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*You miss 100 percent of all the shots you never take.*

*- Wayne Gretzky*



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## The President's Letter

*de Kay WA0WOF Eyman*

I know what a long time it's taken to get these last copies of **YL Harmonics** to you, but each time I have written the President's Letter I believed that the issues were going to reach you in a matter of days. Our Editor has been dealing with pain and intensive medical problems from the fall she took at the **YLRL** Convention Iasi August, as well as problems with the former company that printed **YLH**. She has had to overcome many obstacles. The situation is now much improved and my promise to you is that all issues after this one will arrive on schedule.

This has also been an unfortunate time for a dues increase, but it was voted in three years ago when **YLRL** was experiencing severe financial problems. I hope you will stay with **YLRL** and help us ride through this difficult time. To thank you for your understanding and your support, a **YLRL** decal will be enclosed in the next issue of **YLH**.

Did you compete in the **YL-OM** Contest? The next event will be the **DX YL** to **NA YL** Contest, with the CW portion to be held from 1400 UTC, April 9, to 0200 April 11, 2003, and the SSB portion is from 1400 UTC, April 16, to 0200, April 18 2003. I hope you'll make time to get on the air and have some fun. After all, this is what the contests are for!

**YLRL** now has only one web site and it is at [yrl.org](http://yrl.org). **Nancy KC4IYD** had put up a web site on [qsl.net](http://qsl.net) to get information out to everyone and she has now transferred the info to the new site. She will be keeping up the popular Monthly Activities page and I encourage you to check in and see what's happening. Thank you, **Nancy**, for the great work you have done!

Congratulations to **Nellie XE1CI** de Lazard who was appointed to the **INDEX**/Board of Directors as a result of her many contributions to the **DX** scene. She has been an avid **DXer** for many years and has also participated in several major **DXpeditions**. In addition, she has a great heart and a wonderful personality, and all these skills will make her a valuable member of this prestigious board.

This is a good time to be adding to your **DX-YLCC** totals. At press time **Bab, DL7AFS** is operating from Uganda as **5X1DC**. **Charlotte KQ1F** will be working the **ARRL** International **DX** SSB Contest, on March 1-2, from Belize as **V31QQ** and will then work from Turneffe Island (NA-123), until March 5. **Carol V73SX** is now back on Majuro in the Marshall Islands. She and her OM will be operating from some rare **IOTA** spots in early April. And it's safe to assume **Gwen VK3DYI** is cooking up something for this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

Happy St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, and Easter! We can all celebrate at least one of these holidays! See you at Dayton in May. 33, Kay **WA0WOF**

*The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.*



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*TASYL stands for The Auto State YL Club*

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*Creativity is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God. - Bob Moawad*

## **Basic Rules Applicable to All YLRL Certificates** *de Jeanie WA6WUF Parker*

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made FROM the same country.
3. DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN. Two other amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant.
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or stamped legal-size envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of YJ Harmonics as well as below.

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### **Worked All States YL (WAS-YL)**

Custodian: **Marcie KC7DAT** Stilwell

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Available to any licensed radio amateur in the world. Contact must be made with duly licensed YL in each of the 50 states in the U.S. The District of Columbia may be counted for Maryland. There are no time or band limitations. The call used is immaterial, provided it is licensed to the applicant. In qualifying for this certificate, it is possible to work the SAME YL in each of the 50 states. The list of contacts must be arranged alphabetically by state and must include the call letters, date, band mode, RS(T) and the YL's first name.

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### **Worked All Continents YL (WAC-YL)**

Custodian: **Nancy KS2YL** Fontana

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Available to any licensed radio amateur in the world. Two-way communication must be established on the amateur radio bands with the six continents: North American, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania (which include Australia and New Zealand). Any and all authorized amateur radio bands may be

used. Cross-band contacts are permitted. Contacts may have been made over any period of time. Contacts with all six continents must be made with duly licensed women operators. It is not necessary for each contact to be a different YL. The call used is immaterial provided it is licensed to the applicant. Submit a list of claimed contacts including the full name of the operator (alphabetically arranged by continent), her call sign, and the date of each contact.

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## YL Century Club (YLCC)

Custodian: **Carolyn N8ST** Donner

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Available to any licensed radio amateur in the world. Two-way communications must be established on authorized amateur bands, with stations, mobile or fixed, operated by 100 different licensed women amateurs. The same YL using different call letters will NOT count. Any and all amateur bands may be used. Contacts with YLs anywhere in the world are recognized, provided only that confirmations clearly indicate the stations were operated by duly licensed women amateur radio operators. List of claimed contacts, including the full name of the operator, must be alphabetically arranged by LAST name, and also include the call sign, date, band, mode and RS(T) of each contact. Endorsements: Confirmations of contacts accompanied by an alphabetical list, as described above, from stations operated by additional YLs may be submitted for credit each time 50 additional confirmations are available. Endorsements will be made to the original certificate when application is approved. Gold stickers will be awarded to applicants who have worked their additional contacts from the same country; otherwise, silver stickers will be awarded.

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## DX YL

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This certificate is available ONLY to licensed YL operators for working 25 DIFFERENT licensed women operators outside your own country, on or after April 1, 1958. USA and possessions are counted as separate countries, as well as Alaska and Hawaii. Any and all amateur bands may be used. Contact does not have to be with 25 different countries, just 25 different DX YLs. The call used is immaterial, provided it is licensed to the applicant. The log must show date, time, station worked, frequency, her report, your report, mode, her name and QTH and must be arranged alphabetically by her last name. Endorsements: Stickers will be awarded for each ten additional DX YLs subject to the same confirmation as above.

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Available to any licensed amateur in the world. Two-way communications must be established on authorized amateur bands with stations (fixed or mobile) operated by licensed YLs from 100 countries on the current ARRL list of countries. Any band or mode (except cross-band contacts) may be used. A verified list must be IN THE SAME ORDER, as the ARRL countries list and NOT alphabetically in any other way. The log must show country worked, station worked, date, time, frequency RS(T) reports and the YL's name. Endorsements: After receiving the certificate, a silver sticker will be awarded for contacts with YLs in 25 additional DX countries. List requirements are the same as for the original application.

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### Grandmother's Certificate

Custodian: **Phyllis K7SEC Douglas**  
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This award was started by **Mary W9RUJ/SK Meyer** in 1958 as a friendship contact and exchange. Certificates may be earned by both YLs and OMs. Work ten grandmothers who have already earned this award. Obtain their name, call, QTH, the number of her award and date issued. Send with this, your name, call, QTH, and if you are a grandmother or great-grandmother. NO cards please.

After receiving the certificate for working ten grandmothers, you may work five great-grandmothers, send same proof and receive a gold seal for your certificate. To help defray expenses, a contribution of one dollar (\$1.00 US) is required for the certificate and SASE for the seal if earned separately. If you have become either grandmother or great-grandmother since earning your certificate, please let us know so that you may be able to give credit to others.

*Editor: - The present Grandmother's Certificate custodian, Phyllis, sent me additional information:*

*"Traditionally, no list of Grandmothers is ever published.- You find us as we visit since this is a friendship certificate. Mary W9RUJ -wished to encourage genuine QSOs and this tradition has been preserved. When Mary became a silent key Martha WOZWL/SK Shirley became the custodian. When Martha became a silent key, I was then asked to carry this on and am very glad to do so."*

*When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other. - Chinese Proverb*



## New YLRL Members

*de Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall*

The start of another year and I hope that you all will keep me busy sending out welcome letters to new members. Last year was very exciting as we gained 97 new members plus 20 new **DX** members and two subscribers. Our membership now stands at 741. Don't forget to get your dues paid and those of your adoptee so we can maintain and exceed the membership for 2003.

