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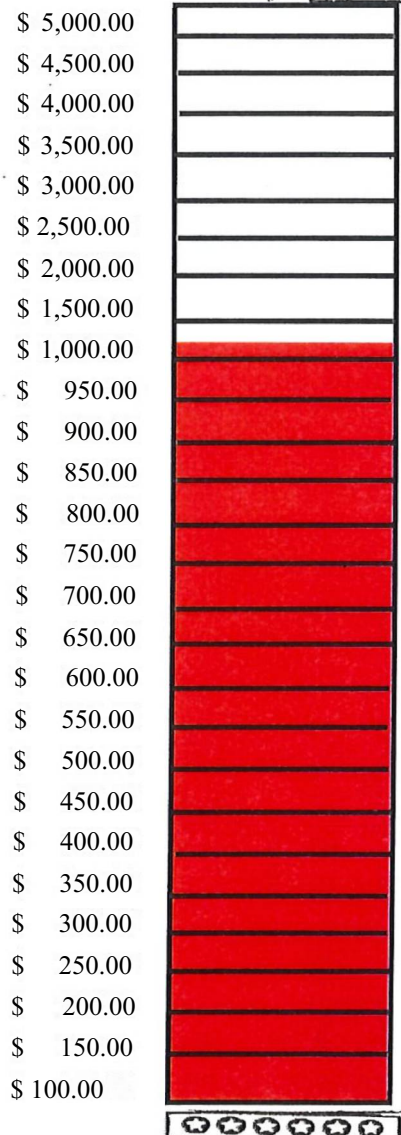
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Marte KOEPE



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-The Editor

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YLRL Certificates

Basic Rules Applicable to All YLRL Certificates

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 THE QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN! Two other amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in the possession of the applicant.
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-sized 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 at the end of this section.

DX-YL Certificate

Available to licensed YL operators only, 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 do 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 10 additional DX YLs, subject to the same confirmation as above.

The following DX-YL Certificates have recently been awarded.

Certificate #304 issued to: Koichi Nagai, JA3EY

Certificate #305 issued to: Joni Salim, YC9WZJ

Certificate #306 issued to: Deta Ariana Sayekh, YB2VTO

Well done, Ladies! Congratulations to all of our certificate holders.



President's Message de Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV

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Well Ladies, here it is another year! Some days the time just seems to seek up on you and POOF it is gone! I have sometimes found that a contest or event that I wanted to participate in or see has passed me by without my blowing. This year I resolve to keep better track of things.

As you start making plans for the year, don't forget to check out the YLRL web page or YL Harmonics. You will find contests and other YL events listed on a routine basis. Mark your calendars in advance for the things you want to do so that you won't forget them.

Things to think about this year include the YLRL contests, the YLRL convention in Denver in August, the Dayton Hamvention and your local Hamfests with YL events, tables and forums. These are great ways to learn more about Amateur Radio and what YLs are doing with it!

As you may have noticed we are trying to update YLRL and improve our organization. Changes

include the format of Harmonics and a review and updating of the By-laws. New columns such as Asked and Answered are there for your questions and to provide YL answers. We are using a Database Manager to keep our records up-to-date and keep our members in touch with each other.

Again we have our Scholarship Drive to raise money to give out our two memorial scholarships (one for Ethel smith, K4LMB and the other for Mary Lou Brown, NM7M) for deserving YLs.

We are asking for Ham related YL articles for future issues. Check out Lap robes for Christmas and Saying Goodbye to SAYLARC in this issue.

The Editor and Board want to hear from you! Let us know what you think of the changes and what you would like to see in the future. Unfortunately, as time passes we have had to raise dues in the past. I hope that by making these changes you will feel you are

getting your money's worth!

Also, please check out our Missing in Action section on page 5. We have had a few YL Harmonics returned with no information to get the issue to the recipient. We want our members to keep getting their magazines.

If you are going to a local Hamfest, don't forget to ask the Publicity Chair for brochures and applications to pass out. She can also send extra copies of Harmonics to show at the table. Just give her two weeks notice if you can to allow for mailing time.

This is a great start to a new year. I am happy to see the number of YLs on the air in January. I am always interested in talking to YLs on the air and will look for you there.

Hope to see you on the bands!
Take care.

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Cheryl, NOWBV

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Upcoming Events

YLRL Contests

The next YLRL contest will be the **YL-OM Contest**

CW 1400 UTC February 5, 2005 to 0200 UTC February 7, 2005

SSB 1400 UTC February 12, 2005 to 0200 UTC February 14, 2005

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed men and women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

PROCEDURE: OMs call "CQ-YL" and YLs call "CQ-OM."

OPERATION: See General Rules. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be indicated in the log.

EXCHANGE: Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section, VE province, or country. Entries in log must also show time, band, and date.

SCORING: (1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs for each contest. (2) Score each band separately. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band; YLs count only OMs and OMs count only YLs. Add together the QSO points earned for each band. (3) Multiply the number of QSOs by the total number of different ARRL sections, VE provinces, and countries worked. (4) Contestants running with a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, AT ALL TIMES, may multiply the results of 3) above by 1.5 (the low power multiplier). The maximum power output that may be used at any time during the contest is 750 watts on CW and 1500 watts PEP on SB.

LOGS: All logs must show your ARRL section, province, or country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, the ARRL section, VE province, or country of the station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used and the operating breaks taken. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each contest. Logs must show claimed score.

AWARDS: First place phone: YL-cup, OM-cup. First place CW: YL-cup, OM-cup. The second and third place YL and OM winners in each contest will receive certificates. The winner of the phone contest cup is also eligible to win the CW cup. Certificates will be awarded to the YL and OM phone and YL and OM CW winners of each U.S. and VE call district and country, provided there are at least ten valid contacts on the log.



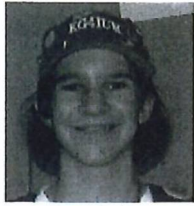
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**The Colorado-YLs, host of the 2005 YLRL Convention can't wait to welcome you to
Denver, Colorado August 11-14, 2005.**

Don't forget to have your exchanges ready!

For those of you who have never attended a YLRL convention, be sure to bring something with your callsign on it to exchange with other participants and commemorate the event.

Past exchanges have included QSL cards, bumper stickers, crafts, bookmarks, pencils and many more items. If you have more questions on what constitutes an exchange just ask someone who has attended a previous convention or write in to the YL Harmonics ASKED & ANSWERED column for answers to this or any other Ham Radio question!



Youth Column de Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM

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I trust that everyone had a GREAT holiday season, and I hope this column finds everyone healthy, happy, and ready for an awesome 2005! What's your New Year's resolution? If you haven't made one (or even if you have), I have a suggestion. Why not make your New Year's resolution to get at least one person involved in Amateur Radio this year?

And, since this is the Young Ladies Radio League, why not involve a young lady in Amateur Radio? Just think, if everyone who is reading this got *just one young lady* involved in Amateur Radio, it would create hundreds of newly licensed young ladies! So, whether you're a young ham yourself or a kid-at-heart wanting to get youth involved, it is up to YOU to spread the word. Now that you are motivated (hopefully), here are some tips for involving youth in Amateur Radio.

The first step is to make youth want to be involved in Amateur Radio because without a desire, one will probably not put forth the effort to earn their license, and if they do get their license, they will most likely become inactive relatively quickly.

