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The President's Letter

de Kay Eyman WAOWOF

Aren't you happy with the great job that **Caroll NV7YL** is doing with **YLH**? I've received so many nice comments and she and the district chairmen all deserve the accolades they've been receiving because they're working hard to give you a first-class publication with all the latest news. And, just for the record, you'll be pleased to know that the January-February issue was published and mailed for less than half the cost of any single issue of **YLH** in recent years. Thanks so much, **Caroll!**

Congratulations to Louisa Sando W5RZJ and Betty Stratton W2PVS who just received 55-year Continuous Membership Certificates. As most of you know, Louisa used to write a YL column in CQ Magazine and also wrote CQ YL, the history of YLRL and the early YLs in amateur radio. Betty has been active in MARS, QCWA, and several other organizations, in addition to YLRL. Both have contributed so much to amateur radio and we're proud to have them as members.

As a follow-up note, I'd like to remind all of you that dues for 2002 should be received before March 31st. Paying your dues before this date achieves three purposes. It will insure that your continuous membership is preserved; it makes life easier for the hard working receiving treasurers, and it saves YLRL extra expenses for printing and postage. So please send them in now!

Have you sent in your registration for the YLRL Convention in Cleveland on August 2-4? The convention committee needs to get an accurate count so they can make all the arrangements. I'm really looking forward to seeing you there!

I've heard from several YLs who operated in the CW and SSB portions of the **YL-OM** Contest and they're making plans now to work the **DX YL** to **NA YL** Contest in April. The CW portion will be April 15-17 and the SSB portion will be April 22-24. **Mary WX4MM** has even applied for vacation time then and she's going to be looking for you! Check YLRL's web site for a log sheet that you can download for ease in sending in your scores.

Who do you think will be first to earn the 33 Award Certificate? There were YLs on the air looking for contacts on February 13th so we'll soon know who got the first certificate. Get on the air and make some contacts now. You can earn your certificate and help others earn theirs. And you'll have fun doing it.

Lois WB3EFQ has advised me that the New Membership Contest is still wide open as no one has a big lead yet. Remember to put your call sign in the "Endorsed By" blank so you'll get credit for all new members you sign up. A free membership awaits the winner in 2003.

The main thing to remember is just to get on the air and have fun. See you there!

Don't prepare the path for the child, prepare the child for the path, -anonymous

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New YLRL Members

We are pleased to welcome to the following new members:

ABOSN Carol C. Ganow

6350 Oak Street #305 Arvada, CO 80004 Phone: 303-456-2420 e-mail: cganow@aol.com

Birthday: April 28

Carol was first licensed in 1958 and again in 2001. She holds an Extra class license and has worked as a geological engineer, At present she is on 2 meters and 70 cm and will be looking into a way to get on HF since she lives in a condo.

KB0YUP Joy P. Lemmons

12102 Beckford Estates Drive Maryland Heights, MO 93043-4219 Phone:

e-mail: mrsbootnik@aol.com

Birthday: October 30

Joy was first licensed in 1996 and holds a General class license. She is active with Skywam. Her **OM** is **Thom WAOBOF.**

W8FOT Lois LaFountain

7535 Erie Street Sylvania, Ohio 43560-3724 Phone: 419-882-0268 e-mail: w8fot@arri.net

Birthday: August 9

Lois is also a member pf the Buckeye Belles and has held a Technician class license since 2000. Her OM is Ed WD8PTZ.

WB9MFC Marilyn Lassanske

N2850 Johns Lake Road Wautoma, WI 54982-7972 Phone: 920-787-4978 e-mail: <u>wb9mfc@wirural.net</u> Birthday: August 15

Marilyn was formerly a member of YLRL and holds a General class license. She enjoys contests, DX and 10X10, and serves as a hospice volunteer. Her OM is Carl N9JXB. She writes that she is a four-year breast cancer survivor (Congratulations, Marilyn!) and the proud grandmother of six.

-0-A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort. - Herm Albright

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KB8YKA Cheryl Turner 284 Best Street Berea, Ohio 44017 Phone: 440-816-0724 e-mail: <u>kb8yka@ameritech.net</u> Birthday: May 2

Cheryl holds a General class license and enjoys kit building, CW, and traffic handling. She works as an insurance underwriter and mother of three.

Welcome to each of these ladies and we hope to meet you on air or in person.

New Subscriber:

W6YHM Don Eberlein, PO Box 1064, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1064; e-mail <u>w6yhm@juno.com</u>. Don has been licensed since 1936 and holds membership in numerous organizations such as INDEXA, SARO and enjoys DX. He has YL-DXCC along with DXCC Honor Roll. He is a retired research geologist. Welcome **Don**.

Continuous Membership

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Ed Note: Congratulations to alll!

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 VFIF 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

Ed Note: See picture of Ethel with Christa DJ1TE on Page 25

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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.

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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 <u>Renewal</u> Form is on the previous page)

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Call:'

District One

de Anne Manna WB1ARU

We do not seem to have much news here in One-land this month. No news is good news, I guess! The weather has been very mild and dry. We are really into a drought across all of the New England area. There are beginning to be warnings of severe water restrictions for the summer months because reservoirs are low already.

My own,WBIARU, news is that I have reached the 25-year mark in amateur radio and have joined the Quarter Century Wireless Association. I also am a member of the Y ankee Chapter of QCWA, and hope to join the QCWW soon. It is hard to believe that so many years have gone by!

There are three YLs from One-land planning to attend the Convention in August that I know about. Arline W1LIO, Sandy KA1TLP, and myself. Sandy is looking for a roommate and has posted that request on the Convention guestbook. If you are looking for a roommate too, then check out the site, www.ylrl.org

I heard that all is OK in Maine from Marion KA2ZKM. I also heard Dot K1TQY on the QCWA Yankee Chapter Net last Sunday AM, but did not talk with her.

That's it from One-land this time! Remember to send news to me by April 15. Should be easy to remember! 33, Anne WB1ARU

DISTRICT TWO - Continued from Page 11

Well, Ladies, this time "my cup runneth over" with news. Let us hear about the happenings in your life. Until then, have fun, enjoy, stay healthy and remember - it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. 33, Myrtle N2AKC . akcehm@juno.com

ROOMMATES -

Roommate/s help defray the costs of a convention, and in answer to the question of just how does the pairing up happen, the following just came in from the YLRL Registrations Chairman:

To help me try to match up ladies who might be compatible, it would be a good idea if they could send me a little bio - age, radio interests, hobbies. It always makes a stay-away-from-home more interesting if you have similar interests and have something to talk about and someone to pal around with in a strange place.

If you send this information in with your registration form, Carol will make every effort to put compatible YLs together — of course, we all have similar interests — we 're YLs and HAMS!!!!