I have these new members to report on so far. They are:

### **KD5EXH Stacy A. Jobe**

4641 Northridge Lane, Noble, OK 73068 Phone: 405-640-3964

e-mail: [stacyaj@okstate.edu](mailto:stacyaj@okstate.edu) Birthday October 9

**Stacy** is joining a family of hams, which includes her brother, mother and father. She is a tech and has been licensed since 1998.

### **WB2FAU Stella Gurka**

610 Maple Avenue N., Lehigh Acres, FL 33972 Phone: 239-303-3383

e-mail: [mcgurka@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mcgurka@worldnet.att.net) Birthday: June 14

**Stella** holds an extra class license and joins her **OM, Michael K2UGH**, in the hobby. She keeps busy as President of Lehigh PSK31 Club, member of Fmarc, QCWA, holder of DXCC, WAS, W100N, OTC. It is a good thing she has retired as a semi-conductor research specialist so she may have time to be active on many facets of amateur radio.

### **K1YL Claire Bardfield**

16 Addington Rd., Brookline, MA 02445

Phone: 617-738-0451 Birthday: July 23

It is nice to welcome **Claire** back to **YLRL** after a number of years. **Claire** also has held the calls **G3YL** and **PJ7YL** and she belongs to the Brookline ARC and St. Maarten ARC. It is an active ham family including **OM, Mort W1UQ**, and children, **David N1DDD**, **Edward WIRES**, and **Melissa W1MEL**.

### **KB3EZL Ali Houston-Ludlam**

**KB3IEQ Genevieve "Ginger" Houston Ludlam**

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Birthdays: Ali December 6 and Ginger July 12 e-mail: [ginger@fron-tech.com](mailto:ginger@fron-tech.com)

We welcome this mother and daughter team to **YLRL**. **Ali** is a student and enjoys Field day, kids contests. They are active on 2 meters and joined by father/husband, **Mark KB3EEJ**.

(Ed. Note: Look for more info on new members in the 2003 Issue #31)

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## YLCC Certificates

*de Carolyn N8ST Donner*

Hi everyone, As the YLCC Award certificate manager (the one who sends out the certificates ... I can never get the title right <grin>), I received a letter from a ham in France. Now this letter took six months to get to me because he sent it to the wrong person, so I was sort of figuring he had probably given up on working on the YLCC award. I wrote him a nice letter answering his questions and hoping he wouldn't throw it away because it took so long to get to him. And then yesterday I received a very nice letter back from him.

Here's where you can help (especially if you do CW). This person's name is Guy and his callsign is F9XN. He is 73 years old and has been working on the YLCC for eight years now. So far he's made contacts with 139 YLs but only gotten 77 QSL cards back from these YLs. He works mostly CW and says he is on the air most everyday.

I'm going to look for him on the air and make a contact if I can. So, I thought I'd let anyone else know to do the same. And if you make a contact with Guy or anyone please do QSL them.

My biggest number of questions about the YLCC award deal with ... "I make the contacts but can't get the YLs to QSL. How do I get the award if the YLs just won't QSL back?" So let's encourage all YLs to send out QSL cards. It is important. Thanks for your time. 33, *Carolyn N8ST*

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## Continuous Membership

*de Cleo KOJFO Bracket*

50 Year Certificate

Ruth W8LGY Rickett

35 Year Sticker

Christine WB2YBA Haycock

*(Ed Note: Congratulations to all!!! Please see the writeup on Ruth in the Eighth District News!)*

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## Seven Wonders of the World

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes: 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids 2. Taj Mahal 3. Grand Canyon 4. Panama Canal 5. Empire State Building 6. St. Peter's Basilica 7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1. to see    | 4. to taste      |
| 2. to hear   | 5. to feel       |
| 3. to touch  | 6. to laugh, and |
| 7. to love.” |                  |

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted arg. truly wondrous!

A gentle reminder - that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

*(Ed. Note; The above came from South Africa - Yvonne ZR6TBL)*

## YLRL NOMINATION FORM

I, accept nomination for the office 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.

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and follow with a mailed signed copy

# 2003 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call:Recent \_\_\_\_\_ Prior \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address:New Address? Y / N \_\_\_\_\_  
City:State/ProvinceZip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Packet \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
License \_\_\_\_\_ Class:Year \_\_\_\_\_ first licensed: **ARRL** Member? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_  
Year joined **YLRL**: List **YLRL** Affiliated Clubs You Belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

What ham activities do you enjoy and/or participate in? Include nets, modes, contests, clubs, etc.:  
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DOB:Anniversary:**OM** \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children-Names, Ages, Calls: \_\_\_\_\_

~~Occupations~~ Occupations in Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other activities, crafts, hobbies, sports, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check one: \$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA Only)  
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Make your check (US only) or International Postal Money Order (in US funds) payable to Young Ladies Radio League, Inc., and send to the Receiving Treasurer for your District.

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## DX YL To North American YL Contest

CW: 1400 UTC, April 9, 2003 to 0200 April 11, 2003.

SSB: 1400 UTC, April 16, 2003 to 0200 April 18, 2003.

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

Procedure: **DX YLs** call "CQ North American **YL**," North American **YLs** call "CQ **DX YL**."

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

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

Scoring:

(1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs for each contest.

(2) **DX YLs**, including Hawaii and Alaska, may contact all the North American continent, which includes the 48 contiguous states and the Canadian provinces.

(3) Contestants on the North American continent (including the 48 contiguous states and Canadian provinces) may contact **DX YL** stations, including Hawaii and Alaska.

(4) A station may be counted once on each band for credit and one point is earned for each station worked once on each band.

(5) Multiply the number of QSOs by the number of different **ARRL** sections/VE provinces/countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in the contest.

(6) Contestants running 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, AT ALL TIMES, may multiply the results of 5) above by 1.5 (the low power multiplier.)

Logs: All logs must show your **ARRL** section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, **ARRL** section/VE province/country of station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a 'dupe' sheet. File separate logs for each contest.

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*It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. - Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

## District One

*de Anne WBIARU Manna*

Now that **YLH** is back on track, I hope that I am too! I was a whole month early sending in my last column - so it is a little dated! We had a cold winter in New England, with more snow than in recent years.

from **WBIARU - Anne**: The cold did not stop the Centennial Celebration of Marconi's first transatlantic communication in January. It was a week long operating event that introduced many people to amateur radio and commemorated Marconi's vision that resulted in the hobby we enjoy today. My **OM WA1ENO - Tony** and I were among the many operators who made the event! It was an unforgettable experience. One of the highlights was meeting Princess Elettra, Marconi's daughter; a very gracious and friendly woman. There is more information available at the Marconi website: [http://www.qsl.net/w1aa/w1aa\\_1001.htm](http://www.qsl.net/w1aa/w1aa_1001.htm)



Anne WBIARU and Tony WA1ENO

from **KA1TLP - Sandi**: At the end of September my **OM AA1NC - Ray** and I flew to Las Vegas to attend the 10-X gathering in Pahrump, Nevada. It was fun to have eyeball QSOs with several people we had met over the radio. We spent our entire day in the Death Valley area [California] (including seeing the sunrise in the mountains). The last day there we drove over to Lake Mead and Hoover Dam. We packed a mobile ten meter rig and antenna in our luggage and did make several contacts.

