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The President's Letter

de Kay Eyman WAOWOF

Greetings to all and a special welcome to all the new members who have joined YLRL this year. I hope that all of you, both longtime and new members, are enjoying this great hobby of ours.

Several YLs have organized YLRL booths at local hamfests and have had great success in promoting YLRL. Some of the District Chairmen have made new YLRL banners and the reports sound very nice. Many of you will remember that YLRL used to have four hamfest kits that were circulated, as needed. It's been suggested that we try this again, but have ten kits, one for each district. The kits would contain a banner, membership applications, certificate information, samples of YLRL supplies, back copies of YLH, and maybe a photo album of YLs in the district. I'm also ordering name badges for the officers as many of the original ones have disappeared. If any of you can locate any of the missing ones, please let me know right away.

Congratulations to Tom W3BZN Gutshall who received the first 33 Award certificate. Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall, YLRL's great secretary, got the next one. Fifteen DX stations, both YLs and OMs have earned the certificate to date. Interest in the award remains high, and several nets report increased participation, with YLs making contacts after the nets close. Some YLs have even designed special QSLs for these contacts.

Thanks to Lee KB8RT Shaberly and Phyllis KA1JC Davis, for serving as YLRL Certificate Custodians for several years. They have now passed along those jobs to Nancy KS2YL Fontana, the new Certificate Custodian for WAC-YL, and Marti W7AYL Brutcher, the new DX-YL Certificate Custodian. Le KB6MXH Henderson, our current YLCC Custodian, has asked to be replaced and I would be happy to hear from you if you'd like to serve in that position. You can contact me or Jeanie WA6UVF and we'll add you to the team! Thanks, Le, for your service and thanks go, as well, to Marcie KC7DAT Stilwell, Marty NY4H Silver and Cleo KOJFO Bracket who also serve as Certificate Custodians.

The YLRL Forum at the Dayton Hamvention will be held Friday, May 17, in Room 3, from 1:45 to 2:45. The focus of this year's Hamvention will be how ham radio can aid in emergency situations. Jeanie WA6UVF will talk about helping out in China after a massive train wreck, and Cheryl NOWBV will talk about providing needed communications after the Columbine shooting and during the Pope's recent visit to Colorado when the crowds and hot weather combined to create unexpected problems.

YLRL members are traveling to some exotic locations later this year to give you an opportunity to work some new YL countries. Vicky AE9YL will be on Market Reef (OJO) in July, and Elizabeth VE7YL, June VK4SJ, Raija SMOINV, Mio JR3MVF, and Gwen VK3DYL will operate from Lord Howe Island (VK9) September 15-29, and most of this group will continue on to Nauru (C21) from October 1-14. Sounds like fun for all of us!



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tod OM George Blakeslee who was the club historian for many years along with his wife, Jean.

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September 15, 2000 gift of \$500.00 from **K9QGR's** daughter Winona Houlihand. It was placed in a CD for YLRL Scholarship fund. The total \$535.80 was renewed April 1, 2002 for three months, Will add to the Money Market fund in August, 2002. Hope to match amount selling tickets on **Hazel's TT*** doll covers at the **YLRL 2002 Convention** — these were made by **Hazel JL9QGR/SK** before she became a SK. Please bring an extra \$1.00 or \$2.00 to help with this project. Toilet Tissue

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Marte
K0EPE



New YLRL Members

de Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ

It is really exciting to be able to report on the following new members to **YLRL**. Please remember to welcome them when you hear them on air or meet them at a hamfest or meeting. Congratulations to those of you who are “getting the word out.” Don’t forget to have new members indicate who sponsored them into **YLRL**.

KB8HB Joyce Judy (Rejoined)

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Birthday:

Joyce was formerly a member of YLRL and we welcome her back.

N4JFV Cheryl Whitlock

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Birthday: December 23

Welcome back to **Cheryl**. **Cheryl** holds the Extra Class license and is active with the Alabama traffic net and serves as her club’s webmaster . She enjoys gardening, camping, reading and computers. Her **OM** is **K4ANY**. She is sponsored by **WX4MM**.

KR4SJ Barbara Reid (Rejoined)

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Birthday March 13

Barbara holds an Advanced Class license and is joined in the hobby by her **OM Donnie KR4YM** and son **Dennis KG4BTR**. She is also the sister of **Mary WX4MM** who is also her endorser. Welcome back, **Barbara!** *Ed Note: Barbara's DX adoptee ZL3 UD Margaret is also a rejoiner — see below!!!*

KF4UUY Mary Oliphant

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Birthday November 21

Mary holds a General Class license and has been licensed since 1997. She participates in her local amateur radio club and nets and enjoys fox hunts and balloon launches. Her father is also a ham and she was sponsored by **Nancy KE4RTP**.

N1BLR Judith Harris

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Birthday: February 2

Judith was proposed by **Arline Berry WILIO** and is a member of WRONE. She is a secretary and enjoys gardening, crafts and the Redsox. Her OM is **W1HIV**.

N7YX Elsie Raamat

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Elsie was licensed as **N7WDX** in 1991 and currently holds an Extra Class license. She enjoys contests and field day and lighthouse activities. Her **OM**, **Hillar**, is **N6HR**

KF6MRO Ruth Nelson

8422 Poppy Way

Buena Park, CA 90620

Phone 714-523-0225

Birthday: July 5

Ruth lives in Orange County and has been licensed since 1997. Her **OM** is **KC6MLV** and she serves as net control for LARA and belongs to LARA and YLRC of LA

WI2G Anne Fanelli

541 Schultz Road
Elma, NY 14059
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Birthday January 30
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Anne was endorsed by **Jan WA2YL** and holds an Extra license. She works as a library aide and also enjoys her horses as well as being active with traffic handling. **Anne** serves as manager of the Empire Slow Speed Net

KD7OKI Phyllis N. Lewis

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Birthday August 11

Phyllis is a retired librarian and has been licensed since 2001. Her OM is **Bill KD7NIR** and she is also a member of Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association (SIERA). She was endorsed by **Caroll NV7YL**

KD5LKB Mary 'Fran' Hill

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'Fran' holds a General Class license and enjoys nets, field day and her significant other, **Bill KB5PFW**. She is a member of MARA and enjoys HF and 2 meters

K6BSC Maureen Hiemstra

74862 Leslie Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Maureen became a member of YLRL through a friend **Jerrie K6INK** who surprised her with the membership. She is an Extra Class licensee and we look forward to hearing more about her in the future. (Note: don't we all have a friend we might like to surprise with a YLRL membership??)

AC7QI Margo J. Spence

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Sounds like **Margo** is a very busy gal, serving as vice president of the Burley radio club, teaching CW to Tech and General classes and she does some contesting. She holds an Amateur Extra Class license and is joined in her hobby by son, **KD7LJY**, and her significant other, **WL7E**

KC8STS Sandra L. Robinson
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Sandra works with the Longaberger Company (you know those neat baskets!!) and enjoys 2 meters, rubber stamping and cooking. She likes to meet new people on 2 Meters

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Sharlene was first licensed in 1996 and enjoys custom clothing design. She is a member of the Colorado YLs and serves as net controller on the National Traffic Net. She was endorsed by **Cheryl N0WBV**

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Welcome back, **Katherine**

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Welcome to **Alice** who is a newly licensed amateur and we are pleased to have her join **YLRL**

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes. -Hugh Downs

And — a very warm welcome to the following new and returning DX members:

VK5TMC Tina Clogg - sponsored by **Jerrie K6INK Stonier**,
PO Box 78, O'Halloran Hill,
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IIEP Gianna M. Capitani - sponsored by **AF4CP Jane Peake**
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VK6PNS Norma Watson - sponsored by **KJ7BI Robin Parker Resnick**
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Welcome to each of these ladies and we hope to meet you on air or in person.