As you're probably well aware, there are MANY competing activities that youth like to get involved in, and our job is to "sell" Amateur Radio to youth so that they'll chose it over all of the other options. If you're reading this column, it probably means that you know how much fun ham radio is; now, we just

have to convince the new people.

The biggest challenge, in my opinion, in "selling" Amateur Radio is making it look as much fun as it really is in a short period of time. Let's face it, youth (really, people in general) have short attention spans, and they're only getting shorter. Luckily, organizations such as the American Radio Relay League (www.arrl.org) provide materials, such as colorful brochures, videos, and PowerPoint presentations, to assist us in promoting our hobby and service.

Even with these "promotion aides," it is really up to the individual to think of creative ways to promote Amateur Radio. For example, at age 11, looking at radios and antennas didn't excite me. However, when I walked up to a local Field Day site and saw one ham on stilts, learned the entire phonetic alphabet, and got to participate in an Amateur Radio scavenger hunt (complete with prizes), I was suddenly interested. After they had my attention, they showed me the radio and allowed me to make five HF contacts at about midnight; of course, I loved that, too. Thanks to a "creative start," I was hooked from that day forward.

So, if you can think of a way to present Amateur Radio that makes it appealing to the inexperienced, without throwing in too much technical knowledge, you can give them more background on it once they're excited about it.

Now, are you ready to begin

telling others, especially young YLs, about Amateur Radio? You should be; after all, youth *are* the future of Amateur Radio. And, once you get a young YL involved in Amateur Radio, be sure to share your story with me because your experience may give others ideas. Next column, look for some tips on keeping youth involved, once they earn their "ticket."

Before saying 73's for this month, I would like to congratulate nine-year-old Emily Bishop, KI4CHK, on passing her Morse Code exam. We've exchanged a couple of e-mails and eyeball QSOs, and I know for a fact that she worked tirelessly to pass her Morse Code exam and certainly did not give up.

Even with the infamous "Morse Code debate" about whether Morse Code should be required to earn HF privileges, Bishop was determined to earn her license by learning the code, instead of waiting to see if the FCC will drop the requirement, an admirable approach. Now, this ambitious young lady is already studying for her General class license. **CONGRATULATIONS**, Emily, on a well-deserved achievement!

If you know of any other young YLs who have recently accomplished something worth noting, please contact me.

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District One News de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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Happy New Year to all!
Hard to believe that it is 2005,
especially for those of us who
remember when 2000 seemed
like the far away future!

A few gals were kind
enough to send along some
news so I wouldn't have to take
up fiction writing.

WIUBM - Norma wrote:

"In response to needing news
here is mine. Walt - W1YOC
and I celebrated our 50th wed-
ding anniversary on Sept. 24th.
We met in 1953 when I was
already licensed (1951) and Walt
was waiting for his ticket. So we
have also enjoyed over 50 years
of hamming together. We have
five sons, but only one son, Jim -
KS4DU is a ham. My dad,
W1EBO, passed away two years
ago after 68 years of hamming.
Have a wonderful holiday and
hope to see you again during
2005."

WAIS - Ann shared
this. "Bermuda was a lot of fun.
It's a beautiful island but things
are quite expensive. Just about
everything is 2 to 3 times than
what we pay here in the US. I
operated as VP9/WA1S outside
of the CQWW CW contest and
made over 2,500 Q's. As VP9I,
K1XM - Paul, KQ1F - Charlotte
and I made close to 5,900 Q's. I
actually stayed up the full 48
hours of the contest. *[That doesn't
surprise me!]* On the home front,
I worked the VU4, Andaman's
for a new country. I need only

VU7, Laccadives and BS7,
Scarborough Reef for #1 Honor
Roll. I will be spending a few
days over the Christmas Holi-
day visiting Mom in RI. Happy
Holidays to everyone and hope
to see you at the YLRL Conven-
tion in Colorado in August
2005."



*Ann Santos, WAIS at the WRONE
Meeting in August.*

WB1EHS - Barb sent:
"Had to miss the net* this
morning as I was getting a
permanent, and now that I am
back home, I found your second
message about needing news for
the next edition of YLH. I don't
really have any for you, as we
haven't been anywhere lately.
But we will do the Christmas
Bird Count on Saturday, January
1st, the day our coordinator has
always scheduled the count for
our area each year. Then we will
send our results to him, and he
will put all the incoming results
together to send on their way to
eventually reach the Audubon

Society. Jack - WB1APD and I
will only cover the small, nar-
row peninsula, which consti-
tutes our town of Sorrento.
Fortunately we do have a nice
shoreline so in times when the
harbor has many species of
birds, and in pretty good num-
bers, we can be happier with the
results in our tally. We did get
our first plowable snow on the
27th, about 7 or 8 inches. Tire
winds were so strong, though,
the drifts were piled in various
places and other places around
our house were left clear. But
that sort of weather is tame
compared to what we are hear-
ing about other parts of our
country! We are lucky to live in
the State of Maine. Bye for now,
and very best wishes to you and
yours for the up-coming year."

*The Yankee Lassies Net
meets every Wednesday AM at
8:30 ET for about 30 minutes on
3.912. On the last Wednesday of
'04, KAI VAX - Betsey was net
control, and the check ins were
WILIO - Arline, KA2ZKM -
Marion, W1JX - Bobbie,
WB1ARU - Anne, and WA1JYO
- Vera. Everyone was feeling
well and had a nice Christmas
with family members.

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District Two News de Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

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'Tis the week before Christmas and all through our house not a creature is stirring, hopefully not even a mouse. Our stockings were hung by the fireplace with care and the spirit of Christmas certainly is everywhere.

Keeping with the spirit of the season what better news to report than that about our very own District #2 Dr. Christine Haycock-WB2YTA. Yes we do have a celebrity in our midst, and a very quiet lady good at keeping secrets about herself. It just so happens the following article appeared in the newspaper we subscribe to. It states, "The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia joined to honor long time physician and pioneer surgeon Christine Haycock in Philadelphia. About 60 people were there to see Christine receive the 5th annual Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Woman Award, which honors female physicians or scientists who have made outstanding contributions to medicine and science. Christine's father had dreamed of becoming a doctor until an accident caused him to drop out of medical school. Christine took up the quest, a profession not friendly to women in the 1940s. It was a long climb to be recognized by the medical community, but Christine went

on to build a successful private practice in New Jersey. She was a key figure in establishing the New Jersey Trauma Center at University Hospital in Newark, NJ. An amateur baseball player in her early years, she became recognized as an expert in traumatic injuries involving female athletes. Christine was president of the National Women's Medical Association in 1980.'

I must say Christine has undoubtedly lived one very exciting and interesting life, and is still always on the go. We certainly are proud to know her and to have been at the numerous YLRL functions and conventions along with the SAYLARC meetings and luncheons that she attended. I do miss getting mail for the column from her, but now just maybe Christine will keep in touch.

