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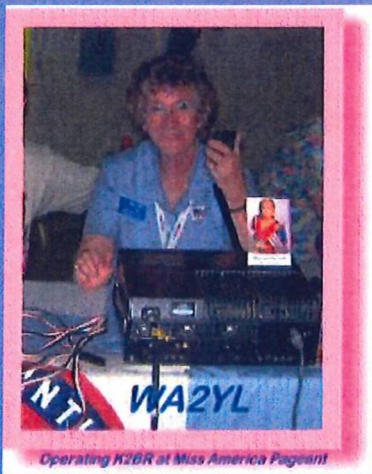


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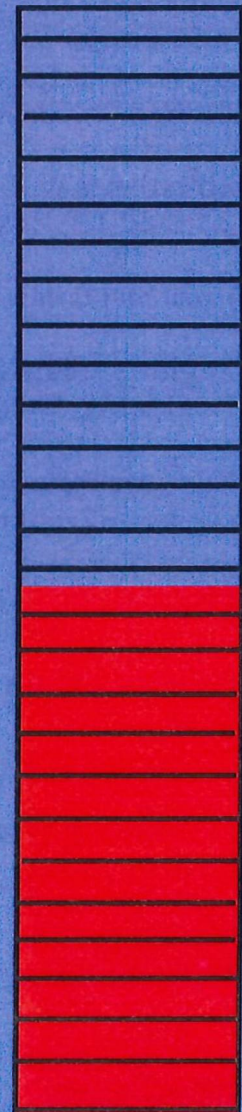
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Don't forget the YLRL gives out two scholarships every year. On that note it is time to let you know about our next scholarship drive. Tickets are available for \$1.00 each and the winning tickets will be drawn at the 2008 Young Ladies' Radio League Convention in Huntsville, AL. The drawing will be at the Holiday Inn-Downtown on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and you need not be present to win. The prize money is all in the clear and any donations are going straight to the scholarship fund. Don't forget to keep watching the thermometer on the front cover. Let's send it off the page! We send out two scholarships every year in the names of Ethel Smith, K4LMB and Mary Lou Brown, NM7N-two of our founding mothers.

Prizes are 1<sup>st</sup>-300.00

2<sup>nd</sup>-250.00 Please help us keep the scholarships going!

3<sup>rd</sup>-150.00

I am so proud of the YLRL members!

*Marte KOEPE*

### District 2 News Continued from Page 10

In November, the Bergen Amateur Radio Club hosted the Hudson Division Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Saddle Brook, NJ. The purpose of this dinner is to honor some pretty great hams in our Division and also to raise money for the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund. In attendance this year was Mary Hobart, K1MMH, Chief Development Officer of the ARRL and Katie Breen W1KRB, ARRL Membership Manager. These ladies are always so much fun to be with and they have done some pretty amazing things since they have been at the ARRL!

had a great evening, complete with great food, outstanding attendance and an abundance of door prizes!

During this Holiday Season, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families, a very blessed, happy and healthy time. Whatever you celebrate, do it with your family and friends and enjoy!

As we enter into 2008, let's set some goals to invite more Young Ladies to join YLRL and to participate together in more activities that involve Amateur Radio.

God Bless! 33 de Joyce  
KA2ANF

*Thanks to everyone for starting the scholarship drive off on such a wonderful note!*

*Don't forget to keep checking the thermometer on the front of each cover to see where YLRL is at on the drive.*

*We give out 2 scholarships a year and the drive helps keep these scholarships going thanks to your generous support.*

*You can also donate anonymously, as a memorial or just because. THANK YOU!*

## Certificate Custodians

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL, DX-YL are all being handled by  
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Please check out the center section for the new 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 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 a 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 addresses 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 *YL Harmonics*.  
DX countries. List requirements are the same as for the original application.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CENTER SECTION TO SEE WHAT  
THE NEW CERTIFICATES AND REVISED LOOK LIKE!**

### 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.**

**Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM-1593** Lee Road 375, Valley, AL 36854,  
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### 25 Year Certificate

Jasmine Marshall, G4ICFP, has received her 25 year sticker she should have received in 2006.

### 50 Year Certificate

KOEPE, Marte Wessel 50 years.

### 55 Year Certificate

W8LGY, Ruth Rickett, 55 years

### 60 Year Certificate

W6CEE, Vada Gipson, 60 years



## President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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Wow - here I am, the President of the oldest organization for women in amateur radio, YLRL! It is a challenging opportunity for me as I look forward to the next two years. I welcome your thoughts and ideas for ways to make YLRL a vital and enthusiastic advocate for our shared hobby of amateur radio.

Let me introduce myself to you. I have held a General license since 1977. I was introduced to ham radio by my husband Tony, WA1ENO. I was encouraged by women that I met through Women Radio Operators of New England (WRONE) and YLRL. I especially have to credit Onie, WIZEN (SI<); Blanche, K4GXZ; and Kay, WAOWOF with setting me on the path to becoming the President of YLRL. It started with being the District 1 Chairwoman for over 20 years. I have at-

tended nearly all the YLRL Conventions since 1982 and have found each one a wonderful chance to meet YLs from all over the US and the world. I just retired in January after over 35 years as an elementary teacher. I am looking forward to more time for operating low bands, both rag chewing and contests. 2 meter mobile has been my most regular mode for several years. In addition to my OM, our family includes our son Robert and his wife Krista, architects in Philadelphia who are not hams (yet). Tony and I live in Hanover, Massachusetts - a small town 20 miles south of Boston. In addition to amateur radio, I enjoy counted cross-stitch, reading, travel, and skiing. I am active in my church and am Co-President of the Hanover Permanent Scholarship Fund.

I hope that many of you are planning to attend the

2008 Convention in Huntsville, AL in August. It is such a wonderful chance to meet each other. Every convention is different and this one has the added opportunity of preceding the Huntsville Hamfest. Also, I will be attending Dayton Hamvention for the first time ever in May. I hope to meet many of you there.

My sincere thanks go to Mary, WX4MM for her great job as President for the past two years. I also want to thank all the other officers for their hard work for YLRL. We have a few new faces this year and we will count on our predecessors to give us some help as we get used to our new jobs! We need your help too! Please let any of us know what you want our organization to be and do. Remember - you are YLRL, there is no organization without members!  
33, Anne WB1ARU

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### President's Advisory Committee

Term expires December 31, 2009  
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**DX-YL to North American YL Contest**

**CW: 1400 UTC April 4, 2008 to  
0200 UTC April 6 2008**

**SSB: 1400 UTC April 11, 2008 to  
0200 UTC April 13, 2008**

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*No Picture  
at this  
time*

General Rules for YLRL Contests

1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.

2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.

3. Scoring:

- Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
- One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OMs and OMs count YLs.
- Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
- Contestants running a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, at all times during the contest, earn a power factor of 1.5
- Computation is done by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.
- For each duplicate contact that is removed from the log by the Vice-President, a penalty of three additional and equal contacts will be exacted.