Vice President's Views de Jeanie WA6UVF Parker

We are happy to report the response for **YLRL 33** Award certificates has been very encouraging, especially from **DX-YL** and **OM** stations. The whole idea behind this award was to stimulate more YL activity while honoring one of our founding members. However, please keep in mind net contacts do not count for this award. In addition, congratulations to YL-OM 2002 contest winners. Thanks to all for neat, easy to read logs!

- ROOMMATES -

Roommate/s help defray the costs of a convention, don't forget the below information: 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.

33 from one of the **Carols** - you can e-mail me at: Schmitkons@centurytel.net

All kids are gifted; some just open their packages earlier than others. - Michael Carr

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YL-OM 2002 Contest Results *de Jeanie WA6UVF Parker*

First Place YL Cup:	Evgnosia J43YL (SV3AGQ)	102,555
Second Place YL:	Lois WB3EFQ	34,500
Third Place YL:	Mary WX4MM	22,977
First Place OM Cup:	Terry KAQBHO	198
Second Place OM:	Aleksey MOWAA	150

YL High Score for District Certificate:

Sigrid DL3LG

Evgnosia J43YL/SV3AGQ

Dorothy K2YEH

Lois WB3EFQ

Mary WX4MM

Sara AB7PS

Melba KAQBAT

OM High Score for District Certificate:

Terry KAQBHO

Aleksey MOWAA

Continuous Membership

Cleo Bracket KOJFO

50 year certificate - Lyn **W5RYX**

45 year sticker - **Mattie K4CZP, Mary K1ADY**

40 year sticker - **Rosemarie K8VFR, Vai K9ZWV**

35 year sticker - **Thelma VE3CLT**

30 year sticker - **Kay WAOOF, Ruth W8VWL, Virginia WA8BQG**

25 year sticker - **Toshiko JF1WMY, Catherine WB3HYN, Penny WB5WRD,**

Terezinka PT2TF, Ruthanna WB3CQN, Barbara Jeanne WB6IZB

20 year sticker - **Mary Ann WA3HUP, Ingrid DL3SAR, Irene KA3JNU,**

Barbara KD9DU, Taeko JR3HIL, Poppy VK6YF, Alice AI4K,

Sr. Alverna WA0SGJ, Frances KM6MF, Emily AC2V, Myrtle N2AKC,

Joann KA6WBR

15 year sticker - **Rita G0EIX, Santina IT9KXI, Kyolco JR3MVF,**

Tamai JA4JBR, Yasuko JF7IZM, Masako JA0CYL, Kelly N7IXI

10 year sticker - **Nadine F5NVR, Ikuko JA5CSG, Klara HB9CTK,**

Sylvia KD4KOG

5 year certificates - **Dianne VA3SJF, Chieko JO2FQK, Elizabeth VE7TLK,**

Suzanne KBOOMB, Roberta W1JX, Holly KB2ZMM, Doris N3TGB,

Jane AF4CP, Peggy KY8Y

Ed Note: Congratulations to all!!!

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 tune 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

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 eight km from the city center. **Ruth Geering IT9ESZ** is the organizer and has set up a beautiful web site at <http://www.qsl.net/y12002> with information and photos. There will be tours available before and after the meeting. Make plans now to attend!

Ed note: I know I sure wish I could attend. Those that are going, please say my hellos to Ruth and the bunch!

(Ed. Note: Marietjie ZS6CEZ has become a good friend this past year — we e-mail regularly — She tells me to pronounce her name as Marie. Amateur Radio and e-mail certainly have shrunk this old world of ours! I was asking Marie about the difference for addresses of South Africa and Republic Africa and here is her answer.) “Hallo, **Caroll & Bill**, South Africa and the Republic of South Africa is the same.” *(In the same e-mail, she sent the following:)*

“Dear YL, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my sponsors who sponsor my membership to YLRL and the YLHarmonics. It is great to belong to you and if anybody would like to e-mail me, my e-mail address is as follows. marie_c@mweb.co.za It is nice and warm here, but it won't be for long — our autumn will start and our winter will be on its way. I hope you are going to have a wonderful spring and summer and I hope you will enjoy to be outdoors and may the flowers be in full bloom. All the best to all of you and have a great time all over the world. 73 88 33 Amateur Radio ZS6CEZ

Laat die son skyn

Let the sun shine

Marietjie, Sammy, Kita & Toontjies”

As long as you 're going to be thinking anyway, THINK BIG.

Donald Trump

District One

de Anne Manna WBIARU

As I write this news in mid April, the temperature climbed nearly to 80 degrees today in 1-land. That is well above average, but the entire winter and early spring have not been average! There is a little more news this time, however please keep those cards and letters (and e-mails) coming.

Deborah NN1C, Dot WA1LDS, and Linda WIMP have planned a road trip (coinciding with Linda's birthday). They are leaving Vermont on April 17th and operating at W1AW on Thursday, April 18. The three of them used to go there regularly, but it's been awhile, so they are really looking forward to the trip.

On May 18, just a month later, the WW V (Wireless Women of Vermont) will be meeting for a luncheon at Wake Robin in Shelburne, Vermont, with Kit WA1WQM and Bob W1TKH, Julie KB1APN and Pete WA1AOW, Andrea K1WLX and Jim K1VII, Linda WIMP and Mark N1MR, Dot WA1LDS and Bill WB1BRE.

This July will be the fourth year that Linda WIMP and her OM, Mark N1MR, will be volunteering for the Pittsburgh PA Vintage Grand Prix, an antique auto racing event that is a fund raiser for the National Society for Autistic Children. This event has raised over \$1 million since it started. Amateur Radio Operators play a significant role in the safety of this race for drivers, volunteers, and spectators.

Anne WBIARU again coordinated communications for the Good Friday Walk in Hingham, MA. The 20 mile fund-raiser is primarily in a State Park, making radio communication a must. Everything went smoothly with 14 hams participating.

WRONE will have its Spring Luncheon on May 4 in Auburn, NH. Elaine WN1H is in charge of the event. OMs and guests will take a trip to the Currier Art Gallery in Manchester while the WRONE members meet after dinner.

Plans are being made for a YLRL-WRONE-Girl Scouts and Ham Radio table at Boxboro in August. Boxboro is the Division 1 ARRL Convention which is held every two years. There will also be a YL Program on Saturday at 10am. Anyone with ideas for the program can contact Arline WILIO. wllio@juno.com or 508 359 6656.

The Girl Scout National Convention is being held in the Los Angeles area October 17-20, 2002. Arline WILIO is looking for local LA hams to help set up, operate a station, and give out printed materials when the exhibit area is open. Contact Arline WILIO (see above)

Field Day is coming! I know that there are several YLs who participate. Please let me know where you operate and if you are with a club or other group. I would like to have that information for the next YLH. My deadline is June 14. Also, if you can send or e-mail me pictures of Field Day or other activities that you participate in, I will be happy to use them in future issues. 33, Anne WBIARU

District Two

de MYRTLE FARNSWORTHN2AKC

Greetings one and all from Medford Lakes where the weather has been like an elevator up and down. One day we have freezing rain then the next day it is in the high 70s and people are out in shorts. We spent the last two weekends in the beautiful mountains of Pennsylvania and in the mornings there was snow but it was gone by late afternoon, so guess weather is not too different here in New Jersey from other places. Mother Nature is full of surprises, and makes us wonder what is in store for us this coming summer.