Lia-WA2NFY did send a nice letter upon her arrival home from her unforgettable vacation, full of joy and thankful for a safe trip to Korea. She spent 3 days with friends in Okinawa and participated in the WWYWL meeting in Seoul. Some of the highlights of her trip were seeing the important places in Okinawa and then flying to Seoul, a large city with high-rises and rice fields. However, the Chinese food was not her favorite and sitting on the floor

was uncomfortable. Lia traveled a lot, and therefore missed working on the station set up in the hotel, which was first class with really good food and service. She visited the dividing line with her Korean friends and they all hope the day will come when both parts will be reunited. She went to the Bonsai gardens and other parks that really interested her. There were orchids and flowers everywhere. The streets were small with shops side by side. The children were smiling and calling out in English to them. There were over 100 YL from 20 countries and Lia wrote that only her and Carol-WD8DQG were there from the USA. Lia was glad she was able to participate and will never forget the beautiful people she had the pleasure to meet. No doubt Lia is now making plans to attend the next Convention!

Ladies I hope you enjoyed reading about Christine and Lia as much as I did. We can't all be physicians or travel around the world, still I would bet there is something interesting happening in your life. Just write and let us know.

In the meantime Happy Holidays everyone and may you all have A Healthy & Happy New Year. God Bless

Myrtle-N2AKC



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Happy New Year to all 3-LandYLS! I hope your holiday season was merry and filled with friends and family. We look forward now to the bright and shiny new year of 2005. May this year be the year to bring peace to the world.

The mountains of South-Central PA are bare as I write this. Winter is nowhere in sight! There was a slight dusting of snow for Christmas, but nothing but light rain since then. We have had some of our worst blizzards in March, though, so Mother Nature just may surprise us!

Congratulations to our two 2004 Scholarship winners who both are natives of PA! Victoria, Reid AA3OT is a senior at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Amy Johnson, KB3HKF is a sophomore at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. More can be read about them in the Nov/Dec issue of YLH. We invite them both to become members of YLRL.

Although we just experienced the busiest time of the year, several YLS managed to contact me with some news.

Sylvia, W3SLF wrote that their "grandson, Ken, a Lt Commander in the Navy AF came home from Afghanistan after flying there for many months. He spent the past weekend here with us in Philadelphia and will be deployed to

SHAPE in Belgium for two or three years." We pray he ends his tour of duty safely.

Ruthanna, WB3CQN sent Christmas and New Year's greetings to all and reports that her surgeon said her back is looking good. Take care, Ruthanna.

Lois, WB3EFQ and her OM, Tom, W3BZN, enjoyed a long weekend in Williamsburg, VA over the Thanksgiving weekend and are looking forward to 2005 and the Colorado convention. She heard from her adoptee, Gwen, VK3DYL, who has a new Samoyed, named Effie, to replace Rocky and is keeping busy.

Lois and Tom had a nice visit with Carol, WD8DQG in Gettysburg in November.

Bev, I<F3BV reported that her "little miniature Schnauzer that you saw at the Butler Hamfest in June (pictured in June/Aug YLH) has grown from 2.5 pounds to 17 pounds! I wouldn't and couldn't carry her around in an arm sling now. HI HI Also, I finally got my last state for WAS on CW and the IOTA 300 certificate is on its way." Congratulations, Bev, for your achievement in ham radio. Bev was going to visit her mom in Louisiana and sent best wishes to all for a healthy, happy and blessed new year.

I heard from my adoptee, Toshiko, JP3DPU, who sent me a lovely silk scarf with a calendar

printed on it. She finished her studies at Osaka University and returned to high school to teach English. She was fortunate that she was able to go to Seoul for the International YL Convention, as it was her first visit to Korea. She is in charge of the DX department of JLRS and her main job is to translate the news into English. She and her OM plan to go to Nagano for a skiing holiday in March. It is always lovely to hear from Toshiko.

Also heard from Maureen Ritson, G0VRT who sent a lovely calendar from picturesque Northumbria. She may be coming to the States in mid-July for a couple of weeks. Hopefully we can meet up then as she is an honorary member of the "Rowdy Bunch"! "Mo is the SL manager of BYLARA.

Josephine, KA3LVP writes that one of these days she may get back on HF, but as for now she is on 2Meters with an indoor antenna. She sends Christmas and New Year's greetings to all.

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available

District Four News de Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL

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Hello everyone and lots of good wishes for 2005 to all of you. Not much news from the 4th district this issue. I suppose everyone has been busy with family and friends this holiday season.

I do have a new member to welcome to the YLRL. Emily Bishop, ICI4CHK has been licensed since 2003 and holds a Tech license. She is a member of the Tennessee Army Mars, with a call AUX4EB, a member of RACES and she enjoys nets. Emily is a very

energetic young lady and I had the pleasure to meet her at the Ten-Tec hamfest in September. She may be our youngest member as Emily is 9 years old. Emily's birthday: May 8, 1995 and her email is: KI4CHK@arrl.net. Welcome Emily!

I am planning a vacation in South Dakota sometime this summer and hope to do some operating while there. Most of my visit will be in Kingsbury County in De Smet. Most of my operating

will be portable, so I would love some ideas for good portable antennas that all of you might recommend. I hope to do some mobile operating and put out as many counties as I can.

YLRL VP Mary Moore, WX4MM and husband just finished moving to a new home. From what I hear, they will have quite an antenna farm when finished. Can hardly wait to see it.

Youth Column continued from page 9

Since there's only so much room in this newsletter, I couldn't fit all of the youth news into one article, but I happen to write the online ARRL Youth Column, as well. So, if you're interested in finding out about other "youth news" and upcoming events relating to youth, be sure to check out the Youth@HamRadio.Fun column by visiting www.arrl.org/news/youth.

I am still looking for article ideas; I know some of you have some excellent ideas, so please share them.

Also, please send me feedback—do you like the youth columns? How can they improve? What should I add or take away? Remember, it's a column for young YLs that I just happen to write, so your suggestions are welcome and encouraged! In fact, your input is *necessary* for this to be a successful column.

Please contact me with any input via e-mail to YLyouth@bellsouth.net or U.S. Mail to 2323 Orion Ct. Grayson, GA 30017.

73 until next time,
KG4IUM, Andrea Hartlage

**Great reminder, Andrea!
In fact, all the District
Chairwomen would like
to hear from you! Don't
forget to let your District
Chair know what Radio
events YOU have been
up to so that we can
make YL Harmonics
even better. Remember
it is YOUR Magazine and
we need input from you!**



District Five News de Alma Lang, AB5BA

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Hello YLRLs

This issue slipped up on me. I write what I hear the local YL members say on the air.

All the YL that check in to the TYLRUN had a nice Christmas. And all are in pretty good health.

Doris, I <5BNQ appears to felling a little each week on the net. TYLRUN group had a great annual party and business meeting in November. Was our 50th birthday. It was hosted by Ann-WA5GLM in Brownwood, TX. And a great time was had by all. I did not get to go-I just hated to leave Jim -K5VRJ (my better half) home by himself, as he was having problems getting up.

Now on Dec 13 I had surgery on my right hand (Carpal tunnel syndrome). I am right handed so I could not use the computer.

Another YL to mention is I noticed Linda, AA5QQ is busy with keeping the (Money Books) up to date. Good work Linda.

I know many or the YLRL Group know Doris, K5BNQ and her husband Andy, W5IWL.

I received this note 11-03-04 Hello Friends, on Monday Doris K5BNQ had operated on for a tumor in her back. Took 6 & 1/2 hours it was inside around the spine. They do not think it was cancer. She was a very sick lady Tuesday. This is Wednesday PM. and she id doing fine. She can wiggle her toes, and set up in chair and we believe she will be alright. Should go Home this week end. Thanks to The Lord for all her recovery. Thanks for loving us. Now I must go back to hospital to stay the night with her Andy W5IWL

PS Thursday-Andy came on TYLRUN and said Doris was home and doing fine— but

having some pain.