33 from one of the Carols - you can e-mail me at: <u>Schmitkons@centurytel.net</u>

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for. -Jose Addison

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District Two *de MYRTLE FARNSWORTHN2AKC*

Can you believe it we are about to celebrate another Candy Eating Holiday. It seems as though we just finished off the Halloween candy and along came Christmas goodies, now wham here it is Valentine's Day. More chocolates! How in the world can we stay on our diets? If you're like me, we will all start tomorrow, just in time for the Easter Bunny to tempt us all over again. I know many of you are not easily tempted as you are too busy doing other things and I have the news to prove it.

For instance, **ChristineWB2YBA** sent an e-mail saying she hasn't been on the air very much and her rigs are just gathering dust. She is busy with her eight dogs and she shows them two or three weekends a month. **Christine** was headed for the Westminister KC show at Madison Square Garden with her Manchester Terriors. Hope she comes home a big winner! **Christine** is not sure about getting to Dayton, however she does plan to attend the Convention in Ohio on her way home from Minnesota, and is looking forward to seeing you all.

Another busy gal is BettyW2PVS who also sent an e-mail. It seems Betty is getting lax about getting on some nets, especially on Saturday. Maybe she just has to rest up a bit from all her gallivanting. She did go on the QCWA cruise in the Caribbean, and she had a fun trip to Aricebo observatory on Porto Ricco. Then took a plane to Kansas where she enjoyed Thanksgiving. Christmas her daughter from Vermont and her son from Kansas were with Betty for an entire week. Betty wrote it was the only time in their lives the three of them had been together alone for that long. Can't you just imagine how happy that made Betty, and probably by now she is well rested and "ready to roll."

Jeanne WA2BGE had celebrated her birthday, and states she is now officially an old lady. To those of us who know her, that couldn't be further from the truth. Her family arrived with her five-year-old great-grandson for her big party at a local restaurant. Along with an orchid corsage was a huge birthday cake complete with candles to wish on, and of course many many pictures were taken. Jeanne says it was teriffic! Oh yes, among the many gifts were tickets for May 22nd in New York City to see the Phantom of the Opera. Can't top that for a birthday gift, except for being with loved ones, eating a great meal, and having a million laughs. Good Luck Jeanne and again, Happy Birthday!

A phone call from Lia WA2NFY bright and. early in the morning was a pleasant surprise. Lia is looking forward to the YLRL Convention in Ohio. Also a trip to Italy for another convention for five days and during this time she plans to visit her sisters. We can't say Lia isn't busy. She had three kids with her for the Kids Day on the air and they were able to speak to nine children in Germany. This made Lia one happy gal, along with the fact that she worked a gal in Russia. Lia needs seven more to make the 100. Knowing Lia that shouldn't take long. Good Luck, Lia!

Don 7 postpone joy. -Bumper Sticker

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District Three

Greetings from 3-Land. After predicting six more weeks of winter, Punxsutawney Phil (the WX prognosticator) is probably fast asleep in his groundhog den not knowing that winter never came yet!!!!! However, we have been known to have blizzards in March! The tulips, daffodils, and lillies are peeking up through the mulch and several tufts of pansies are still bright and beautiful since summertime.

Heard from a few YLs this time again. Congratulations to Lois WB3EFQ, our new secretary, for making the DXCC Honor Roll several months ago. Also, since she has 25 fun-filled years in as a ham radio operator, she joined QCWA. She and her OM, Torn W3BZN, are looking forward to spring and getting the RV out and going camping. They have several trips planned already including one to Alaska. Lois is looking forward to the YLRL Convention in August.

Ruthanna WB3CQN reports that on February 10 she got a call from Lenny K5OVC saying that Babs H4OT was on 10 meters. That was a new country for Maryann WA3HUP and her, so she tuned up on 10 meters, called Maryann and took a few calls and they made it. Lenny also got in touch with Elizabeth VE7YL, Gwen VK3DYL, Kay WAOWOF and Nellie XE1CI. She said it was neat because they haven't gotten so excited in a long time. HI HI They all chase the YLs in the different countries. Happy hunting! Ruthanna managed to work her friend Alex RA1AW who she met in Russia last summer. This was their first radio contact which was also on 10 meters. Below is a photo of Ruthanna and friends in St Petersburg Square, Russia.



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Jeanne KA3CE0 writes that she and her OM, Jim WB3AJC, are doing better after a number of "Golden Years difficulties," She paid her dues and the dues of her adoptees - Akiyo Nichino and Mabel Tremlett. She is hoping to make the YLRL convention in Cleveland.

Happy belated Valentine's Day! Hope you are all planning to attend the YLRL Convention in Cleveland in August! SEND NEWS (by April 15) or I'll be forced to tell you about my grandchildren - all 19 of them!! HI HI 73/33 de Barb KA3VXR

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 <u>http://www.qsl.net/yl2002</u> with information and photos. There will be tours available before and after the meeting. Make plans now to attend! *Ed Note: See Pages 28, 32 and 33 for further it formation from Ruth and about the Italian YLs*

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Now that I have a large family, Christmas was held in three stages. On December 15th my son's family were at his daughter. On December 22nd my daughter, Margaret, took all of her family and a friend's family - 30 in all - to the new "Georgian Downs" Raceway. We had a buffet supper, racing and slots! And on December 25th, my daughter, Irene, entertained at home -- of course I attended all three gatherings. 33, **Thelma VE3CLT**

YLRL Changes, Corrections, etc., etc., etc.

Please add Wendy Kincaid KB1AF, PO Box 1435, Provincetown, Massachussets 02657 508-487-2927 e-mail: kblaf@earthlink.net

Please show new e-mail address for Jeri KB6USX Haines: jerihaines@msn.com Please show new address for Jean N7KEL Little: 1408 Stonecrest Dr.,

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Please show Cheryl NOWBV Muhr's e-mail as: hamdivers@aol.com

Please change Carol KK5L Noack's address to read: 40Q1 Dryden Road

Please change the **DX-YL** Certificate Custodian - **Marti W6AYL** Brutcher - see Page 3 for all her information.

Please change Betty KL7FJW Marsh's area code to read: 9Q2

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District Four

de MARY MOORE WX4MM

Thanks to all of the YLs who sent news this month. Sure was nice to see mail in the old snail mailbox.

Esther Watkins **KC4EW** (that's a new call too!!!) sent an article from 'The Times Recorder' highlighting Esther's DXCC Honor Roll achievement (that's 326 out of 337 countries). Esther wants to know how many other YLs out there have made it to DXCC Honor Roll. Let her know who you are and when you got yours. She's listed in the **YLH** Directory Issue, so drop her a line. We're real proud of **Esther's** achievement and want to encourage all the **YLs** to pick a goal and be active on the ah-reaching for it. DXCC Honor Roll is quite an elite group. DXCC-YL is another elusive, elite achievement. Once you get it, try it all on single modes, i.e. RTTY, CW, 10 meters, **All-YL**, etc. The object is to stay active and have fun. I had WAC-YL and WAS-YL, but all my certificates are from Alaska and I have to start all over again. I plan to do that this year and to do it on CW. Congratulations to **Esther** and thanks for sharing your achievement. You're an inspiration to all of us.