Speaking of surprises, **Lois WA2RXO** celebrated her 90th birthday on April 13th. Congratulations, Lois, we hope you had a super great time celebrating that extra special day, and had many surprises.

A double congratulations to **Lia WA2NFY** who was not only elected President of SAYLARC but also received Certificate #4 having worked 33 YLs. No doubt for Lia working 33 YLs was nothing, but I must say for me it is quite a challenge — I call CQ on the bands with no response. Where are you gals? Lia sure knows and will have the certificate to prove it. **Lia** is quite a dedicated amateur radio operator and as President of SAYLARC will do her utmost to see that our members keep in touch as she plans to have on-the-air meetings for just that reason. Good Luck, Lia. Incidentally, she is also busy with repairs to her home. In fact she had three men there working on the chimney (had to move her antenna which wasn't good but will be worked on) and her heater had to be replaced. That was quite an expensive venture and although she needs a new roof, that was put on hold. She is going to Ohio for convention and looking forward to meeting all her friends there, and also meeting new friends.

Received word from **Lois WB3EFQ** that **Anne W12G** Fanelli from Elma, New York is a new **YLRL** member, for which we thank you, **Lois**. We would like to welcome **Anne** and hope any SAYLARC members in her area get in touch with her and welcome her to join SAYLARC also. I did mail her a copy of YLHarmonics so she will know what is happening with YLRL members.

E-mail from **Bobbie AA2JO** keeps us abreast of happenings with our **Jean WA2BGE**. Ladies, it seems our District #2 area dues are slow getting to **Jean** and our membership is dropping. That is sad news and as Jean said it makes one wonder why! On a happier note, Jean was going to get herself a perm, her first since last November, but before that event she was going out to lunch with her grandson. Then she planned to have dinner with friends. That is really good news.

Ladies, it is with deep regret that I end our column on a sad note. **Roberta KA2AFL** is now a silent key. I had been writing about her being back in the hospital because of her breathing problem and reminding you to send her cards, and to keep her in your prayers, when the news of her death was announced on the Rooster Net. Now we have to keep the memories of all the good times, and the nice things Roberta always did and said.

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District Three

de Barb Bender KA3VXR

Hallelujah! Spring has sprung here in 3-Land! Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Grape Hyacinths and Forsythia are blooming in my flower gardens. Must get the mulch on before the weeds take over. Hope you all can enjoy getting out and communing with Mother Nature these next few weeks.

Congratulations to Toni **W3BZN** and Lois **WB3EFQ** Gutshall who both got the 33 Award already! Tom got #001 for the OMs and Lois got #002 for the YLs. Nice going! They are a busy couple. They took a trip to Maryland in March to visit **Marty W3YOZ** and his multiple ham shacks, vast array of antennas, miles of cables strung hither and yon and came back to our Horseshoe ARC meeting to rave about the scene. They are making plans to take a group of local hams camping at his QTH the third weekend of August to share this technological "experience." While visiting that weekend, we will also partake of the culinary delights of his "Fowl Fest!" **Tom** and **Lois** are excited about leaving for their Alaska trip in June. Lois is busy in the meantime coordinating several public service events for the HARC, the first being the MS Walk in April.

Heard from **Sylvia W3SLF** Soble who wrote she is very proud to have celebrated 50 years in 2001 as a license holder. Her **OM, Bill W3QXT**, celebrated his 50th in 2000. Congratulations to both of them! **Sylvia** wrote that she is in the process of hooking up with ILink - a website that with the help of the right equipment, software, and a microphone will enable her to talk to hams thru the computer.

Are any other **YLs** tinkering with ILink? The evening I received **Sylvia's** e-mail my **OM, Richard W3SYY**, and I had just returned from our HARC meeting and the program was an explanation and demonstration of ILink. Very interesting. Prompted the **OM** and I to decide to try it out.

Any 3-Land **YLs** on PSK-31? Let me know how you like it. The **OM** and I are going to try that out also. Have been kind of delinquent in the operation of ham radio the past year due to my illness. But am doing very well now and eager to get back into the swing of things. The **OM** just completed teaching a six-week Technician class and I helped by being present. (HI HI) I am the coordinator for our Dividing Ridge ARC VE test sessions, so coordinated this exam also. We had 17 students and ended up with ten new Techs, one new Tech w/HF, and one new General. Several of these new hams work at the 911 Center. Our EMA Director is a ham and so is very receptive and cooperative with our ARES group which makes thing so much easier when there is a need to activate ARES.

Really anticipating the **YLRL** Convention in Cleveland with that wonderful bunch of 8-Land **YLs** the first weekend of August and hope to see many of you there. Kay **WT3P** Craigie writes that she is looking forward to speaking at the Convention banquet and we are certainly looking forward to hearing her. In the meantime, she is going to speak at the East Coast Amateur Radio Service (ECARS) Convention in May and also at the Medical **Continued on Page 29**

District Four

de MAR Y MOORE WX4MM

Greetings to all the gal's in 4th call area. I am writing this in April and just finished attempting to work the CW portion of the **DX-YL/NA-YL** contest. What a bust. Not even the OMs answered my CQs. I am blaming it on propagation. I ■ sure hope to hear more during the SSB portion since I'm taking days off to be on the air. Hope to hear all of you working hard to make those DX contacts. I have heard lots of YLs working on the 33 Certificate already. I am halfway there. I have had my surgery and it appears to be going well. I cannot bear weight on my right leg for a couple months and am still getting used to crutches. I hope to be in good enough shape to go dancing on my anniversary in June. It appears that I may even be able to make the convention in August. That is still undecided at this time.

I received a nice letter from **Edith WA4SRD** in Asheville, North Carolina. She is a member of QCWA and vice president of the Hendersonville, North Carolina Chapter 76 for that group. She is also the Program Chairman. Edith is a CW traffic handler who not only is NCS of the North Carolina net but checks into the Alabama traffic net too. She writes she is especially proud of her A-1 OP membership. She is a member of 10-10" as well. She is a Charter Member of Western North Carolina Radio Society. Edith's **OM**, Everest **W4DYW**, is a patient at the local VA hospital and he supports her activities with amateur radio. Another item of interest, she has four "ham" children. I hope to catch her on the air soon - am brushing up on my CW so she won't suffer so much trying to copy my "fist." Thanks so much, **Edith**, for sharing your activities with us.

News of Roseann Johnston **NR4RJ**. There is an interview with Roseann on the Astronomy Today website, <http://astronomytoday.com/astronomy/inter/view6.html>. I recommend that you all read it for inspiration. Roseann is very big into "star gazing" these nights and is learning astrophotography as well. She is still battling cancer but making the best of her life and not giving up. She is walking with the aid of a brace and cane when the Doctors told her she would not be able to walk at all after her surgeries. I'm sure she would love to hear from other YLs who enjoy astronomy as well as amateur radio.

Let us hear from YOU for the next issue of Harmonics. My column is due by June 15, so get those cards and letters in. 33, **Mary WX4MM**

*Keep away from small people yvho try to belittle your ambitions.
Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that
you, too, can become great. - Mark Twain*



District Five

de Alma Lang AB5BA

Well, ladies, we have a new **YLRL** member in 5 land - Thanks to **Lois WB3EFQ** and **YL/OM** contest -- That sure is a good way to introduce **YLRL** — Our new member is **Fran Hill WD5LKB** - She is a nurse and does lots of overtime (boy, those are things I know about). She likes to works contests. Address: 6018 Fox Chase Trail, Shreveport, LA 71129 Welcome!! **FRAN** - E-mail: kjndoll41@aol.com

All is well at the Lang House - We just finished Ham-Expo — several inquiries - and they took all the folders I had made up.