4. Logs:

- All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
- Please type or print. Do not send carbon copies of logs. Photocopies are OK.
- Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
- Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.

5. Exchange: Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.

**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 150 watts or less on CW and 300 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. Photocopies are OK, but no carbon copies will be accepted. File separate logs fore each contest.

**Don't forget to send in information on your YL events including  
Tables at Hamfests, Special Events and YL Club Meetings!**



## Youth News de Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

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Hi again,

First of all, I would like to say that I hoped that everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year. It is hard to believe that 2007 has come and gone. Time sure does go by fast. However, 2007 was a great year especially in Amateur Radio. Hopefully 2008 will be just as good if not better.

It has hard to believe that I have been writing the youth column for YL-Harmonics for almost two years, but what a joy it has been! I have not participated in many Amateur Radio events these past few months because I have been

extremely busy with school. The last event that I attended was the Montgomery Ham-fest. It was a lot of fun. I met quite a few youth there, and were able to get their insight about youth and Amateur Radio. Another tiring that I would like to say is that I really enjoy writing the Youth Column for YL-Harmonics. It is a great privilege. Writing the Youth Column has also helped me meet new people that I would had never of met otherwise.

I am looking forward to the YLRL Convention in Huntsville this year! I am so glad that it has made itself to the

Southeast. Hopefully I will meet some of you, if not most of you, there.

In conclusion, I just wanted you all to know that I absolutely admire the people that have chipped in and made YL-Harmonics possible. It is a great publication. Mrs. Cheryl and everyone have done a lovely job. Keep up the good work!

I am always looking for others input so I can feature it in my column. If you have any input please feel free to e-mail me. Thank you!

73 & 33,  
Kim, WX4KIM

### District 1 News continued from page 9

Deb NNIC wrote from Cody, "My husband and I moved to Cody, WY, in March and have settled in, although I am not yet on the air but should be in 2008. I have met lots of hams out here so I will have help putting up antennas, etc. This high plains area next door to Yellowstone is stunningly beautiful. We do miss Vermont, but what I miss the most is the ham community. I especially miss the YL's with whom I shared membership in W1WWV (Wireless Women of Vermont)!!"

Anne WB1ARU will be retiring in January after teaching since 1971! "I am looking forward to a new stage of my life with time to travel and try new things. OM Tony WA1ENO and I will be in Colorado for a month in February to ski and relax. Our first trip to Dayton is also on the calendar. I am excited to finally go and meet many YLs."

Best wishes for a wonderful and challenging new year for each of you and your families. Remember to let Jane

N1PVT know what you are up to! Her Email is [nlpvt@aol.com](mailto:nlpvt@aol.com) and you can find her mail address in this column's header. 33,  
Anne WB1ARU

*Ed Note: Thanks to Anne for doing such a great job as the 1st District Chairwoman. Please welcome her into her new position as our YLRL President for 2008-2009!*

*Welcome to Jane as the new DC for District 1 and don't forget to send her news!*



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## District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT

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It's hard to believe that I have been writing this column for so many years! I wrote my first column for the January February 1986 issue of YLH! It has been great fun to get to know so many of you. I will still be writing for YLH, but with a new hat - President! Jane N1PVT will be taking over this column with the next issue, so keep in touch with both of us! I look forward to getting to know more of the YLs across the country and around the world as I start my new responsibilities.

Blanche W4GXZ celebrated her 90th birthday on December 28. Her daughter hosted a small gathering at her home in Amherst MA. Friends from across the country sent QSL cards, notes and pictures for a scrapbook of memories. It's not too late to send greetings to 44 Western Lane, Amherst, MA 01002. Blanche served YLRL as President twice and was a willing volunteer for many other positions through the years. She was also active in QCWA and helped found QCWW.

Ann WAIS wrote, "I will be part of the DXpedition to Clipperton Island in March 2008. We should be on the air between March 7 and 17th. This will be the first time a YL will be on the air from this country. I came back from Grenada on 4 December with about 5 inches of snow on ground and now we have over a foot. I plan on doing a bit of skiing this Winter at Ragged Mountain." I hope that condi-

tions are favorable so that some of us can make a contact with the Clipperton group. Ann is a top notch CW operator; I look forward to hearing more about her adventures!

Joanne KB1FVN is active with public service. Her local club is in close contact with National Weather Service and MEMA. "We have been busy in radio land here. We have the Foxborough repeater 147.375 with a PL 67, up and working again. We even had a Skywarn activation in a recent storm. I also had the opportunity to attend the Skywarn recognition day at NWS Taunton."

Bobbie W1JX and OM Tom sent a Christmas letter telling of some of their activities this past year. Sadly they lost their beloved cat Jake just before his 11th birthday. He was a member of their family and is greatly missed. A huge project of remodeling their home with new floors, windows, doors and paint was finally completed. Their radio room is back in place and they are back on the air. Bobbie and Tom were also able to take several trips around Maine and to Canada.

Linda WIMP and OM Mark N1MR are avid bikers who had a fabulous fall trip on their bikes. They spent part of the fall touring through the Shenandoah Valley, Blue Ridge Mts. and the Smokey Mts., then on to Florida. "We managed on this

trip to visit with all 3 of our kids who are spread out in Virginia, Florida and Pennsylvania. Had a wonderful time at the Corning Glass Museum in Corning, NY. We rode 4,600 miles in 17 states this trip. Only have 16 to go, of course that includes Alaska and Hawaii, a bit of a stretch on bikes. We've had 2 and a half feet of snow over the last 3 weeks, this is a good ski year in Vermont. Our daughter, hubby and 3 of our grandsons will be here just before Christmas to take advantage of all the snow."

The WWV had their semi-annual luncheon in October, hosted again by Kit Wilson WA1WQM at Wake Robin Retirement Community. We were all there except Deborah Woodbridge (formerly Deborah Clark) NN1C who was dearly missed. She and hubby Dudley have settled in to Cody, WY & are very much enjoying their new QTFL.



From left to right in the picture: Peter Cooper KB1AOW, Andrea Parker K1WLX, Kit Wilson WA1WQM, Bob Wilson WA1TKH (seated in front of Kit) Bill Burden WB1BRE, Linda Robinson WIMP & Dot Burden KA1LDS (in front of Bill), Julie Cooper KB1APN, Jim Parker K1VII & Mark Robinson N1MR.

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## District 2 News

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Greetings everyone and Happy 2008!

It's been a sad time for us here in the Eastern New York Section with the loss of one of the nicest YL's I've met, Emily Maytan, AC2V. I had the great pleasure of meeting Emily when I went to the Yonkers ARC to speak a few years ago and then again at their Field Day. Emily suffered from Diabetes and complications of the disease, but she was the most up-beat lady, I ever met! She enjoyed life, and Amateur Radio, always giving of herself, especially to the VE program. She was credited with serving in 267 VE Sessions. Our hearts go out to her OM, Paul, AC2T, for Emily was a real sweetheart.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to another wonderful YL in Eastern New York, Sylvia Stone, K2SLY, who's OM, Frank Stone, KB2YUR, ENY SEC passed away after a long battle with cancer. Sylvia, you have our love and support.