Rick Kimbrell KC4RNF, Esther Watkins KC4EW, her ON Lindy K4ASF

I also heard from Jo Melton **W4NKO** up in Athens, Tennessee. Hope you got your computer fixed, Jo, and then I'll be hearing from you via email, too. Jo writes that she had been RVing down in Mississippi around Thanksgiving and barely stayed ahead of the storms getting back to Athens. They were home for the Christmas activities and enjoyed being with the family for Christmas dinner and opening of the gifts. She says she also has never attended a **YLRL** convention and

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would like to be there this year. Dayton is just too much walking. I say, go tc Dayton and "park" at the YL booth. I really had a blast just sitting and talking tc all the YLs and OMs that came by. If you're planning some more RV Rips, stop by our place here on Lake Harding on the Chattahoochee River. We got room tc park an RV with electric hookup, a well known bass lake, and would be glad tc have you.

Lil NL7DL and Rick Marvin came over for a visit. They were staying with Rick's sister in Savannah, GA for a while. Lil and I went to the Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus, Georgia. It is a very interesting place to visit. We picked up lots of information about the "ironclads" and Civil War naval battles. Last 1 heard Lil and Rick were up in Columbia, Maryland visiting with Betty KL7AP.



Rick and Lil NL7DL Marvin

I'm still waiting for "donor" cartilage for my knee surgery. At least I know it will happen eventually. They said there is an average of three months waiting time and some have been waiting for a year. I hope it's not that long. We had about six inches of snow in January and got two "snow days" out of it. It sure was pretty. Until then we had been having an unusually warm winter. Hope all of you are staying well. Drop a note and let me know what's happening in your neck of the woods. Would sure like to get regular reports from the gals in TN, FLA, GA, AL, SC, NC, VA, and KY. Plan to take off a couple days from work and get on the air for the **YL** contest in April. Lets see how many **YLs** we can get on this year. I'll be there. 33.

Days are scrolls: -write on them only what you want remembered. -Bchya Ibn Pakuda

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District Five

de Alma Lang AB5BA

Harryette W6QGX - daughter Susan LA0CY-AD4K will be here this summer from Norway - plans are to go to YLRL convention. Have invited long time friend in California, Vada W6CEE, to go with us. Have attended all the YLRL Conventions.

Helen KSECP - who was 5th D/C several years ago celebrated her 80th birthday last December. Has not been active on the air for quite a while because of health problems. She and her OM, Jim W5EF, recently took a trip to Branson, Missouri, where they enjoyed several musical shows. Also visited the College of the Ozarks.

Carol KK5L - Our daughter, **Barba KC5GQK**, and son-in-law, **Ken KC5GQL**, are queen and king of their krewe *[sic]* for this year's Mardi Gras celebration in Port Arthur, TX. Our daughter, **Sharon KB6VCR**, will be here from California for Mardi Gras. We all look forward to going to the parades and catching some beads.

Linda AA5GS - Will be retiring March 01, 2002 after 37 years as a civilian employee at Tinker Air Base in Oklahoma. The last five years I have worked as Director of the Commander's Protocol Office, where I am responsible for military and civilian ceremonies, socials, on-base lodging for visiting vips, up to and including The President of the USA & VP Cheney. Husband, **K5KGO**, is a corporate pilot and, after retirement - hope to accompany him on some trips.

Jan Snyder W5KJS - Greetings from sunny Austin, Texas. Received my ticket in 1993 - then upgraded in January 2001 to General. - Stumbled into YLRL -Please see my WEB site - <u>http://www.ccsi.com/~janet</u> At present time having antenna problems, hope to work out soon.

Michelle Toon KC5CGH - I'm working on my dissertation and hope to be finished in May. My topic concerns how people advertise to senior citizens on the World Wide Web. I have been working retirees and computers and am having a ball. Celebrated ten years at Baylor University last August. I hope to become more "radioactive" this summer. E-mail <u>Michelle_toon@baylor.edu</u> http://www.baylor.edu/michelle-toon

Elaine KC5WQE asked me to correct a mistake in Nov/Dec issue. The twins she wrote about are her <u>daughters</u>, not granddaughters. She was elected Vice-President of the Bosque County ARC. I know she will do a great job.

Cheri Dotson **KA5HPI** - I really have nothing to report except that my son, Eric, got married last year (January 2001) to a beautiful girl, Jenessa, here in Santa Fe. I'm currently working as a school nurse with two campuses and as of this year I am "Lead Nurse" for 21 of us. Retiring is looking better and better!! I am keeping busy with lots of committees and projects. Hi to all

Ann WA5GLM, her OM, BobWA5JPA, and Grandson Brandon had some bad days a couple weeks ago - So did TYLRUN Members - Their aged Schnauzer, Max, went missing - Most of TYLRUN has met Max - Ann's words - "Max was gone two and a half days and three nights - two of those very cold. And since he

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cannot hear and can barely see, we just couldn't believe he found his way back or where he could have been, since we searched eveiy inch of many acres, some several times. (I'd walk and cry; get on the 4-wheeler with a pocket fall of kleenex. I'd never driven the 4-wheeler before, but I learned. Hey, Granny Power!) He did find his way home. He now sports a new collar with a wide, bright yellow reflective strip - and a bright red light, powered by a watch battery, that we can turn on at night. Bob is bowling with a team of friends in the National Men's Bowling Tournament next month in Billings, Montana and we will go with him." (In their New Motor Home! al)

Burnette K5JGC - Nice to get the Harmonic at the correct time. A big thanks to all. I'm busy doing my usual things.

Well, I'll put my two-cents in at this point. First, I want to say "THANKS" to all YLs that took the time to write. Gosh! I enjoyed reading all the e-mail and standard mail. I did edit some out of every e-mail amd letter. I know everything each of you write is important — but, I'm not sure yet how much each District is allowed or if that was ever a problem. Seems as if everyone (officers, chairpersons and members) are working toward a real good year. Lets keep it up. Jim and I have started our gardening for the year - not as big as usual - just enough to keep us with veggies and get the exercise. We are also doing testing once a month. Hope to get a couple of new members — at least they took the nice folders that Cheryl NOWBV made up (Thanks again, Cheryl). I added the last two Harmonics to each folder. Well, YLs remember to get news to my by the 5th of the even months. With that, I will say my 33 and GOD BLESS ALL Alma AB5BA

MEMORIES OF THE FIRST YLRL CONVENTION *de Vada M.Gipson W6CEE*

"If we were to have a national YLRL convention, would you be the general chairman?" We, **Maxine** Willis W6UHA, Martha Edwards W6QYL, and I, were on our way to the September meeting of the Young Ladies Radio Club of Los Angeles. I had just been elected president of YLRL. I knew we would have the support of the club, and that Maxine would be an excellent choice as general chairman. "Yes, I will," was her answer. Being almost neighbors, we had talked a lot about it before that momentous day in 1954.