Jim K5VRJ, Alma AB5AB, Miss YL USA (on table), Elaine KC5WQF,

Joyce W5M \dot{W} K: Husband, Jim, has been having Labrynthitis Vertigo — and doctors are doing several test to digonse WHY. I have had another flareup with my kidneys — Sons and grandchildren are fine, Granddaughter Sara turned 20 March 21 and grandson Christopher turns 11 March 21. Jim's garden is underway. 33 from Joyce (on TYLRUN 03-28-02 Joyce reported. "Dr found all test and MRI to be in Normal range" **AB5B A**)

Doris K5BNQ: We had a wonderful celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary with over 200 people from all walks of our lives. It was such a blessing. In fact, we are still celebrating. Friday we got a call fr om the president of our American Airlines ARC requesting our presence at the monthly breakfast meeting. They recognized our anniversary,

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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 licensed) _____

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: SMLXLXXXL _____ XXXL _____

BADGE INFORMATION: (please print or type)

YL Name; _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

CityStateZip _____

CountryPhone _____

E-mail:..... _____

OM/Guest Call _____

Guest _____ Call _____

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

____ Ladies Luncheon Sat. August 3, Noon \$15.00 ea. \$ _____

Banquet Sat. August 3, Social 5:30PM / Meal 6:30 PM

\$30.00 ea. \$Meal Choice: Chicken Cordon Bleu

NY Strip SteakGrilled Swordfish

____ Farewell Breakfast Sun. August 4, 8:00 AM \$15.00 ea. \$ _____

OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

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

Friday Activities - August 2nd

9 am NASA Glenn Research Center free

11-2 pm Goodtime III Lunch Cruise (30 person minimum) \$26.00 ea
\$

2-5 pm - Choose from any or all of the following:

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame only (20 person minimum) \$15.00 ea
\$

Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre only (20 person min.) \$12.00 ea
\$

Combo pass to Rock 'n' Roll Hall and Science Museum (20 person min.) \$22.00 ea \$

USS Cod free

Dinner Friday evening, August 2, local restaurants; no host

Saturday Activities - August 3rd

OM Tour - 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.) \$15.00 ea \$

Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre only (20 person min.) \$12.00 ea
\$

Combo pass to Rock 'n' Roll Hall and Science Museum (20 person min.) \$22.00 ea \$

USS Cod free

2pm-4pm Lolly Trolley 2 hour Tour of Cleveland (30 person min.) \$17.00 ea\$

Sunday Activities - August 4th

Sunday afternoon event/activity - depends on number of people interested

Group Photo (optional): \$20.00 ea \$

TOTAL to be remitted with Registration IN US FUNDS: \$

DEADLINE: May 31,2002 **Mail To:**

YLRL Registration Chairman
Carol Schmitkons KI8IM
43530 Middle Ridge Road
Lorain, Ohio 44053

Please make checks or money orders payable to YLRL 2002 Convention Fund.

District Six

de Jeri Haines KB6USX

Greetings from District 6. Not much to say this time around. I've not received a word from district members. I guess no news is good news, or so they say.

LARA members completed their antenna making in March and I think we were both surprised and pleased. They work. Ha! Ha! Some coax, copper wire, PVC and suction cups was all we used. And it was fun. In a few months we will be trying our skills at single-masted sloop antennas.

A visit to Buena Park Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at both fire and police departments was on the program for the April breakfast meeting. **Fabio KB6BDN** De Contreras conducted the tour. The EOC provides communications to the City of Buena Park and surrounding areas in major emergencies as well as other public services throughout the year.

Betty KB6BNA De Contreras, active in Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES), is secretary and newsletter editor of LARA's monthly publication, "Watt's Cooking." She is also Flotilla Commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We sure keep her busy.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members from the 6th District. **Ruth KF6MRO** Nelson, Buena Park; **Ruth W6LXL** Hinkle (*rejoined, welcome back, Ruth*), Fort Jones; and Sharon **KG6GGQ** Tisdell, San Jose. Drop me a line and let me know a little about you and how you became interested in our hobby.

That, too, is an invitation to other district members so that we can get to know each other and share our amateur radio experiences. 'Till next issue, 33 - Jeri **ICB6USX**

Ed Note: I know Jeri won't mind the following additions — This information is from the YLRC of Los Angeles -

First the sad news. Dolores(Dee) K6JPY/SK Childs, became a silent key in March. Our condolences to her **OM** and family.

On a happier note, Harryette **W6QGX/5** is recovering after several stays in the hospital for leg and foot problems.

Jerrie K6INK is better after her fall around Christmas time.

Madge WA6LWE battered and bruised from a fall, is managing to get around.

Midge K6BUS is still battling ailments but won't give in.

Vada **W6CEE** is looking forward to the **YLRL** Convention in August and being with Harryette and her daughter, Susan. *Ed. Note: I'm looking forward to meeting Susan, also — she's been doing so many things! She's now teaching a group of Norwegian sailors.*

Vada is a regular on the Ironing Board Net on Tuesday on 40 Meters.

Nell KOGO is enjoying her new life.

Donna KE6WDJ was in Hawaii for a week with her son's high school band.

Ginger **AB6YL** is going to the Dayton Convention and both should have plenty to report.

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District Seven

de Sara Lyon AB7PS



Back row - cTiidy N7PHZ, Judy WNIIJoAn^ C7LMR, Mary W7QGP
XFront >Sara AB7PS, Beth N7UXV, Mary W7HPA, Dana KD7HPZ

■ i^piBg has sprung - at least in western Washington

■ The repeater 145.33 where the Evergreen Intertie YL Net meets has been down since the end of January but some of us did have the usual YL table at the Mike Mend Key Electronic Show in Puyallup on March 9 th. There were 15 YLs that Tsighed the log, a good number of YLHarmonics were taken and it was just fun fysifying. As usual, we served complimentary coffee and cookies which were ^ especially enjoyed by OMs working their booths.

I j^the Two Rivers YL Net met for lunch at Waddle's Restaurant in Jantzen Beach for March 16. Although they did not solve the world's problems, **Claire** Fillinger **K6ZCR**, **Laura** Seitlinger **KC7LOK**, **Marianna** Kearney **W7WFO** and **Barbara** Yassod **KC7KQI** enjoyed discussing some of the more interesting phenomena of life oh earth, such as thunderstorms, static electricity and St. Elmo's Fire. They alsd made plans for the YLRL luncheon at SeaPac Saturday June 1st. **Marianna W7WFO** will present her slides from the Mt. St. Helen's eruption. And plans are underway for the YLRL raffle.

The MINO W Net is making plans for the Annual Meeting the weekend of May 18-19. **Barbara KC7KQI** and her OM **Phil AB7RW** will host the affair this year in Vancouver, WA.