In Long Island, New York, I hear from Diane Ortiz, K2DO, who has been busy with her relatively new business venture, teaching women to safely traverse the roads by Motorcycle! Diane has served as PIO for the NLI Section for the ARRL for many years and was pretty much our only source of news during 9/11. Diane has also written many articles for ham publications, served in many po-

sitions in the ARRL and the local Amateur Radio clubs, and has traveled to many countries for Amateur Radio events. Diane is always busy with something, and I'm glad to have her support. Currently she is serving as an Assistant Director in the Hudson Division.

The BARA Club in Northern New Jersey, quite a few active YL's in their membership and they have been busy with contesting and planning social events in the area. They have been affectionately dubbed "The BARA Babes".

One of our YL's, Barbara, KC2KLF, and her OM Andrew, KC2KIS (now VK3KIS) are now residing in Melbourne, Australia. Members of the BARA Club got together at Biagio's Restaurant on Saturday, August 18th to say goodbye. We enjoyed a great meal together complete with Birthday Cake, as it was also Barbara's Birthday! While we will miss both Barbara and Andrew tremendously, we take comfort in the fact that when propagation improves, we will hear more from them! Isn't Ham Radio great?

In the Northern New Jersey area, I am involved in monthly VE testing with a group of guys (nope, there are no gals in this group), and through the removal of the Morse Code requirement, we have seen an increased number of Candidates testing for their Amateur Radio licenses.

And I'm proud to say that we are seeing a good deal of youth as well as YL's!

Opportunities to work on Emergency Communications skills are readily available throughout the year, especially in the spring and fall when many organizations count on Amateur Radio for communications. I am a big advocate for all things relating to Public Service, such providing communications services to events such as the "MS-100" Bike Tour. These are excellent opportunities to do what we do best - Communicate! So, I urge you to volunteer for events in your area whenever you can.

Contesting throughout the year is another way we can keep our communications skills sharp and the YLRL hosts many contests. Many years ago, I was pretty much a regular participant in these contests. I still like to contest, and get on the air whenever I can for many of the ones offered by the ARRL and CQ Magazine. This is good time, especially when you can share the operating experience with others. Having a club station set up in my home allows me to help others get on the air, and what better time to encourage participation by new hams, than during contests!

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## District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

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Hello to everyone from District 3. We're on that downhill rush to the Holidays, half joyous anticipation and half anxiety over what we haven't gotten done. Ed, my SO, and I have been baking and making plum jam. We make trays and baskets of cookies, jams, relishes, and even a home-made scarf or shawl if I've had time to work on some, and this is what we give to neighbors and friends. My intentions are always good, even if my efforts are taxed getting it all done. But whatever stage we have arrived at by Christmas Eve, we will sit down and enjoy ourselves as I hope you all will have done with your families and friends.

We at WACOM had our Hamfest on Nov. 4th, and it was again a successful one, with attendance up over each of the last few years. We were lucky that the weather was with us. We had our VE session, turning out a new Tech and two upgrades, always a pleasure to report this sort of success. Barb, KA3VXR, was there and manned (womanned?) the YLRL table.

A number of YLs stopped to visit and thanks to Barb's OM we have some photos of attendees.



Barb, KA3VXR; Carol, KB3GMN;  
and Jacque, N3ZEL

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Along with the photos I received a terrific report from Barb. She writes:

"Preparations are underway in the Bender household. Decorating, baking, etc. We put up 13 Christmas trees - one in every room of the house - all with different themes. The kitchen tree is full of teacups & small kitchen items; the main tree in the living room is decorated with all of my OM's family trinkets; the Rec room tree has my family treasures; one spare bedroom has all Santas; another spare room has old Victorian decorations (all handmade); another spare room has cats all over the tree; the laundry room has all laundry/sewing items on it; my OM has a tree in the ham shack with all computer/ Ham Radio trinkets on it; you get the idea. A new one this year is a tree on the sun porch with all cardinals and icicle lights on it. Takes a lot of time, but I love it. My daughter and her family from TX are coming for Christmas so it makes the preparations much more fun! After 4 oral surgeries this year, I am just thankful that I am able to do this and am happy to say I am presently cancer-free.

Have been trying to make contact on HF with an OM from Kansas. He is a county hunter and

wanted my contact for the X in my call. Haven't been successful yet, but will keep trying. We keep in touch via e-mail to make the sked. Merry Christmas and Happy, Prosperous, Healthy New Year to everyone. Barb KA3VXR"

Sounds like a wonderful Christmas full of Blessings, Barb, and we will look forward to seeing you in 2008.

From Lois, WB3EFQ: "I can add that like everyone else we are getting prepared for the holiday. Tom and I are going on a cruise in July and hopefully we will meet my adoptee, Maya, when we get to Helsinki. That will be great. I have met the other 3 girls that I sponsor in YLRL." What a nice trip to look forward to, and the added opportunity to visit with a DXYL is icing on the cake. Have a safe and enjoyable trip, Lois, and please tell us all about it when you get home.

My term as president of WACOM is finished now, and I will have more time to concentrate on YLRL activities, so I am hoping to see more of you District 3 members at hamfests this year. It will be good to put faces with names and call signs. We are hoping to make it to Dayton again in 2008, so have our fingers crossed and will start planning early. Meantime I hope you are all well and enjoyed the holiday season. All best, 73, 33 Jacque, N3ZEL





## District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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Hello YLs,

Greetings from the Bluegrass state of Kentucky. I hope your holidays were good and things are getting back to normal. Happy 2008 to each of you!

First, it is with sadness that I report the passing of Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL on December 24, 2007, at her home in Cape Coral, FL. Jan was a ham operator who had distinguished herself in many areas of ham radio. She had battled thyroid cancer and its after-effects for 14 years. She was active in the Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association support group, having founded the Suncoast Chapter.

Jan always contributed to our column, and in fact, I had a note from her on Dec. 11. She said she was quite ill, but as always, did not want our sympathy. She was always upbeat and positive. If you'd like to read more about her, her website (at this writing) is still available on the web. The address is [www.walyl.com](http://www.walyl.com). We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends in both NJ and FL.

Our past YLRL president, Mary Moore, WX4MM, has begun a new job in Emergency Management. In December she received her Basic

Level Emergency Manager Certification, and is working on the next level. Mary did a super job as president of our organization, and we all look forward to working with her in the future. Thanks Mary. She hopes to make more frequent use of the new Yaesu FT-950 Santa brought her.