I was first alerted to the idea of having a national convention by the YL Editor of QST, **Eleanor** Wilson **W1QON**, a year or so before I became president for the 1954-55 term, when she threw out a challenge in one of her columns.

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Adversity introduces a woman to herself - Anonymous

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District Six

de Jeri Haines KB6USX

Hi, One and All, LARA (Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County) members had a program last fall on building antennas and were somewhat fascinated. At least enough of them were to take on the task for themselves. With the help of a few diagrams, Edna KC6TXB led the group at the January meeting with the first step and will complete the project at the March breakfast meeting.

The February meeting featured a DXpedition report with Art Goddard **W6XD** from the Republic of Palua, Pearl of Micronesia. The total population of this island nation is 18,000 and is smaller than New Jersey in size. To quote from his presentation, "It's hard to imagine this idyllic island group as the scene of some of WWII's fiercest fighting." The island now offers some of the best diving and fishing in the world. **Art** is now serving as Director of South Western Division of the **ARRL**.

Planning ahead, the club members will be touring the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) of Buena Park, California in April.

One of our youngest members, **Sarah** Killian **KF6WVO**, chaired our Field Day - 2001. I wrote before of the pride we felt in the accomplishment of that event under her direction. We now report she had agreed to do it again. Yes, LARA will be a part of Field Day 2002, and again, thanks to **Sarah**.

LARA is now 19 years old and we've begun plans to celebrate 2003. We will look back over the twenty years and looking forward as well. Vi W6CBA brought with her a copy of the 1987 'Watts Cooking,' our monthly newsletter to the last meeting. We are still using the same repeater for the Wednesday evening net. Martha Barron-Yeam KA6TYO, one of the original members, was president at that time. You remember her - Chairperson for the YLRL 60th Anniversary celebration aboard the Queen Mary. She's dedicated all these years to LARA and is still active.

I'm looking forward to reviewing older issues before I obtained my license in 1987 and joined LARA. Personally, I've held an office since 1993 having first served as secretary, then president, treasurer and back to president again. With many contributions to charitable groups and amateur radio over the years we can stand proud of our YLs. (And we've had firn doing it.) 33 till we meet again. Jeri KB6USX

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Keep the information coming, Ladies! You are the backbone of the column and I need to hear from you before I drag out the boring stories of my cats! Best of 33 and I hope to see you on the air. 33 & 73, Cheryl N0WBV

Every problem has in it the seeds of its own solution. If you don't have any problems, you don't get any seeds. -Norman Vincent Peale

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District KL7

Greetings from soggy Alaska. Seems like we all are having a strange winter this year. More rain than snow and cold. Guess we sent it all south!

News from **Claudia KLOHI**, who is wintering in Brookings, Oregon, is Spring is in the air there, with all the buds popping out on all the bushes. - Remember the winter we spent there the first winter on our sailboat. Was a joy to see all the spring flowers after 34 springs in cool Fairbanks. - She and hubby are in a condo there with antenna restrictions so her vertical is not always good for transmitting but she does listen and check into nets when possible. They will return to Council, just north of Nome in April. Safe trip, **Claudia**.

Cheri WL7MA is still busy managing the AK-Pac emergency net, with 250 regular stations checking in, and many visitors. The frequency is being crowded with more nets and just qoss moving in, but hopefully will be able to stay active in case of another horrible. Her family is doing well, both girls back in Idaho continuing studies. Oldest one will finish her Masters in May and no clue what she wants to do after. Younger one maintains a 4.0 grade point average and loves volleyball, being active on the U of Idaho team. **Cheri** is ready for flowers as are we all. No trips planned, other than one to see volleyball games, as she thinks September 11 affected us all.

Rose KL7FQQ and Stan are enjoying their stay in Texas, tho bit more rain than last year. They will be visiting their daughter, Cindi and family the week of Valentine's Day before going back and packing to come back to North Pole in April. She has attended several auctions and has found several old books, two Charles Dickens, and one Oliver Wendal Holmes were prizes. Have a great safe trip home Rose.

Darlene KLOYC and **OM**, Floyd, are busy sorting and packing the sailboat for a move to a new place in Misty Fiords Park, below Ketchikan. Will still be on the water and look forward to the change. Be a bit cooler with all the glaciers not too far away.

All is fine here, with lots of snow squalls, rain and wind. So far **Ralph** has been able to get ice moved away and the broken bolts fixed before the walkway goes away! Still have snow on the ground but the grape hycanths and crocus are about 4" tall coming out of the snow slowly. I have enjoyed this last district chairman position, been at it off and on since 1966. Know Lil has done it too, when we were sailing around. Good luck Lil NL7DL.

Please send your next news to her as she will take over for the May-June issue with deadline the 14th of April. She is in the Directory and email is same as what is listed. Thank you all for the news. 33 and best wishes Betty **KL7FJW**

This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. -Micah 6:8

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de Sara Lyon AB7PS

District Seven

Greetings to everyone! The year 2002 is well on its way and here in western Washington there are a few signs of spring - such as the crocus in bloom in .my garden. Congratulations to those YLs who assumed offices in local Amateur Radio Clubs. I know of two - **Barbara KC7KQI** was installed as President of the Clark County Radio Club and **Mary W7HPA** took over the position of Secretary in the Snohomish ARC. I'm sure there are others.

Barbara KC7KQI writes: "Saturday, January 12, was the date for the annual Two Rivers YL holiday pot luck luncheon. Donna K6DNG hosted the event. Donna's Christmas decorations were still up in the living room to remind us of the holidays we have just celebrated. Attending were: Claire K6ZCR; Diana KD7JND; Donna K6DNG; Dorothy, Donna's mother; Jerri WB7OXK; Kristera KD7LED; Marianna W7WFO; Marilyn K7LUM; Marti W7AYL; Sherry! KD7CFH; and Barbara KC7KQI. The group divided up the labor for the YLRL booth and luncheon at SeaPac.

Arizona News from Phyllis W2GLB: "Phyllis W2GLB and Darken WD5FQX took a little trip visiting friends in Yuma, then delivering the .VP supplies to Jeanie WA6UVF in Hemet, California. You should see her QTH! Lovely view of the valley! From Hemet they went to Thousand Oaks to see Irma K6KCI. Watched the scrub jays take a peanut out of her hand. They are really bold. Squeaks condescended to sit on Phyllis's shoulder for a few minutes, but he is really Irma's baby. Went to dinner one evening with Irma and Joanne WA6QKC. Most enjoyable."

In February Jodie N8ALJ was in Phoenix for an architectural conference and spent Sunday afternoon with Phyllis W2GLB. They cruised the new Mall and had dinner at "The Cheese Factory."

More Arizona News - Joan **AB7KE** writes about then **YL** Net: "GOLDEN GIRLS meets every Thursday night at 7 p.m. on 147.220-. We just all get together and *(the)* chitchat goes from one **YL** to next **YL**. And in the summer we try to get together .. for lunches and different outings. February 21st is our first one of this year at one of the YL's houses in Cottonwood."