Several YLRL members have been spreading the word about YLRL and educating OMs. **Lory** Jepsen **N7KTY** presented a program on YLRL recently at the Valley Radio Club of Eugene. Lory writes: "There were absolutely NO YLs at our mddting, until later. One fellow brought Continued on Page 31

District KL7

de Lil Marvin NL7DL

News from Alaska: Had a long vacation with my **OM, Rick KL7YF**. Travelled all over the country and Canada, but spent most of the time in the southeastern portion of the US, staying at Rick's sister's home in Rincon, Georgia, just north of Savannah. Took in a lot of old plantations, saw some Civil War battlefields - Shiloh, Bentonville, Petersburg. Saw Charleston, North Carolina; Washington, DC; (mostly just drove through there) Baltimore, Maryland; Richmond, Virginia; St. Augustine and Sarasota, Florida; Troy, Alabama; and several other places. Had a great visit with **Tom WX4TM** and **Mary WX4MM** Moore near Salem, Alabama. Also drove through Washington, Idaho, Montana -- saw the Little Big Horn National Battlefield and had a great visit with **Connie KL7JKE** and **Lucy KL7LH** Hilpert where I got to hear **Lucy** play the piccolo -- Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina. The areas of Canada where we travelled through included Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Yukon Territory. Saw so many things and places that it would be hard to find space to tell about all of them. Needless to say, we had a great time. We were gone from November 26, 2001 through March 6, 2002, about three and a half months. I am not sure if the following ladies are members of **YLRL**, but will give some news of them anyway.

Susan NL7NN Woods was gone on a trip of her own when we returned from ours. I understand that she was visiting her parents down in Arizona. They have a home here in Alaska and a second home in Arizona. It sounded like Susan had a good time.

Margie **KL7GLU** Page lost her husband, Bob **KL7HIU/SK**, on December 26, 2001. He had been ill with lung ailments for many years and finally succumbed to them on the day after Christmas. Bob was pushing 80. Margie is keeping busy and is still very active on two meters. I have spoken with her once or twice since our return and she is doing very well. She has a very close and supportive family who all live in the Anchorage area, and I think this is a great comfort to her. She also has many friends in the amateur radio world who keep an eye out for her.

Haven't heard anything from **Cheri WL7MA** out in the Wasilla area, but will try to contact her and other members for future newsletters. 33 **Lil NL7DL**

YL-Hams web address information

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

Don't compromise yourself. You are all you 've got. - Janis Joplin

District Eight

de Nancy Hall KC4IYD

Hi, all. Well, spring is here and as I write this we are experiencing a heat wave here in Ohio with temperatures in the 80s. And we know what spring brings... Dayton! If you get this issue before then, be sure to stop by the Buckeye Belles/YLRL table and say hi. I'm working on the YL 33 Award too. So far I have six YL contacts. There are several of us getting on the air on 14.288 during the weekend at other times during the week. Check out the following listserv, <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/yl-hams> which Carolyn mentions below for more info.

Connie N8IO wrote: "I've gotten hooked on the GERATOL Net (Greetings Extra Radio Amateurs Tired of Operating Lately) where they work on various awards. I am 12 states away from getting my basic award of working all 50 states getting an Extra Class Formatted Call in each. Last night I worked my home town Spokane, Washington, and about dropped my pen when I discovered where he was. I'm also keeping busy with ham radio and other activities. My grandson is getting married in New Mexico on June 3rd, so I will be leaving after Hamvention to make a leisurely trip west. We will go up to Washington to visit family and friends before heading back to Ohio. Lastly, I was re-elected to a third term as Ohio SSB Net Manager."

Carolyn **N8ST** wrote: "I'm working on the **YLRL 33 Award** and I'm up to 13 YLs. It's difficult at times to find a YL on any frequency. But I'll keep trying. I'm also enjoying the YL-Hams listserv which I just recently found. I'd like to encourage all YLs who have e-mail to join this list. It's fun. I've earned two 10-10 awards: One is for contacting hams with 10-10 numbers in 100 counties (actually I've got over 200, but the basic certificate was for 100 counties); the other award is for contacting and confirming contact with hams with 10-10 numbers in 25 foreign countries. Both are very nice certificates, too. I'm continuing my quest to get more YLs involved in SSTV locally, and have met with some success. Last time I mentioned that **Polly KC8CZB** had gotten involved. And with Polly's help we have gotten **Dot KB8TQU** involved also. Both Polly and **Dot** are really enjoying the SSTV local nets and sending great pictures, too."

Sylvia **K8SYL**, Secretary for the TASYLs wrote: "The TASYLs (The Auto State Young Ladies) met at the Marshall Hamfest on April 16, 2002 with seven YLs present. We welcomed Jill **KC8PVQ** Raymer, our newest member, and took care of the usual old and new business. The results of the election of officers were as follows: President **Grace N8NJT** Switzer, Vice President **Donna W8QOY** Burch, Treasurer Myriam **K8ILN** Gregg, and Secretary Sylvia **K8SYL** Hutchinson. Appreciation for the work of our past President, **Fran ICD4OHJ** Clymer, was expressed by Grace, who is also taking over the publishing of the TASYL Tattler.

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District Nine

de Carole Burke WB9RUS

Happy Spring. It is definitely and finally here. My OM and I have recently returned from a two and a half weeks' vacation in sunny Florida. It seems we left at a fortuitous time. Fort Wayne had a major snowstorm that closed businesses. While they were digging out, we were sunning ourselves on the beach on Sanibel Island. What a life. We had a wonderful time, we stayed in Cape Coral and ventured out to the Everglades, Naples a couple of times and to Key West for a couple of days. We flew there on Cape Air and Al was thrilled because he got to fly in the right seat. We rented a car to get around and had a great time. We drove the car back to the Fort Myers airport, where our car was, and we were very happy to be in it. You see, we had rented a Camero convertible. I've decided I'm older than I thought, getting in and out of those sporty cars is just a bit much for this grandma, but it was beautiful car.

One of the highlights of the trip for me was visiting with Peggy **KY8Y** and her **OM** Bob **W2ZUC**. We went to dinner with them and then to their lovely home for a great visit. Peggy and I met at the 1999 convention on the Queen Mary and what a wonderful friend she has turned out to be. This is only one of the great things about amateur radio, the wonderful people you meet along the way.

I'm afraid that this month you will have to contend yourself with my news. When we got home from our trip we had a ton of mail and in this mail was a letter from my most faithful correspondent, **Ann K9RXK**, with her latest news. I also had an invitation to a baby shower. Much to my horror, both of these have disappeared. My sincere apologies go to Ann for losing her letter, it will probably turn up after I get this off to Caroll. As far as the baby shower goes, I know when it is and whom it is for and that's about it. I wonder what else I lost? Again, please accept my humble apologies, and Ann, please don't quit writing to me.

I will end this now with the hopes that I'll see a lot of you ladies in Dayton. Enjoy the beautiful weather. 33, Carole **WB9RUS**

Ed Note: The lovely picture of Peggy KY8Y and Carole WB9RUS wouldn't fit on this page, so you'll find it on Page 32 later in this issue!

Learn to. write your hurts in sand. Learn to carve your blessings in stone! - Unknown

Remember, Web page address:

[http://www. ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org)

District Ten

de CherylMuhrr NOWBV

Hi, Ladies. Well, as I write this, it is Tax time, but as you read it, Dayton is in the air. Write and let me know your Dayton experiences. We want to know why you go and what makes the Dayton Hamvention special for you. I hope you remember that the YLRL has a forum and a table there every year!

The 33 Award has been making lots of news in the 10th district! I have heard of a number of ladies who have already received the award, though I am still working on mine. I have even received e-mails from OMs who want to make a sched and get the award as well. This award has triggered a gigantic amount of interest!

Connie KOGAS wrote in that she always works the WPX SSB contest, but this year was a bit unusual. One of her first contacts that weekend was with an **OM** from JA land. "He asked for my name, a little unusual in a contest, and then told me he wanted it for the 33 Award!" She says she will be alert for people asking for her name through the rest of the year.

