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Marte Wessel, KOEPE



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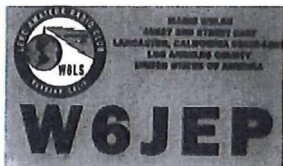


DEADLINE FOR OBTAINING APPLICATION IS MARCH 31 2010.

I PRAY THAT 2010 WILL BE A WONDERRFUL YEAR FOR YOU.  
ENJOY EACH NEW DAY-STEP OUT AND LIVE!

*Marte KOEPE*

## Certificates of Marie Welsh, W6JEP Silent Key from page 8





## President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

New Years greetings to all. I hope that 2010 will bring improved bands and better working conditions for all. The opportunities are there if we just take advantage of them.

Anne, WB1ARU, continues to call the Thursday night YL net at 0200 UTC on 14.288 or on 7.240 depending on conditions. The participation has been spotty because of the bands. Monday mornings KB4RM Rose Marie and DJ1TE, Christa have the DX-YL net on 14.288 at 1500 UTC, Thursday Marti, K0EPE and Phyllis, W2GLB can be heard on the Tangle net at 14.297 at 1800 UTC. Even if you don't like nets it is a great time to talk other YL's and start working on the new award Carolyn, N8ST has come up with.

Carolyn has devised a birthday award which requires working a YL with a birthday in each month of

the year. I hope to finish this one because I missed out on completing the 2009 one. Just wasn't active enough I must admit.

My OM, Tom and I are looking forward to going to the YL International Gathering in June. It will be a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones with many of the girls we have had contact with over the last 35 years in this hobby. YLRL will be represented by several of our members.. look for photos to follow.

I would like to challenge our members this year to spread the word about YLRL. In a recent e-mail one of our members noted she had worked a girl in North Dakota who had never heard about YLRL and she was going to send her some information in hopes that maybe she will join. That is something we all could

do.. how often have you worked a YL or an OM and they have no idea what YLRL is. Let's share the fun...direct them to the web site or send them a brochure. I have even sent a copy of Harmonics. A good time to tout YLRL is during the YL-OM contest in February. I always end up chatting more than contesting and the guys are really interested when you explain what YLRL is, especially if they have an XYL.

LeTs get on the air and have fun in 2010!!!

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### President's Advisory Committee

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# YL-OM Contest February!

Vice President  
Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



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at this  
time.

## Net correction:

Tangle Net Thursday 1800 14.297 Marte KOEPE/Phyllis W2GLB/7/Connie N8IO

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## YL-OM Contest

1400 UTC February 12, 2010 to 0200 UTC February 14, 2010

**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:** All bands may be used except WARC bands. Net contacts and repeater contacts do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks should 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 and SSB will be scored as separate contests. Digital contacts (RTTY, PSK31, etc) count as CW. Score each band separately.

(2) 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/ countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in each mode (ie SSB, CW).

(4) Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.

**LOGS:** All logs must show your ARRL section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. Logs must show the station worked, QSO number, RS(T) given and received, ARRL section/VE province/country of the station worked. The time, band, date and transmitter power should also be included. 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 mode. Logs must show claimed score. All logs go to the current YLRL Vice President and must be submitted within 30 days of contest ends.

**AWARDS:** Highest scoring YL, OM, YL group/club in SSB and CW will each receive a first place cup provided there are at least 10 valid contacts. The second and third place winners in each contest will receive certificates. The winner of the SSB contest cup is also eligible to win the CW cup. Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring YL, OM, YL club/group of each U.S./province/country, provided there are at least ten valid contacts on the log.

## 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. Digital contacts will be counted as CW. Separate logs must be submitted for phone and CW.  
\*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, Canadian provinces and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.

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## Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

I certainly hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

It's a new year and I wish all of you the very best.

If we all would introduce Amateur Radio to just one person this year could you imagine how much our hobby would grow?

Here is what has happened this past year in Ham Radio Licensing. 30,144 new licenses were granted in 2009. This is an increase of almost 8 percent from 2008.

(Source [www.ARRL.org](http://www.ARRL.org))

With everyone's help the number could grow even larger next year.

