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If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give. - George MacDonald

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The President's Letter

de Kay WA0WOFeyman

Happy New Year, everyone! This is the time of the year for new beginnings and I hope you are all making resolutions to work the YL contests, check into the nets, and just have fun on the air in 2003. **YLRL** will hold the **YL-OM** Contest in February, with the CW portion scheduled from 1400 UTC, on February 8, to 0200 UTC, February 10. The SSB portion will be held from 1400 UTC, February 15, to 0200 UTC, February 17. In recent years, the OMs have been asking for more YL contacts, so be sure to get on and make it more fun for everyone.

CLARA and the Girl Guides of Canada co-sponsor Guides on the Air (GOTA) the third weekend of February, when the Girl Guides go to the homes of amateurs and are introduced to ham radio. The Finnish YL group OH-YLS sponsors International Women's Day Contest on the 8th of March every year, and it runs from 0001 to 2400 UTC.

If you're looking for a new **YL-DXCC** contact, listen for **Meralda VP6MW** who will be the CW operator on a DXpedition to Ducie Island around March 8.

And don't forget the nets. Check the Directory issue for times, days, and frequencies and call in. You'll be very welcome!

Congratulations to **Cheryl Muhr N0WBV** who is the first recipient of the **Beth Taylor-W7NJS** Award. **Cheryl** signed up 12 new **YLRL** members in 2002 and will have free membership in **YLRL** during 2003. Thanks to each of you who signed up new members this year. It's nice to see our numbers growing! A new contest will begin on January 1, 2003, and the **YLRL** member who signs up the most new members during this year will receive the 2nd Beth Taylor-Award and a free membership in 2004. Good luck!

Remember, dues for 2003 have increased to \$15.00 as a result of a vote in 2000. Please make sure that your dues are sent to your Receiving Treasurer before March 31st. See the renewal notice in this issue!

Betty Marsh KL7JFW is the new Tape Topics Librarian for the Eastern districts (1 - 5, 9, and 10). She will be reading each issue of YL Harmonics on tape for visually impaired YLs. Thank you, **Betty**, for taking over this important position, and thanks very much to **Anna Amholt K9RXK** who has been serving as Tape Topics Librarian for the Western districts (6, 7, and 8) for many years.

Alma Lang AB5BA is Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and her assistants are **Anne WB1ARU** and **Cheryl N0WBV**. They are beginning the search for nominees for the ballot for 2004-2005 officers, so if you are interested in serving or would like to nominate another YL, please contact one of them. Serving **YLRL** does require a commitment of time and effort but the friendships that result make it all worthwhile. 33, **Kay WA0WOF**

If you want to see the sun shine, you have to weather the storm. - Frank Lane

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(Ed Note: Here's a letter from our other scholarship recipient - sorry, no picture came along with her letter.)

6552 South Point Road

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December 16, 2002

Ms. Kay Eyman WAOWOF

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Dear Ms. Eyman,

With an overwhelming sense of honor and deepest appreciation, I would like to express my gratitude for being selected as the YLRL Ethel B. Smith, Scholarship recipient for academic year 2002.

33,
Marte
K0EPE



Ethel Smith was a woman and amateur radio operator with whom I held in high esteem. Her accomplishments, personal character, and devotion to amateur radio continues to be worthy of emulation. In addition to our common bond as amateur radio operators, **Ethel** and I both had breast cancer. As a ten-year survivor, I salute my "sisters" whose journey was cut short by this dreaded disease. I am inspired by **Ethel** and others like her and draw strength from her memory.

As a teenager I volunteered for five years in area medical facilities and attended nursing school for one year. After college, my path led me to the aerospace industry. My love of space inspired me to take a position on a NASA project. I subsequently joined the NASA Goddard Amateur Radio Club and became very active in club operations. I held a variety of offices including presidency, participated in space shuttle retransmissions, special events, educational outreach, contesting, Field Day, and IOTA outings. When I passed my Extra Class exam, five other club members followed suit. What an awesome time we had!

The **WA3NAN** club provided me with opportunities to express my talents in never before thought of creative ways. Amateur radio certainly adds breath and more importantly, depth to those who embrace the hobby and way of life.

My husband and I relocated to the eastern shore of Maryland to be near my mother. We were able to care for Dad (**W3HTB**) at home where he became a silent key. It was through this experience that I found the impetus to attend nursing school. A shift of careers became necessary and the sacrifices have been difficult. My husband's salary is barely above minimum wage, and he suffers from chronic health problems and hopes to retire next year. The scholarship money will go a long way in helping to make ends meet.

Once again I extend to you and the scholarship committee my sincerest thanks for selecting me for such a noteworthy honor. Sincerely, Signed- **Carolyn M. Keydash N3DON** cc: **Hugh Turnbull W3ABC**, Chairman F.A.R. Scholarship Committee

New YLRL Members

de Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall

New members keep coming in and we are very happy to welcome them.

KE6RIN Marilyn Jordan

PO Box 2237, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92752

E-mail: kegrin@aol.com Phone: unlisted Birthday: December 17

Marilynn was previously a member and has rejoined. She is getting interested in HF, SSTV and ATV and is joined in the hobby by her OM. Welcome back.

NOQCX Eleanor "Ellie" Van Winkle

903 Paragon Drive, Boulder, CO 80303-5016

Phone: 303-494-5578 Birthday:

Ellie was a member of **YLRL** in 1993 and we are happy she has rejoined.

(New YLRL members info will continue on Page 10)

2003 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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Name: _____ Country: _____

Address: New Address? Y / N _____

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Photo of WARO members attending the International YL 2002 Meet in Palermo, Sicily.

MORE ON PALERMO

If anyone has a magnifying glass you would see the moisture on our faces! Hot sunshine and a 30+C temperature greeted us even at the 8.30am roll call for the Official photos. Not only was there a professional photographer on site, the OMs did their bit too by lining up to take their personal photo shots.

We had all been given special sportshirts to wear with the YL2002 Logo. Dark blue for the OMs and two shades of blue for the YLs. What a wonderful souvenir to bring back home. This was not all, many more Sicilian delights awaited us what with Lemonello liqueur, a basket of marzipans made into the colour and shape of fruit, place mats and a scarf - and personalised terracotta plaques were presented to us at the YL Forum - so much to see and to take in.

Ruth IT9ESZ and her team did us proud. **Ruth** came with us for three out of the five days tour of Sicily returning by bus to Palermo in time to meet and greet another group of YLs arriving for the weekend. We had the privilege of being shown her QTH and welcomed by the family with cold drinks - have you ever tasted the juice of blood oranges - fantastic! We also had a peep at the 'shack' where all the hard work had been done.

Cathy ZL2ADK, myself and our **OMs** had elected to stay at the family run hotel, the Conchiglio D'Oro. In all there were 18 YL2002 participants staying there and we had a 20 minute walk to and from the Hotel La Torre. Eventually we worked out which free bus to catch! But it was worth it. Terrible footpaths! A wonderful beach at Mondello for swimming, if you could get into the private areas, crowds out at night dining and socialising in the squares.