Mary is in charge of door prizes at our upcoming convention in Huntsville, AL, in August, and she needs every one of us to send a door prize to her. I know any item will be appreciated. May I suggest YLRL pins and shirts, or perhaps ARRL items, such as the Handbook, mini-logs, or even ARRL Christmas cards. Mary needs the items by July 1.

Please help sell Scholarship tickets for our Scholarship Drive. Contact Marte, KOEPE, to request tickets to sell. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

Rose-Marie, KB4RM, is actively involved in the DX YL net which meets every Monday at 1500 UTC on 14.223. She had worked 63 YLs this year in many countries. It sounds like it is a lot of fun, Rose-Marie.

Finally, Billie Wyckoff, WB4BW, has been very busy the past few months. She has

recuperated from surgery and is back into enjoying ham radio activities. She was re-elected as secretary-treasurer of the East Alabama Amateur Radio Club, and just finished writing a new handbook for the club. Their club is having training for FEMA classes required for them to continue work with Emergency Communications. That is so vital for radio clubs to train and make their members available in times of need by FEMA.

Although it will already have taken place when you read this, I am hoping participation in the YL-OM contest in February is greater this year. I wish you good health and happy hamming in 2008. 33s, Carol, K4SAF

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## District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

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Hello, to all my new friends in District 5.

I am so excited to start a new year with new responsibilities and challenges.

First I would like to thank Carol KK5L for the fine job she has done on the articles for district 5 for all these years and to the yl's that have sent in news for the February article.

Jenny N5DXD and her om Bob W7UY who live in district 7 now are looking forward to a visit from Jenny's mom Martha W5YKE from district 5 and they are excited about showing Martha how Christmas is done in the Western Wyoming Mountains.

Joyce W5MWK gives us news from her QTH that her youngest son and family moved to Weston FL in Sept. Their three oldest daughters remain in Texas two are on their own and Mickey is attending A & M. Their adoption of little Jo was final on 09/09/07 she will be 3 in January they named her Margaret Joyce Kepler and call her Jo. Joyce also reports that they have been blessed with their first great grand child born 06/19/07 Aurora Jean May Andrewartha.

Joyce has lost two sisters in law, and a nephew in law this year from brain cancer, breast cancer and heart trouble. Since her om Jim retired in 1989 she has been on the go and not much time for radio or YL nets. Ladies, Joyce shares with us she is up for a kidney transplant and is doing all the evaluation now. Please remember Joyce in your prayers as she prepares for this transplant.

Carol KK5L tells us of her new hobby winch she shares with her granddaughter Melissa of fresh bread making with fresh milled flour from her granddaughters flour mill. Carol is the proud owner of a bread machine and is enjoying the fresh made bread she says it is sooo good.

Zenda KD5MD and om Jim are civil war re-enactors which requires a lot of travel and lately they have been doing a lot of Christmas parades dressed as Confederates on a float with a very large cannon Zenda said the only problem is they will not let them fire the cannon. Zenda's om is also the net control for the Africaner Group a dx net. The SMYL's along with members of the MDXA worked together on a community project for a family of four

that had lost their home during Hurricane Katrina and relocated in Wiggins, MS where they had just moved in to their new home on Thanksgiving Day when a fire took the new home and all their belonging. We gathered toys and clothes for the kids and clothes and house hold items for the mom and dad.

The SMYL also held their first Cfirstmas Dinner where the final logo was presented. Thanks to Phil WA5TBG and Sylvia AE5BU Montalbo who designed our logo.



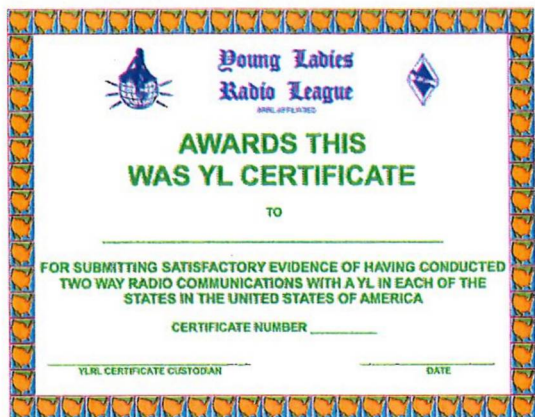
The SMYL's are planning a spring picnic for April and looking forward to Field Day.

I received the YLRL scholarship tickets from Marte KOEPE and hope to start selling them soon.

That's all folks for now enjoy amateur radio and get on the airways.

33 de Betty Jo KB5CSQ

# DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY YL AWARDS CAN BE EARNED? YLS AND OMS CAN BOTH EARN ALL THE AWARDS BELOW!



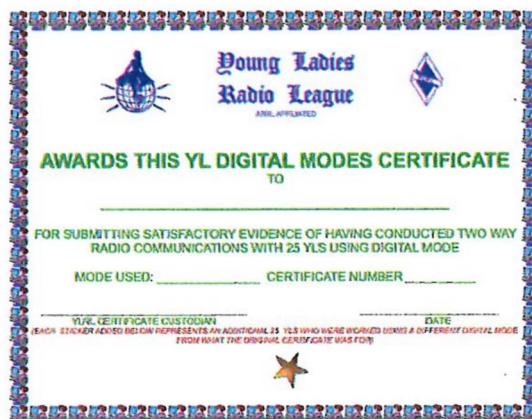
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# YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008

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:

Member of ARRL? Yes No Endorsed is who signed you up or event you signed up at.

Please complete the following optional information:

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

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----- \$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.

**IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A DX YL PLEASE SEND YOUR ADOPTEE'S DUES**

**TO THE DX TREASURER! Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.**

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Red/Bold** 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, 2008 to keep current for the 2008 year.



# In Our Thoughts

## Silent Keys by District

**Thanks to everyone who wrote in about all these wonderful people!**

### **District 2**

Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL, became a Silent Key on December 24, 2007. One of her greatest interests was ham radio. Her CW (Morse Code) was a familiar sound to Southcar and Eastcar hams all along the highways as she drove often between her home in Cape Coral, Florida, to her family in New Jersey.

Jan was licensed as WN2JCE in 1963, followed by WB2JCE, I<J4N, and finally WA2YL as an indication of her great interest in and work with the YLRL (Young Ladies' Radio League). The YLRL group supports female participation in ham radio by sponsoring contests, encouraging public service, and awarding annual scholarships to upcoming YL's. She was part of the first all-female DXpedition to Niue Island in 1988.

Jan was also very active in the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) and a good recruiter for both organizations. She held office as secretary in the local chapter and was an active supporter of the QCWA national scholarship program.

She was a member of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League/The National Association for Amateur Radio) for many years. She served several years as Section Traffic Manager in Southern Florida. A very sociable YL, Jan enjoyed attending Hamfests. She was well known even at the large Dayton Hamfest. Her local activities included participation in the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club and an assignment as hospital communicator with ARES in Lee County.