This year I attended the

Morristown, TN hamfest and held my first Youth Forum of the year. It was cold and trying to snow. There wasn't many young people attending the hamfest because of the cold but there was a good attendance of adults.

Because of the holidays there wasn't much in the way of ham activities for me to write about. If anyone has pictures, stories or anything of interest you wish to have me cover in the Youth Column feel free to email them to me.

I will be attending the next big hamfest in my area which is the Dalton Hamfest in Dalton, GA on February 27 and after that I hope to

be in Dayton, OH for the Hamvention.

I hope to be able to see and meeting a lot of you at one of the many hamfest I attend each you. I really enjoy meeting and making new ham friends.

Last of all let's remember the ones in Haiti whose lives have been affected by the earthquake. Please help in any way you can. "A little from many can add up to be so much" Let us all count our blessings and help.

Please remember our service men and women protecting our freedom.

73 & 88,

Emily WE4MB

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### Contest information continued from page 6

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\*Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

4. Logs: \* \*A11 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 write legibly If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information. 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.

6. Entry categories: Single operator and YL clubs/groups.

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at this  
time.

## District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



District One YL's are alive and well, as far as I know...News has not been forthcoming, nor have I been able to catch the weekly reports on the Yankee Lassies Net.

Anne, WB1ARU wrote in that she and OM Tony, are planning to go to the YL Meet in Munich in June. We will be in CO from Feb 9 through Mar 11 - hoping to get on the air a little.

Plans are underway for the 2011 YLRL Convention here in the Boston area. Check ins on Yankee Lassies Net have been KA1VAX, Betsey; WB1EHS, Barb; W1JX, Bobbie; and WB1ARU, Anne.

KAI VAX, Betsey and OM are going to FL for a birding trip. The Maine YLs have had lots of snow so far this winter.

33, Anne WB1ARU

PLEASE forward any news you would like shared to me [REDACTED] I will be looking forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, have a great winter!

Jane, N1PVT

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## In Our Thoughts

Barbara AC7UH sent word that Dorothy Stone, KB7SBK became a Silent Key on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was active in amateur radio and worked many stations, including DX. She was active in the Two Rivers YL Net and participated in many of their activities and luncheons as well as checking in to the net. She will be greatly missed.

Marianna W7WFO sent in this on Peggy Stone, KB7SBK

Those who knew her will remember Peggy as a joyful and vivacious person. I first met her in 1967 on a Mazama outing in the Washington Cascades. Mazamas is a Portland-based mountaineering club, which she joined in 1964. In that club she earned the coveted Sixteen Peak Award granted to a person who has climbed all sixteen major peaks of the Pacific Northwest.

She also was an avid skier and eventually joined the Nordic Club, entering a number of cross-country races. She bicycled with the Nordic Club also. During a long ski race in Alaska, she fell at the end of it and broke her hip. Even so, she crawled past the finish line and won the gold cup!

My OM Ty, W7WPF/SK, interested Peggy in ham radio. She soon got her license, upgrading to General Class. She became very active in amateur radio and worked many stations, including DX. She often checked into the local YL Net.

After she couldn't ski or climb anymore, she took up other interests including photography. Lastly she took up golf. She wanted to enter every tournament; that was Peggy! We will always remember her great enthusiasm for life, for her good friends, and for the out-of-doors.

Marie Welsh, W6JEP, went silent key on November 10, 2009. Marie was survived by her OM William, six children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Marie first became a member of YLRL in 1956 and faithfully renewed, even throughout her illness. She had been diagnosed with Dementia in 1998) and her OM assisted Marie with filling out her application each year.

Marie enjoyed helping new Hams in learning CW, and conducted licensing courses and Hamventions. She garnered awards and certificates, including first place in the YL Phone Contest in 1988, and second place in the CW contest in 1995.

Her OM said she died in her own bed, peaceful and pain free. He honored us with original copies of her membership card, QSL card and certificates.

Marie will be missed.

**Please see page 4 for Marie's certificates**





## District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings!

Happy 2010! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. I am certainly ready for spring!