And now my part— Uris has been a very sad for day (11-17-04) for Jim-K5VRJ and I— in fact a trying weekend. Our little dog (Honey) took sick— well not sick - she started acting crazy pulling some linens out of the lined closet— taking whatnot things off bottom shelves . She would do these things when the furnace went on, Would stop when furnace stopped. Jim Checked every thing in the furnace— he found one of the Lighting tools hitting mettlette. Removed it Monday just before we took her to To VET— Everything checked out OK. Well Monday night-we put a leash on her and I kept her in my bed(A first for me)-Tuesday worked so-so . Seemed that she did not notice the furnace sound in other part of house. But Tuesday was warm till 2-30 Wednesday morning. Then she acted as if she wanted up. She walked as if she was about to fall. I called Jim and got her back to my bed —where she started hyperventilating that lasted about 30 minutes -and we noted she was not doing mouth or nose breathing—At 3:15AM she became very still----- The Vet said she must of had a Tumor- that started growing very fast. It goes without saying — We lost a good friend— who had filled our lives with cheers for several years. I will wash every one to have a GREAT YEAR. Alma AB5BA

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Unlike a regular walker it has wheels on it, plus a seat and basket. It also has brakes. I just used it once and whenever my legs went out on me, I just sat down...and attracted a lot of attention. One lady is going to get her OM one just like it. I had an MRI brain scan, which showed that I had had a mild stroke and there is a change in the circulation of my brain. Lots

of new medication, but now I'm able to get around a little bit. Will try to get more news to you for next time. Merry Christmas, Doris WD8IKC"

By the time you read this the holidays will be over, so I'll just say I hope everyone has a great new year of 2005. 88 and 33, Carolyn N8ST

Purpose

1. To encourage and assist Young Ladies (YLs) throughout the world to enter the Amateur Radio Service.

2. Sponsor and otherwise carry out programs to promote YL interest, appreciation and understanding of radio communications and electronics and to encourage them to advance and improve their skills as Amateur Radio Operators.

3. To carry out a program of specialized service to blind and otherwise handicapped Young Ladies.

4. To provide Scholarship funds or other grants to worthy Young Ladies to continue their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.

5. To host foreign YLs during their visits to the United States and to sponsor their participation in YLRL activities.

6. To encourage Amateur Radio competition between YLs by offering certificates, trophies, etc. for demonstrating excellence in such operating competitions.



Current President Cheryl, NOWBV operates on a DXpedition to Turks and Caicos as VP5/

In Amateur Radio Every Woman is a Young Lady No Matter What Her Age!

Operate!



Appreciate!



Participate!



Cooperate!

Don't forget the YLRL 2005 Convention held August 11-14, 2005 in Denver, Colorado. Come join us for our 50th convention year!

2005

YLRL



Young Ladies' Radio League,

Founded 1939

Women Helping Women in Amateur Radio

What is YLRL?

-...And What can it do for me?

Organized in 1939, YLRL is a non-profit organization of women amateur radio licensees. With a membership of approximately 1500, it is international in scope with about 250 of those members being DX YLs.

The YLRL (Young Ladies' Radio League) exists to encourage and assist YLs (Young Ladies) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Radio Service. There are a variety of interests to offer licensed YLs: Traffic Handling, Public Service, Emergency Management, Contests, Awards, DX and more on AM, CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, AMTOR, Packet and Satellite. Of course, there are the infinite benefits derived from just plain gal-to-gal

Harmonics

YL Harmonics is the bi-monthly publication of the YLRL. Every issue lists all officers and committee chairmen. It includes articles, scholarship information, District information (including DX information), convention information and much, much more! The YLRL offers a program of specialized service to blind YLs through the Tape Topics program. *YL Harmonics* will be sent to the visually impaired members upon request.

Dayton

Every year at the Dayton Hamvention, the YLRL shares a booth with the Buckeye Belles. Here YLs from all over the world meet face-to-face and catch up on the latest. The YLRL also has a forum at Dayton every year. Check the Hamvention guide for speakers, time and location of the YLRL forum.



Some of the Colorado-YL members who look forward to hosting the 2005 convention!

Convention

Every three years, the YLRL holds their international convention. Meet other members from around the world. Enjoy speakers on a multitude of ham radio topics. Speak up at the YLRL forum. Learn what other YLs are doing in amateur radio.

Nets

One of the easiest ways for you to meet other YLs is on the local, national and international nets. Don't give up if you aren't heard on your first call! Among the larger nation-wide nets are the YL Open House, Wed. 1900 UTC (1800 UTC Spring and Summer) on 14.288 MHz; YL Tangle net, Thurs. 1800 UTC on 14.298 MHz; and YL Roses Net, Mon. 1800 UTC on 28.433. Remember all frequencies are approximate, so tune around and listen for the YLs chatting away.

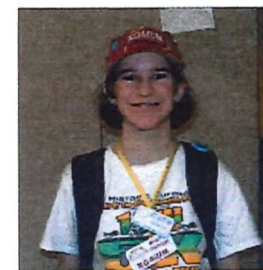


The Young Ladies Radio League has members from all over the world.

Contests

If you love to contest check out these YLRL contests.

- YL/OM Contest in February
- DX YL to N. American YL Contest in April
- Howdy Days in September
- YL Anniversary Party in October



Andrea, KG4IUM writes the youth column for YL Harmonics.

Awards

If you like collecting awards and certificates, we have some chasing for you. Earn certificates for:

- Worked All States YL (WAS-YL)
- Worked AH Continents YL (WAC-YL)
- YL-DXCC
- YL Century Club (YLCC)
- DXYL

For More information on joining the YLRL.....

Contact Cheryl Muhr, NoWBV (Publicity officer) at (303) 904-2243 or at nOwbv@earthlink.net. You can also contact your local District chairman all information is in the front of *YL Harmonics*. For more information visit YLRL on the web at www.ylrl.org.

YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2005

Please fill out all sections marked in red whether a renewal or a new membership.

Name-----Callsign
Address-----
City State Zipcode
Telephone Number () Unlisted Y/N
New Member?----- Former Member?-----
Class of license held Year first licensed
e-mail address/web page----- Endorsed by:-----

Please complete the following optional information:

Member of ARRL? Yes No

Please list any affiliated clubs of which you are a member _____

Occupation Birthday _____

Other hams in family (Name & Call)-----

Any additional information about yourself or station activities is welcome. Please list any former calls if any _____

Are you active in Ham Radio?----- On what bands? _____

Do you contest?----- Which ones? _____

Do you DX? _____

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL? _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New? Renewal?-----

Membership dues are payable March 1, delinquent March 31 and are pro-rated for those joining after August 31.

Current dues are as follows:

----- \$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)

----- \$15.00 plus \$4.00 for 1st class mail in US (required in Canada & Mexico)-\$19.00

\$ 2.00 family member residing at same address (No additional YL Harmonics)

\$15.00 subscriber

\$15.00 plus \$4.00 subscriber, 1st class mail in US

----- \$15.00 DX subscriber plus \$8.00 Airmail (required for DX-YL)-\$23.00

Rates subject to change as needed.

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the receiving treasurer for YOUR current call District.

