in Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets and on their world wide web home pages.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 30, 2002 from:

FAR Scholarships
Post Office Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20738

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

2002 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: _____ e-mail Address: _____

License Class: Year first licensed: **ARRL** Member? Y/N

Year joined **YLRL**: List **YLRL** Affiliated Clubs You Belong to:

What ham activities do you enjoy and/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 your check (US only) or International Postal Money Order (in US funds) payable to Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., and send to the Receiving Treasurer for your District:
Districts 1-4: Jean Chittenden WAZBGL, 23 Spencer Dr, Oneonta NY 13820

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DX

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(Ed. Note: If sending in a DX-YL for the first time, you may utilize the above form to fill in all her information and send along with check to the DX Receiving Treasurer - DX-YL Renewal Form is on the next page)

2002 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 (US only) or International Postal Money Order (in US Funds) payable to the Young Ladies Radio League, Inc. A separate form is needed for each **DX-YL** renewal.

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

DX-YL Call:Recent Prior Call:
Name: _____ Country: _____
Address: _____ New Address? Y / N
City: _____ State/ProvinceZip: _____
Phone Number: FAX Number: _____
Packet Address:e-mail Address:
License Class:Year first licensed:Year joined **YLRL**:

Sponsor's Name: Call:
Address: _____ City: _____
State/ProvinceZip:e-mail: _____

Check one:)

\$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
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*(Ed. Note: 1. When filling out the above form, please put in full address — we 're checking the list so we don't miss anyone — also note the request for an e-mail address for both sponsor and **DX-YL** 2. When sending in VE dues, please send them to **Carol Schmitkons KI8IM**. VE news will go to **Carol Hall WD8DQG**)*

The man who can't dance thinks the band is no good.
-Polish Proverb

The 33 Award Certificate *de Jeanie Parker WA6UVF*

YLRL announces a new certificate to be offered only during 2002. In honor of YLRL founder Ethel Smith **K4LMB/SK**, a certificate will be awarded to all licensed amateur radio operators who work 33 different YLs using license class allocation with: all bands, modes, station or mobile and VHF simplex, but no net operation; Contacts can begin on or after February 13, 2002, which was **Ethel's** birthday.

A log showing the frequency, date, and time of each QSO, and the callsign and first name of the YL worked should be mailed to YLRL Vice-President, **Jeanie Parker WA6UVF**, 28400 Vista del Valle, Hemet, CA 92544. Please enclose \$1.00 with your log, which must be postmarked by December 31, 2002.

YLAP Contest Results

de Phyllis W2GLB

Here are the results of the 2001 YLAP

	SSB	CW		SSB	CW
KS2YL	4050	36	F5RPB	283.5	
DJ1TE	3360		KL7FJW	270	
N8ST	2790		DL2FCA	252	
WA2NFY	1827		WD5FQX	165	
DJ6US	1512		GM4YMM	135	
DL1RBW	1121		N7DXY	132	
AB7PS	412.5		LA1OGA	108	
KA0BAT	396		KD8SC	60	
DL3LG	320				

District KL7 News - Continued from Page 25

But it piles up and we eventually get in. E-mail and the radio are my salvation! In early December we had a wolf go through the back yard at daylight one morning. We have heard them howling, but never one so close before. He was tracking the doe and fawn that clean up the bird seed the Juncos and Jays scatter. Hope he didn't find them,.. Happy Healthy New Year to all. 33 **Betty KL7FJW** Drop an e-mail kl7fjw@winlink.org

Angels may not dress the part, With robes and wings that
soar, Often angels come as friends Knocking at your door.
-Unknown

Convention Report

de Nancy KC4IYD
YLRL 2002 Convention Chair

The 2002 Convention committee met in both November and December 2001 to continue with the convention planning. For 2002, we are planning one to two meetings a month in order to get everything finalized. We came up with a list of prospective speakers and are in the process of calling them. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have the list of speakers up on the web page. We have reached the point where we will need some participation from you, the **YLRL** members. Letters have already been sent out to vendors and we are getting responses from some. If your **YL** club wants to donate a prize, contact Judy at kc8bom@arrl.net for more information. There is a possibility that we may offer ham exams, if you are interested please me know since we need to select a day and time for this in advance. If you will not be able to attend the Convention, why not record a greeting using a camcorder or write a short note. Then mail the tape or letter to us and we will place it in the Hospitality Suite for all to view or see. For those planning to attend, I want to let you all know that in past conventions, the attendees have brought QSL cards or other items to exchange with each other. You can easily make QSL cards using blank 3x5 in cards and stamps or print them on a computer, or you can always make something that tells about you or your QTH. May 31, 2002 is the deadline for filling out the registration forms so please fill them out and get them to us.

Convention Registration Form Information -

(Read this before filling out the registration form)

Hotel reservations:

Must be made by contacting the Clarion Hotel, 17000 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 USA; Phone (440) 243-5200 or 1-800-252-7466. Rooms are \$79 plus tax (up to four may share at \$79 rate).

Convention Activities:

The Ladies Luncheon on August 3rd is only for tire **YLS** as this takes place during the business meeting. The **OMs** will have lunch downtown at a local restaurant. The Banquet and Farewell Breakfast is open to everyone.

Tours:

The **OM** tour is open to **YLS** since there are **YLS** who do not attend the **YLRL** business meeting on Saturday. The times for each tour are listed and due to the proximity of the Science Museum, Rock n Roll Hall of Fame and USS Cod, we are giving everyone the opportunity to pick and choose which places they would like to visit However, you save if you sign up for a combo pack for the Science Museum and Rock n Roll Hall of Fame. The NASA tour and USS Cod tour are free but please still sign up so we can get a count of how many people will be attending. The tour prices include the price of the bus that will be taking us from the Hotel to the various locations on Friday and Saturday. Also, the Goodtime III

,unch Cruise and Lolly Trolley Tour have a 30 person minimum in order for us to
;et the discount. If we don't have 30 people signed up by the registration deadline,
hese tours will be cancelled. For the Science Museum and Rock n Roll Hall of
ame, the minimum needed to sign up is only 20 people. If you will be bringing
ny children under the age of 17, let us know, since they may qualify for a
liscount. Seniors will not get a discount since we are getting a group rate for the
arious tours.

Programs;

For those not wanting to attend any of the tours, there will be several programs
recurring on Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. They include a kit building
ession, videos being shown in the Hospitality suite, a Special Event Station in
ospitality suite for people to operate and much more. Check the webpage
eriodically as we finalize the programs for the Convention.