We invited the **Ys** back to our 'place' for the Sunday night meal and 50 of the 110 participants took us up on the offer. For 10 Euro, the hotel did us proud. It was a fitting finale to a wonderful event. Biny **ZL2AZY** (*Sounds like everyone had a fun time, I recognize faces from the picture - my adoptee, WalltOJ6US, Evelyn from France, Kay WA01VOF, our president, Biny ZL2AZY, Ruth IT9ESZ, to name a few - I'm looking forward to meeting them all in Seoul in 2004!*) ■

From **Phyllis W2GLB Shanks** — *And you thought your e-mails were never read -Tnx so much for sending it on.*

Sighs From The Heart

"She keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the woman told the volunteer. "What is it she keeps asking for?" she asked. "Puppy size!" "We have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for." "I know. We have seen most of them," she said in frustration. Just then the young child came walking in the office. "Well, did you find one?" "No, not this time," she said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?" The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

The young child took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I bet we'll find one this weekend," the child said.

Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size either," mom added. Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now the young child knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. ■ There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted. The young girl walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sony, you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer. "Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy. Mom, startled by all the commotion, came

running. "What? Are you sure? How do you know?" she asked. "It's the puppy sighs!" "Yes, it's the same size as all the other puppies you held the last few weeks," mom said. "No, not size...sighs. When I held him in my arms he sighed," she said. "So?" "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me 'Love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sighs!'"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug her child she did a little of both. "Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said. Then holding the puppy up close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart."

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day. They are the sighs of God.

New YLRL Members - Continued from Pngc 6

KB1DNT Laura Simpson

4 Peach Tree Path, Andover, MA 01801

Phone: 978-470-2205 Birthday: April 27

Laura works as a diabetes nurse in Deny, New Hampshire and holds a general class radio license. Her **OM** is **WAI VHD**. Endorsed by **Anne WBIARU**

N1FLJ Stella Snyder

PO Box 409, Westford, MA 01886

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Stella has been licensed since 1988 and works as a teaching assistant. Several members of her family are also licensed including **OM**, **Bob WIRS**, and children **Laurie KA1TTC** and **Bobby KB1FPT**. Also endorsed by **Anne WBI ARU**.

KB1HIJ JoAnn Welcome

751 Hevey St., Manchester, NH 03102

e-mail: kblhij@arrl.net Phone: 603-623-4391 Birthday: April 7

Licensed in 2001, **JoAnn** holds a tech license and is also a member of **WRONE**. She is employed as a cook manager and is a member of **ARES** and **CARES**. Endorsed by **Anne WBIARU**

W1LGU Carol-Ann Gawle

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e-mail: w1lgu@arrl.net Phone: 413-527-9295 Birthday: January 3

Carol-Ann was a former member of **YLRL** and we welcome her back. She holds an extra class license and has been licensed since 1968. Beside amateur radio she enjoys computers, photography, woodworking and her grandchildren. Endorsed by **Anne WBIARU**

KA0RTG Naomi Hogeweide

3250 S. Clermont St., Denver, CO 80222

Phone: 303-756-4037 Birthday: November 2

Naomi holds a general class license and has been licensed since 1975. She also enjoys retirement with her **OM, Jasper W0MUF**. Endorsed by **Cheryl N0WBV**.

KB0NAS Doshia D. Kretke

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Doshia has been licensed since 1994 and is active with ARES and her local radio clubs in the Boulder area, also packet and working YLs. She joins her OM, George **N0RUX**, in the hobby. Endorsed by **Cheryl N0WBV**

KCOMEZMary Cox

11971 E. Ohio Ave., Aurora, CO 80012

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Mary is a student and also works in retail. She is a member of the Colorado YLs and is active on 2 and 6 and is 3/4 of the way to 100 grid squares on 6, Her **OM** is **Mike KC0MEY** and she was endorsed by **Cheryl N0WBV**

N4EHT Elaine W. Thorp

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Elaine holds a general class license and enjoys MARS, SHARES, Skywarn, ARES as well as her local nets and contesting and DX.

KA4TYG Carol Bolling

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Carol received her membership as a gift from her friend, **Eleanor KD4NFE** Morris

K7DID Deanna Lutz

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Deanna was originally a member as **KB8ARL** back in 1987 and has rejoined. She holds a general license and enjoys DX, satellite and her local club. Other hams include husband **K5DID**, father **K8DID**, uncle **K9DID** and mother **KA8DID**. Nice selection of calls. She also has a web site at <http://chartermi.net/~k8did/index.htm>

WA6DKS Susi White

15642 Septo St., Granada Hills, CA 91343

e-mail: white.family@verizon.net Birthday: October 20

Susi was originally licensed in 1972 and recently relicensed as a General Class. She is a life member of **ARRL** and enjoys nets.

KD5MDO Deandra 'Dee' L. Norred-Forrest

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Dee enjoys QRP operations and has upgraded to General class on November 2nd and is anxious to get on the air. She is active in local ragchewing and ARES and is joined in the hobby by **OM, Ted KB5CQF**. She was licensed in November of 2000 and married in June of 2001. She plans to build her own equipment from kits or homebrew likes to collect old ham equipment, camera equipment, am/frn radios and record players. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Canary Islanders Decendant's Association and is currently studying to become a certified genealogist through an online college course.

KC0FSN Deborah Mewes

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Deborah is a member of several radio clubs including BARC and Colorado YLs. She is a software engineer and the other hams in her family include **Dirk KC0EXR** and **Jonathan K0DE**. She spends most of her time on 2 meters.

KC8OVY Paula Naujalis

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Paula is a member of MARA, MARS and is active with MARS on 4470.5 and 4140. She is a secretary and holds a technician license. Her **OM** is **Anthony KC8BZI**. Endorsed by **N0WBV**

KD7IEM Melissa Norstrom

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Melissa has been licensed since 2000 and enjoys emergency communications, ARES net and Field Day. Her **OM, Larry**, is **N7ZKF**

K0KTG Catherine Gugler "Katie"

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Katie was first licensed in 1969 and became active again in 1999. She serves as Secretary of the Cedar Valley ARC and Secretary Treasurer of the Iowa 75-meter net. She is net control of the Iowa 75 meter net and looks forward to expanding her DX skills. Her **OM** is **Walt K0RLM**. Met at the Ten Tec hamfest and endorsed by **WB3EFQ**

I am always doing things I can't do, that's how I get to do them. - Pablo Picasso

KB6LHP Dawn Biocca

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e-mail: dbiocca@attbi.com Phone: 510-758-7104 Birthday: August 6

Dawn has been licensed since 1986 and shares the hobby with **OM, Alan WB6ZQZ, and son, Chris KG6LXL.**

KJ7UN Laura Lubner

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e-mail: kj7un@kj7un.com Phone: 406-388-6207 Birthday: October 12

Laura holds an Extra Class license and her previous call was **KC7HCB**. She participates in 10-10, QRP CW, contests, field day, **YL** nets and fox-hunts. Her **OM** is **Russell KD7AEO**

KB9TJW Pat J. Cox

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Pat is the only ham in her family and she belongs to the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association

KB8HYH Kay Brentlinger

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Kay has been licensed since 1992 and holds an Extra Class license. She is active with ARES, Skywam, Fox Hunting, and a number of public service events. Works mostly phone HF and is getting into digital modes. Also a member of the Wabash Amateur Radio Association.