The season of Hamfests is approaching. There was a "YL Corner" at the hamfes: at Rickreall (16 miles west of Salem, Oregon) - thanks to Lory N7K.TY who arranged for a corner of the Valley ARC table and to Riley W7RIL, president of the club, who transported the YL Kit to Rickreall when Lory received word her mother was very ill. Caroll NV7YL took over from there and wrote: "We had a wonderful day at the Rickreall Hamfest on the 16th of February. A grand total of 32 women, young and old, signed the roster and a fine time was had by all. The hamfest was so big that I know there were other YLs there that didn't get by the table. I met a lot of YLs and had a thoroughly good time talking and passing on greetings from our YLRL President Kay WAOWOF to all of them, young and mature alike! One of the young ones was Sabra Perry KD7JPR, a 12-year-old General class gal that got her Tech license at 11 and has upgraded already! She's

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so shy, I had to ask her if she ever spoke up on the air - found out she is one of the Net Control stations with her Eugene, Oregon radio club!!!"

I'm not sure how many hamfests there are in 7th district but wouldn't it be great if we could have a "Corner" at each one? If you would be willing to organize one, let me know and I'll see that you get the Kit,

All for this time. Don't forget to send me news of upgrades and ham activities. 33 - Sara AB7PS

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Please show **Sara** Lyon's call sign as **AB7PS** and her last name is Lyon, not Lyons!!! Ed. Note: that was my goof - used Cathy AB7YL's call - sorry, Cathy and Sara! Also, be sure to show Sara's e-mail address as: ab7ps@ arrl.net - Some days it just doesn't pay to get up!

Please show new address for **Evelyn KC7ET** Cavallo: 2102 E Lincoln Apt 109, Bloomington, IL 61701

Please show new mailing (physical) address for **Sandra KA1TLP** Kimberly: 511 Valley Road, Walpole, NH 03608-9728

Please welcome our new Budget and Finance Chairwoman: **Ginger AB6YL** Wonderling - see Page 3 for all her information.

Please welcome our new WAC-YL custodian: Nancy NS2YL Fontana - see Page 3 for the rest of her information.

Please congratulate Cynthia Graham AB2MC (ex-KC2FVO) on her new callsign.

Please change **Sigrid DL3LG** Wittmann's sponsor to: **Rose-Marie KB4RM** Battig.

Please change **Margita OM5MF** Lukackova's address to read: 972 11 Poruba 461 okr. Prievidza Slovak Republic

Please add Velda Hardman VE3LIB 142 Mill Ln., Horning's Mill ON LON 1 JO Canada

Please show Judy CP6AK Stewart's correct name in the directory.

Please show Linda WIMP Robinson's address in the directory as: 327 Lake Road, Milton VT 05468

Please change Michelle **KC5CGH** Toon's e-mail address to read: <u>Michelle toon@baylor.edu</u>

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

New YL-Hams web address information

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

We must not give only what we have; we must give what we are. -Cardinal Mercia

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de Nancy Hall KC4IYD

The Chix YL club continues to get together twice a month, weather permitting,
 'a c. to finalize items for the YLRL Convention. Please try to get your registration form
 i¹¹ XsAP as we need a count for the meals and have a minimum number that must
 Assign up for some of the tours. Read the "convention update" for more news -- we have speakers and the programs/forums all set.

The Buckeye Belles will have their Annual Meeting on April 21st, contact Jean **WB8FIC** at <u>jblakes@columbus.rr.com</u> or go to the Belles' webpage for more details.

Carolyn N8ST and her **OM**, **Gary/K8BE**, joined with 18 other hams to take a train ride to Huntington, WV on February 6, 2002. They caught the train in Maysville, Kentucky at 6:50 a.m. and didn't get back to Maysville until around 11 p.m., but everything between those times was great fun including the train ride which was very comfortable. They saw a glass blowing factory in action, ate at the Harley Davidson restaurant/museum/shop (great food), and then saw the Museum of Radio and Technology. What surprised **Carolyn** was that she can remember some of those old radios, so naturally they can't be antiques ... right? :) Also, the Grant Amateur Radio Club (Georgetown, Ohio) has started a weekly SSTV net on their repeater which she and **Gary** have been checking into. It's also been their privilege to help a couple of people who hadn't known anything about SSTV get setup and running ... one of them is a YL KC8CZB. We need more YLs in this area of ham radio, too.

Shirley K8MZT lost her son, Charles A. Rex, on November 13, 2001. He was 70. Apologies to Shirley for not getting this news in sooner and condolescences to Shirley and her family on their loss. Shirley recently had a pacemaker installed in January. It didn't work right at first, so the doctors had to go in and reposition it. It is working okay now, but she was in the hospital for surgical therapy and hopes to be home by mid-February.

Our featured YL being spotlighted this month is Jill Raymer KC8PVQ. She writes... "I am new to ham radio as of November 2000 when I got my Technician's license. In January 2001,1 upgraded to General. I run a Kenwood 570D and G5RV antenna. I started in radio after I took a group of cub/boy scouts to a JOTA event that I coordinated at a local ham I<8WZS's house . The boys had a blast and I never even touched the radio! I had a long hip planned so I went to the local library and checked out all the books they had on amateur radio. I got invited to the next club meeting and said, 'I took a practice test on the internet and got 86% on the Tech and 76% on the General test, is that good?' The rest is history. Last summer I worked at a local Boy Scout camp and helped 20 boys get their radio merit badge using the call KC8RUR. Look for us again this summer as the council is booking us Tuesday-Friday 8am-8pm the last three weeks in July.

My husband Dick and nine-year-old daughter, Katie, are not licensed but my 11 year-old son, Jay, is trying hard to pass the Tech test. I am a nurse that works at a local hospital in the maternity unit and I also do traveling agency work at some

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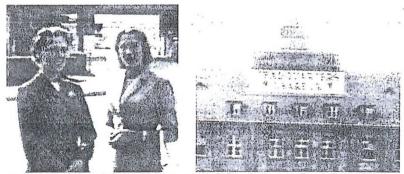
Michigan hospitals. If you hear me on your local repeater, please give me a call a I'm probably coming home from a midnight shift. I plan to get HF working in m car before the winter is out. I have a small cabin in the Upper Peninsula by Crystt Falls and my HF rig travels there too. My husband and I have some very goo' friends in the Upper Peninsula and we are taking a trip to sunny Mexico at th beginning of the year. I plan to learn to scuba dive.

When I got my HF license I joined my club, **ARRL**, and **YLRL**. I chat on th TASYL net on Thursdays when work allows. What a great bunch of gals. I hop to make it to the YL convention this summer and meet some of the YLs that I hav talked with.