Districts 1-4

Districts 5-7

Districts 8-0, + Alaska & Hawaii

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at www.ylrl.org for more information

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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Red** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by March 31, 2005 to keep current for the 2005 year.



District Six News de Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

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Happy New Year to District Six and to all YLRL members around the world. This past holiday was a little hard for my family with the passing of my mother in October this was our first without her. But we are into a brand new year and lots of things to look forward to and new challenges to work through. Our

district has been very quiet the past few months so I don't have much to report. This year my main goal will be to get a club started in the San Francisco Bay Area. I am also going to contact the local clubs and get information for their newsletters about YLRL. I believe that if I can do that and increase our membership

in the Bay Area that will be time well spent. I am also attending EMCOMM in Reno NV in May and Dayton OH in May and PacifiCon in October. That is a full schedule for me and I hope to here you all on the radio soon. Here is praying that 2005 is wonderful for all of you. 33 & 77 Dawn, KB6LHP

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Arline Berry, W1IL0; JoAnne McLaughlin, K1FVN; and Janice Lentz, K4IJK

WRONE, Women Radio Operators of New England will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2005. We are looking for all current and former members to join us at one or both of our luncheons this year. The Spring Luncheon will be held on April 30 in eastern Massachusetts.

The Fall Luncheon will be held on November 5; no location has been chosen yet. Dues are being received for WRONE by KAIJVN - Hennie. Send \$10 to her snowbird address: 300 Forest Lakes Blvd. #101, Naples FL 34105.



Helen Kimpel, KAIZUP and Samantha Harriman, N1MJP

That's it for this issue. I'm looking forward to a ski trip to Colorado in February. Tony - WA1ENO and I will have a 2-meter radio with us. We enjoyed the linked repeaters when we were in CO last year. In July we will travel to Chicago for a wedding, and then in August we will be back in Colorado for the Convention! It will be a busy summer!

Don't forget to send news to me by early in February! Thank you.

33,
Anne WB1ARU



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Greetings!

It's been a quiet fall at our QTH. Apparently it has also been quiet around 7-land since I have received very little news. But here is what I have been able to find.

MINOW Net continues to meet every Friday morning and so far there have always been at least two of us to check-in. Flo KU7F has had a rocky fall but is feeling better.

Two Rivers YL Net - Barbara AC7UH has been active in their local Clark Co. ARC - helping with communications and logistics for the Vancouver, WA Veteran's Day Parade and also support for the annual food drive, the Walk 'N Knock. Two Rivers YLs are looking forward to their annual Post-Holiday Potluck in January although the

date and place has not been set.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net (a 2 meter net) continues to have check-ins via Echolink - last Monday evening we welcomed WB7PTR Lynn from Florida, KCOPMD Justina from Missouri, VE7TST Jan from British Columbia (who checked in via IRLP), and KE4YYJ Elaine, (a regular) from North Carolina. There was also an OM from Hawaii. We meet at Monday evening at 8 o'clock Pacific Time (0400 UTC). (See www.evergreenyl.org)

Robin, ICJ7BI, who has spent the year in Goa, India, writes that her OM Dick has sent flight reservations! She'll be home January 31! Dick and a friend will be arriving in India on the 8th of January for a few weeks of vacation before they all return!

As we begin year 2005 I have a list of activities or goals for us all:

FIRST - Renew your membership to YLRL immediately using the form you find in this issue of YLHarmonics!

SECOND - Be sure to send me any news of activities - upgrades, awards, offices you hold in radio clubs, etc. My Email address is jean3@mindspring.com

THIRD - Plan to be more active as a YL - check into a net, attend a Hamfest, participate in Field Day, plan to attend the YLRL 2005 Convention August 11-14 in Denver, Colorado.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2005 - I'm looking forward to receiving your news.

Sara AB7PS

District 3 News Continued from Page 12

The ballots from the November/December issue are in and the results tallied. The Vote was overwhelming to approve the changes to the By-laws. Thanks to everyone who voted! Speaking of voting, don't forget to nominations for Officer Positions are needed soon.

I hope 2005 is a healthy, happy year for all. For me, it is the year when my son and granddaughter will come home from Iraq. As wonderful as it was to celebrate Christmas with a lot of the family including my youngest son (and his family) who is a Lt. in the AF stationed at Tydall AFB in FL and my daughter and granddaughter

from TX, plus local family and friends in and out, the celebrating was bittersweet with without my two soldiers present. This New Year let us all pray for peace.

All news from 3-land YLs is appreciated and hopefully we will hear from a lot of you this year.

73/33 Barb KA3VXR



District Eight News de Carolyn Donner, N8ST

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From me (Carolyn N8ST),
The last couple of months have been busy here at our location. My OM has had total knee replacement surgery at the VA hospital at the end of November. They sent him home two days later, which was his birthday, so it was a nice surprise for him to get to come home so soon after the surgery. So, we've been very busy with doctor/hospital visits, the surgery and now the home therapy, that I almost forgot about getting the District 8 news together. One important thing I wanted to mention is to let everyone know how we did with the lap robes project for the residents of the Southern Ohio Veterans Home. We achieved our goal of 168 lap robes by Christmas ... in fact we passed it thanks to a lot of wonderful ladies. The lap robes were delivered on December 15th and the residents loved them. I'll send some photos and I'm sure you'll see them if there is room in this or a future newsletter. Thanks to everyone who helped.

From Connie N8IO, "We celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 10. Our family, Md, me, and the one here were working so the two of us went to Outback Steakhouse and had a good time. I almost had to get a lift to get him (OM) out of the booth, he sat on the side that he didn't have leverage

to get up. He does fine if he is in a chair with arms but the back was too high but he did finally get out of the booth. We went to the Marietta ARC Christmas party and again had a steak but the Outback out did the other restaurant for food. I've been to Woodsfield, OH ARC to their Christmas Party and Parkersburg, WV ARK to theirs where I was in charge of entertainment. Took my Karaoke and keyboard and led the group in Christmas carols. My wishes to all YLs a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
33 and Teddy Bear Hugs,
Connie, N8IO"

From Nancy KC4IYD/8,
"Members of the Chix YL club met at the QTH of May, N8MZJ for a joint Chix YL and Southeast Amateur Radio Club Christmas luncheon. Tire following Chix members were in attendance, Jean KB8YHN and her OM Bill KB8USZ, Nancy KC4IYD and her daughter Carol and Jean AA8RZ.
Nancy KC4IYD passed the Level III ARRL Emergency Communication Course. I highly recommend it to all who haven't taken it. I have learned a lot about emergency communications and ways to get prepared before an emergency occurs. Other news is that I received a postcard from my DXYL Evelyne F5RPB who had attended the International YL World Meeting in Korea.

Annette Wood KC8SQM is recovering from knee surgery and we all wish her well."

Sara KC8ZMC writes, "I had been coaxed to encourage a wife of an OMIK/DACAR official and friend to get her license. She has her license as of 12/11/04. She got there without my help. I was only a challenge to her. We both need and are working on CW. The OMIK Christmas party was very well planned and all attending had fun. Have a Happy Holiday with the very best of health to you and the family.