K2PIG/VA3PIG Debra Dutkewych

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e-mail: k2pig@arrl.net Birthday: July 26

Debra holds dual callsigns in US and Canada along with her **OM, Alex N2PIG/VA3PI/VE3PIG**. She is very active with being a VE and an instructor for the **ARRL** AREC courses. Check her out on QRZ

AB2OA Shirley Budney

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Phone: 607-842-6252 Birthday March 5

Shirley has been a ham since 2000 and is joined in the hobby by her **OM, Lou AB2OB**. Enjoys dabbling in some of the contests and likes DX and "paper chasing"

DX New Member

ZL1LL Lynette McDonald

25 John St., Pukekohe, 1800 New Zealand

Sponsored by: Mary Ketzler **WO9R**

(Ed. Note: Look for more info on new members in the 2003 Issue #21)

Continuous Membership

, de Cleo KOJFOBracket

Best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season.

I will be continuing as Continuous Membership Chairman. **Betty KL7FJW** was not able to get the program on her computer.

All has been very quiet the past few months, however, we will be ready for all those reports come the first of the year.

After convention I went on a two-week bus trip to Nova Scotia and other Canadian provinces. Also flew to New Hampshire and had a hub-and-spoke trip for six days and saw a lot of New England. My first grandchild was married in September and of course that took a very long weekend at my daughters, the best part was having my other children around also. Just spent four days of the Thanksgiving weekend at my daughters - this and the wedding is in Lincoln and only 50 miles from me.

Have just made plans to spend a short week over Christmas at my son's in Michigan. His daughter is a senior at Michigan State.- My daughter from Colorado will drive here with her 15-year-old son and 20-year-old daughter, who is going to school in Scotland this year.

Then we will drive from here to the Detroit area. Poor Barbara, in Lincoln, has a book store and can't get away - she will have her boys to be with for the holiday.

Have several things going on, dinners, luncheons, day trips, etc., and must get out and do some shopping. The church bazaar is this weekend. Also, work in an afternoon or so of bridge each week. I have no trouble keeping busy and will still find time to take care of Continuous Memberships. 33 and a New Year's toast to all.

Cleo

YL Activities for 2003 de Nancy KC4IYD

Last year I had a list of 12 activities that one can do in Amateur Radio and devoted one month to each on the YLRL webpage <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl>. I received a lot of positive comments about it and have decided to continue it this year. Thanks to the YLs on yl-hams list who contributed to this list. Below are the 12 activities selected for this year. Each month, check out the YLRL webpage for a summary of each activity including links to get more information. Enjoy them and if you find one helpful or have comments, feel free to e-mail me - kc4iyd@arrl.net

Jan. - ARISS: Amateur Radio on the International Space Station: How to track it, to know when it's coming into range, etc.

Feb. - DXpeditions/DXing from both sides of the pileup (would include working split)

March - QSLing/designing a QSL card (what does one do after working a DXpedition or contest, QSL of course)

April - The theory behind an antenna (ie., how do they work)

May - Attend a hamfest and coincidentally this ties in with the Dayton Hamvention

June - IRLP: Internet Radio Linking Project and Echolink

July - YL clubs/groups; Where to find materials on YLs and what they are doing

Aug. - Ragchewing on the air/my most unusual or memorable QSO
 Sept - County Hunting/QSO parties
 Oct - Emergency Communication including ARES and RACES
 Nov - Public Writing/Speaking about Amateur Radio. This will include how to write an article for a ham newsletter/magazine and ways to speak up at a ham club meeting
 Dec - Radio Astronomy
 33/76 de kc4iyd/8 Nancy

YLRL NOMINATION FORM

I, accept _____ nomination for the office of _____ of _____ for YLRL for 2004-2005,

I have, been a member of YLRL since _____ (month & year) and have been a licensed operator since _____ (year).

My Club affiliation is _____, in which I have held these Offices: _____

I have held the following offices with YLRL:

Date Signed (name & call): _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone e-mail:

We the undersigned members of YLRL, nominate the above named candidate for the office of _____

to serve YLRL during 2004-2005.

Endorsement of five YLRL members:

1. (name & call): _____
2. (name & call): _____
3. (name & call): _____
4. (name & call): _____
5. (name & call): _____

Send this form to the Chairwoman of the nominating committee.

IT MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE **APRIL 05, 2003.**

CHAIRWOMAN:

Alma Lang AB5BA
 2156 E/G Parkway
 Eddy, TX 76524

or e-mail langja@jimo.com
 and follow with a mailed signed copy

To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are. - Anonymous

The Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc.



AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE

December 1, 2002

For Immediate Release

The FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C.. plans to administer fifty eight (58) scholarships for the academic year 2003-2004 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds seven of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-one (51) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the

various donors.

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

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card postmarked prior to April 30, 2003 from:

FAR Scholarships
Post Office Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20783

The FOUNDATION is a non-profit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, representing more than seventy-five Amateur Radio clubs in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. It is devoted exclusively to the scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

2003 DX-YL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

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

DX-YL Call:Recent Prior Call:

Name:Country:

Address:New Address? Y / N

City:State/ProvincePostal Code:

Phone Number: FAX Number: _____

Packet Address:e-mail Address:

License Class:Year first licensed:Year joined **YLRL:**

What ham activities do you enjoy and/or participate in? Include nets, modes, contests, clubs, or?

Sponsor's Name: Call:

Address: City:

State/Province/Zip/Postal Mail:

a/o 2003 \$23.00 DX dues, Air Mail - required for DX YL

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

DX RT - Carol Hall WD8DQG, 1520 Kirwan Ln, Belgrade MT 59714 406-388-7031

e-mail: clvhall@attglobal.net

Ed. Note: When filling out the above form, please put in full address — we 're checking the list so we don't miss anyone — also, please note the request for an e-mail address for both sponsor and DX-YL

Ed Note: This came in from Anne WBIARU who thought we might be interested in it — they celebrate the anniversary each year and I know would like to hear you all on the bands at that time!

KMICC MARCONI WIRELESS CENTENNIAL - January 11-19, 2003
Celebrating The 100th Anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's First Wireless transmission between the United States and Europe on January 11 — 19, 2003. From atop high, sandy cliffs overlooking the Atlantic, Marconi transmitted a simple, > 54-word greeting from President Theodore Roosevelt to Great Britain's King Edward VII. Within hours, the King acknowledged receiving the message, and the spark of global communications was lit.

The Marconi Radio Club, W1AA, and the Marconi Cape Cod Memorial Radio Club, KMICC, working in partnership with the National Park Service at Cape Cod National Seashore, will operate a Special Event station from January 11-19 at the former Coast Guard station at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, Massachusetts, from near the site of the original Marconi 1903 Station. From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, the public will be able to tour the station, listen to voice and Morse Code discussions with other radio operators around the world, and learn about wireless technology and the significance of Marconi's achievement. For Details See: <http://personal.tmlp.com/klw/wlaa>

January 18, 2003 will mark the centennial of Marconi's groundbreaking transatlantic wireless transmission with a reenactment of this historic scientific achievement, rivaling the Wright Brother first flight at Kitty Hawk.

Marconi's daughter, Princess Elettra Marconi, is scheduled to attend the event.

A PRESIDENTIAL Commemorative message is anticipated from President George W. Bush.

NASA International Space Station Link - Selected Students from three Cape Cod High Schools (Cape Cod Vocational Technical High School - Harwich, Provincetown High School - Nauset Regional High School) will communicate with astronauts aboard the orbiting International Space Station.