My advice to new YLs is to get involved in the local clubs and their activities, learn so much from watching the other operators. Don't let the lids on FE discourage you. My first day on HF a guy on 80 meters was so rude to me, I stooi up for myself on the air and said, 'You must not have a license, because all th amateurs I know would never act like that!' I received several calls from station that heard the exchange and offered encouragement but I was too shook up ti answer them. I turned off my new radio and did not talk for two weeks 'till th<TASYL net got me back in the radio business! You will occassionally hear me 01 during contests. I really like them and even got involved in the YL contest this fal and talked with several German YL Hams. I love the YL contests becausi everyone works together so much and helps you make contacts."

Well, ladies, please send me your news, my info is below. 33, 76 de Nanc; KC4IYD <u>http://www.qsl.net/yfrl</u> - YLRL webpagi <u>http://www.geocities.com/kc4iyd</u> — Buckeye Belles' webpagi <u>kc4iyd@yahoo.com</u> -- 440-327-3832

Ed. Note: The below pictures were received via e-mail from our president, Kay, who had received c picture from Christa, sent on 13 February 2002. She then scanned it and sent it on to me. Because oj space restraints, I had to cut the one picture into Moi! Ethel and Christa are standing in front of the HQ USAREUR building in Heidelberg, Germany. In 1955/61 was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, HQ NACOM, and all the correspondence that I handled went from Franlfurt to Heidelberg (HQ USAEUR) and then on to Department of Army, Washington, DC. Small world, isn't it?



1959-Christa DJ1TE & Ethel K4LMN The building they're standing in front of HQ USAREAU, Heidelberg, Germany

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District Nine

de Carole Burke WB9RUS

How is everyone surviving winter? I'm not doing too badly, but then winter hasn't been too hard this year either. Even so I can't wait for spring to arrive. Can Dayton be far behind? That also means that baseball will be back.

I got a nice e-mail from Ann K9RXK. She says that in late October she visited her adoptee, Teresa PT2TF and OM, Walter PT2TE, in Brazil and had a wonderful time. She also says that the HAWKS continue to meet every Saturday morning on 3910 following the Indiana Traffic Net. She is Net Control and regular check ins are Barb KD9DU, Adah W9RTH, LouAnn KA9NBE, Myriam K8ILN, and KF4QN. They will welcome any YL who would like to check in.

Dot W9ALC says that Christmas was busy and very enjoyable. She checks in regularly to their club's nets on Sunday and Monday evenings tiying to contact club members for an award. She has 191 contacts and needs nine more. These seem to be the hardest to get. She also notes that there doesn't seem to be much activity on their 2 meter repeater lately. Since their club is in charge of operating U505 from the Museum of Science and Industry, she has become interested in collecting QSL's and information from other submarine stations.

Our YL for this month is Beryl Pederson KA9BAC. Her OM, Roy, has had his license since 1961 and one day asked her if she was interested in taking a class to get licensed too. Indeed she was and through many hours of study got her Novice class license. Her son, Gary, also got his license that night, without studying! But, he was taking classes at Waukesha Technical working on an Electronics degree. Anyway, he got KA9BAE and Beryl is KA9BAC, that was March 4, 1978. Bervl upgraded to General July 30, 1985, Advanced on April 27, 1993, and Extra August 16, 1994. Beryl and Roy are VE examiners and Roy is the coordinator. They belong to the Rock River Radio Club and she was Secretary for a number of years. Beryl has been President of the United Methodist Women's group and is now the Vice President. She has volunteered for 30 years at the Lodge County Facilities. She reads to a young mother that is bedridden with MS. She has also pushed the Library cart at the County Hospital for 15 years. She is Secretary for the Friends of the County Parks. Beryl loves to knit and sew. They will be taking mittens, slippers and caps down to the Central Center for the Developmentally Disabled. She knitted 55 pairs of mittens to divide among the residents and children at Northcott Neighborhood House. She also has baby bonnets for them too. What a busy lady Beryl is. I wonder how she finds time for everything she does. But, the more I read these biographies, I find all you wonderful ladies are so busy doing so many different things. That's what makes us such a wonderful group and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Stay warm, enjoy your hobbies and I will look forward to hearing from more of you in the months ahead. 33, **Carole WB9RUS**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead

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District Ten

de Cheryl Muhr NOWB V

Hello Ail! Well, the weather throughout the country has been all over the board. Here in Denver the days alternate between shorts' weather and shovelling snow! Remember that the weather here changes daily as you plan to attend the **ARRL** Rocky Mountain Division 2003 Convention. Colorado will host, but the site is yet to be announced. **Judy** Hilton **KCOHVD** and **Joanie** Verduft are both on the planning committee.

Speaking of conventions, I am looking forward to both the Dayton Hamvention and **YLRL** Convention of 2002! Let me know your plans, adventures and ideas regarding these upcoming events for the next issue!

The weather in District Ten has been exciting and I am sure many of you have stories to tell relating to the weather. Send them to me for a special spotlight on YLs and the weather for an upcoming column.

Kay Eyman WAOWOF knows all about the recent ice storms in Kansas! She and her OM, Mike WOXM, were without power for almost two weeks. She writes that "The good news is that we now have a 5000 watt generator for Field Day." Well, with good news there usually means bad news and their 15 and 20-meter monobanders were casualties. Still, antennas are sprouting quickly and she was planning to work on the new 33 Award and. in the **YL-OM** Contest. I hope you heard her on the air and good luck to Kay with the 33 Award. Keep on the air ladies!

This issue's spotlight is on the recent activity of the Colorado-YLs. One of the ways this hobby works so well is with local clubs and informal groups. The Colorado-YLs held then' quarterly meeting on December 16, 2001, starting the New Year off with the election of new officers. Many thanks to those stepping down for their hard work. The new officers are: President, Sharlene KB0WBT; Vice President, Ann KA0ZFI; Treasurer, Judy KCOHVD; Recording Secretary, Marie WB0HUC; Loose Change Editor, Lorrie WD0AGY; Secretary, Melissa KC0IGZ; and Historian, Elaine W0HEM. Thanks for accepting your positions and making the club what it is today. The next meeting will be held March 9, 2002.

The club has also been invited to be guests at the BARC Jrs. (Boulder Amateur Radio Club) to hear presentations and be involved in training. The last training day was very successfiil and future training days include Field Day training for a more forward approach. The club and I wish **Marie WB0HUC** best wishes for her 83rd birthday. Don't forget to check out the Colorado-YL website, either through the link on the **YLRL** website or at <u>www.qsl.net/colorado-yls</u>, and see what these gals are up to next.

Please keep Marte W0EPE and her OM, Pete W0CM, in your thoughts. Pete had heart surgery in early February. Continued on Page 20

A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck. -Nils Nilson's sister

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Carol Hall WD8DQG

DX News

Christine GMOYMM had an invasion of relatives for the holidays, but took time out to get out to an island in the Firth of Forth called Inchmickery in order activate it for the Islands of Scotland Award (IOSA). Her OM has posted the story of their experiences on his web site: <u>http://ww.gm0axy.ic24.net</u>

Congratulations to **Ton JA6XIX** for winning 1st place and **Toshiko JF1WMY** won 3rd place in the YL-CWA portion of the JLRS Party Contest. Ton also took 2nd place in the YL-phone portion.