Mail to: YLRL Registration Chair: **Carol Schmitkons KI8IM**, 43530 Middle
<idge Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053. Please make checks payable to "YLRL 2002
Convention Fund."

From the Secretary

de Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ

Present: **Kay Eyman WAOWOF**, **Myrtle Farnsworth N2AKC**, **Phyllis Shanks
W2GLB**, **Marte Wessell K0EPE**, **Ruthanna Pearson WB3CQN**, **Alma Lang
B5BA**, **Mary Moore WX4MM**, **Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ**.

President Kay Eyman called a special meeting of the Board of Directors for
young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., to order on January 2nd, 2002, at 1905 GMT.
Meeting was conducted at 14,288 MHz. There were eight members present.

New Business: **Phyllis W2GLB** made the following motion. Resolved, that
Carol Noack KK5L and **Kay Eyman WAOWOF** be duly authorized to exercise
full financial powers on behalf of Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. **Ruthanna
WB3CQN** seconded this motion. Resolution approved by those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 1908 GMT.

Late Note: Also on frequency were: **Sara Lyons AB7PS**, **Caroll Massie
NV7YL**, **Jeanie Parker WA6UVX**, and **Cheryl Muhr W0WVB** who added their
yes vote to the resolution.

Respectfully submitted:

Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ

YLRL Secretary

cc: Board of Directors, Committee Chairs

There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

-French Proverb

2002 YLRL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Hotel Clarion, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

August 2-4, 2002

Hotel reservations must be made by contacting the Hotel Clarion, 17000 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 USA; Phone (440) 243-5200 or 1-800-252-7466. They will accept reservations after September 25, 2001. Rooms are \$79 plus tax, but you must mention that you will be attending the 2002 YLRL Convention, (up to four may share a room at \$79 rate).

I expect to stay at the Hotel Clarion for nights, and I will arrive on

I will be rooming with: Name & Call (if license)

I would like to have a roommate. Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

HOW MANY?

Registration of YL Member-(includes pin) ~	\$20.00 ea. \$	~
Registration of OM or Guest (no pin)	\$ 15.00 ea. \$	
Extra Logo Pins	\$ 5.00 ea. \$	
I'd like to buy a T-shirt.(please see sizes below)	\$ 12.00 ea. \$	
I'd like to buy a Polo shirt.(please see sizes below)	\$20.00 ea. \$	

Sizes: SMLLXXXL _____ XXXL _____

BADGE INFORMATION: (please print or type)

YLName1 _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

CityStateZipCountry _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

OM/GuestCall _____

GuestCall _____

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Ladies Luncheon)	Sat. August 3, Noon)\$15.00ea.\$
Banquet)Sat. August 3, Social 5:30PM/Meal 6:30 PM)	(\$30.00 ea. \$
Farewell Breakfst)	Sun. August 4, 8:00 AM)\$15.00ea. \$

OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

____ Dinner Thursday evening, Aug. 1, local restaurants; no host

Friday Activities - August 2nd

	9 am NASA Glenn Research Center	" lfree
	11-2 pm Goodtime III Lunch Cruise (30-person minimum))\$26.00ca\$
	 2-5 pm Choose from any or all of the following:	
	Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame only (20-person minimum)	1)515.00 ea\$
	Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre only (20-person min.)	\$12.00 ea \$
	Combo pass to Rock 'n Roll Hall and Science Museum (20 min.))\$22.00 ea \$
I	 USS Cod	 free 1
	(Dinner Friday evening, August 2, local restaurants; no host ;	

Saturday Activities

OM Tour - August 3rd

10-2pm - Choose from any or all of the following: Lunch will be on your own at a local downtown restaurant		
	Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame only (20-person min.)	""1)515.00 ea\$
)Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre only (20-person min.)	1)512.00 eaS
	Combo pass to Rock 'n Roll Hall and Science Museum (20 min.)	1)522.00 ea\$
	"1USS Cod	~~ free
	2pm-4pm Lolly Trolley 2 hour Tour of Cleveland (30-person min.)) 5 17.00 ea \$

Sunday Activities - August 4th

^Sunday afternoon evcnt/activity - depends on number of people interested

~ Group Photo (optional))\$20.00 ea \$
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TOTAL to be remitted with Registration IN US FUNDS: S

<p>DEADLINE:</p> <p>May 31,2002</p>	<p>Mail To:</p> <p>YLRL Registration Chairman Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM 43530 Middle Ridge Road Lorain, Ohio 44053</p>
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Please make checks or money orders payable to YLRL 2002 Convention Fund.

District One

de Anne Manna WBIARU

Happy New Year to all! New England, a.k.a. District One, was dry all summer and the fall was no better. There has been little snow as of this writing at the end of December.

WRONE held their Fall Luncheon in Gray, Maine, on November 3rd. **Marion KA2ZKM** and her daughter, Kathy, planned a wonderful event. The table favors were a picture frame with fall leaves and a bottle of Poland Spring water. Poland Spring, Maine, is the next town to Gray. The Friday night trip to LLBean's at Free-port was a nice extra. After the luncheon, the gentlemen and the other guests went up to the Shaker Community at Sabbath Day Lake for a slide show and a tour of their complex. Not many members attended, but those who attended had a very nice time. The slate of officers was approved as voted by the mail ballot. President - **Hennie KA1JVN** appointed **Betsey KA1VAX** as Certificate Custodian. Helen **KB1NX** was thanked for her many years of service in that position. Other officers include Vice-President - **Samantha N1MJP**, Secretary - **Arline WILIO**, Membership Chairman - **Sandy KA1TLP**, Net Chairman - **Marion KA2ZKM**, and Hospitality Chairman - **Barb N1BHB**.

Betsey KA1VAX is still involved with emergency management and weather things. She had a second hand surgery at the beginning of December, but is healing slowly.

Arline WILIO enjoyed the **QCWA** cruise in November. She was able to provide information about **YLRL** to a few of the **YLS** who were on board.

Barb WBIEHS and **OM, Jack WB1APD**, are prepared for the winter ahead with a pile of new books that were under their Christmas tree.

Anne WBIARU and **OM, Tony WAIENO**, were operators at the Marconi 100th Anniversary Special Event station on Cape Cod. The station used the call sign **W1AA/CC** from December 11 to December 16 in celebration of Marconi's reception of radio signals across the Atlantic Ocean from Poldhu, England, to Signal Hill, Newfoundland, on December 12, 1901. Marconi used the site at Wellfleet, Massachusetts about a year later for further experimentation. **Anne** operated on 20m on Saturday evening and 15m on Sunday morning from the former Coast Guard station that is now part of the National Seashore. The event got good coverage included filming by "Chronicle," a locally produced television magazine show (Channel 5 - Boston). Tony's picture is on Heil's web page - www.heilsound.com as he operated using a Heilheadset on Wednesday.