Jan operated at the ham message booth near the entrance to the Miss America Pageant for thirty consecutive years sending NTS (National Traffic System) messages back home for the contestants and pageant visitors. She had fun getting to know the girls and their families.

Her non-ham accolades include being honored by the ABWA (America Business Women's Association) as '(Woman of the year" before she moved to Florida.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Cape Coral, her musical talents were greatly appreciated as she played in the Praise Band. She was not afraid to witness for our Lord and enjoyed many Christian friends.

Jan battled Cancer for 14 years beginning with thyroid cancer. She founded the Suncoast Chapter of THYCA (Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association), a support group for thyroid cancer survivors and their families. She is survived by a son, two daughters, two step-sons, two sisters, and six grandchildren. She will be missed by many.

### **District 6**

"It is with great sadness that I report the loss of another 6th District YL. Madge Mason, WA6LWE, died peacefully on January 10, 2008 with her daughter at her side. In her eulogy which appeared in the Los Angeles Times \ IV7/ 08, her family requested donations in her name be sent to the American Cancer Society. I'm certain that her family will also approve of contributions to the YLRL Scholarships Funds as that is our YLRL traditional way of honoring silent keys."

### **District 7**

Carolyn Howells - WA7SSV became a SI< Saturday, Jan. 19. She was one of last year's delinquents but quite ill and didn't renew so she wasn't a current YLRL member but had been a member for a while before becoming ill. She was one of the regular MINOW Net check-ins before she was diagnosed with cancer just over a year ago.

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## **District 7 continued**

Marti Bratcher W7AYL passed away on October 23, 2007, after being diagnosed with cancer in July. Marti was devoted to her family, very involved with church activities, and an avid amateur radio operator. She held a general license, and particularly enjoyed DXing and rag chewing. She was an advocate for women in amateur radio encouraging YLs to get into the hobby, and mentoring anyone who needed help.

She was Past President of the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL), 1996-1997, and the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club. She was a member of ARRL, RGSB, YLRL, British Young Ladies Radio Association (BYLARA), MINOW, and several other YL radio clubs in the US. Locally she was involved with OTVARC, and the Two Rivers YL Net. She was a regular at the SeaPac YLRL table and organized the YL Luncheon for several years.

Marti and her husband Jack W7AAJ were licensed in 1989 in Southern California, and moved to Oregon in the middle 1990's. Marti held her first call sign N6XDS until she moved to Oregon and took W7AYL. Marti and Jack volunteered as guides for W6RO, the amateur radio station on the Queen Mary, now permanently moored at Long Beach. They were active at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Disneyland. As propagation dropped out during the current sun spot cycle, Marti's interest in Echo Link grew so she could continue making contacts with operators in other countries.

Marti organized the first ham radio communications team for the Race for the Cure in Portland in 1999. The team was composed of YLs only for the first few years, before the event and the demand for operators grew past the number of available YLs. Marti welcomed the Two Rivers YL group to her home for their periodic YL Luncheons, and checked into the net when it did not conflict with other radio club or church activities. Marti encouraged me to take the Database Manager position when it opened up in the late 1990's. As a result of doing that I met and made friends with many YLRL members I would have never known otherwise, and am grateful to Marti for recognizing potential I did not realize I had.

Marti is survived by her husband of 23 years Jack, a brother, two daughters and a son, eight grandchildren, and a great granddaughter.

## **District 9**

Anna L. Arnholt-Taylor, 84, of Elizabethtown, Indiana died at 3:44 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Arnholt-Taylor was a teacher, retired from Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Tabitha Guild. An active Amateur Radio operator, she was involved in QCWA, YLRL as Tape Topics Librarian, and the Eleven O'Clockers Net as net secretary.

She is survived by sons, David W9SIO (Mary) Arnholt of Minnesota, John (Sandy) Arnholt of Otwell (Indiana), Michael K9RLW (Marcia) Arnholt of Fayetteville, N.C., Dennis WD9DWE (Jane AA9JM) Arnholt of Seymour (IN) and Philip (Sandy) Arnholt of Scipio (IN); daughters, Nancy (Steve) Whitehead of Scipio (IN) and Barbara N9DZX (Noel N9CJT) Taylor of Columbus (IN); a sister, Elenora Weaver of Evansville (IN); several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Francis G. Arnholt (the original W9SIO) and her second husband, Virgil Taylor.

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Unfortunately, the **BCY-LARA 80M YL Net** is no longer on-air, as there was no one available to take over the net control responsibilities, despite the fact that improved propagation will mean more and better contacts with one another, coast to coast. Rose-Marie, KB4RM, from Virginia, successfully checked into our HF YL 80M Net, Spring of 2007, making her presence on-air die highlight for me, as Net Control, over the past two years that this net was on-air! Thanks RoseMarie!!!

Members of our **BC YL Amateur Radio Association** are looking forward very much to the upcoming, **BCY-LARA YL2008 Conference on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008** in North Vancouver, BC. This is a very special day, as we will be celebrating our **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, since our first annual British Columbia, YL Conference, held in 1999! Please visit **YLRADIO Website** at <http://www.ylradio.ca> for more **BCYLARA YL2008 Conference details!**

33 Elizabeth -VE7TLK/  
VA7TK

**Ann Nutter - VE3HAI writes:**

That she was disappointed that she had to cancel her trip to Denver in October for the QCWA Conventions. She was, however, able to go to the Fort Wayne, Indiana flea market with her daughter, N9ZKU, in November. As

usual, it was a great trip.

The CLARA cookbook is now available and is just great. Ann is looking forward to trying the recipes. If anyone wants a copy they can check the CLARA web page for details.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be just a memory, but Ann hopes that everyone had a great holiday and that they will have a happy and safe New Year.

Ann-VE3HAI

**Paulette Schouten - VE7VPE writes:**

Well, winter has arrived with all its fury. Hope everyone gets through it this year! We are back in Cathedral City, CA for the winter, true snowbirds now. Flew home in December and arrived in snow. What a shock having come from 80+ degree weather!!

It has been a busy year for me with CLARA being their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. After months of work, Glenna, VE7DSC, and I finally published the cookbook for the anniversary. It was more work than both of us expected but the results were great and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. You can check it out on the CLARA website.

I hosted, with the help of other talented ladies, the BCYLARA Conference in September with 17 ladies in attendance. We had a great

time and the weather cooperated and was beautiful. We also had a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for CLARA at the conference. There were guest speakers, a silent auction and, of course, great food.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year.

33 Paulette - VE7VPE

**Jeanne Gordon - VA3WX writes:**

Jeanne and Ann, VE3HAI, and Roberta, VA3RMW, got together in early November. The girls had coffee and cookies at Jeanne's then went to a nearby restaurant for lunch. It was a fun day. In mid-November Jeanne and her Meals on Wheels partner decorated an 8-foot Christmas tree at the Royal Botanical Gardens here in Burlington, joining other non-profit organizations with a decorated tree. On December 5<sup>th</sup> Jeanne with 140 Red Cross volunteers attended a beautiful sit down dinner at a local banquet centre in Burlington. This was a thank you for the services we provide throughout the year. Poor band conditions since November for our evening 80-meter net on Monday nights. At time we don't hear a soul on the net frequency.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2008.