from **WIMP - Linda**: A small group of greater Burlington, Vermont hams including my **OM Mark - N1MR** and me, provided communication assistance for the Dog Sled Races in Craftsbury, Vermont on January 25. We relayed participant information from various checkpoints, shadowed race officials and, as usual, we did a good job. Although the race used commercial and military equipment as we as ham radio for communications, the amateurs were equipped with reliable equipment, batteries and in some cases, backup equipment. At one point in the race we were informed that the military radio being used by a race coordinator had ceased

functioning. We came to the rescue by relaying information for the duration. The temperature hovered around zero and we were all happy to see the finish line. As for the rest of my activities, I've checked in to the Yankee Lassies' Net twice in the last three weeks, I'm busy with my OOC responsibilities and have been working on improving my CW speed. I'm really anxious for spring and am busy planning a new perennial flower bed, starting the seeds indoors under lights.

from **NN1C - Deb**: I am one of more than 4000 folks who have completed the **ARRL** Level 1 Emergency Communications Course and I recommend it to anyone and everyone who is interested in or involved in emergency communications. This course is offered on-line and sign-up is usually the first Monday of every month (see [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) for more information on registration) and for those who find it difficult to read material on a computer screen, there is text book available. Hybrid courses (on-line and classroom) are also available - check your local clubs for information. I am working toward becoming an on-line mentor as well as an instructor for hybrid classes which are in demand here in Vermont. This course includes material that is crucial to the understanding of emergency communications in the 21st century, and even those who have been involved with emergency communications for a long time will find this a worthwhile course. A Federal Government grant makes the course free to those who sign up in the near future.

from **W1UBM - Norma**: I haven't been active for quite some time, but things will change. I now have a new Alpha Delta, DXDD 80-40 dipole, and a Cushcraft R6000 6 band vertical antenna. My **OM W1YOC - Walt** and I hope to become more active in the future. We took down a 45 foot tower and three element beam that was 40 years old and had seen its day. The new antenna should provide an incentive to do more operating. DX is my operating preference, so *I will* probably spend most of my time on 20 or 40 mtrs. We are active in the QCWA Nutmeg chapter and the QCWA Yankee Chapter. This year will be my 52nd year in ham radio. My ham activities slowly took a back seat to my computer. I'm sure other YLs have found this to be true. I am into genealogy and spend a lot of time researching on the Internet. I became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) last year and my research took up a lot of my time.

That's it for this time! I hope to hear from some others in time for the April 15 (does that sound familiar?) deadline! 33, *Anne WBIARU*

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## District Two

## *de MYRTLE N2AKC FARNSWORTH*

Hello everyone, well today is Valentine's Day, however, by the time you receive this it will be Easter. (*Not unless Easter comes really early this year, Myrtle!*) I hope you will have had a great Valentine's Day with flowers and candy, and now the Easter Bunny will find your house and drop off an egg or two (chocolate that is) or perhaps a marshmallow one.

Much has happened here in Medford Lakes since the last column. It was not the night before Christmas, but rather Christmas Day when, after checking to see if the

turkey was ready to eat, as I walked away from the oven I tripped and fell hitting the floor with a bang! **Glenn** called our kids, who live around the corner from us and our daughter-in-law and granddaughters came to take over the Christmas dinner. We ate on time and although everyone wanted me to go to the hospital, no way would I go on Christmas! We opened our gifts after dinner then watched a Cosy Morley tape had dessert and then gradually everyone went home. Can't say I wasn't hurting and for sure I did not sleep. Bright and early next morning went to the doctors, had X-rays and ended up in the hospital scheduled for a hip operation the next day. What a way to spend the Holidays. I certainly want to thank you one and all for your prayers, cards, letters, e-mail and phone calls. One never knows just how much they mean until something like this happens and how wonderful it is to so many wonderful, thoughtful friends like all of you.

Another lady who I'm sure appreciates your prayers and cards is **Jeanee WA2BGE** - e-mail from her says she is now a Hospice patient. They visit her every day and tend to the things that she can no longer do. They also brought in oxygen for her as she gets short of breath. Seems Christmas was also a bad for Jeanee as she too had a bad fall and knocked herself out. Despite everything she still joked about her two sons surprising her with a Revere tea kettle to replace the one she burned, so now she can alternate tea kettles. Jeanee hasn't lost her sense of humor - that's for sure!

Had an e-mail from **Jan-WA2YL**, followed by a long phone call and a radio message. **Jan** sure has been traveling since her long stay in New Jersey. She went off to Nevada to spend her birthday with her twin, went back home, and then off to Jacksonville to the Mayo Clinic where the news was GREAT - had a clean scan and good blood work. Then off she went to Miami. Whew! Hopefully by now she is home sleeping in her own bed.

Letter from the ever dependable **Lia-WA2NFY**, plus a very delightful phone call which I did enjoy and appreciate. **Lia** is using rose stationery as she just can't wait for the roses in her garden. **Lia** treated herself to a new Ten-Tec desk mike and it is working fine, and she did Kid's Day from the museum but the conditions were really bad. However, despite bad conditions **Lia** is now closer to her **YLDXCC** as she got a new one in Aruba. Guess what, her parrot **Tobe** can now turn on the light in his room. Seems **Lia** is quite a bird trainer.

**Anna-NT8Y** and **Floyd-W8JB** are not happy campers there in "Sunny, Warm Florida" where the temperature is not what it should be. Oh, well, at least they didn't have any pipes freeze and the house was warm, still they are worried about their orange trees. Hopefully they didn't freeze. Other than that, **Anna** and **Floyd** are doing fine.

**Mag-KA3QBF** and **Arnie-WA5MQM** are slowly but surely getting settled into their new home in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. They are much closer to their daughter and granddaughter. It seems even though the holidays are over, **Mag** and her granddaughter are still making cookies. I can understand that, having sample\* **Mag's** cookies, they are delicious! We all wish them many happy years in their new



home. Also hope Mag can soon get back on the SAYLARC net on Saturday mornings.

They say all good things much come to an end, so keeping that thought in mind, until next time, ladies, stay healthy, enjoy yourself, and write when you can. Remember - it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice. Bye Now - Myrtle N2AKC [akcehm@juno.com](mailto:akcehm@juno.com)

## District Three

*de Barb KA3 VXR Bender*

Brrrr! Hello 3-Land YLs. As I write this in mid-February, it is six degrees Fahrenheit and we are under a winter storm warning. We are experiencing blizzard-like conditions with blowing and drifting snow and up to two feet of snow is expected through tomorrow evening on top of what we already have on the ground. South Central Pennsylvania is a winter-wonderland and one wonders just how much that groundhog named "Punxsutawney Phil" REALLY knows! HI HI

Oh, how we will appreciate Spring, if and when it arrives! First order of business will be to get one end of our long wire back up in the tree where it belongs. It is STILL draped over our house since being brought down by an ice storm back a few months ago. WX has just been cooperative.



Lois WB3EFQ with her four-week old grandson, Joshua (*new ham?*)

Lois WB3EFQ and another ham from our Horseshoe ARC in Altoona, Pennsylvania, gave a training session on traffic handling at our last meeting. What a timely and important subject to address. We all know that our skills as hams will be very valuable if there is an emergency. The fact that our country is on High Alert (*Ed. Note: a situation that changes daily!*) should get us all prepared and ready if we are needed. Go over your gear, check your batteries, examine your "Grab and Go" kit. Hone your skills and be prepared.