I hope to hear more news from around One-land by February 11, so I can make my next deadline of February 15! Please note that my only e-mail address is enoaru@gis.net. 33, **Anne WBIARU**

The first sight of maturity is the discovery that the volume knob also turns to the left. -*Chicago Tribune*

District Two

de MYRTLE FARNSWORTHN2AKC

Can you believe it is December and in just a couple of weeks we will welcome a New Year? What happened to this year, where did the time go? Golly, what about all those things we planned to do, the phone calls we were going to make, the friends we were going to visit and just kept putting off until tomorrow? Well, tomorrow came and went along with those good intentions. No doubt most of us will end up doing exactly the same things come the New Year. It seems the older we get the more good intentions go astray unintentionally. However, I hope one of your decisions for the coming year will be to let us hear about the events in your life. It isn't necessary to write long letters, just a brief note on e-mail if possible will be a good beginning. Everyone looks forward to news from our members. Try it - You'll like it!

Now, on that note, I did receive a letter from **Lia WA2NFY**. I'm sure you know **Lia** recently lost her husband and now with the holidays it's a very hard time for her, She's doing her best keeping busy and finds the days are hard and the tears come easy. Her trip back to Germany was also a difficult time but she did enjoy being with so many of her ham friends, and then visiting the family in Italy where for four years she was a nanny. From there she was off to visit a friend in the Swiss mountains. This visit was followed by a train ride to visit her sisters, one 90 years old and the other 93 years old. Getting off the train **Lia** fell and hit her head on a metal post and had to have x-rays taken and although she had a couple black eyes nothing was broken. Her sisters were most happy to see her and she was overjoyed to be able to hold them in her arms one more time. Before heading home **Lia** attended a Hamfest and was with 27 **DX-YLs** and this made her happy and most thankful to be a Ham with so many good friends.

Another gal happy to be a Ham and have so many friends is Jean **WA2BGE** -- I just spoke to her on the phone. What a "super lady." Despite her health problems and the big decisions she has to make, she is the same cheerful, talkative **Jean**, asking about others. Jean was told radiation would be of no help and that a two and a half hour modified radical operation is the only answer and she is concerned about this. She wants to wait until the end of January but was told "no." So, the operation will be right after the holidays. As Jean said, this is all a decision to think about. So, ladies please keep **Jean** in all your prayers, and send her a thinking of you note or card to cheer her and maybe put a smile on her face. I know Jean will appreciate that.

A bit of "good news!" **Roberta KA2AFL** is once again home from the hospital. **Roberta** came home from her Big Birthday celebration in Hawaii and landed in the hospital with pneumonia, but all is well now. We Hope!

On that note, we will close this final column for the year 2001 with love in our hearts, prayers for the future that our families and friends be blessed with much happiness and good health. God Bless and Happy New Year! **Myrtle N2AKC**

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District Three

de Barb Bender KA3 VXR

Greetings Three-land YLs! Here it is a few days before Christmas and we haven't had ANY snow here in South Central PA! I hope you.all have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful New Year.

Haven't gotten much news since everyone is so busy around this time of the year. However, I did hear from several YLs.

Ruthanna WB3CQN wrote that she has been listening for the P5 from North Korea. "Heard him one time that I tried, but the world was calling. After the holidays he will have a better antenna and hope he will go by call areas!!!!!! 10 meters has been open in the evening to Japan, Korea and the Philippines. Caught up with some old friends, was nice to talk with them after two years! I hear from our Russian friends and they are doing fine and sent some pictures they took while at my QTH. Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year to all!"

Jeanne KA3CEO writes that she and her **OM, Dick WB3AJC**, are in better shape then they were last year and hanging in there at 81. She heard via notes and e-mail from **Akiyo Nishino JH1GMZ** and **Nozomi Gohara JH3SQN** from Japan; **Gwen Tilson VK3DYL** and **Poppy Bradshaw VK6YF** from Australia; and **Mabel Tremlet GI8SXN** from Ireland. She said "Hope everyone has a good New Years."

Things have been Slow with me after my colon surgery and mouth surgery in October. I'm now undergoing radiation therapy on my mouth and neck. Have three more weeks to go. By the time you read this, I should be on the mend. On the good side, had my 18th grandchild in September and #19 is expected before the end of 2001!

Would like to send Holiday Greetings to everyone and especially to the **DX-YLs** that I sponsor into **YLRL: Margaret VE3BNN** from Canada; **Robyn VK3WX** from Australia; **Toshiko JP3DPU** from Japan and **Elaine GOWTO** from England.

Holiday Greetings also to a very good friend, **Maureen GOVRT**, from England whom we hope to see at our **YLRL** Convention in Cleveland in 2002.

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73/33 de **Barb KA3VXR**



What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog.

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

District Four

de MARY MOORE WX4MM

Happy New Year to all. I hope you all have made New Year resolutions to work the YL contests this year, starting with the YL-OM contest in February.

I will be going in for more surgery on my knee after the first of the year, and will only have about a week's notice of the date to prepare. I hope to have it fixed this time and get back to "normal" for a change. I would like to plan to go to the convention this year but don't want to do it on crutches like I did Dayton last year. Will have to see what happens with the timing.

We are going to spend some time near Port St. Joe, Florida, after Christmas and hope to work some of the Florida YLs on two meters.

Barbara KR4SJ has been traveling to Florida to visit her son and his family. They met at Disney World for Thanksgiving and had a wonderful time. Their grandson, Brandon, is three years old and really enjoyed breakfast with Goofy. They are going back down for the Christmas holidays and bringing Brandon back to spend some time with them.

Tom and **I** went to the East Alabama ARC Christmas Dinner meeting and won an MFJ Antenna Analyzer. That was an early present. Came in handy with **Tom** trying to improve our antennas for RTTY contesting. We have wires and verticals all over the place. We also got a new amplifier this year. I am still working on improving my code. Have gotten back to 20 wpm but want to go little higher. Still planning to work field day on CW this year. We moved one of the HF radios to my side of the shack so I can listen to real time instead of tapes. I plan to practice during CW contests to get more proficient in the fast paced contesting mode.