I have just returned from the Annual ARRL Board of Directors meeting in Newington, CT. It was a very productive meeting. While at HQ, I was even able to contact some folks on the air from W1AW! It's always a pleasure to work folks from W1AW.... and I love being able to give out that first W1AW contact... especially from a YL.

Ladies, it is truly an honor to tell you that our new ARRL - President, is Kay Craigie, N3KN, from Blacksburg, VA. This is truly a first in ARRL and Amateur Radio history! I know you will all join me in congratulating Kay and wishing her the very best.

In December, the BARA Babes met at the home of Heidi Mendelsohn, KC2LEQ for a holiday recipe social. There were about 12 or more YL's who brought a variety of wonderful dishes and recipes for all of us to share. What a wonderful time we all had. The group honored Joanne - KC2QGH with a gift basket to thank her for running the nets every Monday evening. This group of YL's meets every Monday evening at 8:00pm on

the 146.19/ .79 repeater of the Bergen FM Association for the purpose of allowing YL's to become accustom to operating on the air, and enjoying non-technical conversation with other YL's. If you haven't listened or checked into the net, please do so. All YL's are welcome...and I know there are many OM's who listen regularly.

On Thursday evenings, YLs nationwide have been struggling to make contact with each other on 20, 40 and 75 meters. Conditions have not been the greatest, but we are a persistent group of gals, and invite all YL's to meet on the air at 9:00pm, every Thursday evening. We have not established a permanent frequency due to poor propagation, but listen around for those melodious voices!

I'd like to offer congratulations to our new officers and committee chairs for 2010. Also, welcome to our new President, Lois Gutshall - WB3EFQ, Vice President, Cheryl Muhr - N0WBV, Secretary, Cheryl Ann Cook - KC8DTU and Treasurer, Connie Beckwith - KJ4UNA.

And a BIG thanks to Anne Manna, WB1ARU for her leadership this past year! I'm anxiously awaiting the YLRL Convention in Boston in 2011.

Anne will be our Chairperson for that Convention!

*YL's are needed in New Providence, NJ:* My good friend Barry Cohen, K2JV has been running the Kid's Day program every year with NPARC (New Providence Amateur Radio Club). They hold monthly meetings at the Salt Brook School. These past few years, during their Kids Day operation, they have noticed a significant increase in the number of Young Ladies. Barry would love to have some YL's volunteer their time to work with these Young Ladies. If you can help mentor, or just get on the air to talk to these YL's, please contact me or Barry, K2JV - [REDACTED]

The girls range from ages 5 and above. I think this would be a wonderful opportunity to help them get on the air and give them some mentoring, from a female perspective.

The New Providence Amateur Radio Club also runs a Kid's Net on Sunday evening on 2 meters. It's become very popular and is run by Nick - K2ONP.

Well, that's about all the news from here. Remember to keep in touch and let me know what's happening in your area of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

33-Joyce KA2ANF



## District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello to all in District Three—

We're halfway through the Holidays here, just a day to New Year's. It has been very wintery; a couple of inches of snow, then a break and that snow melts and turns into ice. Add to this a lot of wind to chill us right through! I am ready for spring.

We have had our year-end wrap-up at the clubs. New officers elected, ambitious plans for the coming year. Contests, events, licensing classes—all the schedules are being drawn up. First up is our 2-meter simplex contest the first weekend of the New Year, a good exercise for a

winter's evening and a good test of our capabilities without using the repeaters. Our first area Hamfest is on Valentine's Day, an early start here.

This is the weather that wreaks havoc on antennas. My OM has been checking on the dipole, making sure that it is still up there and not tangled in the branches of the pine trees. So far, so good, and we're hoping it hangs on until warmer weather to have maintenance done. Of course, the rule of thumb is that antenna work will be required on the coldest iciest possible day, usually in February. Let's hope that none of us will be victims of

that form of Murphy's Law.

The 2009 Certificate was a challenge for me, I did not manage to earn that one; my congratulations to those who did, that was a fine accomplishment. I hereby resolve to do better with the 2010 certificate and look forward to another fun endeavor.