For a complete events calendar, go to www.nps.gov/caco and click on "In Depth," then "News."

Bob Doherty KI W

Pres. Marconi Radio Club W1AA

<http://personal.tmlp.com/klvv/wlaa>

klvv@tmlp.com <mailto:klvv@tmlp.com>

REPORT FROM NORWAY ABOARD THE MV SEISRANGER

(One of our YLs has a Job that sounds very interesting — at the request of your editor she, Sue LAOCY, sent her first writeup of being back aboard ship — I hope you find it as intriguing as I have Hi)

"I have been a ship's officer for many years, but have spent the last 16 years ashore with my husband and my three children, who are now 12, 15 and 16 years old. My husband wanted to retire, so I decided it was about time to return to my original

occupation. This proved rather difficult; partly because of the 16 years as a land-lubber, and partly because I don't really fit the stereotype for this occupation.

I finally landed a substitute job as a junior Dynamic Positioning operator and second mate on a Norwegian ship called *Seisranger*. This was a roughly 6000-ton vessel which has been rebuilt to operate Remotely Operated Vehicles, or small, unmanned submarines. Their frames ranged from about two meters to around five meters in height. The largest probably weighed many tons.

All sorts of gadgets can be attached to them. When we move the ship, one pops over and picks up our bottom beacon and takes it back to the ship. This takes about five minutes. We sometimes have four ROVs in the water at once. I had taken a one-week introductory course in Dynamic Positioning. With this computer system, the ship can usually be held in a steady position, give or take about 0.5 meters. I was now to put the theory in practice.

We came on board at about 8 pm, and left at 0300 in the morning, when it started getting light. We had three mates, so both the chief mate and I were on the stem to cast off the mooring lines. Most ships this size only have two mates. I would be running the Dynamic Positioning computers around four hours a day, supervised by Polish and British senior DP operators, who were training and supervising myself and the other two mates. We don't run the submarines from the bridge. They are operated by a team of technicians several decks below. We just keep the ship on position. Most of the time, the ship stood about 20 meters from and oil platform. Most of the platforms stand on the sea floor. The rigs look huge from below.

We lower the ROV cages to the bottom, and little self-propelled camera/unmanned submarines go horizontally out of them and under the rig, where the technicians can photograph, inspect and clean the pipes. They are also able to check the structure electronically for corrosion. We have TV monitors by the DP station, and can see all the fish under the rigs. Many are about two feet long, but some are twice that size. I think they must be attracted by the lights and the free lunch, because there are so many of them.

A helicopter was coming soon. I needed experience in meeting them, so I asked the first mate if I could be on the helicopter team. I have now participated in two helicopter landings, from the advantage of a foam fire-extinguishing cannon which I was manning in case of a crash. The last helicopter came in right over our heads, and the tail rotor seemed uncomfortably low.

I have had a couple of running watches lately. It is amazing how far apart the rigs are actually spaced. One may see as many as 30 of them at the same time, but they are four or five miles apart. Most have enormous flames pouring out of a spout, which are visible 25 miles away. When the ship is lying under the rigs, the view up through our masts is awesome.

I have been asked to check the equipment in the lifeboats, which is an enjoyable job. I love counting wax-coated matches. Finding where they have hidden the stuff is sort of like an Easter-egg hunt. I will check one boat after lunch. My watch is from 8 to 12 in the morning, and 8 to 12 in the evening. I have to look busy for four

additional hours. The lifeboats ought to do the trick. And I might even find all the equipment, eventually.

I spend most of my free time reading operation-manuals for various kinds of equipment. If the fire alarm goes off on the bridge, I have to know what to do about it. The first mate showed me all the start-buttons for the fire pumps yesterday.

We had a fire drill today. I am in charge of two firemen. I couldn't help them much with the equipment, as I had to hold the walky-talky next to my ear to hear the bridge. The other mate had earphones, but there was only one set. I was requested to find a CO2 fire extinguisher, but had difficulty locating it. The other team beat us to the "fire" this time, I spent two hours checking the depth sounder, only to find out that it was the wrong one, and the sounder I should have checked didn't even exist anymore. I learned how to program it, though. It froze up, and I had to restart it with factory parameters to get it working again. Now I know it won't go haywire if I have to do so again.

I was looking for a staple gun yesterday, and had to go down to the work shop. This required full equipment; helmet, overalls, steel-toed shoes and plastic safety glasses. It paid off. After asking the seaman if he had a staple gun (he didn't), I charged up the closest stairwell. I got about three steps up, and crashed into the roof with my helmet. They had welded the stairwell shut a couple of years ago; when the ship was rebuilt. It made a resounding bang when I collided, which the seaman obviously heard. He was howling with laughter when I came back out and inquired if I was the first one who had pulled that trick. Unfortunately, the answer was, yes. By lunch, the whole ship knew about it. Next time, I will look up when I go up staircases, and not take for granted that they are there.

The last few days, we have been following a mini-submarine which is going along a half-buried pipeline with a Geiger counter, hunting for a slightly radioactive pipe-cleaning probe which had disappeared somewhere in about ten miles of pipeline, and closed down the whole platform for about three months. I don't think we found it, though. I enjoyed running the machine, because the man operating the submarine kept starting and stopping, and we really had to keep on our toes to keep the ship from ten to 20 meters behind it all the time. We controlled the ship's speed by hand, although the course was held automatically. We skimmed along the bottom with the Geiger counter and two cameras, one facing ahead to anticipate obstacles, and one focused on the Geiger counter. We see lots of fish, hermit crabs in shells, lovely red and white stalked sea anemones, big spider crabs which don't move until the sensor brushes them off the pipe, and I saw one stingray tonight.

The trip ends in Aberdeen, Scotland. I have enjoyed the trip immensely, and look forward to returning to the ship. I haven't told them I am a ham yet. They will find out soon enough. 33, Sue LA0CY, or AD4K" (I thank you, Sue, it was a great pleasure meeting both you and your mom, Harryette W6QGX, at the convention and to read about your shipboard experiences -> looking forward to hearing more III)

There are moments when everything goes well, but don't be frightened. - Jules Renard

Late Breaking News!!

(Ed Note: Just received this information from ARRL — anyone wanting further info, including the application for this full-ride scholarship — look at the info on the Internet — the URLs are: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl7> <http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/Goldappl.html> <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> Also, look at the end of the application form - “15. The Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship requires that your field of study must be one of the following: business-related area, computers, medical or nursing, engineering or the sciences. ...” Application deadline is March '15th 2003. Underlines have been added for emphasis I've printed out an application blank with the instructions — let me know if you need a copy and can't print one out yourself!

District One

de Anne **WBIARUManna**

Happy New Year! We seem to be headed toward a stormy winter here in New England. We have already had snow. News has been slow to come in this time. I guess the holiday season has us all busy.

This note came from **KA2ZKM - Marion**: Just want to let know we got four inches of snow here today at our house. We have been busy with the Shaker community here in New Gloucester. Last Saturday was their Christmas Fair. They sell their baked goods, Christmas items such as mittens and scarfs and other miscellaneous items. They also have a large “White Elephant” room which is, in other words, a Yard Sale. All the money they make in the White Elephant room goes to our local schools for scholarship funds! Joe and Brian, our oldest grandson, were busy taking pictures and helping them put it on their website. Everything is fine here - we are getting ready for Santa to come to our house. The artificial tree is up, decorations are up and next week, I must get busy baking cookies.