My most interesting contacts for the 33 Award happened at the Longmont hamfest in Longmont, Colorado. **Merri ABOMV** was a wonderful instigator in getting a number of the YLs at the hamfest to get on the air while they were there. We all made scheds and had a lot of fun promoting the award by calling each other during the hamfest. I enjoyed meeting Ann NOLLCC and Leslie KOKI for the first time. At the hamfest alone I talked with **Merri ABOMV**, **Debbie KCOSFM**, and **Judy KCOHVD** - at times dissolving in laughter as we enjoyed the fun.

Shariene KBOWBT manned the Colorado-YLs table with help from **Judy KCOHVD**. I saw a lot of YLs stopping by to say hi. A number of YLs also stopped by the YLRL table and we got a few more renewals. Don't forget if you haven't paid your dues yet, they were due in March!

Ladies, let's try to make the YL nets actual YLs! **Merri ABOMV** writes that a friend told her about the YLISSB net on 20 meters. She tuned in, but the person she heard as relay was an OM with no other YLs in sight! Can anyone tell me more about this net and how it functions. I couldn't help Merri with any more information.

Speaking of information, don't forget to check out the origin of 33 on the ORIGINS OF HAMSPEAK site at www.ac6v.com/73htm I found it interesting to see the theories behind 73, DX, CQ and, of course, 33. I found this by plugging **YLRL** into a search engine. If you are ever interested there are over 1000 sites that mention the YLRL. Or try putting in your own callsign, you never know where you might turn up.

This District 10 spotlight is on **Joy NQ5R**. She and her **OM**, **Walkter AG5P**, were in Denver on the night of the 8th annual Colorado QRP Dinner. They enjoyed themselves and speaker, **Arnie CO2KK**, very much. They have had QSOs with a number of people from the area,

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DX News

Carol Hall WD8DQG

Welcome to members: **Margaret ZL3UD** Me Connachie, sponsored by **Barbara KR4SJ** Reid (*Rejoined*), **Tina VIC5TMC** Clogg, sponsored by **Jerrie K6INK** Stonier; and **Norma VK6PNS** Watson, sponsored by **Robin KJ7BI** Parker-Resnick.

Magda ZS6MVW Van Wyk of South Africa, who is sponsored by **Marte KOEPE** Wessel, wrote that she has taken on the secretary's position of the re-organized Magalies Radio Amateur Club. Her **OM**, **Pieter ZS6PVW**, is sysop of the BBS and one of her daughters, **Lizette ZR6LZT** (16), was voted in as the Youth Coordinator. Magda also belongs to the Centurion Club where she has been asked to serve, but she feels one job is enough. She is looking forward to fall and then winter because it has been so hot. She sends her greeting to all. (*Ed Note: Magda has two daughters, Lizette, alreedyghin' Suzette doesn't have her call yet!*)..



Sitsa SV3AGQ with six other hams working J41LJI

Sitsa SV3AGQ Tigaraki of Greece, who is sponsored by **Judi WOJJ** Jakfca, wrote that she was licensed in 1986 and has been very active on all bands. She has served on the board of the Radio Amateur Association of Greece, and was Vice President and Award Manager until last September. She was the first **YL** to serve on the board! She has 310 countries confirmed for DXCC, is trying to complete her 5B-DXCC, and is CQ County Award holder and is working toward her first endorsement. She is looking for contacts in Arizona, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana (let's set up a schedule, Sitsa!), Nebraska, New Mexico and

South Dakota to complete her YL-WAS. During the YL-OM contest she picked up nine YL contacts for the 33 Award Certificate and has now completed all 33 and sent her list to **Jeanne WA6UVF** Parker for her certificate....GREAT! During the Lighthouse weekend in August 1999 and 2000, which she helped organize, call sign **J41LH**, they made 3100 the first time and 1950 the second time and hopes to do it again this year. She plans to participate in the **DX-YL** contest and frequently checks into the DX net on 21333 on Monday mornings. Sitsa is recovering from surgery on her feet in December and using the times effectively to make contacts.

Monique F5MLE Tendron wrote that she is enjoying Harmonics. She sponsors herself, but might like to have someone stateside sponsor her next year...drop her a line if you are interested.

Lucia CT1YH Santos Tome wrote that she was very active until 1982 and participated in many contests, winning four YLRL cups and many plaques. She sends her regards. *Ed Note: Picture of Lucia will be in upcoming Harmonics.*

Edith DF7WU Gillrath is back on 40 and 80 meters. She has been a very busy lady, organizing the JAIG group meeting in Koblenz last year and this year in Leipzig. She is now organizing the Diplome Interest Group of Europe in Koblenz in a month. She is looking forward to attending the conference in Palermo.

Gerda DL5OBK Jacobs was concerned about her flowers and plants surviving February...hope they made it! She will be in Palermo and sends her greetings and hope to see many friends in Italy in June.

Ruth **IT9ESZ** Geering sponsored by Lia **WA2NFY** Zwack, says that there are over 70+ registered for the YL2002, June 20-23 in Palermo, Sicily. There are excursions planned before and after the conference. I personally am looking forward to a wonderful time visiting with so many friends. If you have never attended one of these conferences, you have missed a terrific experience!

Don't forget the DX net on Monday mornings 1500UTC on 15 meters, 21.333. I tried the other day, but propagation was not good all I heard was **Lia WA2NFY** and it sounded as if she wasn't having very good luck either.

My goal for April is to check into the VE/VK/ZL net...wish me luck!

If you haven't paid your adoptees' dues, please do so as soon as possible so they do not miss any issues of Harmonics! I would appreciate hearing from the **DXYLs** and/or their sponsors about their activities. I have tried to contact some of the new members, but for some reason the e-mail I sent came back, so please make sure e-mail addresses are correct and current. Please send all news to: 1520 Kirwan Lane, Belgrade, MT 59714 or e-mail it to: CLVHall@attglobal.net.
33, **Carol Hall WD8DQG/7**

The greater part of our happiness depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances. - Martha Washington

YL inini-DXpeditions

Following the successful YL trip to Norfolk Island in 2000 five YLs, **Elizabeth VE7YL (CW)**, **June VK4SJJ**, **Mio JR3MVF**, **Gwen VK3DYL** and **Raija SMOHNV**, will operate from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) as **VK9YL** from 15th to 28th September next. **Raija** will then attend the ALARAMEET in South Australia while the other YLs fly to the Republic of Nauru (OC-031) where they hope to operate as **C21YL** from 1st to 14th October. The QSL route for both operations will be via **Gwen VK3DYL** either direct to callbook address or via the **VI<3 Bureau**.

Ed Note: The above paragraph was received from Gwen via e-mail — please note her information below — Tax so much, Gwen!

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Convention Report

de Nancy KC4IYD
YLRL 2002 Convention Chair

The majority of the planning has been completed with the Convention committee however, we still have minor convention details to attend to as the convention day approaches. The YLRL website: <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl/conventions.html> has an updated page which talks about the forums, tours, activities and much more occurring at the convention.

The Lolly the Trolley Tour and Goodtime Tour are filling up so be sure to get your registration in. Don't forget "May 31, 2002" is the deadline for registration.

For those flying into Cleveland Hopkins Airport, the hotel does provide transportation from the airport. When you arrive at the airport, just call the hotel, let them know you are at Hopkins and they will send their van to pick you up.