Birgitta SM4FIB wrote that she **and Raija SMOHNV** have been going to the Telemusem in Stockholm to use their club, **SKOTM**, radios.

Ann K9RXK wrote to let me know that she took her sister (non-ham) on a trip to Brazil. They toured for 12 days and then went to Brasillia to see **Teresa PT2TF**, her adoptee, and her **OM**, **Walter**. **Teresa** is very active on SSTV. The International YL Meeting will be held in Palermo, Sicily, June 20-23, 2002. I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of new DX-YLs. I'm sure there will be some who would like an American YLRL sponsor.

I have several DX-YLs who need sponsors for this year! Please let me know if you would like to sponsor someone from overseas. Some of the YLs who need sponsors are active on the air. This is a wonderful way to meet and get acquainted with women with similar interests in other countries. Please send all news to: 1520 Kirwan Lane, Belgrade, MT 59714 or e-mail it to: <u>CLVHall@attglobal.net</u>. 33, Carol Hall WD8DQG/7

/Er/ Note: When paying DX-YL dues, please include the entire current mailing address of the DX-YL.)

News Flash — *the following just received from:* **Ruth IT9ESZ**, President *of* YLRCI "ELETTRA MARCONI" Dear friends, our club had some little! problems during the last year due to the lack of an editor! We apologize to all our DX-members for not sending a single line during the past yearbut as you know, I'm very much involved with the YL 2002 organisation and did not have time to take over as an editor, nor would I be good for it, hi. You know how difficult it is to find a new editor I!!

Hopefully we'll have a more interesting year ahead of us and soon bring out infos of our club. APRIL is the month of our contest, please don't forget to listen for Italian YLs. Here are the rules. (*Ed. Note: See pages 32, 33for the rules.*)

Time flies and there is still much to organize for the big event for Palermo, but we have also engaged the OMs of the local club-section, they are a big help.

From USA we know of three-four YLs plus one OM joining the YL 2002 Meeting and until today we have 70 YL plus OMs registered from VK, ZL, XE, VE, JA, HL, BV? and from almost all European countries. We are very happy to have so many country - delegates meeting here in sunny and warm Sicily Island and we'll do our best to make it a great "HAPPENING." 33 de **Ruth IT9ESZ**

VE News

Thelma Woodhouse VE3CLT

Pauline Burt VE3LQA's husband died on November 25, 2001 after a lengthy illness. **Mary** Hedges **VE3COH's OM, Tom VE3GZV**, died suddenly on February 3, 2001 while being prepared for another surgery. Our deepest sympathy to **Pauline** and **Mary**, and apologies to **Mary** for the delay of entry into the **VE** column.

Birthday greetings go out to Margaret VE3BNN on February 12th and Dianna VE3SJF on March 24th.

Jeanne VA3WX is "Friendship" chair for CLARA. Her sister-in-law and husband brought ten pounds of fresh cooked Nova Scotia lobster when they visited in November.

Heather Holmes **VE3HQH** is Treasurer for CLARA as well as Supplies Chairperson. **Heather** and **OM**, **Doug VE3CWO**, usually have a New Year's Eve square dancing bash at their QTH but cancelled it this year to be able to spend time with family and their little granddaughter.

Tess Hardie **VE3HIR** is Publisher for the "Clarion" and **Jean** Smith **VE2PYL** is Editor.

Elizabeth VE7YL has just finished a series of Emergency Orientation Workshops at Richmond City Hall. The RARC was called out September 11th and 12th - 39 planes landed and had to stay in Vancouver. The club had to find places for passengers to stay and get meals. It was a busy two days. **Elizabeth** went to Sequin, Washington, for three days of golf with friends. She met a few YLs from Brisbane on the 14th and they will be on a DXpedition to Lord Howe Isle and Nauru, spending two weeks on each island. They will be spending a few days at Fox Mountain too. (This info **re: Elizabeth**,credit 'The Clarion.')

As for myself, **Thelma VE3CLT**, hope 2002 will be better for me health-wise. In 1999-2000 had cataracts in both eyes, which were removed. The beginning two weeks of 2001, I went on a cruise and circled the Hawaiian Islands with four family members. I purchased a "new" Subaru Legacy GT, as my old station wagon was 20 years old. In May 2001 had surgery on right foot to remove bunion and correct all deformed toes. I received my 17th great-grandchild on October 20th, 2001. On October 27th I went on a eight-day Convention cruise with the QCWA. **Mary VE3COH** was prepared to go with me but a few days before departure she took ill and couldn't travel. So I was on my own but I met several YLRL members and friends from other clubs so I had fun. There were four from my QCWA chapter. At one time aboard the Westerdam there were three stations operating. Group picture taken and we had fun. On November 13, 2001,1 had a right cortoid artery surgery to remove plaque but they were unable to operate on the left cortoid artery. Continued on Page 13

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a way so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice. -Indian Proverb

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Convention Report

de Nancy KC4IYD YLRL 2002 Convention Chair

This month's exciting news is that we have our speakers and programs all set up. **Diane** Ortiz **K2DO**, who writes the **YL** column in QST, will be our speaker during the **YL** Luncheon on Saturday. **George** Race **WB8BGY**, the **ARRL** Great Lakes Division Director (of which Ohio is part of), will welcome the attendees and be our Master of Ceremonies at the Banquet. He will also introduce our main speaker, **Kay** Craigie **WT3P**, **ARRL's** second vice president. The convention committee is very proud and excited at having these three speakers participate in the 2002 **YLRL** Convention.

Now on to the programs. Thursday evening will be a talk on "The Basics of Kit Building" by yours truly, Nancy KC4TYD. We also will show off some of the kits that the local YLs have built. If you have a kit you would like to show off, feel free to mail it to me or bring it with you. <u>Eriday</u> evening will be the "DXpedition Forum." Several YLs, who have recently been on DXpeditions, will talk about their experience and take questions from the audience. If you would like to participate in this forum, feel free to email or contact me. <u>Saturday</u> will be a busy day with the group photo at 9am, YL business meeting at 10am, OM Tour running from 10-4pm (approximately) and then the Banquet in the evening. The speaker and/or program for the Farewell Brunch on <u>Sunday</u> has not been finalized, but we have several ideas that we are considering, There is now a guestbook on the Convention page of the YLRL website where you can ask questions, request a roommate or comment about the past conventions. Finally, please get in your registrations as soon as you can. Looking forward to seeing you all on August 2-4, 2002. Nancy KC4IYD -YLRL Convention Chairman kc4ivd@yahoo.com

Memories of YLRL First Convention - Continued from Page 1/7

The YLRC-LA pitched in and produced a memorable event at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica on June 24-25, 1955. Interests and abilities of different members were utilized: **Mary** Brandvig **W6LBO** was a columnist for her local newspaper. She took on the job of Publicity, getting Gonset Corporation to place an ad in QST showing one of our more photogenic members, Lorraine Freeberg **W6AKE** carrying a Gonset Communicator to the convention. Mary arranged for me to appear on the Groucho Marx television show, and wrote many publicity articles for the local papers around the country, featuring a local YL member of YLRL,

Martha Edwards W6QYL was a bride in 1954. She modeled her wedding gown at the fashion show at the lunch during the convention. While on her honeymoon to Yosemite National Park, Martha had contracted what was diagnosed as tuberculosis and was confined to a sanitarium for most of the year before the convention. She learned how to make copper wire jewelry. A committee was formed to make bracelets as gifts at the convention.