I have been spending my "spare time" building a doll house for the granddaughters. It is lots of work and lots of fun. I have one finished and one about one-quarter done. Going to keep one at their house and one at mine so they will have something to play with while they are visiting with me. I hope to get a chance to work some "grandmothers" this year to get a certificate and my "grandmother" status to participate and promote the continuation of this aspect of YL hamming.

Looking forward to hearing from some of the YLs in Four-Land during the year. I check e-mail at least once or twice a week and the mailbox every day. Hope to hear from YOU. 33

The way you overcome shyness is to become so wrapped
up in something that you forget to be afraid.

-Lady Bird Johnson

District Five

de Alma Lang AB5BA

Hello to all the **YLRL** group:

I wish to say congratulations to all the elected 2002-2003 officers. It will be a pleasure and a challenge to work with this group of YLs.

At TYLRUN annual Birthday Party and Business Meeting we had about the average turnout - some YLs had conflicting things that kept them away. We voted to keep the 2001 officers.

One outstanding time came when **Kathy K5IHF** did a chalk talk for us. She painted a Texas Lighthouse and at same time told the history about it. Beautiful! As she finished it she turned out the lights and put a Black Light on it — Across the top of the Lighthouse was a beautiful American Flag, which appeared to be waving. That fit into our feeling then and now.

Linda AC5QQ completed the Irving Police Academy Course in November. This will help with her role as an Emergency Management Volunteer for Irving, Texas, RACES group. Her OM, **Ed KC5KNI**, has been named Emergency Management Coordinator for their ARES group in McLennan County. Their son, Pat **KK5KN**, and his bride to be, **Sharon Rogers KD5JTZ**, have set a wedding date, April 13, 2002. Ed, Linda, Sharon and Pat will spend Christmas in Illinois with Parents/Grandparents.

Elaine KC5WQE is a director of the Bosque County ARC - and states they just had their Christmas potluck get-together the second Saturday of December. She also attended a family reunion in FT. Worth, December 16, 200 L

Frances WA5MPM formally of Houston, Texas, is now living with her daughter and enjoying it very much.. Her address is (**Frances Smith WA5MPM**, 11134 Bonham Ranch DR., Dripping Springs, TX 78620)

AnnWASGLM and OM, **Bob WA5JPA**, just returned from Decatur, Indiana, where they picked up a new motorhome. The motorhome sounds great. I will (LET) her write about it in next issue of Harmonics. They took time to eat at their favorite restaurant, "Back Forty Junction." It is decorated with Old Burma Shave signs and railroad memorabilia. Buffet out of this world! Was worth a trip all by itself.

Judi W0JJ has a nice web site you YLs might like to check out. judi@customdigitizer.com.

The following news was collected by **Burnette K5JGC**, A BIG Thank You to her from me: **Anita WA5JMC** is recovering from knee replacement is home in the care of OM, **PumpWA5CYI**.

Christina N5YCH had major surgery but will be home by Christmas. OM, **Bill W5DNE** will be glad of that.

Burnette KC5JGC received Christmas Greetings from all of The Gaylarks.

Annie Smith K5JKV has been struggling with health problems, and now resides in Hillcrest Manor Rest Home in Luling, Texas.

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District Six

de Jeri Haines KB6USX

Happy New Year to all.

Our Christmas report is as follows, (ha! ha!) YLRC of LA met at Coco's Restaurant, Arcadia, for their annual Christmas luncheon. With 24 in attendance, it was great seeing members who have been absent due to illness in recent months. **Midge K6BUS**, **Virginia K6MQS**, **Madge WA6LWE**, etc. Then also there was **Meta WA6BNS** 100+ years; her daughter, Pat; with **Agnes W6MFP** and her daughter, Barbara, from San Diego. **Martha W6QYL**, **Kay KF6GW**, **Vi W6CBA**, **Midge K6BUS**, and I attended with our **OMs**. **Vi** was presented a gift from the club for her years of service as secretary and newsletter editor.

Long time member, **Harryette W6QGX/5**, is recovering from knee surgery and is back 'on her feet' now.

Jerrie K6INK is recovering from injuries sustained while on the **QCWA** cruise.

Nell KOGO, has remarried and is living in Texas now,

Evelyn N6DEJ and **Irma K6KCI** will be going on an Elderhostel, Northern California, in January, visiting friends and family along the way. Sure sounds like a nice trip. We'll hear more from them later.

LARA of Orange County, celebrated at the Claim Jumper restaurant, Buena Park. 27 members and guests attended. In addition to the excellent food we all had, we played a couple of games made up by yours truly and prizes were awarded to the lucky winners. (I think they were lucky. I've been so busy with my **OM** being ill and all the extra holiday activities that I didn't get the party plans together until that very morning. I was very pleased with the outcome.) Everyone said they had a good time. Long time member, **Sandi KE6BTL**, was able to attend after a long absence due to illness and it was good to see her. I know it is hard for her to get around these days, but she made it anyway. The restaurant was very accommodating in allowing us extra space when they became aware of our needs. We had a food drive for the needy in our community, participated in the Marine's Toys For Tots drive and had a gift exchange. One table simply could not hold it all. We had a large box supplied by the Marines for the toys, a table for the gift exchange and one for the food. The service was great. All in all, I don't think it could have been better.

The following Sunday **Ruth KF6MRO**, **Martha KA6TYO**, and **I** attended the 4th Marine Division's Annual Christmas luncheon and presented the toys to the Marines. We have been doing this for many years and each year the number of donated toys increases.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and in closing I'm wishing you the beauty of hope, the blessing of peace and the warmth of love through the new year!
Jeri KB6USX

Go the extra mile. It's never crowded.

-Executive Speechwriter Newsletter

District Seven

de Sara Lyons AB7YL

New Year's Greetings from 7-land! **MINOW** Net was happy to welcome two new members - **Kathy** Kozora **N7DXY** of Montana, and **Claudia** Doyle **KLOHI** who lives in Oregon during the winter months and in Alaska in the summer. We also have a new certificate custodian - **Marion** Dixon **WA7TLL**. **MINOW** Net has an attractive certificate available by contacting six **MINOW** Net members with at least three of the **MINOW** states represented - Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington and \$2.

Our nets are Friday morning at 1600 UTC (8 AM Pacific time) on 3.912 (we had ten check-ins last week!) and Tuesday morning at 1800 UTC (10 AM Pacific Time) on 14.309. Net contacts do count and visitors are always welcome to the nets!

Lucie Conrad **WB6RFE**, who has been the Net Control for the 20 meter net for many years, has moved to Sedalia, Missouri, to be with her sister who is not well. Betty Marsh **KL7FJW** has taken over the duties of Net Control.