YLRL members have been attempting to reach me from across the country. I am listed on Echolink by call sign. I also appreciate the congratulations on my accomplishments. Well cold weather and snow will not slow me down. In fact I love and miss it here in lower Ohio. Happy Holiday to all. Sara KC8ZMC"

Doris WD8IKC says, "My doctor prescribed a wheelchair for me, but instead I got a "Go-Lite Rollator" which is perfect.

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District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Happy 2005. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas, Hanukah or whatever holiday you celebrate. We had a great Christmas. We had our son, his wife and their four children, our daughter, her husband and their three children here. We have a fairly new tradition, after opening gifts, we have a birthday cake with candle that we light and sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. The little children blow out the candle then we all have dessert. I don't know why we didn't start that tradition years ago, but it does put the day back in perspective

The Fort Wayne Radio Club presented the annual awards at the annual Christmas party on December 10. Our Fox Hunting team, Jim, K9OMA, Anne, KA9YYI, Al, WB9SSE and me, WB9RUS were winners of the travelling trophy for last year. Now we have to see if we can

repeat. Besides the trophy, there was a lot of good food to eat.

The weather has been really cold here and we have had a lot of snow and ice. For those who like that sort of thing, we had a White Christmas. I keep myself occupied and warm, I have been doing a lot of quilting. Our dog, Sophie, snuggles up next to me under whichever quilt I am working on. She does have to gift it her seal of approval. I think I will be doing a lot of quilting in the next few months.

My O.M., Al and Jim, K9OMA have been consulting/mentoring students at Indiana Institute of Technology for a rocket program. Students in Florida were building the actual rocket, but the students in Indiana were building the telemetry part. Al and Jim contributed ATV in the payload. The launch was January 8 and it went off without a hitch.

Thanks to the ATV we got pictures from the rocket from launch to landing. It was truly incredible. This was just a test launch up about 10,000 feet. In May they are going to try for 75 miles. Al and Jim went to Florida for the launch and left me here to "enjoy" this lovely winter wonderland. Two days after they left, we had an ice storm and your loyal reporter took a spill on the ice getting the mail. I was very lucky that I didn't break anything, but a week later. I'm still sore. The fact that I'm not 25 any more really came home to me.

I assume you all have figured out that I haven't heard from anyone lately. Everyone please stay warm, well, and happy. And, PLEASE write, e-mail, send something by carrier pigeon or paper airplane so I know that I am not alone here in 9-land. Think spring.-33

Changes and Corrections

E-mail changes

Dora Anna E. Fill, NI5D now daefill@juno.com
Maya, OHIMK's address should be ohlmk@luukku.com
Sylvia Soble, WSLF was missing e-mail it is w3slf@aol.com
Barbara Miller, KD9DU now bbmiller@shawns.com
Wendy, BV2RS is correct in QRZ as bv2rs@tpts6.seed.net.tw
Kay Craigie, N3KN should be n3kn@comcast.net
Josephine Latrainak, KA3LVP should be rom82@suscom.net
Mary Ann Crider, WA3HUP should be wa3hup@aol.com

Corrections

Agnes Babe Helenski's call is W3GBJ not WA3GBT

The callsign under the picture of Scholarship winner Amy Johnson should have read KB3HKF



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS

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One of the activities of the Colorado Y-L's is the maintenance of the Elise and Joe White Scholarship Fund. Lorrie Loeffler, WD0AGY, gives this account:

Some symbols and a lot of interesting facts are associated with the Colorado YL-s scholarship fund named in honor of Elise and Joe White. Both Elise and Joe were known through Colorado and especially the Denver metropolitan area for giving endlessly of their time and energies to share their knowledge and help others whether it was through amateur radio or other activities.

For many years Elise, KAOCCS helped with the classes Joe and other licensed operators held for aspiring beginners and those who wanted to upgrade. She began because the theory sections of the tests involved quite a bit of Math and Elise was very patient and clear about that irritating decimal point that constantly shifted. During most of these years, Elise did not have a license herself until someone convinced her that learning the code was much simpler than the Portuguese language that she learned as a second language. Even then her determination was in a giving spirit because she only wanted to earn the call sign of a close friend who became a SK. The callsign she earned was KAOCCS.

Volunteering through amateur radio was secondary to Elise's dedication to helping a children's home in Mexico. The White's backyard was filled with racks they constructed to dry garden foods for preservation until they accumulated enough dehydrated food along with clothing and other donated items for Joe to take a truckload to Mexico several times a year.

In the meantime, Joe was occupied 24/7 with ARES, on-air swap net, and helping people with installation of towers and antennas or technical problems with their gear. Joe was well known throughout the area in many emergency events and was called upon by the governor for leadership in organization of amateur operators during disasters of various kinds. His philosophy and approach was to combine the volunteers of HAM radio and the burgeoning CB operators for emergency communication.

When Elise White became a Silent Key, the Colorado YL-s decided to discontinue the practice of giving a door prize at monthly meetings and instead to contribute to a fund in her honor. No higher honor could be selected than one that encouraged learning. Therefore, the Elise Scholarship Fund was initiated. Some years later, when Joe White became a Silent Key the Empire Radio Club contrib-

uted a substantial sum in Joe's memory to the Elise White Scholarship Fund. Consequently, the name was revised as the Elise and Joe White Scholarship Fund.

Perhaps a few more symbols should be mentioned in connection with topic. Elise and Joe White's lives, indeed, contribute to the state motto of Colorful Colorado. Tire Colorado YL-s icon is a sYLver DOLLar as a sign of the Silver State. At each Colorado YL-s meeting a coin bank in the shape of a silver dollar is circulated among the members and guests who contribute their "loose change." (Loose Change is the title of the club's newsletter, and of course, the bank receives paper money as well as minted coins.) Although it has taken years to accumulate sufficient funds to make a scholarship, we remember Elise and Joe contributed many years of service to amateur radio.



Elise White, KAOCCS

No Picture
available

KL7 District News de Lil Marvin, NL7DL

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The Alaskan District News column will continue in Spring/Summer. Don't forget to send Lil your I<L7 news for the column! Check out the DX column for recent I<L7 news including more about this picture.



*Lillian, NL7DL; Susan, NL7NN; Edith, DF7WU; Annie, SWL; and
Christina WL7ZT*



VE News de Elizabeth Anderson, VE7YL

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Elizabeth VE7TLK.VA7TK
My radio room tends to be quiet these days because of my increased family responsibilities. However, I do try, whenever I can, to work with other members of our local ARC to help improve its HF club station capabilities. Wishing you all the very best for this coming New Year 2005 and great DXing, despite

the poor propagation conditions we are likely to experience. 33

VE7IM Today I pause in the middle of my Christmas preparations and think of all the YLRL members who have made me feel so welcome in my first year of membership. I thank you and my very best wishes to everyone. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe.

happy, healthy year ahead. 33
Suzanne

VE7YL Am looking forward to having the whole family together this holiday season. The Calgary family is coming here to celebrate. May I wish everyone Happy Holidays and peace for all in 2005. If you are traveling over the holidays a safe journey. 33



DX News & DX Treasurer de Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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I received a letter from Edith Gillrath, DF7WU in November about the trip she took to NW Canada and Alaska. She got to visit with Lillian Marvin, NL7DL, who organized a mini YL meeting...see picture on previous page. Edith plans to return to Canada for a trip of 4-5 weeks to travel with friends thru B.C.

Masaka, JA6CYL (sponsored by I<K5L) has been ill, but is fine now and is hoping to attend the YLRL convention next August in Denver. Ton, JR6XIX is also hoping to visit next August.