Also received a note from NNIC - Deb: I am having a great time with my appointment as Affiliated Club Coordinator here in Vermont. It is very satisfying to participate in rewarding clubs for their activities and to encourage clubs in their quest for Special Service recognition. Even a small club can make an important contribution to enhancing our enjoyment of this wonderful hobby. It is interesting to travel around the state and meet new people. Vermont has a newly energized **ARRL** presence and it is exciting to be part of this renaissance.

With a “snow day” on the day before Thanksgiving, I was able to check into net and chat with **KAI VAX - Betsey**, **W1LIO - Arline**, **WA1JYO - Vera**, and **KA2ZKM - Marion**. It was good to be able to catch up with them on the air.

I anticipate participating in the Marconi Wireless Centennial celebrating the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's first two-way wireless transmission between the United States and Europe on January 11 - 19, 2003. There will be quite a bit of activity on just about every band and mode. For details see: <http://personal.tmlp.com/klw/wlaa>

Don't forget to send some news to me anytime from now until March 12! Enjoy the winter months - it will be spring before we know it! 33, **Anne WBIARU**

District Two

de MYRTLE N2AKC FARNSWORTH

Greetings and Happy New Year from Medford Lakes, New Jersey, where while writing this column Christmas is still a week away. The house is decorated, the cards have been written, however they haven't been mailed- as yet. Packages are wrapped and except for a few last, minute gifts to buy, I guess one could say we are "almost ready" for the Big Event - our family Christmas gathering. We celebrate this Holiday here at our home, along with our son, Craig, his wife, Linda, and our 3 grandchildren, Megan, Holly, and Craig Jr. and Megan's fiance, Dan. Tradition has it that we don't open our gifts until after dinner (usually at 5:00 PM) but before we have desert. It always looks so beautiful to see all the packages under the tree, but that scene changes dramatically once dinner is over. Paper, boxes, ribbon, and bows will be all over the floor. There will be some surprises and some gifts are expected, but never the less, along with many pictures we will have fond memories of another Christmas.

Brief news from the Saturday morning SAYLARC net:

Vera-WA1JYO checked in as she does just about every Saturday morning and told us that her son and his family were out in their new car, on the New York freeway when a deer ran into their car. No one was hurt, other than being upset, for which they were thankful. However the new car was badly damaged.

Lia-WA2NFY also gets on the net but conditions just never seem right for her to come thru real strong. Lia usually sends a letter with all her news, but we haven't heard from her.

Minerva-WB2JNL is still a very busy lady with all the happenings in her large family. However, she does manage to be Saturday Net Control for SAYLARC, for which we are all thankful. Her family continues to grow as she and Len had another little granddaughter. Congratulations.

It seems Congratulations are also due **Bobbie AA2JO** as she too was blessed with a granddaughter. **Bobbie** also sent a copy of an e-mail from **Jeannie WA2BGE** about her trip to Arizona some of which follows: "It hardly seems that two magical weeks have past and gone, but I am left with beautiful memories of my trip and being with my son, Ted, and his wife, Gloria, in their new home, which I had longed dreamed of doing. Also of being able to see my granddaughter in her home, and being with her and Michael. One day we went to Tucson and went up Mt. Lemmon thru five climate changes. My camera worked overtime. Another day we went to South Mt. near Tempe, and saw Navaho Indians selling their silver jewelry. Next thrill was Cold Stone - an ice-cream parlor to die for. They mix ice-cream, add any kind of nut or candy, liqueur or sauce and mix on a cold slab of marble and put it in a grand sugar cone. I finished the whole thing in a half-hour. Back home in Oneonta, although I had a wonderful time my home looked good. However, I then went off with Ted for another vacation to Long Island to visit old familiar haunts." **Jeannie** says she now has things to remember all winter and much thanks to give her family, and of course thanks to her friend, Jesus, for giving her the strength and ability to

make the trips. Being truly blessed she won't be conquered by Cancer. She will overcome!

Well, ladies, what better way to finish this column now as we end the Year 2002, and begin the New Year 2003 full of Hope and Prayers for Good Health and Happiness for one and all. Remember that it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. Bye Now - Myrtle N2AKC akcehm@juno.com

District Three

de Barb KA3 VXR Bender

Happy, peaceful, prosperous New Year 2003 to all 3-land YLs! I don't know where the time went, but after all the training we did, I am still waiting for Y2K!

In the last issue of YLH I mentioned providing communications for the Flight 93 Anniversary in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. I received word that a fine article is in the December issue of CQ magazine on pages 56 & 57. Also a column on the subject will be in the January 2003 issue of QST on page 76.

Kay WT3P reports that she and her **OM, Carter N3AO**, enjoyed a cruise up the coast of the Balkan peninsula from Greece, to Albania to Yugoslavia (Montenegro) to Croatia and finally to Venice, Italy. They visited Albania and she said she has a T-shirt to prove it! She says "Happy Holidays and 73/33 to all."

As I write this it is the middle of December and we are all anxiously awaiting Christmas. There are about six inches of fluffy snow here in the South Central Pennsylvania mountains and it looks like a winter wonderland. However, several weeks ago we had an ice storm that brought down a lot of large branches and along with them our long wire antenna. It is draped over our roof so we are out of commission on 80 & 40 M 'till the weather breaks enough for us to get our friend over here with his bow and arrow and anchor it to another strong tree. We are having a good old-fashioned winter around here.

Ruthanna WB3CQN writes that Santa Claus came early and she has a brand new Kenwood 870S transceiver, a Kenwood PS-52 power supply and the Heil Classic HC5 mike. She is thrilled with her new equipment even though her old 930S still works fine. She got that in the early 1980s and, knowing **Ruthanna**, I am sure the old set has a lot of mileage on it! By the time you read this she will have her new toys all hooked up and be ready for business. She sends "all the best for the Holidays.

Lois WB3EFQ successfully completed the ARRL CE Emergency course #1 and is looking forward to starting the second course. Also, by the time you read this she will have become a grandmother for the first time around the end of December. Congratulations! We who are grandmothers know that she will fall in love like never before!

We are expecting our 21st grandchild in early February 2003 and each one is just as dear and special as the first.

Jeanne KA3CEO applied for "Retirement Status" from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She is "still permitted to wear the Auxiliary Uniform, attend meetings and

social functions and fly the USCGA flag, but is not permitted to vote and does not have to pay dues!" She and her **OM, Dick WB3AJC**, are still enjoying the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay and "hope ya'all are in good health, enjoying life and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Heard from **Sylvia W3SLF** and even though she had no news this time to share she "hopes your Holidays are full of happiness."

Here's hoping this new year brings a brand'new beginning to each of us and we experience the miracle of world peace. *33 de Barb KA3VXR*

District Four

de MARY WX4MM MOORE

Here it is another year and things haven't changed much. Have not heard from anyone to pass along any hews.

The **OM** and I saw the New Year in partying. My surgeries are complete now and the knee is like new. I am able to dance again and that was my main goal, we love to dance and missed it the two years my knee was out of commission.

Went to the Montgomery, Alabama hamfest and had a good time seeing many hams we hear on the air. I know we have a lot of active YLs in the district, but just don't hear them on.