Not much other news to report this time, but Ruthanna WB3CQN wrote that she has enjoyed being on Echo-link since the 5th of January and she thinks that she has

## 2003 DX-YL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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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

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e-mail: [clvhall@attglobal.net](mailto: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*

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.

DXCC Echo already! She said "this is the most I have been excited about anything with amateur radio in 20 years! I have been talking to friends downunder and they have called **Poppy VK6YF** for me and **Gwen VK3DYL** and David." She continues "**Lim 9M2LC** from the island of Penang sent me beautiful pictures of his QTH. I have lots of pictures from the guys and gals I have talked to. One guy from South Korea sent me their newspaper and I joined it. It is for friends of the people of South Korea and through this I now have three pen pals (e-mail) to help them with their English and I am learning about their country and customs, etc., along with pictures. Two of the girls are in college and the one is a high school student. Small world! If you haven't tried it, you should. What a wonderful way to talk to someone. No QRM or QRN!!!! I could go on and on. Enough said, keep warm!"

Good for you, **Ruthanna!** Sounds interesting. We have Echo-link capabilities now, but I haven't done much with it yet. The **OM** has been enjoying it, though. Has anyone else tried Echo-link? Please let us hear about your experiences.

Peace and goodwill to you all. Send me news!! [ka3vxr@penn.com](mailto:ka3vxr@penn.com) 33 de Barb KA3VXR

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## District Four

## de MARY WX4MMMOORE

Here it is, another Harmonics deadline and no news. Will have to bore you with my tales of the YL-OM contest which is going on as I type. I did hear many YLs on the ah', but the OMs weren't out there. Wonder if the big CW contest was taking away all the **OM** testers??? I "met" **Molly W0MOM** who is in Colorado. Talked to her about the next **YLRL** convention and she was looking forward to it, said she joined **YLRL** but was not sure if she was up to date with dues. **Linda W7UZZ** was on from Cheyenne, Wyoming. She didn't know about **YLRL** so will send her some info and get her involved. **N7PP** was running a contesting station and getting the Washington YLs some contesting experience. What a great idea. Talked to **Lia WA2NFY** who was as frustrated as I was. This is also the weekend for the Girl Guides on the air and they were using the frequencies ending with 73 and 88. Also talked with a Boy Scout troop in North Carolina. Got to give kudos to **VA3PI Alex** in Ontario who was really working the contest. He was splitting time on the air with his **YL** and they were both trying to get contacts. My **OM** says I "ragchew" too much to be a real contested! Will spend some more time calling CQ and see if I can get some more contacts before time is up. I've been enjoying my grandchildren this week. We watched a lot of the Disney Channel. Where do they get so much energy? I have been remiss in gloating about winning the quilt at the **YL** Convention this year. Boy was I surprised to receive it in the mail. I will treasure it forever along with my **PARKA** quilt. I am really glad to hear that **PARKA** is still active in Alaska and encourage all the YLs to go for their certificate. It is beautiful. If I remember correctly, and **Betty KL7FJW** can correct me if I'm wrong, that it takes ten contacts with Alaska **YL PARKA** members to qualify.

I would like to encourage any YL in 4th call area who would like to be the District Chairman for YLRL to put their name on the ballot. The nomination forms should be in this issue of Harmonics. I have had it for a number of years and would step down for another more active YL who would like to participate.

**Cheryl AA4YL** has a YL page on the **W4LEE** website that has an application that can be printed out. She spends a lot of time keeping the website up to date and does a great job for the East Alabama Amateur Radio Club. She is also a VE and participates in all the club activities.

I'll say my "33" for this time and hope to hear from you all about your activities 33, *Mary WX4MM*

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## District Five

*de Alma AB5BA Lang*

Just want to remind everyone to think about the upcoming election - look over all the offices and, if you care to run for any, just let me know. Or the other YLs that are helping out (they are trying to keep me in line-HI) **Cheryl NOWBV** e-mail [hamdivers@aol.com](mailto:hamdivers@aol.com) **Anne WB1ARU** e-mail [enaru@gis.net](mailto:enaru@gis.net) Just let any of the three of us know. There should be forms in the upcoming Harmonic - If not just e-mail me and I will forward you some. And if you want to try for any office— all you need is four YLRL members to sign you application- That is what I did— And have enjoyed EVERY MINUTE of it. All Take care. 33/88 to all Pray for Peace

This just came in from Nell **K0GO** Freiberger - "Sorry I haven't communicated with you before. I was **WB6ERF**, then **NB6A**, and now **K0GO**. I married **Hank W5VD** Freiberger 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. (*Ed. Note: It's the 15th of every even month!*) 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 **K0GO**"

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

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## District Six

*de Jeri KB6USX Haines*

Greetings from District Six country. We've had about two weeks of winter here in Southern California. Don't you feel sorry for us? Ha! Ha! Well, it's gone for now and we are planning for better days ahead.

LARA (Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County) is celebrating our 20th year (March 83 - 03) with plans for continuing YL participation in activities relating to our hobby, volunteering, and charitable donations. We will be representing YLRL at ARRL's Hamcon 2003 this fall.

**Art W6XD** Goddard, Director of ARRL's Southwestern Division, was our February Guest Speaker and entertained us with slides of his most recent DXpedition to Corsica. It was very interesting and a great history/geography lesson. We enjoyed it so much we've already invited him to return next year.

LARA members did quite a bit of traveling lately. **Lynn N5IYW** Jennings went to Arizona as did **Liz N6FBT** Willett. Edna **KC6TXB** Toll spent time with Tennessee relatives.

YLRC of LA met in Arcadia for their annual YL-OM luncheon.

**Vi W6CBA** Barrett attended with her OM, **Don**, and enjoyed the food and the company. They will be participating in the 'Baker to Vegas' relay race in early April, an annual event, then head north for a DX Convention.

**Jeanie WA6UVF** Parker, our YLRC president, went to Las Vegas in January. (We didn't hear of any big winnings, but I'm sure she had fun. She's doing a lot of traveling, too.)

**Vada W6CEE** Gipson has recently published her first book, "The Quest." You can check her web site - [www.vadamgipson.com](http://www.vadamgipson.com) for a preview. It's available from First Books Library. (Ed. Note: A. fascinating writeup and a 'must read' for everyone! Well done, Vada!)

**Martha W6QYL** Edwards and her OM were also in attendance at the luncheon. She stated she didn't float away after three days of rain, a rarity in her part of the desert. They will be heading East again to visit **Harryette W6QBX**. **Martha** is now president of Women's Aglow Fellowship, an organization dedicated to helping other women.

**Joan WA6QKC** McDonell and **Midge K6BUS** Hasper were unable to attend due to illness. We hope they will be feeling better soon.

Another attendee, **Ginger AB7YL** Wonderling, has been having fun operating HF mobile. Listen for her on 40 and 20 meters.

We all went home with candy. Chocolates were also given to the restaurant employees for Valentine's Day. It was fun. 33 - **Jeri KB6USX**

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## District Seven

*de Sara AB 7PS Lyon*

Hello to all of you from 7-land! Here in western Washington it's beginning to look like spring with crocuses in bloom and buds on the daffodils.