33s Jeanne - VA3WX

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## District Six News

### de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

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Happy New Year Ladies and thanks for electing me your 6th District Chairperson. This Spring I will mark my 15<sup>th</sup> year as a YLRL member. I received my Technician Class callsign (KD6NOK) in September 1992, and I meet Alice Ginsburg (N4MYZ) at our local radio club shortly after that. She introduced me to YLRL of LA where I met several great YLs including K6KCI, KS6I, and K6BUS. So here I am 15 years later and forever grateful to all of the YLs of YLRC of LA for introducing me to YLRL.

I must have made it to Santa's "Nice List" this year. He brought me a new VX-6R HT. Thanks Santa.

Last year Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF, gave her presentation on operating from VU7 to the San Fernando Valley ARC (my local radio club.) It's a great presentation, and the Southern California DX Club asked her to present it to their club on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The pictures are fantastic and her presentation very

informative.

Irma (K6KCI) will be celebrating her birthday in February. Her son and his family will be coming down to help her celebrate. She is on the HF regularly for the Ironing Board Net and the YL Open House. She reports that participation in the nets is way down from years past, and band conditions haven't helped. Evelyn (N6DEJ) hasn't been on the air for awhile and has been busy trying to sort through the years of "stuff" we accumulate. (Haven't we all!)

I urge all District 6 YLs to send me their news to share with the others. If I don't hear from you, don't be surprised if you get a call from me digging for the news that fit to print. Please share your pictures too.

There are several YLs in my area that are not YLRL members, but they are very active in the hobby. Most of them are involved in disaster/emergency communications. YL membership in our local radio club has been increasing too. Now I need

to find the key to get them to join YLRL. Wish me luck.

My personal comments on the YL Nets: I hope we see an increase in net participation as "baby boomers" start to retire in the years ahead. I encourage all YLs to check in to the nets whenever they can, like on a day they are home waiting for a repairman or a little under-the-weather, etc. Let's keep the nets alive.

This was received just before press time.

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33, Ginger

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### Don't Forget...

The Novice Historical Society documents the experiences of Amateur Radio Operators when they were a Novice. They only have a few YL stories, so please if you are a Novice or ever were active with a Novice license, visit the site. Go to [www.NOVICE.bappy.com](http://www.NOVICE.bappy.com) to read Novice stories and submit your own!

The site is run by Cliff Cheng, WW6CC who can't wait to hear from you!



## District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello and Happy New Year to all from 7-land!

MINOW Net has been rather quiet lately with just Ruth K1IIF and myself checking in and occasionally Elizabeth KK7VO. But I've received several bits of news to share. A few weeks ago I received the Fall MINOW Net Newsletter put out by our new secretary-treasurer Claudia KL7HO. Good job! Claudia spent the summer in Alaska so it wasn't until October that she and Barbara AC7UH finally got together to get the banking and assorted paperwork transferred. Then a couple of weeks ago I received a large brown envelope from Verda K7UBC, a regular check-in until her antenna was damaged and conditions deteriorated.



In August she was honored, along with Walt Hogeweide K7ETJ and Marj Hogeweide WB7WUB, as one of the three remaining founders of KARS - Kootenai Amateur Radio Society in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In addition to the full color photos in "Propagation" the KARS newsletter, there were articles in "The Press", the Coeur d'Alene local paper and in the "Handle Extra" - a publication of

the Spokesman-Review of Spokane including a photo of Verda with two other YLs - Betty KL7FJW and Rose KL7FQQ taken in the 1960s. "89-year-old Verda Siebenthaler, a licensed amateur radio operator for more than 46 years has communicated with hundred of people all over the world - and she has the QSL cards to prove it."

The article highlighted her contact with Tom Christian, Pitcairn Island and the QSL card from Princess Muna Hussein, the wife of Jordan's late King Hussain. "According to Siebenthaler. Princess Hussein wanted to become a member of the Young Ladies Radio League and since it was difficult at that time to send money from one country to another, Siebenthaler offered to sponsor the princess as an "adopted" member by paying her fees. According to "THE PRESS" "Verda is still going strong, making candy for family and friends."

Another regular MINOW Net check-in Karen AC7UN has been off the air for nearly two years with antenna problems, She wrote recently "Well, I am sorry that I am going to have to wait awhile longer to get on the air. My tower is up. I have a 20m beam, a 2m/ 440cm vertical antenna and an inverted V for most of my HF. Unfortunately, while I was waiting for the right time to get the coaxes routed through the wall from outside

into my room, I had the annual visit from the wild turkeys. Every time they got stuck behind a fence they'd take off and fly toward my roof. In doing that, they hit the G5RV and broke off one leg of my inverted V. So, I am at the mercy of the radio club guys to help me out. I really miss being on the air. Karen has a farm near Junction City, OR and sent an email to let us know what's happening with "Momma Cow and Sally, who was her first born calf, still a heifer at 4 years old but trying again. Black, a visiting full Angus bull; a "steer to be" and a goat gang of 10 overgrown kids."

The Evergreen Intertie YL net keeps going and we are happy to welcome several new YLs. It's always fun to have someone check in via EchoLink - last Monday there was an OM from the East Coast of Florida. (It was 11:30 PM local time there and his YL had already gone to bed.)

I just had an e-mail from Barbara AC7UH. The 2 Rivers Net has been quiet as well as she commented "—thought I'd best let you know that no news is good news, although I'm sure some news would be better". She's planning on a post-holiday YL get together.

Now it's time to wish you all a wonderful New Year and make a few suggestions! Check in to a YL net! Plan to attend a Flamfest! Take part in Field Day in June! AND SEND ME YOUR NEWS! 33 Sara AB7PS



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Hi to everyone, hope you made it through the holidays and into the New Year. I have been busy with family and work, hope this year I can get back into the swing of things. I am planning to go to Dayton and to Huntsville and hope to make it to my sister-in law's in LA.

Jean KB8YHN

*Don't forget the Dayton Hamvention® in Ohio in May. The Buckeye Belles and YLRL have a booth where you can come meet everyone for an eyeball QSO. There is a YLforumn at Hamvention® as well. Look for more details in the next issue of YL Harmonics!*

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### Silent Keys Continued From Page 18

#### District 10

Coral Mahler wrote in about her Aunt, Margaret Oros, WA0KVP.

Margaret passed away November 5th, 2007. She had been in the local nursing home here for the last year of her life but mostly she was in the nursing home because of her knee which caused difficulty in walking. Otherwise, she was pure Margaret until the date of her passing. She was a bit bored, I think, in the nursing home even at age 95! She was proud of making it to age 95 and she had few health problems. My mother was her younger sister and my mother lived till age 90. So, the family was a hardy bunch.