Lory Jepsen **N7KTY** found out about SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) at the Dayton Hamvention this spring and brought the information back to share with her radio club. She has been assisting the radio clubs in the Eugene, Oregon area in setting up the 'shack' in the Springfield Salvation Army house.

MINOW Net also has two Silent Keys - **Ramona** Barrows **WA7UFS/SK** and **Barbara (Bobbie)** Wilson **K7RAM/SK**. **Bobbie** was a charter member and instrumental in starting the **MINOW** Net back in 1963.

Two Rivers Net members, **Barbara** Yasson **KC7KQI** and **Kristen** Brown **KD7IED**, were the net control station for the Veterans' Day parade in Vancouver, Washington on November 10, 2001. Operators were stationed along the parade route to help keep the parade units spaced correctly and moving at a consistent speed. Their next activity will be the post-holiday potluck at the home of **Donna** Deyoe **K6DNG**.

From the Arizona YLs - **Ruby** **W7JZA** and **Phyllis** **W2GLB** cruised with the **QCWA** convention group and had a great time. **Phyllis** says that snow birds are more than welcome to check into their 2 meter nets on Tuesdays - 7PM -146.76 (Phoenix) and 7:30 PM - 146.88 (Tucson). Check with **Phyllis** for more information. 2-meter YL nets are a great way to make new friends and encourage new YLs to operate. The Evergreen Intertie YL Net in Western WA (Monday - 8PM 145.33) has had several new check-ins lately.

And last but not least - welcome to our new YL Harmonics Editor, **Carroll** Massie **NV7YL** - an active Seven-land YL and also a **MINOW** Net member. Don't forget to send me your news! Best wishes to all in 2002! 33 - **Sara** **AB7PS**

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know
how soon it will be too late. -*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

District Eight

de Nancy Hall KC4IYD

Happy New Year to you all. **Byrness W8LE** is spending the winter months in Florida and says hello to us all. **Verline KI8V** wrote that they were tearing down her porch balcony...in December! **Carol WA8YL** and **Susie N8CGM** were re-elected as corresponding and recording secretaries of the OH-KY-IN ARS. The Chix on Six and Two YL club had their Christmas party on December 8 at the QTH of **May N8MZJ**. The following people were in attendance: **Lilly KB8MHZ**, **Jim K8BLB** and Paula, **Jean KB8YHN**, **May N8MZJ**, **Jean AA8RZ**, **Bobbie WA8BWT**, **Carol KI8IM**, my daughter Carol and I. After the meal, the business meeting centered on several convention issues including speakers. We came up with a list of prospective speakers and will be contacting them. In lieu of white elephant gift exchange, contributions were taken for the Cleveland Sight Center, specifically the Cleveland Radio Reading Service.

It's with a sad heart that I have to report that sometime following the Chix meeting, Paula went into a coma and passed away on December 21st. She was a personal friend of **Jim K8BLB** and he had been bringing her to the Chix meetings. **Jim's** late wife, **Carol W8WRJ/SK**, who had been an active **YLRL** member, passed away several years ago and Jim had given the Chix **YL** club permission to use her callsign in memorium. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, **Jim**, at this sad time.

This month two YLs are being highlighted. Both ladies work with me at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Ohio and both passed their Technician class license in November 2001. Their names are **Dawn Jenkins KC8SQN** and **Annette Wood KC8SQM** whom I each gave a **YLRL** this year. **Dawn** says, "I actually got interested in ham radio when I was a young girl from reading a Superboy comic! In 1983 I met a ham who lived in Akron, but I was very busy and couldn't get away from my young family long enough to go to the classes. No one in my family is licensed which is why it took so long for me to get interested again in ham radio. Earlier this year my good friend, **Nancy KC4IYD**, helped me to learn what I needed to know. My old friend, **Annette KC8SQM**, also wanted her license and so we inspired each other, studied and passed the test on the same day. So far, I've joined **YLRL** and the Buckeye Belles and I'm planning to join the NASA ham club. I work for InDyne, Inc., as a Technical Illustrator at NASA and my hobbies outside ham radio are astronomy, fossil collecting, card collecting, reading science fiction and music. My advice to new YLs is learn everything you can and go as high as you can for your license," **Annette** says, "I got interested in ham radio about ten years ago. Several of my friends have been involved for a long time and I was interested in the aspect of being able to help in times of emergency and getting to know a whole new kind of community of people. Through my friend, **Nancy KC4IYD**, my friend, **Dawn KC8SQN**, and I attended the NASA Field Day and saw ham radio in action and were able to participate. **Nancy KC4IYD** saw our interest and encouraged us to get our license. My son-in-law **Will W8WWJ** has been in ham radio a long time and also nurtured my interest. He gave me the equipment to set up a base station at my home and -

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District Nine

de Carole Burke WB9RUS

As I write this, it is three days before Christmas. The gifts are all wrapped, cards are all out, finally, now just some baking and getting the house spiffed up for the family. The house will be really full this year. We will have all seven grandchildren with us this year as well as their parents. It will be very hectic, I am sure, but what memories we will be left with.

Since I last wrote, my **OM, Al WB9SSE**, retired at the end of September. We are enjoying it so much. We haven't traveled yet except for some day trips, because we just haven't the time, but that will come, probably in the spring.

The Fort Wayne Ham fest was in November and I got to see some **YL** friends. I always get to see **Peggy W9JUZ** there. Any more, that is the only place we meet up these days. Peggy is a joy to see every year. I also got to see **Vickie AE9YL** and chat a bit. I finally got to meet **Vicki KB9OME**, it is nice to put a face to a name and call. **Jean W9NLW** and **Judy KC8BOM** had a table set up for **YLRL** and Buckeye Belles. I met these girls last year and I had a great time with them. I felt like I have known them all my life.

The last **YL** that I met is in our spotlight this month and that is **Natalie Andrews K9CAT**. **Natalie** wouldn't write about herself, but her **OM, Ray K9DUR**, did. I just hope I can do justice to all of her achievements. **Natalie** got licensed in June 1992. Her original call was **N9QKH**. After Gate Two of the vanity call program opened, she applied for Ray's brother's old call **K9CAT**. It seems she married into this family of amateurs December 31, 1992. Her stepson is **N9IVR** and son-in-law is **N9OYM**.

Natalie is very active in **ARES** and **SkyWam**. She also assists with walk-a-thons and similar events. She is currently serving as the Secretary of the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association. She also provides the refreshments for each club meeting and each VE testing session sponsored by the club. She is a delegate from the **WVARA** to the **IRGC** and is interested in forming a local **YLRL** chapter in the Terre Haute area.