Two Rivers YL net had their post-holiday potluck on Saturday, January 11th. **Barbara AC7UH** wrote: "We had a really good turnout of YLs from the area. They came from King City, Tigard, Gaston, and Gresham to get together and celebrate the end of the holiday season. In attendance were: **Claire K6ZCR** Fillinger, **Diana KD7EAY** Seaton, **Donna K6DNG** Deyoe, **Dorothy Deyoe (Donna's mom)**, **Laura**



**KC7LOK** Seitlinger, **Marianna W7WFO** Kearney, **Marti W7AYL** Brucher, **Melissa KD7IEM** Norstrom, **Pat W7RED** Michaud, **Patsy W7PAT** Barmore, **Peggy KB7SBK** Stone, **Sherryl KD7CFH** Martin, and **Barbara AC7UH** Yasson. The food was delicious and the company was great. We planned for the SeaPac **YLRL** booth and **YL** luncheon. **Candy SP5XAB** Okulicz will talk at the luncheon about her DXpedition experiences.” (Ed. Note: See 2002 Issue #4 for photo of Candy!)

The **MINOW** Net has six to ten **YLs** who check-in regularly on the Friday morning net at 1600z winter/1500z summer 3.912, and six or seven **YLs** on Tuesday mornings at 1800z winter/1700z summer on 14.309. We always enjoy visitors and would love to have you check in if you are traveling in 7-land - especially Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The **Evergreen Intertie YL** Net is also looking for more participation. On a recent Monday evening we had some great responses to the question: “when did you first become aware of amateur radio?” One **YL** related that her father was a ham but didn’t believe in women operators so she had to get her license without any help from him!”

Now that spring is about here it’s time to think ‘Hamfests.’ **Lory N7KTY** set up a **YLRL** display at The Hamfest at Rickreall, Oregon on February 15th.

Rickreall Hamfest 2003



Lory N7KTY



Kay KA7LMQ es June KB6CXK



Nancy K7UQQ, Nina Toepfer, Pat 'NKUTL', and Mary Ann Somdahl  
or, 'How to keep oneself occupied while the OM buys more radio toys!!!'

The Evergreen Intertie YLs are looking forward to setting up their table at the Mike and Key Electronic Flea Market at the Western Washington Fairground on Saturday, March 8th. It's our main get-together of the year!

That's it for this time. I NEED more news!!! What's going on at your QTH? Have you upgraded recently? Were you elected to an office in your local ARC? Please send your mail to me at [ab7ps@arrl.net](mailto:ab7ps@arrl.net) or 7734 Nottingham CT SE, Olympia WA 98503. Do it to day! 33, Sara AB7PS

*Ed. Note: This came in via e-mail from Herb W0AFY Peterite who got it off a packet reflector: "From: N7VPB To: YL@ALLUS Date/time: 16-Jan 08:25 Title: January 2003*

Hi to all those like me that sit on the side lines and only write once in a blue moon. Come on now, if I can do it, you can too! For trivia lovers: January is the Full Wolf Moon or Old Moon, and the foil moon will be on the 18th, so watch those skies! Carnation is the Birth Flower and Garnet the Birth Stone. Personally it's Rosemari's b-month, she will be two years old on the 28th. Rosemari and Max are our two German Sheps and they keep us busy.

It was cloudy all day and then it was rain, rain and harder rain this evening... pretty typical wx for us here in Western Washington, although we did have a few somewhat nice days last week. And it will probably be cloudy on the 18th and I won't get to howl at the moon! For the sysops out there, please forward any mail for me to your nearest HF bbs that forwards with W7IJ. Thanks! 73 ..JoAnn N7VPB @ WOLVJ.# WWA. WA.USA.NOAM”

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## KL DISTRICT NEWS

*de Betty KL 7FJW Marsh*

I forgot the dues raise, like a dodo, so must send another check for my dues. Did ok on the **DX** as I had overpaid last year and forgot **Jeanne** half sponsored **Akiyo**.

Had a lovely email from Akiyo this am, too. She is still teaching Japanese to all soils of students at two different private universities. Some graduate students, some underclassmen, from many Asian countries and USA too. Her furnace went out and with the cold weather they are having, the house is chilly. Only electric carpet and electric blanket to keep warm till a new one arrives in town. Guess their weather has been very cold this year and supplies are low. Never heard of an electric carpet, but lots of things I don't know....

Well, about lunch time and forgot to take out the soup from foe freezer I planned to have. Microwave, here I come.... 33 *Betty* (Ed. Note: And then she sent this one...) Dear **Caroll**, Thank u for foe greetings on foe Ak-Pac Net. Did get it. **Joan AB7KE** has been sending any news on to me since I have kind of pulled off the morning net. After being just a bit too involved and my hearing really deteriorating where I only hear about one-third of what is said, figured better not be a net control any more. Did have a roster to go by, but when late or missed checked in, in a bunch, missed most Of them and needed relays (Ed. Note: I think everyone who Is a net control knows that feeling!II). Just took too long and I lost patience too easily. My blood pressure

was pretty wild so decided to limit that a bit for awhile. Sure miss it tho after being involved since 1967. Was a Civil Defense net then after the flood in Fairbanks and run by the CD headquarters in Bothel, Washington. Then eventually turned into the AK-PACific Emergency Preparedness Net and is a good source if any earthquakes, floods, or other emergencies come up anyplace in the world. There are over 100 members from stateside and Alaska, so a good base. We relayed a lot of Seattle traffic in the last earthquake there, both in and out mostly health and welfare to family and friends. Not just a firm net, but has a purpose.

Also thanks for Akiyo's address. Got it out of the directory issue and did send one and did not get it back. So that helps. Must keep a written list of all of the e-mail addresses. Or put a copy in another file...

Weather still mild compared to other years. Had a rain-free week last one, but this one is making up for it. But strange how we miss it some way. Even had a couple sunny days. The house plants are really responding to it. One orange Impatiency plant even has a bud on it. Brought several Impatiency plants in last fall. One dark purple, another pink and the orange. So should slip them for the deck boxes soon and get them going. Even some of the plants I did not get around to pulling from pots on the deck did not die and are starting to grow. Strange year. Only freezing two days so far mostly high 30s at night to 45 during day with occasional 50. Sure won't complain... lots of winds tho.

Well, better get busy and see if I can get another email to Kay. My last two have come back. But bound to find the right address yet... *33 and thanks Betty KL7FJW*

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## MOTHER'S JOB DESCRIPTION

This is hysterical. If it had been presented this way, none of us would have done it!!!!

**POSITION:** Mother, Mom, Mama

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Long term, team players needed, for challenging permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24 hour shifts on call. Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in far away cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive corner duties also required.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets, and stuck zippers. Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars, and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social

gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks. Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next. Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys, and battery operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

**POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION:** Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:** None required unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

**WAGES AND COMPENSATION:** Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and onuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

**BENEFITS:** While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right.

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## District Eight

## *de Nancy KC4IYD Hall*

Hi ladies, I think a lot us in 8 land are experiencing the cold and snowy weather that has been gripping most of the country. All I can say is that spring isn't too far away. Next, I want to thank all those folks who have sent me their condolences regarding the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy. I believe most of you know that I work at NASA Glenn in Cleveland, Ohio, and work with experiments that fly on the space shuttle and space station. While I did not have any experiments on board, several of my coworkers did. It is difficult for them because of all the time and years they put into the experiments but the greater loss was losing the astronauts. Four of the seven astronauts were at NASA Glenn being trained on using experiments and naturally a friendship evolved over the time they spent here. Those seven brave souls and their families will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

**Connie N8IO** attended the Mansfield Midwinter Hamfest where there was an **ARRL** banquet and the main speaker was **Steve W2ML** Mendelsohn who is the Vice Director of the Hudson Division, a former 1st VP for the League and profession of coordinator for ABC TV's Monday Night Football. He had a presentation on the most recent Super Bowl that was outstanding! Connie has also been asked by the former Division Director, **Gary KI4LA** Johnston to serve as the promotional person in Ohio for the Great Lakes Division Conference to be held September 6th, the day before the Findlay Hamfest.