I have enjoyed hearing from Dieuw, PA3CEB (her sponsor is Truus, VE3MRS) every Christmas. I first met Dieuw in Stockholm 14 years ago. She is scheduled for surgery in January. Her daughter-in-law, Ans PD5ANS, is working on her license upgrade, so she can work the low bands with her husband Arno PA5W. They have been active on 2mtr and 80 meter in contests and round tables. In February the celebrated 20 years of the PA section of Dig (Diplom Interesse Groupe) Marja, PA3CIS and Ton PA3BYF used to work out of Dieuw's shack but are without an antenna. **From April 30 to May 31, 2005 the PA QRV will be working with the call signs of PI25BEA and PI25TRIX to celebrate Queen Beatrix's birthday.**

I received many Christmas cards from YL's wishing me and other U.S. YLs a Merry Christmas. Ton JR6XIX, (sponsored by WB3CQN) said that they had a rare typhoon hit in December.. they're fine. Christine GM4YMM (sponsored by W06X) is retiring this year from her job as a surgical nurse so she and her OM can have more time with their grandchildren and travel.

I received an e-mail from Unni, LA6RHA regarding the first meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland of the SYLRA June 12-15, 2005. I checked airfares, and was surprised that they were so cheap and the flying time is only 6 hours. Since Iceland has a National holiday the 17, there are a lot of unusual activities that weekend. Check out their web site!

It's hard to keep the news current, but please send me all of your activities and achievements.. If we don't promote our activities, and ourselves no one else will!

I have invited any YLs interested in seeing Yellowstone National Park before or after the YLRL convention in August to visit my home. I already have some who are planning to come. *All* are welcome, but I can only accommodate 6 -8 at a time in my home, so after I fill my home others may have to stay in local

hams homes or hotels. I have 2 full RV hookups (electric, water, sewer). So if you want to visit, please let me know as soon as possible.

Dues are Due *March 1, 2005*. If you would like to sponsor someone let me know.

Hope this year is as good as last year!

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Carol L. Hall, WD8DQG/7
P.S. For those who know I have fowl (chickens, geese, turkeys), the biggest turkey weighted 381bs when he was cooked.. still have one more for Christmas!

DX Corrections:

New addresses: Walli Jaeger-Ketterer, Eisenlohrstr. 20, 76435 Karlsruhe, Germany

Returned to Sender DX please help us correct these addresses so our members can get YL Harmonics! These were all returned by the Post office.

Chae Do Sook

Anne McMaster, ZL3VR

Toshiko Yasafuku

Renewals:

ChristaElksnat, DJ1TE
Greta Hubacker, HB9ARC
Machiko Sasaki, JR3MNA
Candy Okulicz, SP5XAB
Susan Falkingham, M3EYL
Ann Taylor, GOLAN
Raija Ulin, SM0HNV
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Continuous Membership de Cleo Brackett, ICOJFO

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Continuous Membership Certificate

This certificate is available ONLY to YLRL members. It is awarded automatically to any YL who has been a member, continuously for five years. Diamond-shaped stickers are awarded for each additional five years of continuous membership.

No application is necessary, but if you have any questions, contact the continuous membership certificate custodian.

Congratulations to all of our continuing members!

Correction: Blanche was listed as W5GXZ in the last issue her correct call is W4GXZ.
Congratulations on 50 years of continuous membership!

New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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New Members for January/February 2005

District 4

Emily Bishop KI4CHK
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Birthday: May 8
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Emily has been licensed since 2003 and holds a Tech license. She is a member of the Tennessee Army Mars, with a call AUX4EB, a member of RACES and she enjoys nets. Emily is a very energetic young lady and I had the pleasure to meet her at the Ten-Tec hamfest in September. She may be our youngest member as Emily is 9 years old.

District 7

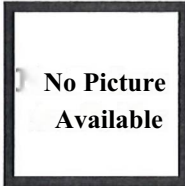
Rebecca Harvey, KE7CICY
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Birthday: March 3
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Becky has been licensed since 2004 and participates with the SATERN, Salvation Army nets as well as RAMS.

Treasury Talk

You moved from Florida to Oregon, but kept the 4 in your call...how do you know which Receiving Treasurer to send your dues to for the Young Ladies' Radio League? Send it to the Receiving Treasurer where you reside. Please add the district after your call if needed. Example: AA1BB/8 goes to Carol Schmitkons, Receiving Treasurer for Districts 8-10.

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The Receiving Treasurers help keep our records updated as members renew. They are responsible for accepting dues for their particular section. If you have any questions on when to pay your dues or if you are currently paid up, contact your Receiving Treasurer for more information!

Don't forget to pay your dues! Membership is delinquent if not paid by March 31, 2005! We want to keep YOU as a member, so please rejoin. Don't forget to fill out a new membership form. For your convenience one is located in the center of this issue or check out the website www.ylrl.org for other options.



Disbursing Treasurer

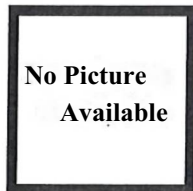
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Even though YLRL has to pay bills. The Disbursing Treasurer is the one who keeps us on track and up-to-date monetarily.

The Budget and Finance committee Chairwoman is an advisor to the president. She also is an advisor to the Disbursing Treasurer. This committee advises the Board in regard to investing League funds.

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Lap robes for Christmas!

LAP ROBE PROJECT

By Dorothy Silman, KB8TQU

Back in April myself, Dorothy Silman KB8TQU, and Carolyn Donner N8ST, both members of the Grant Amateur Radio Club, stationed right here in Georgetown, and USS Jurassic a correspondence Star Trek fan club, thought it would be nice to make a few lap robes for the residents at the new Veterans home in Georgetown, OH. Christmas was the date chosen to present them.

When we asked for and received permission to do this, we were informed we needed 168 Lap robes. Needless to say, we were overwhelmed. We shared our dilemma with the other ladies in our clubs, and via newsletters. They in turn passed the idea along to their friends. We soon had Lap robes coming in from everywhere. The participation was truly overwhelming. We received help from as far south as Tennessee, and as far north as Canada, from Indiana to Pennsylvania, and in between. The ladies either made Lap robes or donated yarn or money to purchase yarn.

We all have put a lot of time and pride in this project. We want the veterans to know we have not forgotten what they have done for us, and for our country. God bless them all.

Through Pat Michalski (Volunteer Coordinator at the Veterans Home), we received special permission to personally deliver a Lap robe to each veteran. It was very rewarding to meet these men and women and have the opportunity to talk with them, and to show our appreciation for what

they have done for us. The staff at the Veterans Home made us feel very welcome, we were served refreshments along with the residents, and given extra time to visit with them. What a wonderful feeling!



Carolyn Donner N8ST, Ruth Silbaugh W8NGR, and Dot Silman KB8TQU standing behind some of the beautiful lap robes.