It was suggested that since their club is closely aligned with the Red Cross that some of the members should take the training to do damage assessment. Since they would be doing **SkyWam**, they could be doing the damage assessment too. **Natalie** went a bit further, she became qualified as a Disaster Action Team member for the Red Cross. She was quickly named one of the **DAT** leaders for Vigo County.

In June 1999, **Natalie** was diagnosed with advanced colon cancer. She has had surgery followed by six months of chemotherapy. In May 2000 she had a second surgery (She insisted it be scheduled after the Dayton Hamvention.) The surgery was followed by six weeks of radiation then another six months of chemotherapy. At the time Ray wrote his letter the prognosis was fine and **Natalie** looked great to me last month.

Since she continued all of her community service both amateur and Red Cross, she received "Everyday Hero Award" from the Red Cross. In the spring of 2000 she was named Volunteer of the Year by the Local Red Cross chapter. On October 10, 2000, **Natalie** was honored by the Greater Terre Haute **Continued on Page 24**

District Ten

de Cheryl Muhr NOWB V

Hi everyone! Hope you had a wonderful holiday season!!

I am sad to report that **Marie** Dambrosky **WBOHUC** and her family have suffered devastating losses in November of 2001. Her husband, **Selden WBOHUD/SK**, died at 7:12 pm Thanksgiving night in a hospice, Her son, Gary, died in home-hospice within a few hours of his father at 12:35 am the next day. **Marie**, our thoughts are with you and your family.

The Colorado YLs held their quarterly meeting December 16. They now have a new slate of officers. Don't forget to check out their website. You can reach it through the YLRL clubs/nets link.

Merri ABOMV writes that **she** has been contesting a lot! She worked the All Asian Contest, JIDX, **ARRL** SS SSB and the **ARRL** 10 meter contests. Whew! She worked a few YLs in the contests. Where are you gals? The guys are looking for you in the contests, especially on voice! **Merri** is now on the board of the Grand Mesa Contestors of Colorado, She reports that the front range group is growing steadily. Any YLs interested in the club or contesting please feel free, to contact her via e-mail. Her address is abOmv@ix.netcom. com.

This issue's District 10 spotlight is in memory of **Virginia** Buckhaults **WDOBSB/SK**. She passed away after a short illness on October 22, 2001 in La Junta, Colorado. She and her husband, Joe **WD0BRT**, became hams in 1977. At that time they had to travel to Denver, Colorado, from La Junta for every test. They started out as novices and worked their way up to Advanced. **Virginia** had her own shack and could spend time visiting with others around the world, especially in winter when they might be snowed in. **Virginia** also reported weather to the Colorado weather net. Her grandson, Chris, remembers waking up at Grandma's house at 6:30 am. "Grandma turned on her ham radio. She gathered and turned in her weather report (for the weather net), then she went to the kitchen. Grandma banged pots and pans and dishes. If you missed breakfast, your food was left on the table, but you had better have it cleaned up and the table cleaned and the dishes put away." **Virginia** and **Joe's** love of ham radio was passed on and in 1979 her son, Tex, and daughter-in-law, Pat, became hams. (**NOGDK** and **N0GDL** respectively) One grandson, **Texas Don WDOHRJ**, also got his license. She leaves behind her husband of 59 years, two sons, six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She will be sorely missed. Thank you to all the family and friends who helped me to know **Virginia** better through their eyes.

Don't forget to send me information for the column. I am always looking for YLs to highlight in the spotlight. It is a great way to meet other members and hear about how you got into ham radio and what aspects you like best. Keep the information coming!

Welcome to the new officers of YLRL, I look forward to working with you! 33 & 73, **Cheryl N0WBV**

Happy New Year to all. **Lil NL7DL**, the new DC for Alaska, is on an extended trip south till March so will try to give some of the news of the gals.

Welcome to our newest member, **Darlene Minor KLOYC**, who lives on False Island where she and her hubby **Floyd WL7CUO** are caretakers of a National Forest Service Camp. It is located on Peril Strait, about 50 miles northeast of Sitka, Alaska. They have many stop-by visitors as they go by in boats. Hope to get over to see them some day. We do get to visit on the radio quite often and by e-mail, too. We use the same airmail program. Her e-mail address is wl7cuo@winlink.org, plain text same as mine. They are net control stations on both the Alaska Pacific Emergency Preparedness Net on 20 meters in the morning, and the Alaska Bush Net on 40 meters in the evening. It is great to have another active **YL** on the air. Welcome, Darlene.

Cheri WL7MA, in Wasilla, is still busy as one of the managers of the 20 meter morning net as well as NCS on the Butterfly net. Her girls are both in college in Idaho and doing well. Her hubby, a doctor, is retired and enjoying the time hunting and fishing. He designed her antenna farm which is fabulous.

Lil is having a wonderful time traveling. They spent Christmas in Rincon, Georgia, with her hubby Rick's sister. They will use her place as a home base while visiting places of interest in the Civil War battlefields, up and down the east coast. Attending the hamfest in Fairbanks before they left, they were able to visit the International Arctic Research Center, which studies atmospheric phenomena such as the Aurora Borealis and other interesting things. They entered a prehistoric cave where they saw prehistoric bones still in their original location, and not in a museum, fissures and cracks. Found the bones also smell something like moldy old cheese and when you enter these caves, you need to wear warm clothes and a protective helmet on your head! Her garden was very productive, and two pumpkin plants had 30 medium sized pumpkins!

Geri KL7ALZ is recovering from her surgery though slower than hoped. Sometimes our "Golden Age" is not golden!

Rose KL7FQQ and her **OM** are back in La Feria, Texas, for the winter. She is back on the air with a vertical and hopes to put up a beam maybe before spring and they return to the North Pole. All is going well with them, enjoying the warmer weather down south.

Have not heard from the other gals but hope to have word next column.

Ralph and **I** enjoyed the holidays, putting up lights all over and all the trimmings. Had a great tree this year, not much snow to deter going out and cutting one. A few cold and windy spells, but just short iced-in periods. For anyone not remembering, we live three and a half miles from town by boat only, at the south end of the bay where lots of fresh water dilutes the salt water. So we do get ice in the bay if the temperature goes much below 25 degrees, But we are prepared, with creek water and rain water tanks in the basement, and food and fuel supplies in. Only thing I miss is not being able to go in for mail a couple times a week.