**Verline KI8V** writes that her grandson, Cody, was picked to be the Western All Star Stick Kid by Nickelodeon. She's been busy going to numerous hockey games and thought it was really cool that he had been picked to go to see all the great hockey players. He may be doing some commercials for Nickelodeon or be on their TV channel. (*Ed. Note: She sent me the website of the sports page writeup on Cody - I really enjoyed reading about it, Verline. I tried to find the spot to bring up a picture of Cody, but couldn't. Maybe you could clue me in on the proper way to do that.*)

**Rose K8VFR** wrote that she spent February 8th working the CW FISTS contest and will try the SSB portion of the **YL-OM** contest.

This month I will be featuring a **YL** that will be celebrating 50 years with **YLRL**, **Ruth W8LGY** Rickett. **Ruth** was first licensed in 1952. Prior to getting her license, she and her **OM**, **W8BTW**, lived in a small apartment with enough space for him to only work CW. One day she asked who he was "talking" to and he mentioned it was a **YL**. Oh, really, **Ruth** thought. He told her what they were talking about but she didn't believe him. (Remember this was on CW.) So at that point **Ruth** decided she would get her license so she would know for sure. While **Ruth** has the equipment to get on the air, she isn't very active right now. She checks into the local 2m net and also likes reading and watching TV. **Ruth's** daughter **Nancy** is also a ham with the call **N8AKI**. **Ruth's** advice to new **YLS** is try to be active and meet other **YLS** on the air and at conventions. She remembers going to hamfests and conventions and enjoyed them all. She can't think of another hobby where you meet so many people like you do in ham radio.

In closing, I want to let everyone know that I will not be running for the position of District 8 Chair next year. I've enjoyed this position but would like to spend more time with my family, especially with my daughter who is now four years old. If anyone is interested in running for DC 8 chair, please let me know or contact **Alma AB5BA** Lang at [langja@juno.com](mailto:langja@juno.com). Either of us can provide you with info on what this job entails. 33/76 de Nancy KC4IYD [kc4iyd@arrl.net](mailto:kc4iyd@arrl.net) 440-327-0334

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## District Nine

*de Carole WB9RUS Burke*

Hello, ladies. As I write this we are still in the throes of winter. I know we haven't had as much snow as some parts of the country, but I for one am sick and tired of it. We just about get rid all the snow and bam, we get hit again. I woke up this morning to snow covering everything again. As a person who doesn't even like snow and winter, this is a bit much. Personally I can't wait for spring.

Since I haven't heard from anyone, and I don't want 9-land to be without a column, I will fill it with the doings of our family.

I have been doing a lot of quilting, so much so that I have gotten tendonitis in my right wrist and I am under doctor's orders not to do any quilting for three or four weeks. It is driving me crazy because I have a full size quilt about half-handquilted. Fortunately I can still use my new sewing machine.

**Al**, my **OM**, is having the time of his life since he got our new antenna, a Fluid Motion, up. Since he has been retired a little over a year, he can now do all the ham

radio stuff he hasn't had time to do for many years. He recently got involved with ATV and is having a great time with that. We are also going Fox Hunting with another couple, **Jim K9OMA** and his wife **Anne KA9YYI**. **Anne** and I used to go Fox Hunting a few years ago. We weren't very good, but we certainly had a good time. With the guys we are going to do better. She and I sit in the back of the van with a drafting table, map and a compass. The guys give us the bearing and we plot them on the map to do the triangulation. We haven't won yet, but we are gaining ground. This month we got to the site first, but were on the wrong side of the parking lot from where the fox was hidden and someone beat us to the fox so we came in second.

**Al** and I are heading to Florida in a month to take in some Cardinal Spring Training and also to see **Peggy KY8Y** and **Jan WA2YL**. See, that's another benefit of amateur radio. No matter where you travel, you always have friends.

Well, let's hope for spring soon. Where is global warming when you need it? Hopefully, the next time I write it will be a lot warmer here. Let's hear from the 9-land YLs --I know you are out there and doing things. Take care and look for the daffodils. 33, *Carole WB9RUS*

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## District Ten

*de Cheryl Muhr NOWB V*

Hi Everyone! Hope your ham radio has been going well. It seems as if with the weather changes there have been a lot more hams active! There have been a number of great events going on and many contests.

**Connie KOGAS** and **Chris KCODKX** both participated in the NAQP in January. This is, as **Connie** puts it, "A nice relaxed contest." **Chris** operated under her **OM's** callsign of **KODU** and is reputed to have had a fantastic score!

Speaking of contests and events, I heard a number of people out there working the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides during their Thinking Day on the Air/GOTA. I got to meet a number of YLs in Washington State who were experiencing Ham Radio while on an overnighter. They were having lots of fun! One of the girls, **Amanda**, was fascinated by the code and we may have a future CW operator in the making. Hope you had a chance to talk to one of these stations.

I also know that there were quite a few ladies on for the YL-OM contests. Both the CW and SSB. Though it is tough to hear YLs on CW in Colorado and one young OM was heard on the Colorado-YL net bemoaning the lack of YLs for him to hear. Don't forget, Ladies, there is always someone who wants to talk to a YL!

During the SSB portion of the **YL-OM** contest, I was able to get on and try to do my part. HI HI. I was please to talk to OMs who told me I was not their first QSO, but their second, sixth and even TWELFTH contact in the contest. Way to get out there, Ladies! I was even able to talk to a few of our **YLRL** members myself. Thanks to everyone who participated!

For those of you in the ARRL Rocky Mountain section, don't forget **HAMCON Colorado**! It is being held in Estes Park, Colorado and will have both a **YL** forum

and YL luncheon. It is held May 31 - June 2. You can get more information at [www.hamconcolorado.org](http://www.hamconcolorado.org), so hope to see you there.

Let me know your plans for the Dayton Hamvention and Field Day. Remember, if I don't get news from you, I will have to bring out the awful stories about my cats. So, send me your radio news! 33 & 73, Cheryl NOWBV

## DX News

## Carol WD8DQG Hall

New officers for the Italian YL club are: President/Editor, **Maria IKOPXD** Lupoli, Secretary/Treasurer, **Elenora IK2THN** Landoni, DX-Correspondent, **Ruth IT9ESZ** Geering, Awards, **Vita IT9LAC** Scaglione, Contest Manager, **Erica IT9LAC** Malan **IK1FHC**. They will be publishing a newsletter two to three times a year. Their homepage is back, check it out at [www.geniusnet.it/radiomatori/ylci](http://www.geniusnet.it/radiomatori/ylci)

**Hiromi JJ1CAS** Hishiki, who gave us a demonstration of her karate skill in Palermo is enjoying teaching other women and young girls. The name of her company has been changed to "Agila." She has a new web site, <http://www.agila.co.jp/> and her new e-mail address is: [jj1cas@agila.co.jp](mailto:jj1cas@agila.co.jp)

Rosel DL3KWR wrote that she was more active on the air last year and participated in many contests. I believe she and her **OM, DL3KWF**, also operated from Madeira, CT3, and Gotland, SMI. All together they got 8371 QSOs, 99% were CW. That qualified her for the 33 award. She hopes the good activity on the bands continues. She will be operating from Madeira from March 6-20th...mostly CW and mainly on WARC bands and will be looking for YLs.