I hope all of you made a New Year's resolution to operate the **YL** contests this year. Take time off work, send the kids to school, the **OM** to work, and enjoy the contest. I plan to work all the ones I can.

It's about time to get a new slate of officers as well and I hope that if you are contacted to participate, you will say, YES, I'd love to!!!! 33, *Mary WX4MM*

District Five

de Alma AB5BA Lang

Well, hello to all: It is difficult to think I need to say "Happy New Year" to all. After all I'm writing this on December 06,2002.

First off —remember the elections are coming up and if you want to run for any office please let us know. And if you want to keep the office you have —Let us know.

This has been a fast year — we kept busy on our little farm. Mowing - About 12 acres every other week — and taking care of garden & flowers. All of which have been very productive. I did not get to go to TYLRUN annual get-together - Health would not allow me.

This was received from **K0GO Nell**: "Sorry I haven't communicated with you before. I was **WB6ERF**, then **NB6A**, and now **K0GO**. I married **Hank W5VD** Freiburger in October 2000 and moved from California to Texas. He tells people he "rescued" me from San Diego County, California. Actually, he has been the main reason I became the first **YL** to give out all the 3077 counties mobile in the United States for the county hunters. He loves the planning of how to give out the most counties for the least miles. There have been four men who have done it. I

finished, with Russell, Kentucky on October 15 in time to celebrate at our Mini-Convention (not so MINI - 175 registered for the banquet Saturday night) at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, October 19. **Hank** and I both love to travel and have been on the road a lot. If you are ever short of news, let me know! I don't know when your deadline for **YL Harmonics** is, but I love to have e-mail messages. I don't know where Eddy is, but would enjoy getting acquainted if you have time. I don't know what I would do without my computer. We are 50 miles north of Dallas near Gainesville at Lake Kiowa, great place. Later. *Nell K0G0*"

And this is from Dee KD5MDO; "Hi Alma, Thanks for the warm welcome! Everyone that I've come across in the YLRL has been so nice -I feel like a part of the crowd already. :) I have been studying A LOT here lately since the **OM, KB5CQF**, is away for a few weeks for training. I will be attending the Baton Rouge HamFest next Saturday and will be taking my code test there. I started studying the code only three and a half weeks ago and have mastered all but the last five numbers. I think that the only problem I will have is listening to the code at such a slow speed. I have been learning it at 10 wpm with a character rate of 20. When I slow it down to see how it sounds at test speed, I have a little trouble deciphering some of the longer symbols such as =, , and . I have been using Morse Cat (Farnsworth method) and I also have **G4FON's** Koch program that I will occasionally test myself on at half speed and 20 character speed. I love the code and think that I will find much enjoyment both in buidling the QRP rigs that I want to build and most especially in the QSOs.

I have only had my Technician license for a little more than a year and have only really had experience on the local 2m repeater with a little ragchewing and I worked an ARES Net during Hurricane Lili. Right after I was licensed, I got married to my **OM, Ted**, and we sort of both put our ham activities on the back shelf for a little while during the 'adjustment' period (I have two sons from a previous marriage and my **OM** has no kids - he's done a lot more adjusting than I have!) Anyway, I am ready to hop back on the wagon, so to speak. I also love to write and would be happy to contribute what I can to the **YL Harmonic** but I must warn you that my experience is very limited. If you would like articles written from the experiences of a true beginner, then I'm definitely qualified for that! (*You're doing fine, Deel*)

We live about 60 miles northwest of New Orleans and 35 miles northeast of Baton Rouge in a little area popularly known as Pumpkin Center. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, there are no famous people living in our community - have you ever gotten to see the President?

Again, thank you for the warm welcome. I will be looking for you on the air. 33, *Dee KD5MDO*"

And this from **Ann WA5GLM**: "Time again for one of our special occasions: Attendance at the annual National Reunion of the 30th Infantry Division Association held at Myrtle Beach, S. C. The **OM, T. P. K5EYN**, and I, **K5JGC**,

motored during the beautiful month of October; the weather THERE was gorgeous. After we left Houston and entered the Achafalaya in Louisiana, continuous rain accompanied us into Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. Consequently, MY FEARLESS FORECAST for the Gulf and Southeastern States: 'No moisture needed for the next nine months!' - hi!. As usual, it was a real heat to spend quality time with special friends from all parts of the U.S. On our return, we detoured through New Orleans to reminisce former visits. First and foremost, we toured the new National D-Day Museum established by the late Stephen Ambrose - what a magnificent legacy! Nothing really changes - just more people everywhere - fun city with so much colorful history to savor!" Tnx for the revision, **Alma**. God bless **Jim** with his forthcoming surgery; we shall keep both of you in our prayers! Til more later - keep us posted and 33 for now, *Burnette K5JGC*

Now, for more on the election news - There are three of us working this year— Thank goodness I have the other two to help— so, if you have a want to run for any office- just mail your news to any of us. 1. **Cheryl Muhr N0WBV** e-mail: hamdrivers@aol.com PO Box 342, Littleton, CO 80160-3334 2. **Anne Manna WBIARU** email: enoaru@gis.net 614 webster St. Hanover, MA 02399 3. Election Committee Chairperson - **Alma Lang AB5BA** e-mail: langja@juno.com 2356 E / G Parkway Eddy, TX, 76524

Let us hear from you. 33 and Have a great year, *Alma AB5BA*

District Six - News



Roxy K6ELO with Jim W6FOB and her awards

At a recent dinner in her honor, **Roxanna Griggs K6ELO** was presented a commendation plaque by **Art Goddard W6XD**, Southwestern Director of **ARRL**. Also from the Estero Radio Club, San Luis Obispo, came a beautiful trophy clock

created by one of its members, which was presented by the club president, **Jim Palmer W6FOB**.

Roxy had a happy evening with fifty friends attending and they were all regaled with biographical anecdotes by **Art, Jim, Robert Griffin K6YR**, Santa Barbara Section Manager, and her son, **Art KA6UEW**.

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Kevin **KG6D** Gehrke and his new bride, **Tiny KW1WY**

For those of you that recognize **Tiny** in the picture above, but don't recognize the call, that's right, it's **Tiny Jaspers ON4CAT** - now **Tiny Gehrke KW1WY/OC4CAT** -- please congratulate her (and **Kevin!**) on the recent marriage -- and her move to Manteca, California! The date was August 7, 2002 - she is still quite involved with the **K1WY DX** Association - URL: <http://www.klwydxa.org> Do take a look at the web page to see all that is going on with that organization!

District Seven

de Sara AB 7PS Lyon

The fall has flown by and now I'm busy with December activities.

The Two Rivers YLs met at the Delta Park Elmer's in Portland on Saturday October 19. **Barbara AC7UH** wrote: "We had a great group of eight YLs from Ridgefield and Vancouver, Washington to Tigard and King City, Oregon. In attendance were: **Claire** Fillinger **K6ZCR**, **Diana** Seaton **KD7EAY**, **Donna** Deyoe **K6DNG**, **Jerri St. John** **WB7OXX**, **Laura** Seitlinger **KC7LOK**, **Marianna** Kearney **W7WFO**, and **Peggy** Stone **KC7SBK**. **Donna** demonstrated her portable table-top .HF antenna - the MP-1. She used it for the Special Event station the Coast Guard Auxiliary did from the USS Portland this summer. We are looking forward to our annual post-holiday get together in January 2003."