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Agnes Langevin W6MFP was into ceramics, and she prepared little ham shacks that were used as table centerpieces.

Enid Aldwell W6UXF was active with a folk dance group, and they were part of the entertainment at the banquet.

My OM was in a traffic-handling group that met for fun and fellowship once a year. I met John Reinartz K6BJ, a pioneer radio enthusiast, at one of those affairs, and asked him to speak at the banquet. He was a delightful speaker.

The convention plans seemed to just fall into place, We did some things that have become "traditional" for all YLRL conventions.

Founding YLRL officers Ethel Smith W3MSU, president; Carol Witte W6WSV, vice president; Enid Aldwell W6UXF, secretary-treasurer and originator and editor of YL Harmonics were in attendance.

Read all about it in CQ YL by Louisa Sando W5RZJ (page 37). It was at this convention that the idea of such a book was suggested, and it was with the assurance of support of those in attendance that Louisa took on that super project. An annual Directory of members also was suggested.

One story of so many memories of that convention was that of Betty Fredericks, W3PVH. Betty had been saving money to attend the convention from the first word of it. She had a growing family, living at Acme, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, and it wasn't easy to put aside fonds for the trip. A month before the convention, an emergency came along that took her money. She was not deterred; she started saving again, and in that short period of time came up with the funds. She said, "Never again will there be a first convention, and I was determined to go." Betty stayed over after the convention, as my guest. We enjoyed showing her Southern California.

Later, she was elected president of YLRL, and presided as such at the Number Two convention, which was shared with ARRL in Chicago in 1957. In 1964, I had attended the World's Fair in New York City, and flew to Pittsburgh where I visited Betty and her family, riding with her to Columbus, Ohio for convention Number Four.

Harryette Barker W6QGX is the only one who has attended every YLRL convention. Betty Fredericks, Louisa Sando and I kept her company for many of them. First Betty, then I, and finally Louisa missed attending, leaving the record to Harryette alone.

The first YLRL convention was bound to happen sometime, I may be the only president to have had it in the town where I was living and to be as involved in the planning as I was. In any event, I'm happy to have been associated with the first one. I hope to see you at Middleburg Heights, Ohio in August 2002. - 0 -

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you'll help them to become what they are capable of becoming. -Goethe

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YLRCI "ELETTRA MARCONI" 25™ INTERNATIONAL CONTEST 2002

- **ELIGIBILITY** All licensed operators throughout the world are invited to partecipate. OPEN also to SWL's . No QSO via repeater and /or cross band are allowed.
- DATE From Saturday April 6, 2002 at 13.00 UTC to Sunday April 7, 2002 at 13.00 UTC
- MODE HF-PHONE, HF-CW
- BANDS from 3.5 MHz up to 28 MHz,, NO WARC Bands

CATEGORIES SSB AND CW: SINGLE YL-OPERATOR; SINGLE OM-OPERATOR SWL

- CALL PHONE: "CQ YL, CQ OM ELETTRA MARCONI CONTEST CW: "CQ YL, CQ OM, TEST (YL's are advised to add "/XYL" to their callsign to be recognized
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Each station must be counted only ONCE per band

MULTIPLIER: ONE(1) multiplier for each country DXCC per band.

SCORING Multiply the sum of all QSO's points by the total number of multipliers of the different DXCC countries

RULES FOR SWL Every heard must be complete with the 2 stations heard exchanging reports, progressive numbers etc. which has to be put on the log.

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From the Editor

de Caroll Massie NV7YL

I can't believe it, it's time for the second issue already! I want to thank each and every one of the District Chairwomen for getting their pages to me on time it makes the job so much easier when one doesn't have to worry about whether a page is coming in or not! I had such a good time reading all the things everyone has been doing!

On top of the day or two of snow, we've just had a bit of wind here -only had to redo the antenna two times in as many weeks! It stayed up fine and dandy for well over two years — and there had been many, many days of high winds over that period, but when it says, "Enough is enough," that's when one has to go outside and put it back together again! And quick so we don't miss any of the nets! I overheard my OM saying we 're in for a diy spring here, and I know he's right — it was shortsleeved weather here this past week and that shouldn't happen in February! Of course, I've seen it snow here whenever it wants to — we had four inches of snow on the 20th of May one year, we could have that again this year. Of course, I always say, "It could happen, " and Bill says, "No way!" But, then, I'm the optomist in the family while he's the pessimist! It could, though!!!

My visit to the Hamfest at Rickreall, Oregon was a fun time. Getting to see all the YLs that attended, and talking to them on Saturday made for a great day! But, I must admit that the best time of the weekend was the Friday evening dinner with the Noon Time Net group. Being able to meet all of the hams, YLs and OMs, that we talk to regularly is a real joy. There were over 40 of us on Friday and then we got together again (20) for breakfast Saturday morning before the Hamfest. After eating, we all piled into our vehicles and you should have seen our caravan with all the antennas on the cars, trucks, etc., from Salem, Oregon, to the Fair Grounds at Rickreall.

After arriving at the Hamfest, my next task was to locate Riley W7RIL and see what I could do about setting up our YLRL corner of their table. To my surprise I found him and the table right away and he had already set up the material from our District Seven Kit, had even put the banner on the wall'. Sadly, Lory N7KTY, had been called to Southern California due to an illness in the family and couldn't be in attendance, nor could her assistants, so I manned the table corner and ended up giving out all the material we had in the kit, plus the extra newsletters I had brought with me! There were OMs that wanted to take information to YLs they knew that were in the process of getting their license. And there were quite a few that expressed a desire to become a part of YLRL! Look for an increase in seven land!

About time to put this newsletter and myself to bed — I've enjoyed this issue, and look forward to the next one. Yesterday I happened to be in the communication's room (that's what our radio shack is called — what with the computers, printers, and all the radios, plus our telephone!) working on this issue and a YL came on HF calling CQ and asking for a signal report. I answered her back, and now we have another member in the offing! As the saying goes, 'Try it, you 'll like it!!! ' 33 and aufWiederhören...

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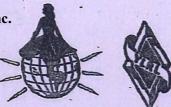
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