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DX News

Ruth IT9ESZ is the new President of **YLRCI** Elettra Marconi and is also organizing the worldwide **YL** meeting in Palermo next June. She sends best wishes to the new **YLRL** board of officers, along with good wishes to all for a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year in 2002. She hopes to meet you in **YL-Palermo 2002**. Congratulations, **Ruth!**

June VK4SJ has earned the USA-CA County Hunters Award, after six years of hard work. **June** has the distinction of being the only Oceania **YL** to hold this award and possibly only the 5th **DX YL** in the world to earn it. Congratulations, **June**, on your achievement!

Gwen VK3DYL has decided to go to Palermo next summer and is hoping to operate from Bangkok on the way home.

Bev VK6DE will also be attending **YL-Palermo 2002** and is looking forward to seeing some of the **YLs** she met in New Zealand. **Bev** will travel with her sister-in-law and they're planning a 12-day bus tom from Rome through Europe to the U.K. They will visit relatives in England and Scotland and then enjoy a 12-day tour of Ireland.

Inger OZ7AGR has been licensed three years and she's especially glad now. Her **OM, Bjarne OZ2UV**, is a pilot on a small tanker that left Denmark on December 20th for a seven-week cruise, and they are keeping daily skeds as **Bjarne** sails the seas.

Miyo JR3MVF attended the SEA-NET convention in East Malaysia, in November. After the convention she operated as **9M8MVF** from Mulu. **Miyo** sends wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members of **YLRL** and adds, "Best wishes for peace and a happy 2002!"

Toshi JF1WMY sends greetings to all **YLRL** members. She is veiy busy, as all the Japanese wives are at this time, cleaning house and preparing special meals for the new year. **Toshi** still enjoys getting on the air every day, even if it's just for a short time. She sends wishes for a healthy, joyful new year to all members.

Sigrid DL3LG sends seasons greetings and best wishes for the New Year. She hopes that we will have good conditions on the bands and will be able to work many new **YLs** in the future. **Sigrid** mentioned the longtime **DX-YL** net every Monday at 1500 UTC on 21.333 MHz and asks, "How about listening in?" She says they have a lot of snow and there was a white Christmas this year. She writes, "All the best to all of you."

Unni LA6RHA left on December 22nd for a trip to Laos and Cambodia. She tried to get permission to operate but didn't receive an answer so left her radio at home, but she will be visiting fire stations in the capitals of both countries. She was taking firemen's badges, photos, caps, and T-shirts as mementos for the firemen. **Unni** is webmaster for her local fire brigade's web page and she invites you to check it out at <http://www.follobrannvesen.no> and to leave some comments for these great guys. She spent a lot of time on it this past year, and **Gwen VK3DYL** helped her translate the Norwegian into English. There are over 100

pages, with 500 photos. There is no other fire brigade website in Norway that is so comprehensive, and the fire chiefs, administration, the board, and the fire fighters have "adopted" **Unni** in appreciation of her help. She even made their annual Christmas card this year!

Teresa PT2TF has been a **YLRL** member for over 25 years, and her current sponsor is **Anna K9RXK**. In the early years she was not allowed to send U.S. dollars out of Brazil, so a sponsor was necessary. Since **Anna** became her sponsor in 1984, they have met in Indiana at **Anna's** home in 1996, at Dayton in 1997, and this year **Anna** visited her in Brazil. When **Teresa** was at Dayton, she spoke at the **YLRL** Forum about the wonderful friendships that result from **YLRL's DX** adoption program.

Raija SMOHNV attended a social meeting of amateur radio operators in December in Netanya, Israel, and saw several friends. Over 200 people attended. **Raija** also visited **Nomi 4X4DW**.

Ikuko JA5GSG sent news about a recent announcement from the Somusyo, one of the Prime Minister's offices. There will now be free access to amateur radio information in Japan. In the past, data concerning amateur radio was not published to protect privacy of the operators but this will make it much easier to obtain needed information.

Nozomi JH3SQN and **Ken JH3SQM** continue their work in the clinic. **Nozomi** also works in their church and kindergarten and **Ken** is a doctor at a local elementary school, a university, and at some government offices. They are making plans to attend Palermo.

Dieuw PA3CEB was happy to have **Miyo JR3MVF** and **Jlro JA3UB** visit her in August for a few days. In June she participated in a ham holiday weekend and in August she went to a very enjoyable YL meeting in Bad Bentheim, Germany. **Dieuw** keeps some weekly skeds and is looking forward to participating in the **YL-OM** Midwinter Contest the second week of January and the **PACC** and **YLRL YL-OM** Contest in February. The **DL-YL** Party will be in March. She hopes to meet you in some of these events.

International YL Meeting - Palermo 2002

The Italian **YLs** are inviting all **YLs** to attend this meeting on June 20-23, 2002. It will be held in Mondello, which is on the beach, about 8 km from the city center. **Ruth** Geering **IT9ESZ** is the organizer and has set up a beautiful web site at <http://www.qsl.net/yi2002> with information and photos. There will be tours available before and after the meeting. Make plans now to attend!

(Ed. Note: When paying DX-YL dues, please include the entire current mailing address of the DX-YL. And don't forget to send all your DX-YL/VE news information to Carol WA8DQG)

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. -*Meister Eckhart*

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Doris K5BNQ and **OM, Andy W5IWL** wrote in their Christmas letter that they were "looking forward to their 60th wedding Anniversary January 23, 2002." CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM.

Jim K5VRJ and I have had a nice quite year. Just like a lot of 73-year-olds, we complain some about aches and pains, but they don't keep us down. Our daughter will be with us a week during the Holidays.

I'm looking forward to hearing from each of you. Then forwarding the news to the Editor. I would ask you to mail all news on the fifth day of the even months for example February 5th for March & April Harmonics. That way I will have time to get it to **Carol NV7YL** by the 15th of that month. Which gives her plenty of time to get it to the publisher, e-mail: lanjia@juno.com Regular address: 2156 E/G PKWY-Eddy, TX. 76524 33 for now **Alma AB5BA**

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I couldn't wait to get on the air. I really didn't need anymore incentive! Instead of waiting until I had the time to study and take the test, I made the time. Right now I am not very active but I would like to become more active. However, I need to get an outside antenna. I am a Documentation Specialist at NASA and I am involved in a tabletop gaming organization at NASA, play Bridge and Pinochle, collect CCG cards and memorabilia of Star Trek and Star Wars, am an avid reader, raise plants and I play in the Bell Choir at my church. My advice to new YLs is to make the time to get your Technician license and start out small. Work your way up and get involved with the people and activities. The little I have done has been very rewarding and it's great to be part of something so all encompassing."