The MINOW Net is very encouraged by the increased number of check-ins. Gn a recent Friday morning there were nine of us. **Lory N7DXY** took the **YLRL** Kit to the hamfest at Rickreall in October. She wrote: "Well, we had about 16 ladies sign into the **YLRL** guest book, and I gave information/handouts to several men who wanted to get their wives interested in getting/upgrading licenses, and to several

women, newly retired, who are thinking about getting a license. So, it was a lot of fun 1 " I'll be happy to send the Kit to any of you 7th district YLs who would like to find a comer for it at a hamfest. -

In November I had a note from another MINOW (and YLRL member) **Robin KJ7BI**: "We got home, a week ago, from a trip that I call **Dick's (OM)** European Odyssey. **Dick** had never been to Europe, so we took a cruise, and went to Rome, Livorno, Monaco, Barcelona, Palma de Majorca, Malta, Sicily, and Naples. I've been to all those places except Monaco and Malta; I bought myself a 'Malta' sweatshirt to commemorate the visit, The trip was FANTASTIC."

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net is back in operation after being off the air for nearly nine months because of repeater problems. Everything seems to be working well now, but our challenge is to get the word out to the YLs in the Puget Sound area of western Washington. We meet every Monday evening at 8 PM on 145.33 ■

Well, that's it! I need more news so I hope those of you in the 7th District will let me know what is happening in your lives! Happy NeW Year to all! 33, Sara AB7PS
ab7ps@arrl.net

District Eight

de Nancy KC4IYD Hall

Well, this column will be very short as I didn't get much news this month. I hope all the ladies and their families in eight land had a nice Thanksgiving and overall nice holiday season. We had a white Christmas this year in much of Ohio and I know a lot of people enjoyed it, unless they were the ones driving in it.

The Chix YL club in Cleveland had their Christmas party at the QTH of May's in December and it was well attended. As I did last year, I have put together a list of activities of the month that will be on the YLRL webpage <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl>. I have a separate article in the issues of YLH that talks about it so be sure to read it.

Please send me your news, either via email or regular mail as I know others are interested in what we do in 8-land. 33/76, Nancy KC4IYD kc4iyd@arrl.net

District Nine

de Carole WB9RUS Burke

Happy 2003, ladies. I hope you all survived the holidays. It was a hectic Christmas here with two toddlers, but fun. Not much is going on in Indiana except trying to stay warm. We have had a lot of cold weather and a lot of snow. Neither is on my list of my favorite things.

The biggest news from our QTH is a new antenna, a Fluid Motion. My **OM, Al WB9SSE**, ordered it at the Dayton Hamvention. It was back ordered because of the large number of orders. Anyway, it finally arrived a week after Labor Day. Assembling it was a big project. I wasn't involved in it except for the care and feeding of Al during this period. Since that antenna plus a few others are now up and operational, he has been having a great time. As of this past Sunday he is also on ATV. Our club has an ATV repeater and he finally has been able to join in the

fun. One of these days I'll get to get on the air again, but he is having so much fun, I hate to interrupt him.

I do have a new toy of my own. I got a new sewing machine the Friday after Christmas. It cost almost as much as a car, and I'm having a ball with it. About the only thing it doesn't do is buy the fabric and cut it out. I am into quilt making right now, I have one quilt that I am machine quilting and one that I am hand quilting. Since this machine does larger embroidery than the one I had previously, there are a lot of projects I have in mind, but I still have a lot of learning to do.

Right before Christmas I had a bad sinus infection that had me about coughing my socks off and guess what happened, I ended up with two broken ribs. They are almost healed now, but I still feel a twinge if I move the wrong way.

As you can probably guess, I haven't heard from anyone lately. I hope this changes for the next issues as this is your column. Keep warm and stay healthy.
33, *Carole WB9RUS*

District Ten

de Cheryl Muhr NOWB V

As we start into the New Year, it is a time to try new things. But before the New Year starts, let's finish up what happened in the old. 2002 ended with as much activity as it started for the YLs in District 10. Thanks to all of you who have submitted information throughout the year and don't forget to send me your information in 2003!

Ann K0ANN stayed busy with ARES District 22 in the Denver, Colorado area. She participated in emergency practice drills and ran the weekly net for the first time. She says, "I had fun and learned more about putting a repeater into a formal traffic mode." Keep up the good work, **Ann!**

Melissa KC0IGZ found herself at Denver's Parade of Lights on December 6, 2002. She wasn't there to just enjoy the show, though. She was working communications for emergencies, lost children and other needed communications. A very important communications position, **Melissa!**

Our president, **Kay WAOWOF**, had a short trip to Ireland in October where she tried to make some contacts in the SSB portion of YLAP, but reports that she didn't have any luck. She did have fun in Ireland and was happy to talk to both **Nori 7K3EOP** and **Ann WAIS** during their DXpedition to Ogasawara Island, **Kay** also made contacts with the YLs at **VK9YL** and **ZK1XYL**. She also managed to have a QSO with **Nellie XE1CI** on 10 meters as she was operating the special call **6J1CI**. Sounds like a busy trip!

Recently, I heard a number of YLs asking about participation in the Skywam Recognition Day. When asked about her involvement in the event, **Joy KB0YUP** was willing to explain her history with Skywam. "Skywam is the reason I got interested in becoming a ham radio operator," Joy says. Her local Skywam group gave the Technician class. Her **OM, WAOBOF**, encouraged her to work on the

code as well so that she could earn her Tech Plus. Both of them have their basic and advanced severe weather spotter certificates and regularly participate when spotters are activated. They have mobile capability with 2 meters, 440, 6 meters, and 20 meters in their four-wheel drive truck. Next year **Joy** hopes to take the Damage Assessment course and she would also like to take the **ARRL** courses relating to emergencies. Her major interest still remains public service and she would like to add APRS and weather to her household. (Any luck at Christmas, **Joy**? I hope!) She first became interested in weather in the third grade. "We had a tornado near our school just before dismissal time. Everyone was kneeling down, but I wouldn't stay down. I kept getting up and running to the window to watch the tornado out the window." She adds that later on when her husband began skydiving, her interest in the weather grew. She then decided to take the Skywarn training, and the rest is history. **Joy** has since upgraded to General. Her final thoughts? "It would have been nice if I could have gotten more contacts for an endorsement, but I only had a short time on the radio. I hope to participate again next year and possibly then work on the endorsements." Great job, Joy!

Okay, everyone; let me know what your plans are for 2003. Keep the information coming and thanks! 33 & 73, CherylNOWBV

DX News

Carol Hall WD8DQG

Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL is now being sponsored by **Mary WO9R**. **Lynnette** lives in Pukekohe which is 50km south of Auckland and about 12km south of **Celia ZL1ALK**. **Lynnette** teaches information management at the local high school, but is retiring at the end of the term (2002). She and her **OM, Tom ZL1TO**, attended the Alarameet.

Di Cardell G0RHL, a member of **YLRL** since 1976 and also sponsored by **Mary WO9R**, wrote me a very nice letter. She is unable to get out like she used to, but feels blessed to have such a rewarding hobby. She handed over her job as QSL manager of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society. She loves to garden and has recently participated in some special events in connection with her **OM, John's**, duties with the Heckington Railway Museum. The highlight of the year is when Father Christmas arrives by Express train for the Christmas party. She enjoys checking in to the Triple Two net on Monday mornings in the summer...says it is too cold to get up at the crack of dawn in the winter...I have trouble staying up past my bedtime. I hope we can have a good contact soon, **Di**, and good luck with your cataract surgery.