Finally, if you or your club would like to donate a prize to the convention, contact the prize Chairman Judy KC8BOM at kc8bom@arrl.net.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Ohio in August. **Nancy kc4iyd/8**,
Convention Chair

Canadian Information *de Helen VE2YAK Archibald*

Ed. Note: This came in as an e-mail answer to a query on YL-Hams about the Canadian ham's license requirements:

If anyone is interested in Canada, the license levels are: Basic - theory and regulation test - VHF 6M and up. 5 wpm plus the basic gives you full HF privileges Advanced - more theory - allows you to run high power and build transmitters or rim home-built transmitters, plus be in charge of a repeater.

In Canada you keep the same call sign as your level goes up. All are two letters, then a number, then either two or three letters. Ordinarily, you have to have an

advanced ticket and 5 wpm and five years experience to get a two-letter call. You can tell immediately which province someone is from by higher call. The call areas are east to west by province, with a few complications because some areas split up after they were counted. VE1 is Nova Scotia, VE2 is Quebec, VE3 is Ontario, VE4 is Manitoba, VE5 is Saskatchewan, VE6 is Alberta, VE7 is British Columbia, VE8 is North West Territories, VE9 is New Brunswick (eastern, but a late split off from Nova Scotia!). VA calls are used in provinces where there aren't enough VE calls left. The numbers match (i.e., VE 3 and VA3 are both Ontario) VO1 is Newfoundland, because it was still a separate country from Canada when it got the call letters, VO2 is Labrador (part of Newfoundland), VY1 is Yukon Territory, VY2 is Prince Edward Island (another recent split from Nova Scotia), VYO is Nunavut, the new territory,

More than you ever wanted to know, right! Guess which part of the ham course I teach? Oh, and we can use SSB in any part of the band. So there are places where we can operate SSB that is only CW for US hams. WE call it the 'Canadian Portion!' Especially on 20M. It is a quiet place to get away from the crowds with the kilowatts. If you listen on 14.133 on Tuesdays at 1700 zulu, there is a YL net in SSB. 33, **Helen VE2YAK**

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Roberta will surely be missed by all SAYLARC members along with **YLRL** members as she has a special place in our hearts. Isn't it strange that at times like this when someone special will no longer be with us we once again realize how important it is to always remember to say "I Love You" to our family and friends, and also remember that it is nice to be important, but it is much more, important to be nice. God Bless and give that loved one an extra special hug. Bye Now - 33, Myrtle N2AKC akcehm@juno.com

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Amateur Radio Council (MARCO) banquet at Dayton. Kay is doing a fine job of representing YLs in 3-Land and amateur radio in general. Kay wrote that she just got her certificate for Worked All States (WAS) on digital modes and she is getting close to DXCC on 12 and 17 Meters. Congratulations, Kay! She asked if any other YLs enjoyed the amazing openings on 6 meters last winter? If so, send me some of your experiences,

I operated 6 Meters at our last two Field Days and am looking forward to doing the same this year. I understand the band is on the wane, but there is always sporadic E to look forward to the next few months.

Did you recognize three 3-land YLs who made the April issue of QST in Diane **K2DO** Ortiz's YL article about the fabulous 1999 **YLRL** Convention on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California? Ruthanna **WB3CQN**, Lois **WB3EFQ** and me, **KA3VXR**, are in the front row of the photo on page 80. We're the YLs with the vests.

As always - SEND ME NEWS!! ka3vxr@penn.com or 533 Bovine Rd, Ebsburg, PA 15931 73/33 de **Barb KA3VXR**

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gave us a beautiful certificate and honorary membership in the club. The president became really emotional in the presentation. It was very touching. We are planning on a cruise starting an April 18 on Celebrity's brand new "Simmit." We leave from Ft. Lauderdale and then go through the Panama Canal and end up in San Diego. We are very excited about it. On March 23, 24 we attended the Green Country Hamfest over at Claremore at their new Convention Center. It was a fun time, saw a lot of old friends - didn't win anything, though, and didn't buy much. Tell all the YLs hi and I'll try to be on more. (TYLRUN) 33, **Doris K5BNQ**

Esther WD5EMZ: Not much going on here. The older I get, the more time it takes me to do anything. The GOOD news is, I still do it, in time. I have enrolled in a sign language class and it's like learning morse code, Practice and practice some more. It is not easy, since I forget so easy. One problem is having someone to practice with. My daughter and her husband are taking class with me, but we don't get together often enough to help. I have enjoyed all the news about TYLRUN and YLRL. Thank goodness I can still read. That and closed caption on the TV so I can keep up with the news. My son has started working the garden. He is making the job easier for me. 33, Esther

Linda AC5QQ: Well, I got to do some hands on training with the Irving, Texas Police Department and the Irving, Texas RACES group. Was very hard, but rewarding — to know I can help out in any emergency situation. I just returned from a wonderful trip to Hawaii. Now I am in the mist of getting ready for our son's wedding April 13. 33, **Linda AC5QQ** - (Added by **AB5BA--**) on Saturday April 30th, **Linda** helped ■ our local Emergency Management with damage assessment after a tornado touched down in Thornton, Texas, damaging 40 homes -- no fatalities. 33, **Aima AB5BA**

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Jeanie **WA6UVF** is busy at school and with her job as Vice President of **YLRL** and recuperating from her surprise birthday party and is looking forward to the **YL** Convention this summer.

Joan WA6QKC is going to Virginia in May to see her son get his MBA.

Evelyn **N6DEJ** and Irma **K6KCI** have been enjoying frequent stays at the condo in Carpinteria. 33, Joan **WA6QKC**, Evelyn **N6DEJ**, and Irma **K6KCI**
Ed. Note: I had a beautiful picture newspaper that showed Joan WA6QKC and the church choir that she sings with regularly — unfortunately, it was too dark to print, so it couldn't be added here. Also, I just happened to have some information on a 6-Land gal who joined YLRL late in 2001. We met her first in the YLRL New Member,... etc.,... column in the 2002 Issue #1.

Christina **KF6UXC** Maria Rom - is better known as 'Keet' and she was licensed in February 1999. Her father got her into amateur radio. She loves checking into nets, currently is the newsletter editor for the San Francisco Amateur Radio club, and a member of a few other clubs. Her brother-in-law is also licensed, and has been inspiring her to pass the code exam so she can upgrade. Besides ham

radio, she loves to cross-stitch and is planning to make a dragon sampler, with her callsign, to hang up when there is space for her own shack.

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his teen-age daughter; one man brought his wife. ... our business meeting went over an hour, then we broke to sell and choose raffle tickets for a drawing. Still, the fellows stayed. I had a real captive audience, good participation, filled them all in on what "33" meant, distributed several YLHarmonics at the end, as well as contest and award info from the annual directory, the net list — all of the YL ones."

Sara AB7PS also presented a program on **YLRL** at the Radio Club of Tacoma in March. The mostly **OM** audience (there were only two YLs plus the wife of one of the members) were attentive listeners and several had questions and took the YLHarmonics that were available.

Kathy N7DXY, a **YLRL** member in Lolo, Montana enjoys the **YL** contests and awards. She writes: "So far we are on 10M/20M/40M and 80. Now we are busy with our 160M - the **OM**, **W7KBF**, is still working on the design. All bands except 20M are home brew". Be sure to look for her on the bands!