Congratulations to **Dieuw PA3CED** on becoming a great-grandmother. That also makes **Marja PA3CIS** and **Ton PA3BYF** proud grandparents with their first grandchild ... their daughter Wendy had a baby girl, Laura. It seems a long time since I first met Dieuw, **Marja** and Wendy in Stockholm in 1990.

**Mariam 4X6KT** has new improved antennas and is hoping meet more YLs on the bands this year.

**Grace VU2AIJ** Dasam and her family send their greetings for the New Year.

The CLARA and FAMILY HF CONTEST is March 22nd and 23rd, starting at 1700Z, CW frequencies are; 14.033, 21.033, 7033, 3688. Phone frequencies are; 28.300, 21.225, 14.120, 14.285, 7.033, 7.200, 3.750, 3.900 For more information contact; **Paulette VE7VPE** Schouten c/o VECTOR, 3301 East Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V5L 5J3 Canada or, e-mail: [ve7vpe@rac.ca](mailto:ve7vpe@rac.ca) Don't forget the YL 222 DX net Mondays 14.222 at 0530UTC ... That's Sunday evening stateside. The DX-YL net on Monday mornings 21.333.

Last year was a remarkable year for me, nearly all the dues got paid by the first of April ... Thank you!!! Please repeat the wonderful performance! If you have a question, my e-mail is [CLVHall@attglobal.net](mailto:CLVHall@attglobal.net) 33, Carol Hall WD8DQG

*He who -wants a rose must respect the thorn. - Persian proverb*



Inger OZ7AGR and smallest grandchild sledging in Denmark by the sea

*(Ed. Note: The above picture e-mailed by Inger from Denmark! (Kay WA0WOF's newest adoptee!) Then, received another e-mail from Herb — this time from Magda ZS6MVW!*

**Herb** Petereit [hpeterreit@mo-net.com](mailto:hpeterreit@mo-net.com) Hi — just picked this off the Packet Network a few moments ago; From Magda in, I believe, South Africa... Ain't it great?? Herb

From : ZS6MVW To: YL@WW Date/time: 02-Jan 22:21

Title: Greetings from **Magda ZS6MVW**

Path: !N2BQF!ONOAR!IK1ZNW!ONOBEL!ZS6FB!ZSODLD!

From: [ZS6MVW@ZS0DL.D.PTA.GAU.ZAF.AF](mailto:ZS6MVW@ZS0DL.D.PTA.GAU.ZAF.AF)

To :YL@WW

ZS6MVW/TPK 1.83d MmsgN§:14546 Date:31-12-2002 Time:15:06 SAST

Greetings to all YLs and OMs -- Firstly I would like to wish each and everyone all of the best for the year 2003. May all your wishes and dreams come true. May the best of this year be the bad of next year.

Our Christmas day was very nice, we spent it with the family.

Today is also the last day of this year 2002, we are going to have a barbeque, just me, Pieter and the kids. We will wait for the new year to arrive and then go to bed.

I saw messages coming in from **Sara, Paula, and Lydia. Yvonne ZR6TBL** is very silent the last few weeks, I had a packet message with greetings from her **OM, Ton ZS6ANA**, this morning.



With this festive season almost over I will try to be more active on the YL net. Let this suggestion be for more YLs all over.

Weatherwise we do not have complaints, we had nice rain the last few days and the grass is nice and green, but we still need more rain. From **Magda ZS6MVW**

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**VE YL News** *de Elizabeth VE7TLK/VA 7TK Baggio*

*(Ed Note: This came via our DX YL Carol WD8DQG via e-mail from North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada!)*

First, thank you for publishing information about our IRLP International YL Net in the Nov/Dec issue of Harmonics. To update you on how this IRLP Net is growing, CNCs are now logging in 43 to 48 check-ins each net, at least 55% of them YLs. Number of Nodes connected to the Vancouver Reflector (Main Channel #0) during this net ranges from 12 to 16 nodes and growing. Both YL/OMs are checking in coast to coast from Canada and the United States. An increasing number of **DX** stations from Australia and the Caribbean are now joining us regularly.

These nets are held twice each month on the first and third Mondays at 1800 hrs local Pacific Time (Tuesdays 0200 zulu).

If you are new to IRLP, please visit our IRLP YL PAGE on the YLRADIO Website at [www.ylradio.ca](http://www.ylradio.ca) for operating and net information. Click on: IRLP EXPLAINED to read the new article titled Factors Affecting IRLP Audio Quality, by **Glenna VE7DSC** of Anmore, British Columbia.

If you have any questions, please email Elizabeth at [ve7tlk@rac.ca](mailto:ve7tlk@rac.ca) and/or Glenna [ve7dsc@irlp.net](mailto:ve7dsc@irlp.net). We would enjoy hearing from you! 33 *Elizabeth VE7TLK/VA 7TK*

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***Silent Keys and Condolences***

*Our prayers go to the family and friends of Janies W6CF Maxwell, one of our YLRL subscribers and the ARRL Pacific Division Director, who became a silent key on the 6th of February 2003. He was such a goodfriend and will be sorely missed.*

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From **ARRL** Headquarters Newington CT February 7, 2003

To all radio amateurs

ARRL013 Pacific Division Director **Jim Maxwell W6CF/SK**

Pacific Division Director **Jim Maxwell W6CF** died February 6 at his home in Redwood Estates, California. He was 69 years old. ... "**Jim Maxwell** was a gentle giant of a man," Haynie said. "He was one of the best assets Amateur Radio could have in a leadership position."

**David Sumner K1ZZ**, **ARRL** Chief Executive Officer, said, "**Jim Maxwell** was one of the most brilliant people I have ever had the privilege to know. He was also one of the most unselfish and one of the most modest."

Maxwell was an avid DXer and contester. He served as an **ARRL** Emergency Coordinator from 1991 to 1999 and he was a member of the **ARRL DX** Advisory Committee from 1988 through 1994. Maxwell previously held the call **W6CUF**.

His interest in radio and electronics history was well known, extensively collecting amateur radio documents and memorabilia. Professionally, Maxwell held doctoral degrees in aeronautical engineering and biomechanics.

He retired from the Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation as a technical consultant in 1992 and from Scitor Corporation in 1998. NNNN/EX

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*On February 23rd, received the following from Mary WX4MM: "It is with deep regret that I report that **Roseanne NR4RJ** Johnston passed away sometime during the night last night. She had been fighting cancer for a number of years. Roseanne was a former District Chair for the 4th call area. She was net control for a number of years on the Alabama traffic nets. She leaves her husband, Scott, and three children."*

*Our heartfelt prayers go out to the family and friends of Scott for the sad loss of Roseanne, she will be missed by all.*

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*Ed. Note: On the 1st day of February 2003, our nation and the world experienced the loss of Space Shuttle Columbia along with her seven crew members. Our YL community has many fond memories of two of them — Mission Specialists Kalpana "KC" KD5ESI Chawla and Laurel KC5ZSU Clark — our prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends of all the astronauts. In memory of them all, I would like to print a copy of the last e-mail sent from Laurel in space to her family:*

"Hello from above our magnificent planet Earth. The perspective is truly awe-inspiring. This is a terrific mission and we are veiy busy doing science round the clock. Just getting a moment to type e-mail is precious so this will be short, and distributed to many who I know and love.