#### DX

Also longtime member Mio Miyoshi, JR3MVF's husband Jiro, JA3UB became a silent key in August. He was a good friend to the YL community and many of you may remember meeting him at the YLRL convention in Denver in 2005.

**You will all be missed!**



## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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As I write this column, it is December 15, 2007 and when you read it, we will be well into 2008. Where did 2007 go? I'm sure like all of you, I was so busy all the time, but I have a hard time telling you exactly what I was busy doing most of the time. There are a few notables.

We didn't take a vacation in the spring like usual because Al had outpatient surgery February 13, the day we had a blizzard. Getting to the hospital was a breeze, getting home was interesting, but we made it on piece. Home looked very good when we got home.

Baseball started the beginning of April and we hosted a pitcher again. Once again our granddaughter's fell in love. Our team didn't do as well this year as the year before, but we still had fun and loved our team.

We did take a vacation in September after being in St. Louis for a class reunion picnic (Al and I graduated together). We kept heading south and ended up in Key West for six days. Key West is one of my favorite places on earth. We did several things I had never done before, one was take a catamaran 70 miles west of Key West to the Dry Tortugas for the day. We toured the fort there and snorkeled. We took a ride in a 1920 Stearman open cockpit biplane over Key West and out over the barrier reef. We had to wear the leather

headgear and the goggles. I felt just like either the Red Baron or Snoopy, can't make up my mind which. How beautiful it was looking down onto the reef. We also snuba dived, it is a cross between snorkeling and scuba at the barrier reef. I learned that the barrier reef there is the third largest in the world. It was so beautiful there, but I didn't like the jellyfish, one got me several times, they got Al too. But as soon as we got back on board the boat, they fixed us up. We hated coming home, but it was good to sleep in our own bed.

Our grandchildren are thriving. Our daughter's children, who live about 20 minutes from us are not 12 and 7. Elizabeth the 12-year-old is fast turning into a young woman. Erica, 7, is in first grade and is 7 going on 18. Mackenzie is 22 and living in Muncie and earning money to attend Ball State. Elizabeth was in the Miss American Co-ed pageant this past August. She didn't place, but she had a good time and got a lot of experience.

Our son's children are Sean -17, Tyler - 14, Evan - 11, and Jenna - 6. Sean plays French horn in the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, as well as in a wind ensemble at a local college. Tyler plays football and runs track, he also plays oboe. Evan plays football and baseball. Jenna is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and just generally has fun being a girl, the youngest of the family and

ruling the roost.

Now, if your ladies do not want another column getting caught up on my life and my grandchildren, please send me your news. I know you are all busy living life and doing things, but can you please take a minute or two and let me know what you are doing? It would make one part of my life a bit simpler. O.K., I'm off the soap-box.

Everyone please have a wonderful and safe and healthy 2008. I hope to see a lot of you in Dayton as well as the convention.

33, Carole WB9RUS

### SPECIAL EVENT

From Emily Bishop,  
WE4MB-

I am so excited. I have just been ask to attend the Indy 500 this year and help operate the special event station of Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club W9IMS. Amanda Farianta, AF6YL, of Fremont CA has helped operate the special event station for the past 2 years. Like me Amanda is a young ham and I'm very excited about meeting her.

Congratulations to Emily and Amanda! Look for them on the air!



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Reflections on the Colorado YLRL convention:

As the Huntsville, AL convention comes up, members of the Colorado YL's took a look back at the Denver convention. Then CYL president Sharlene Meydell remembers most of all the camaraderie of preparations: all the get-togethers to collect, make, and wrap bags, prizes, etcetera. Members also remember exploring the sites of the area; how often we forget we can be tourists near our own home! I especially remember receiving all the questionnaires back regarding what people wanted to do when they came—responses from

all over the world, with QSL cards included. (Remember you can download the questionnaire for then August convention at the YLRL web site) We were able to call on the experience of our "mothers" who put on the convention in Denver the last time around.

Of course, the excitement of greeting all the visitors was huge. Names we had heard, friends we had not seen since the previous convention (or before) and new friends we had never met before were all around. Meeting together, eating together, and celebrating together; sending our OMs off on excursions of

their own, and going on excursions. And then there was the station, with the rather large (need I say huge!) foot operated Morse code key. And we even succeeded in getting the antennas up!

Another memorable highlight for me was getting to know about and honor members for their special accomplishments over the years. I never before have been with so many gifted and giving individuals in the same room.

To our friends in Huntsville: may you have as many great experiences and memories!

33's,  
Doshia, KBONAS

### VE News Continued from Page 14

#### Vai Lemko, VE5AQ, writes:

Hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I've been busy with Harv, (OM) doing radio classes and 1 has already passed his exam, and after the holidays will be coming back to do his morse code. The other 2 will be writing in the New Year, as well. We've snow in Moose Jaw, but not the

foul weather that the East and West Coast have been having. Our province won the Grey Cup, which I guess would be the equivalent of the Superbowl. I was cheering for Manitoba, but we lost. Oh well, there is always next year....

33 Vai VE5AQ

Carla Ackley, KD7JGJ, was recently seen in the October issue of QST Magazine on page 13. She doesn't think the camera was very accurate though. Congratulate her next time you get the chance!





## Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

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Hello from Alaska.

Well it is the depth of winter up here and the temperature as we write this is  $-10^{\circ}$ . While that is cold for Anchorage, there are places in the interior that are reporting  $-73^{\circ}$ ! That kind of whether does not make you want to volunteer for the Iditarod or the Yukon Quest two of our large sled dog races here in Alaska. But that is what time of year it is, sled dog races are in full swing.

Since it is so cold out, all our efforts are focused on the ARRL Alaska State Convention coming to Anchorage, Alaska this August.

As I have mentioned to many of you, Alaska has not had an ARRL convention since 1978! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for anyone wanting to visit Alaska and combine a great hobby. We have obtained a discount rate for Alaska Airlines for those who wish to fly up here and attend. For those of you who have dreamed of an Alaska vacation, this is a great opportunity. We have found two cruises that arrive a few days prior to our event. The cruises allow visitors to see and enjoy the beauty of Southeast Alaska and then arrive in Whittier just south of Anchorage three days prior to the start of the convention to allow for other tourism opportunities once you arrive in Anchorage.

We know for many people this is a trip of a lifetime opportunity so we have arranged a few tour options for our attendees. On

Wednesday, July 30, attendees can pre-register for a HALIBUT charter out of Homer. A motor coach will leave the hotel in Anchorage and drive guest to Homer where we will embark on a fun day of halibut and salmon fishing. Pre-registration is required.