Well, that is all. Hope you all had a nice Christmas and Happy New Year. Don't forget to register for the August 2-4, 2002 YLRL Convention. Check the Belles webpage <http://www.geocities.com/kc4iyd> or YLRL webpage <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl> for the latest news. 33/76 de **kc4iyd Nancy**

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Chamber of Commerce with the 20th annual John K. Lamb Awards. This is the highest award given to a citizen for the Wabash Valley for community service. Ray says that with each award she stated that she didn't deserve it and that "surely there are people more deserving than I am." It is easy to see why Ray is so proud of her and so are we.

I hope everyone has a very happy and safe New Year and I look forward to hearing from many of you and meeting many more YLs in the months to come. 33, **Carole WB9RUS**

God gives the nuts, but he does not crack them.
-German Proverb

5- But we have also seen
People dealing with the bad times
By drawing close to one another
And offering support.

6- So now what can I wish
For those whom I love?
What prayers can I offer
At this turning point?

7- I wish for you
Solice in the sad times,
Peace in the turmoil
And a shoulder to lean on.

8- I wish for you
A heart that's full of laughter,
A mind that's full of peace
And a soul that's full of faith.

9- I wish for you
Family close around you,
Friends that you can trust
Someone that you can talk to.

10- And may this world that we live in
Know a time of peace
I wish for tolerance, understanding
But most of all I wish for love.

You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem,
and smaller than you think. -*Christopher Robin to Pooh*



New YL-Hams web address information

<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/yl-hams>

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we
shall find the way. -*Abraham Lincoln*

YbRL New Members, Changes and Corrections, fete., etc. i

Welcome to new YLRL member, **Christina Maria Rom KF6UXC**, 310 Alta Mesa Dr., South San Francisco, Ca. 94080-3005 650-873-9080 e-mail:

kf6uxc@arrl.net

Please add with a new address **Francis Smith WA5MPP**, 11134 Bonham Ranch Rd., Dripping Spring, Texas 78620 512-264-8768

Please add **DX-YL Waltraud (Walli) Jaeger-Ketterer DJ6US**, Amalienstr 5A 76744, Worth, Germany, e-mail: dj6usdl4ul@hotmail.com - Sponsor NV7YL

Please show **KQ7Y (Shirlee Moore)** as Sponsor for **DX-YL Dorothy Bishop VK2DB**.

Please add **DX-YL Gwen Tilson VK3DYL**, 3 Gould Crt., Mt Waverley, Victoria 3149, Australia, +61-3-9802-5415 e-mail: vk3dyl@fhills.hotkey.net.au web: <http://www.qsl.net/vk3dyl> - Sponsor WB3EFQ

Please congratulate **Irma N4NPZ** on her 2001 wedding and change her last name from Lynch to Fetz!

Please change **Claudia's** callsign to read **KLOHI** vice **KL7HI** in Alaska listings.

Please add **Kristen Brown KD7IED**, 4410 NE 158th Place, Vancouver, WA 98682 e-mail: kd7ied@yahoo.com

Please add **Barbara Holton WA8BWT**, 757 Hickory Court, Ashland, OH 44805

(Ed.Note: These are all that were received before publication time — the next deadline is the 15th of February 2002 — see you then!)

The below poem was received via e-mail from **Marietjie ZS6CEZ**

From: "Maria and Richelle"
To: "flowers-in-gods-garden"
Saturday, December 29,2001
Subject: B-F poem: New Year's wishes

Hll Well, it's New Year's Eve in Australia and here's a poem I wrote to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

1- The seasons change
And we have come
Full circle once again
It's New Year's Eve.

2- A time for reflection,
Or making resolutions
That may, or may not
last the year out,

3- A time for sending wishes
To family and friends.
As we look forward with hope
To the coming year.

4- This year we have seen
So many sad things,
The loss of life through pointless acts
Of war, terrorism and hate.



From the Editor

de Carol Massie NV7YL

Happy, Healthy (that's from Alma AB5BAI), Safe, Sane, Wonderful 2002! This is surely a marvelous world we live in that can have such lows - December 7th, 1941, and then sixty years later, September 11th, 2001, and, yet, we, as Americans, bounce back — and the whole world bounces back - for these events affected all of us. Remember what America is - a melting pot of nationalities, from all over the globe. And on neither of these dates were just Americans involved. The places attacked may have names like Pearl Harbor, New York City and the Pentagon, but they affected the entire world. Here in Nevada, I received condolences from literally the other side of the globe — Germany, South America, Just to name a few.

One just needs to look at our own group, YLRL — we come from every walk of life, every part of this world of ours! I'm so happy to be part of you and to have all of you a part of me! Whatever our reasons for becoming a ham, mine — "if you can't lick 'em, might as well join 'em, " that's what I said after over 30 years of packing and unpacking my OM's radio gear — we're all together now! You can't keep me out of the communications room! That's what I call our radio shack, what with all the computers, radios, and telephone. My piano is also here, but that's another story.

Nuf of that! As I started to say at the beginning of this treatise, Happy New Year to you all — I, for one, am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can in August. The experience in 1999 aboard the Queen Mary was fantastic. My OM is sending me by myself this time and by train, no less! This is going to be a trip back in time — Approximately, okay, actually 48 years ago I made this same trip across the states for the first time. I still remember it to this day — seeing all the countryside as the train rolled along — thinking to myself 'only in America, could they send a young - yes, I was young then! - girl' all the way across the United States all by herself — and J get the chance to see and do it all once again. I've made the trip many times over the years but always in a plane and you just don't get the same sensation when you're flying high above the clouds. So, I'm looking forward to next August!

Where I was born - Dinsmore, Saskatchewan, Canada - it used to get 50 below on the thermometer in the winter — I guess with the windchill factored in it was close to 100 below. That must be why I don't get cabin fever, we had many things we did inside when we couldn't go outside. I appreciate the time to spend indoors with projects to complete.

*Speaking of projects, I'm just about finished with this one — our first YLH issue of the year 2002. We'll be coining out with another one the end of February — looking forward to talking to you all again — as you can see I'm rarely without anything to say! Thanks for the opportunity to do this and many thanks to all the District Chairs for your pages of information on each of your areas! It's a lot of fun reading about everyone's doings and getting to know all of you. Don't forget to fill out your convention registration form and get it off to **Carol K18IM**. As I say on the air — 33 and aufWiedersehen....*

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