I have seen some incredible sights: lightning spreading over the Pacific, the Aurora Australis lighting up the entire visible horizon with the cityglow of Australia below, the crescent moon setting over the limb of the Earth, the vast plains of Africa and the dunes on Cape Hom, rivers breaking through tall mountain passes, the scars of humanity, the continuous line of life extending from North America, through Central America and into South America, a crescent moon setting over the limb of our blue planet. Mount Fuji looks like a small bump from up here, but it does stand out as a veiy distinct landmark.

Magically, the veiy first day we flew over Lake Michigan and I saw Wind Point (Wis.) clearly. Haven't been so lucky since. Every orbit we go over a slightly different part of the Earth. Of course, much of the time I'm working back in Spacehab and don't see any of it. Whenever I do get to look out, it is glorious. Even the stars have a special brightness.

I have seen my 'friend' Orion several times. Taking photos of the earth is a real challenge, but a steep learning curve. I think I have finally gotten some beautiful shots the last two days. Keeping my fingers crossed that they're in sharp focus.

My near vision has gotten a little worse up here so you may have seen pics/video of me wearing glasses. I feel blessed to be here representing our country and carrying out the research of scientists around the world. All of the experiments have accomplished most of their goals despite the inevitable hiccups that occur when such a complicated undertaking is undertaken. A few are finished and one is just getting started today.

The food is great and I am feeling very comfortable in this new, totally different environment, it still takes a while to eat as gravity doesn't help pull food down your esophagus. It is also a constant challenge to stay adequately hydrated. Since our body fluids are shifted toward our heads our sense of thirst is almost nonexistent.

Thanks to many of you who have supported me and my adventures throughout the years. This was definitely one to beat all. I hope you could feel the positive energy that beamed to the whole planet as we glided over our shared planet.

Love to all, **Laurel**"



**Laurel KC5ZSU**



**'KC' KD5ESI**

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### **A Poem For All Of Us**

A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals. The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact.

It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do. Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem..

It is only a tiny rosebud,  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.  
The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I  
GOD opens this flower so easily,  
But in my hands they die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I have the wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?  
So I'll trust in God for leading  
Each moment of my day.  
I will look to God for guidance  
In each step of the way.

The path that lies before me,  
Only my Lord knows.  
I'll trust God to unfold the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.

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

Please change **Marion KA2ZKM** Meyer's e-mail address to read:  
[jmeyerl@maine.it.com](mailto:jmeyerl@maine.it.com)

Please change **Vai VK4VR** Rickaby's (*change of sweet number only*) 81 Obi Lane,  
Maleny, Queensland 4552 Australia. Also add her e-mail address:  
[rickaby@powerup.com.au](mailto:rickaby@powerup.com.au)

Please change **Mary WB5TRW** Emert's address to read: 109 Pasodale Rd., El  
Paso, TX 79907 (*this is also Just a change of street number — must have been a typo — sorry 'bout  
that, Mary.*)

Please show a new address for: Helene **VK7HD** Dowd, P. O. Box 331, Hervey  
Bay, Queensland, 4655 Australia

Please show the e-mail address for **Liz** **MO ACL** Jones as:  
[lizowl@guides-on-the-air.co.uk](mailto:lizowl@guides-on-the-air.co.uk)

Please change **JoAnn KB1HIJ** Welcome's address to read: 97 Pearl St.,  
Manchester, NH 03101 -1403

Please change **Maxine K4KUU** Penrod's address to read: 813 Adams Ave,  
Ogden, UT 84404-4905

Please change **Candy SP5XAB** Okulicz's address to read: Brzozowa 24, 05-230  
Kobylka, Poland

Please change **Tiny KW1WY** Gehrke's address to read: 959 Placer Ave.,  
Manteca, CA 95336

Please add **Gwen ZL2OI** Leslie's information to the 2002 Directory: 45  
Golgsmith Crescent, Levin 5500, New Zealand (*Sony, Gwen, don't know just how you got  
leftoutlll*)

Please change Teresa PT2TF Cardosa's address to read: Shin QL 08 Conj 07 casa  
09,71520-275 Brasilia, DF Brasil (Brazil SA)

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**Rick Kimbrell KC4RNF, Esther Watlins KC4EW, her OM Lindy K4ASF**



**Raija SMØHNV, Mio JR3MVF, June VK4SJ, Elizabeth VE7YL, & Gwen VK3DYL**



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



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



Roxy K6ELO with Jim W6FOB and her awards

## From the Editor

*de* **Caroll Massie NV7YL**

*Hi there! I know the eastern half of the United States is still trying to dig out of the snowdrifts — sure wish some of that had fallen in our region! We 're still in a drought status here and will be, I'm sure, for some time to come.*

*As we have changed printers, I have enclosed a few of the pictures from past issues that hadn't copied as well as expected — sure hope they're much clearer with this issue!!!*

*'Nuf of that — glad to be back on schedule!!! My OM's been lickin' and stuffin' ' up a storm! He did the entire Jan-Feb issue himself! I want to officially thank him for all his hard work getting the YLH ready for mailing. The YLs here in Northern Nevada have gotten together and we 're having another envelope stuffing party for this issue.*

*It's quite an experience reading all the e-mails from the District Chairs and also the ones I get from the YLs via snail mail, e-mail, and off the web — sometimes I'm almost in tears when I read some of the experiences others have. I know I definitely don't feel that my fall last year was such a big deal now — my prayers go out to all of you that are having one kind of problem or another — I couldn't have made it as well as I did without your, prayers and thoughts!!! A short update - left knee is fine, sprain healed; after six weeks of not biting anything (lots of slurping!) the three teeth have tightened and jaw is doing okay; there's a small lump left in my upper lip (it seems I'm allergic to the material they used to stitch the lip!); and I now have around 90% mobility in the left shoulder (that's more than the doctor thought possible after a year!). So keep the e-mails coming. They really brighten up the day. I do wish to thank Lia WA2NFY for her lovely cards, etc. Lia, looking forward to going to church with you in Seoul!!!*

*Everyone, please keep Jean WA2BGE in your prayers — she's such a fine friend and needs us all to be with her. I look forward to her e-mails every day!*

*February was not a good month for hams - please remember Roseanne NR4J, Jim W6CF, Laurel KC5ZSU, and 'EC' KD5ESI. I know I shall - whether a YLRL member, a YLRL subscriber, or YL hams, their loss is so hard on everyone.*

*In reading Carole WB9RUS's column for the 9th District, she mentions quilting — she sent me pictures of some of the work she's done — beautiful! Don't overdo, **Carole**, take care of those wrists!*

*Which reminds me — we all have special talents and they are many and varied — would it be possible for each of you to send me a short story with pictures about some of the crafts, sewing, cooking, or painting experiences? Lois WB3EFQ, this is aimed at you! As they come in, I'll try to put them in an upcoming issue. If there isn't the room, at least I can start a scrap book with all our talents showcased — that'll keep me busy until the next convention — Denver, here I come!*

33, Liebe, Bis spdter... auf Wiederhören... **Caroll NV7YL**

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