What has been happening in your QTH? Will you be participating in Field Day? Upgrading? Please let me know! 33 - **Sara AB7PS**

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We are sending our newsletter via e-mail to all those members who have that capability, which makes the job easier and less expensive, too

Donna W8QOY, **Myriam K8ILN**, and **Jill KC8PVQ** are all planning on attending the **YLRL** Convention in Ohio August 2-4 and encouraged others to take advantage of its nearby location. We all look forward to our next meeting in Ionia's Bertha Brock Park for a picnic on Saturday, August 17th, 2002. It is great to put names and faces together after chatting over the TASYL YL Net every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. local time (*Eastern*) on or about 3940 on 75 meters. We encourage all YLs to check in anytime."

Well, that is all for now, thanks for your news. If you are not on e-mail, please send me a postcard about what you are doing. I e-mail those ladies on e-mail, but feel that I am missing a lot of you who do not have e-mail. 33/76 de **kc4iyd/8**
kc4iyd@arrl.net

Some people think it's holding on that makes one strong; sometimes it's letting go.
- *Sylvia Robinson*

*Before there was Prozac, there were friends. Many of us don't have time any more for friends but let me tell you this: the best medicine a woman ever had was a strong network of deep, long-term relationships. Just twenty minutes of being heard each week has results as positive as drugs, according to a recent study. -
Susan Lark, MD*



Peggy KY8Y and Carole WB9RUS

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but this was their first trip to Denver. They also made the Colorado-YLs net and the February Hamfest before heading home via Laramie, Wyoming to visit their son. Don't forget to say hi to her if you are in the St. Louis area as they only live about 50 miles away. And on radio that's just a short skip!

Here are the last odds, ends, requests and corrections: last issue Jonnie **KCOGMI** VerDuft's call was inadvertently missed. Sorry, **Jonnie. Dana WOAIA** has received the call her mother had some 40+ years ago. Dana's old call was

ABOQF. Congratulations on a great tribute to your mother! We are also looking to get our records updated in the data base. We haven't heard from Harriet WBOZQZ from Hewitt, Minnesota. Please let us know if you have any information on her. Harriet, if you read this, we are concerned that we haven't heard from you and hope you are doing okay.

Please keep the information coming. I can't wait to hear from you. 33 & 73,
Cheryl NOWBV

Silent Keys and Condolences

*Our prayers go out to: the family and friends of: Ramona Barrows
WA7UFS/SK; Bobbie Wilson K7RAM/SK and Frieda RaymondK7PVG/SK;
and to Doris KJ7RF May whose father passed away on the 23rd of March.*

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

Please add Yvonne ZR6TBL Van Dijk, Turfontein 2890, South Africa Sponsor: YL Tangle Net-KOEPE

Please show Anna K9RXK Amholt's address as: 11351S 450E.

Please show new address for Helene HB9ACO Wyss: Im Etstel 280, CH 8607, Seegraben, Switzerland

Please change Irene KS6I Oseas' address to read: 25101 Bear Valley Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561 Tele: 661-821-4915

Please change Ilene K5IH Hammack's first name to Ilene vice Llene!

Please show new address for Barbara Anne WB1EHS Murname: 503 West Shore Road, Sorrento, ME 04677-3040 and her e-mail: jabamur@downeast.net

Please change Karen WB9ZNA Thome's address to read: 8759 Clayton Ave, Neenah, WI 54956

Please show Deanna W6DWS Smitha and Cathy KA6TJJ Smitha's address to read: PO Box 1313, Simi Valley, CA 93062-1313 with a telephone of 805-584-1721 and e-mail of w6dws@arrl.net

Please change Joy KB0YUP Lemmons' zip code to read: 6.3043-4219

Please show June KM8E Braunz's telephone as 616-236-5066 and her e-mail address is: jbraznz@btc-bci.com

Please change Jan WA4YL Scheuerman's area code to read: 239 - (no, that isn't an error, just a change in area codes!!!)

Please change Judith KC8BOM Cerreto's address to read: 49015 Middle Ridge Rd., Amerst, OH — (her phone number and e-mail remain the same.)

Please show Juanita K9VIP Harris's new address as: 4400 Wade Dr., Killeen, Texas 76549-2903 -- (her phone number and e-mail address are unchanged.)

Please join me in sending congratulations to Herminia NB2H/5 Stoakes on her marriage and name change I

Please change Katana Luther's call to read: K4LOV — (that's a nice one, Katana!)

Please change Rose WA1VOP Parrack's zip code to read: 32128.

Please change Helene VK7HD Dowd's address to read: c/o Mrs. J, French, PO Box 187, Launceston, Tasmania 7250 (Boy, would I ever love to be visiting her there!)

Please change Cynthia Graham's call sign to: AB2MC (*Congrats on the upgrade, Cynthia!*)

Please show Lois WA2RX0's last name as Ierlan vice Lerlan!

Please show new address for Nell NOGO Devitt of: 611 Kiowa Dr West, Lake Kiowa, Texas 76240 e-mail: nb6a@aol.com

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

YLRL Web Page

<http://www.ylrl.org>

From the Editor

de Carroll Massie NV7YL

Hi there. Doesn't seem possible that another two months have rolled around already! I seem to remember my mother saying a long, long time ago that as you get older time would be passing quicker. The days are going by so fast now, it's hard to get anything done between breakfast and supper! Can't get bored that way — especially when so much is happening.

The list of new members is growing — so happy to see so many YLs coming on board. Also, so many returnees!!! My OM has been busy sending out my radiograms to all YLs the US has a third-party agreement with — they've a double mission — to remind everyone of the convention and to ascertain any changes in telephone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. And, boy, have I ever been getting responses - lots of changes.

In sending out the radiograms, I have found that many YLs do not have telephone numbers or e-mail address listed in the directory. It would be nice to have everyone's phone number or e-mail, so that the members can stay in contact with one another. Also, any of the HF nets are excellent opportunities to say hello to other YLs — many long lasting friends are made during these contacts.

To all the other YLs, here's the message:- "The YLRL Convention is coming the 2nd of August. Hope to see you in Cleveland, Ohio. 33 Carroll NV7YL" I sure hope some of the DX YLs that I met at the 1999 convention are able to make it to Cleveland!

Speaking of 1999, I hope everyone read the April 2002 issue of QST and Diane K2D0 Ortiz's YLpages — yes, that's me on the right with Biny ZL2AZYOwen in the picture, bottom right of page 79. It sure brought back many pleasant memories of the days on board the Queen Mary. This fall I'll be making many more memories while in Cleveland.

Must finish this and get into my publisher mode — yes, I do have several different hats and it requires a wee bit of juggling to go from one mode to another.

I'm looking forward to seeing more of our YL members in the Northwest when I go up to the MJNOW annual meeting in May in Vancouver, Washington. So, as I say in my e-mails: Bis später, 33 and aufWiederhdren...

V - Very fragile. Don't crush her spirit.
O - Only trying to help. Talk to her, don't yell.
L - Labour. You need her, she doesn't need you
U - Unpaid. The price is right.
N - Non-union. She can walk away.
T - Trained. Use what she can offer.
E - Eager to help. She wouldn't be there otherwise.
E - Enabling. Without her, you're sunk.
R - Retentive. Praise her and she'll remember.

(Ed. Note: These come to its courtesy of Phyllis W2GLB Shanks!)

This tale comes from a Catholic elementary school...

Up at the head table in the cafeteria,
one of the nuns had placed
a big bowl of bright red,
fresh, juicy apples.
Beside the bowl, she placed a note
which read,
"Take only one.
Remember,
God is watching."

At the other end of the table
was a bowl full of freshly baked
chocolate chip cookies,
still warm from the oven.
Beside the bowl,
a little note scrawled
in a child's handwriting
which read,
"Take all you want.
God is watching the apples."

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