Ladies a special THANK YOU. From Grant Amateur Radio Club, and USS Jurassic, Dorothy Silman KB8TQU, Carolyn Dormer N8ST, Polly Hayden KC8CZB, Kay King KC8CZC, Shirley Gallenstein, Barb Lock N8HIA, Margaret Burbage, Betty White, Aileen Logan, and Janis Cameron VE7AAP (from Canada). From YLRL, Ruth Silbaugh W8NGR as well as some of the others mentioned above. From Lake Waynoka, Ardith Poynter and her group, Valery Bullock, Cheri Townsend, Donna Schatyel, Gaila Gilbert, Jeanne Eastlake, Mary Kay Woolfe, Judith Jackson, Betty Purdin, Diane Johnson, Cindy Putman, Marietta Gilpin, Eileen Poole, and Clara Jackson. Janet Waggoner (USS OHIO - K8SSO), and Suzanne Maurer (USS INTREPID-KC8UFK), Linda Blair,

Wanda Nickerson, Jeanette Berry, and her group from Winchester. If we have missed anyone, please except our apology. The Grant Amateur Radio Club has an on-going baby project; we make blankets, beanies, and booties, which are donated to local Hospitals. The USS Jurassic has an on-going afghan project, these are sent to various crisis centers. The group at Lake Waynoka has an on-going blanket, afghan project; these are also donated to local organizations.

As you may have guessed, we are out of yarn. If you would like to donate yarn or money to purchase yarn, please contact Dorothy Silman, 502 Waynoka Dr. Sardinia, Ohio 45171. Ladies, thank you one more time, God bless you. Here's wishing you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY prosperous new year.



Some of the 30+ ladies who donated lap robes, and who were able to help distribute them. I don't have all of the names yet, but second from the left is Polly Hayden KC8CZB, Carolyn Donner N8ST (in back), Betty White (in front), and Dot Silman KB8TQU (also in back).

In our Thoughts

Margaret Koerner, KOIQ became a Silent Key

Shirlee, I<Q7Y's OM, Bob, WB7QON became a silent key on December 9, 2004



Norma Dingfelder Vanderhoof, W3CG

Norma, W3CF, was An Avid Ham Radio Operator Norma "W3CG" Dingfelder Vanderhoof, 78, of 713 West Church St., Corry, died on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at her home.

She was born in Corry on February 26, 1926, a daughter of the late Walter and Ruth Dahl Dingfelder. Mrs. Vanderhoof was raised and educated in the Corry area and graduated from Corry High School in 1944. She was a timekeeper for Raymond Mfg. (Associated Spring- Barnes Group) in Corry for 40 years, retiring in 1987.

She was an avid ham radio operator, her call sign was "W3CG" She earned her FCC amateur extra class license in 1973 and was the first woman in Erie County to pass this exam at the Buffalo, NY FCC office.

She was air original member of the Rae ARRL VEC VE Team. She held the position of RAE ARRL VEC VE liaison for 18 years. Mrs. Vanderhoof wrote the Erie Sunday Times amateur radio column for 10 years. She was also a member of American Radio Relay League, the Radio Association of Erie, Union City Wireless Association, the Radio Amateurs of Corry, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, the Fists CW Club and the Young Ladies Radio League, Inc.

She enjoyed reading. Her husband, Howard E. Vanderhoof, whom she married in Jamestown, N.Y. on March 30, 1944, survives her. She is also survived by two daughters, Maxine A. Cudny and her husband, Eugene of Erie, and Domra R. Vandervort of Corry; by four sisters, Marian

Humphrey and her husband, Vernon of Glendale, Ariz., Betty Landers and her husband, Alvin, of Waterford, Joan Rater and her husband, Gary of Corry and Jean Merritt and her husband, Don, of Venango; by two brothers, Alan Dingfelder and Iris wife, Marie, of North East and Howard Dingfelder and his wife, Virginia of Corry.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and by several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Regional Cancer Center, 2500 W. 12th St., Erie, PA 16505 or to the Great Lakes Hospice, 1700 Peach St., Erie, PA. 16501. Published in the Erie Times-News from 1/13/2005 -1/14/2005.



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THE SECOND AREA YOUNG LADIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

FALL 2004

Sadly We Say Good-Bye To SAYLARC

In 1978, Phyllis Shanks, W2GLB was in the process of getting the club started when her OM (better half/husband) was transferred out of 2-land, so she left the project with Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL, who led the way and SAYLARC became a reality.

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For over 25 years the ladies of SAYLARC could be heard on the Friday and Saturday morning SAYLARC nets or would meet in person at the Spring and Fall Luncheons held at various locations in New York and New Jersey. Under the wonderful direction of Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL, the SAYLARC ladies pulled their resources together and hosted the YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League) convention in July 1996. Women from all over the world came together to make the convention a success!

At one time our membership numbered over 100 and as years went by and other interests grew, our membership slowly dwindled away. Sadly, it was decided a few months ago to dissolve the SAYLARC group. The money that is left in the treasury will be given to the YLRL Scholarship Fund in memory of all SAYLARC members both current and those who have gone before us.

Tho we might not be an actual SAYLARC group anymore, you can still find many SAYLARC gals on the Friday morning SAYLARC net at 9am on 3950 +/- gm. We hope you will stop by and say "Hi" from time to time.

We hope you will treasure the *fond memories and the friendships* you have made over the years. A heartfelt Thanks to all those who helped make SAYLARC a *great organization!*

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The Second Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club

Asked & Answered

Your questions and answers to help other YLs

Dear Asked and Answered,

How do I change my information with YLRL? I have moved and don't want to miss an issue of YL Harmonics. Please help!

Muddled Mover

Dear Muddled Mover,

Changing address and e-mail with YLRL is easy. Just send your new information to the Database Manager, Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL or to your Receiving Treasurer (Information can be found in the front of YL Harmonics and they will get the information to all the proper places. Good luck with the move!

Dear Asked and Answered,

I want to plan a DXpedition to the Carribean. I am curious if anyone else has operated out of there and from which countries. I am not sure how to get licensed in another country. Can you help?

1st Time DXpeditioner

Dear 1st time DXpeditioner,

There are a number of YLs who have operated from the Carribean. We will put the zoord out and put the answer in a future issue!

Please help!

If you have been on a DXpedition to the Carribean, please let Asked and Answered know. We will use your answers to help 1st Time DXpeditioner get her feet wet.

Dear Asked and Answered,

I am looking to buy an HT. I want to use it in the car, but don't want a big permanent rig. Is there something that can easily fit in a purse or backpack?

Hesitant Shopper

Dear Hesitant Shopper,

This topic has been going around the YL-Hams reflector recently. There are a number of HTs that are small enough to fit in a standard purse. They are about the size of a cellphone. Let's see if our readers have anymore information on the subject!

Dear Asked and Answered,

What is a good way to get involved in contesting? I am new to Ham Radio and am licensed for HF privilage, but am scared of the big contests where you have to work really fast and know what everyone else is doing. I am afraid that I will mess up. What is a good way to get started in contesting?

Helpless in Contests

Dear Helpless,

There are a number of good ways to get your feet wet in contesting. One of the best ways is to participate at a local Field Day site.

Field Day is designed to teach people more about Ham Radio including how to work under less than ideal circumstances. There are even special stations for beginners and Non Hams to learn how to operate during a contest and try getting on the air..

Another great way to get started is during one of the YLRL contests. February hosts the YL-OM contest (See page 6 of this issue for more details). The YLs talk to the OMs and the OMs talk to the YLs. It is not as fast paced as some contests and everyone is very willing to help teach along the way.

Hope this helps and Good luck!

Please write to PO Box 342, Littleton, CO 80160 or send e-mails to nOwbv@earthlink.net with your questions or if you have answers to help!

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