Some of our vendors and guest include: Ham Radio Outlet, ICOM, Kenwood, Gordon West, Riley Hollingworth, Bill Cross, Joel Harrison, President of ARRL; Drew Glasbrenner, VP of Engineering for AMSAT and many others.

For those of you who are fortunate to attend Dayton or Huntsville on an annual basis, these speakers are a normal occurrence, but for Alaska operators, this is truly a chance of a lifetime. While Anchorage may seem like a long distance for you to travel, many ham operators in Alaska will travel over 1200 miles to see these speakers and attend this event.

Another tour we are coordinating is the tour of the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) near Gulkana, Alaska. On August 4, 2008, the Monday following the Hamfest, A motor coach will pick you up at the hotel and depart out the Glenn Highway where you will be able to travel and see the beautiful Talkeetna Mountains. While driving through the Copper Valley Center of Glennallen Alaska you will be able to view some of the largest mountains in North America including Mt. Drum, Mt. Sanford and Mt. Blackburn. Once at the

HAARP facility in Gulkana a full tour guide of the facility will be completed. After the tour, a stop at the Wrangell St. Elias National Park Visitor Center and then a journey back to Anchorage down the Glenn Highway viewing some of the most majestic mountains in North America.

Transportation will then be provided back to the hotel in Anchorage. Come join us and tour this one of a kind facility to see one of the largest antenna farms in Alaska. Pre-registration is required and Air Force Regulations require that all visitors be U.S. Citizens.

Many other activities are being planned for our Hamfest and convention. Operators will be coming from all over the world. We currently have registrations from operators in the UK, Germany, Japan and Australia as well as many members of the Yukon Amateur Radio Association will also be coming into ANC for our event.

If you wish to drive to Alaska in a motor home, check out our website [www.akhamfest.com](http://www.akhamfest.com) for information regarding campgrounds in Anchorage, travel and tour options and to keep updated on all our fun events as well as links to other resources to plan your great trip.

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## VE News

### de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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The year 2007 was an interesting year but it seems to have come and gone very quickly. I had an unforgettable trip to China in June and another nice trip to Hot Springs Cove on the westcoast of Vancouver Island in August. A very sad note at the end of the year was the passing of Marti, W7AYL, in October.

So far, 2008, looks as if it will be an interesting year. In January I am joining a friend for a week in the sun in Mazatlan, Mexico. I have never been to Mexico so I am looking forward to my visit. In May we have the BCYLARA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in North Vancouver. Circle May 10<sup>th</sup> on your 2008 calendars and if any of you should be travelling in the Pacific Northwest at that time you would be most welcome to join us. In August I am planning to attend the YLRL Convention in Huntsville, Alabama and I hope many of you are planning to do the same. My first Convention was in Denver in 2005. Marti, W7AYL, and I shared a room and we had such a nice time together. It was a great experience for me to be able to meet and talk to so many interesting YLs. The place just vibrated with their energy. Marti and I had talked briefly of attending Huntsville just before she became ill., I shall miss her very much. **My flights are booked**

**and I am looking for someone to share a room with me in Huntsville. Anyone need a roommate ??**

My very best wishes to one and all. May the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

Suzanne - VE7IM

**Heather Holmes - VE3HOH writes:**

I have to agree with you. Where has 2007 gone? December is always a busy month. It just zooms by and we'll be well into January before we know it.

Since September, we've been busy doing all the gardening chores getting ready for winter as well as getting our square dance season into full gear.

Our radio club, "York Region Amateur Radio Club" held its' annual Fleamarket in Markham, Ontario and we had a good day. Attendance was up as well as the table rentals. We have the largest Fleamarket in Ontario so it is well attended. Cathy, VE3GJH, was selling CLARA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbooks and I think a lot of the OMs bought them for their YLs for Christmas, as Cathy sold 48 books. These cookbooks are

8-W'xH" in size, have 150 pages, easy to read print and lots of YL radio history. They were put together by YLs for YLs. If you would like to purchase one, you can send your orders to me:

**Heather Holmes - VE3HQH,**

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On the personal side, I held a 95<sup>th</sup> birthday party for my father (a Halloween baby) on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. Approximately 125 friends, neighbours and relatives attended. It was great to see so many, for a happy occasion. Dad was delighted with the whole party. He said he's looking forward to his 100<sup>th</sup>. His father lived to be 99. It would be nice if we could all live that long (as long as we are still healthy). Dad is very active and enjoys life. He drives, cooks, looks after himself in his own home and does all the yard work himself.

The weather has been beautiful all fall and it has lasted a long time, but I think winter has now set-in for the rest of the season. Today, December 1<sup>st</sup>- the temperature is -14C and windy. A winter storm has been forecast for the weekend. I'm going to hibernate for a few days. Maybe sew then shovel.

All the best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! to one and all. Keep warm and keep happy.

33 Heather, VE3HQH

**Elizabeth Baggoo - VE7TLK/VA7TK writes:**

Difficult to believe that the Year 2008 will soon be knocking at our door! It likely has, by the time you read this YL - Harmonics issue!

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## DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

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This is my first column so I want to extend my sincere thanks to Carol, WD8DQG for her dedication to YLRL as DX Chairman for so many years. Like Carol, I look forward to meeting and interfacing with you as DX members.

Please review your information in the Directory Issue of YLH because it is very important that we have current information on your call, mailing address as well as e-mail address. Let me know of any changes so that we can easily contact you in addition to having YLH sent to your correct address.

So far, my amateur radio traveling plans for 2008 will include Dayton, Ohio for Dayton Hamvention, Kyoto, Japan for JLRS 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting and Huntsville, Alabama for

YLRL Convention. I hope to meet many of you wherever I have the opportunity to travel in the future as Amateur Radio expands our horizons of friendships around the world.

Please send me all news of your amateur radio activities because members want to know what you are doing plus this also helps to promote YL's in Amateur Radio. I wish to extend my thoughts for a safe, healthy and "radio-active" year for all of us in 2008.

33,  
Jeanie, wa6uvf

Also longtime member Mio Miyoshi, JR3MVF's OM-Jiro, JA3UB became a silent key in August. He was a good friend to the YL com-

munity and many of you may remember meeting him at the YLRL convention in Denver in 2005. - Editor

*With the number of Silent Keys, please remember that many of them were sponsors of our DX members. Some of the DX ladies have been members for a long time and we want to help them to keep their continuous membership. Other DX YLs are in need of a sponsor as well. Please consider sponsoring a YL in YLRL!*

*Countries needing sponsors include (but are not limited to):*

*Great Britain  
Brazil  
Germany  
Poland  
Japan  
New Zealand  
&  
Australia*

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Thanks for all your support, and we hope you can all come see us this August for a great Amateur Radio Convention in the Last Frontier.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information. You can email me at [KL7SP@arrl.net](mailto:KL7SP@arrl.net) or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474.

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*Thank you -The Editor*

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*Thank you to everyone who had already renewed for 2008.*

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