Toshiko JF1WMY, sponsored by **Jeanie VVA6UVF**, dropped me a note and a picture from the JARL Ham Festival 2002 which was held in August (seems like I'm playing catch-up) where she met many JLRS/YLRL members. She thanked me for signing the card **Lia WA2NFY** sent her from Palermo.

I received some e-mail from **Anne WB1ARU**. She was extremely pleased with the adoptee she decided to sponsor, **Wendy BV2RS**. It seems that **Wendy's** parents and sisters all live in North Andover, Massachusetts...**Anne** lives in Hanover, Massachusetts. **Wendy** also has two daughters living or attending college in the states.

Ruth IT9ESZ reported that the money collected in Palermo for the missionaries Padre **Cirillo TL8PRV** in central Africa and Padre **Gianfranco J59OFM** in Guinea, Bissau was sent to them (750Euros and 850Euros respectively).

Christine GM4YMM received her silver star for her 200th endorsement for **YL-DXCC**. She was able to work **VK9YL** but propagation was very poor.

June VK4SJ, whom I sponsor, spent two weeks on Lord Howe Island, some 800 kms off the new South Wales Coast, and then another couple of weeks out in the Pacific on two other islands, Aitutaki and Rarotonga. **Gwen VK3DYL**, **Raija, SMOHNV**, **Mio JR3MVF**, and **Elizabeth VE7YL** also participated in this Island DXpedition....see picture.



Kaija SM0HNV, Mio JR3MVF, June VK4SJ, Elizabeth VE7YL, & Gwen VK3BYL

June and her OM got a new car and spent the year seeing how many miles they could put on it... sounded like they had a lot of fun and saw quite a bit of Australia.

Nori 7K3EOP, sponsored by **Cheryl N0WBV**, went on a DX-pedition to Ogasawara Island with **Ann WAIS**.

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Linda Taylor MOCMK, 18 Folly Lane, North Crawley Bucks MK16-9LW, UK

DUES are due March 1, 2003! Everyone did a fantastic job paying their dues in a timely manner last year...Thank You! 33, Carol Hall VKD8DQG

Silent Keys and Condolences

Our prayers go to the family and friends of Diana MacikKA8DXX, who was the victim of an automobile accident last summer. We especially want to send our condolences to her son, Jeff Sobel KA8NIS, who sent us the sad news.

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

Please change **Laura KB2VDV** Rudin's e-mail to read: kb2vdv@aol.com (sorry about that, Laura! It's correct in the directory — Just had it wrong In Issue #4111)

Please congratulate **Barbara AC7UH** Yasson on her new call sign and her upgrade to Extra!!! Well done, **Barbara!** Also change her e-mail address to read: ac7uh@arrl.net

Please show **Donna W8MOM** Lenzion's callsign as **W8MOM** -- (new call sign gotten Just before the YLHarmonics Issue #4 came out - didn't get It Into all the places — sorry about that! As I said then - Great call, Donna! Ed.)

Please change **Mary WX4MM** Moore's e-mail address to read: wx4mm@direcway.com

Please note that **Phyllis WA9UAE** Stevenson has moved and her new address is: 1230 Seiler Lane, LaCrosse, WI, 54601

Please change **Shirley K8MZT** Rex's address to read: 226 Hawthorne St., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 e-mail: gram2225@aol.com Phone: 908-889-0429

Please note a callsign change - **Karen N1WU** Hart - old callsign was **KA1MKJ**

Please note that **Beth Ann KD4IDK** Hargett is in the 2002 Directory — somehow she got missed in 2001 and we do apologize to her for that omission!!!

Please note that **Norma AK7YL** Dannenbring has moved! She is now at 15220 W County Line Rd., Republic, MO 65738-8411

Please change address for: **Jerrie K6INK** Stonier - she has moved and is now residing in Seven Land at: 2000 East Prater Way, Sparks NV 89434 e-mail: k6ink@arrl.net Phone: 775-356-1650

Please change **Shawn K4SMG** Glover's address as she's moved from New Mexico to Maine! New address is: 180 Tandberg Trail, Windham, ME

04062-5102 Phone: 207-892-2828 and her new e-mail is: shawnglover@midmaine.com

Please note that **Vicky AE9YL** Leutzelschwab is one of the missed members in the **YLRL** 2002 Convention picture, (*really missed — didn't even have a blank number for her! She's on Kay's left and behind Phyllis's right shoulder! — Sorry 'bout that, kicky 111*)

Please change Melissa **KD7EEM** Norstrom's e-mail address to read: kd7iem@yahoo.com

In the 2002 Directory, please delete the entry for **KB8HYH** - sorry, had Kay **KB9HYH** in with two call signs!

Also in the 2002 Directory, please show **JoAnn** Welcome's call as **KB1HIJ**.

Please change **Dora Anna NI5D** Fill's zip code to read 72034 - she has an e-mail address of: dafill@juno.com AND, she also has a summer (mid-May to mid-October) address: 2127 Summit Lake Shore Rd NW, Olympia, Washington 98502

Please add to **Norma AK7YL** Dannenbring's address the word 'Line' - it should read 15220 W County Line Rd., (*sorry 'bout that, Normal*) Also add her e-mail: ak7yl@yahoo.com

Please add **Esther K4ASF** Watkins' e-mail address: k4asf@pepperlink.net

Ed Note: Look in the Mar-Apr YLH for further changes!

YLRL Web Page

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From the Editor

de **Caroll Massie NV7YL**

*Well, it's that time again! So good to hear from all of you - And, to see so many pictures! Keep them coming! 'Twas a good time had by all at the envelope stuffing party in January this year — hope I have enough friends left to do the same when this comes from the copier next week!! I! My thanks go to Phyllis **KD7OKI**, who not only worked but provided the lovely- house and refreshments, Phyllis **KD7DKJ**, Ginny **KD7DXK**, Dorothy **N7MXA**, Merilly Evans (not a ham yet — she has too many activities, biking, skiing, etc., maybe one of these days!), my OM, Bill **K7NHP**, and the OM of Phyllis **KD7OKI**, Bill **KD7NIR**. Their help was incalculable — they couldn't believe that my Bill has been doing the majority of this by himself. When I say, majority, I mean about 90% of the stuffing, labeling, stamping, and licking of envelopes!*

I want to publicly thank my OM for sticking with me through all of this - he's been a real boon! As I finish another issue I feel that I know all of you just a wee bit better. Looking forward to Seoul in 2004 and Denver in 2005!!! 33, Llebe, Bis pdter ...auf WiederhDren... Caroll NV7YL

To me every hour of the day and night is an unspeakable perfect miracle. - Walt Whitman

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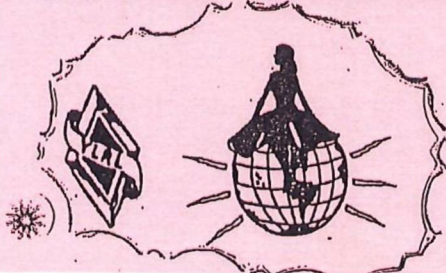
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