My thanks to all who served as officers and committee members last year, you have put forth a great effort to make the YLRL the terrific organization it is. My thanks to all who will be continuing the work this year. I hope each and every one has a safe, sane and Happy New Year. 73, 33 Jacque, N3ZEL



*WACOM Christmas party  
and Dessert table*

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### District 5 News Continued from page 12

President - Betty KB5CSQ,  
Vice President - Barb KE5QHZ,  
Secretary - Judy, KE5PLL and  
Treasurer - Gene, AE5FB.

Yes I also have been on HF working on YLRL Continents, YLRL WAS and also YLRL DXCC nope it is not easy but it is a lot of fun hunting for YL on the air. We need more of you on the air!

My OM and I purchased a IC 7600 at Dayton Hamfest along with a friend of ours George I<5JZ and we all have enjoyed comparing our set ups. Then we all attended Huntsville Hamfest where I purchased a Heil Pink mic for Breast Cancer

awareness. So for the CQWW contest the SMYL operated from my station with the KB5MZ call sign being YL group. My special friend George, K5JZ set up the spectrum scope with the color pink and with the pink Heil mic we were ready. Then another friend Chris, K5MOZ dropped me off pink computer interface cables. So you can say the color pink has taken over our Ham shack which the OM has concerns. HI HI He will not talk on the Pink think that being the pink mic, and for Christmas our special friend George, K5JZ gave me and yes it is PINK a Diawa SWR meter. I will have to send picture for the next issue.

I have enjoyed several Hamfest where I have had the pleasure of meeting a lot of new YL and some that have been members of YLRL for many years. Nice to talk to the YL in New Orleans LA, Ocean Springs MS, and Poplarville MS and will be attending Jackson MS in January. Thank you to my Hamfest helpers who have helped with the YL table thru the year Sue, W5MSW and Gene, AE5FB. Thank you all for sending in your news for each DC 5 article each quarter it is nice to hear from you.

I wish you all the best of the New Year.  
33 Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

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## District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings to all district 4 YLs.

I must first wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year 2010. Also, I'd like to welcome any / all newcomers to the YLRL. I know you will enjoy your membership in this fine YL organization. Please remember your renewal to the YLRL membership is now in January. In December I attended the Tampa Bay Hamfest in Palmetto, Florida. It was there that I bumped into a couple of familiar YLRL faces. Myra Kitchen, K3PGH told me that she and her OM, Jeff Beals WA4AW had been doing much Hamfest traveling. Jeff recently became the Vice Director for Southeast Division of ARRL. Congratulations to you Jeff. I also ran into Nancy Williams, NR4RR and I picked up an autographed copy of her new novel, The Agenda 21 Conspiracy. I'm looking

forward to another good read Nancy!

Carol Lafferty, K4SAF, our receiving treasurer reminds us of our new membership year ... running from January 1 through December 31. Don't forget to renew your YLRL membership. We extend our condolences to Carol who lost her brother Fred Fraley, W4DF on 10/27/09. Fred was from Lynchburg, VA. Carol's OM Don, K4GFY had a stroke in 08/09 but is in therapy and doing well. Hamming is helping keep him busy. Our prayers for you Carol and Don. Also, thanks for all your work as receiving treasurer Carol, we appreciate it.

Ruby Byrd, KF4NI/7 from Phoenix AZ hopes to have a 2 element quad on her 55 foot tower by the end of January. She really likes to DX and DX ragchew. Ruby extends holiday greetings to all.

Mary Moore, WX4MM,

had the high score Alabama section in the Tennessee QSO party and high score North America in the ALARA contest. Congrats Mary!!! She also got WAS on LOTW and is only 2 countries away from DXCC on LOTW. She needs 14 more contacts for Triple play: looking for Arkansas on phone, 7 CW states and 6 on RTTY. Sounds like Mary is having lots of fun. She tells us that she is still considering Dayton this year ... but isn't sure at this point. Well Mary, we hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Rose - Marie Battig, KB4RM who is the DX-YL chairperson with her own column in the YL Harmonics. Good luck Rose - Marie.

I hope this news finds everyone in good health. Enjoy hamming it up and ... send in your news articles.

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Joan, W4JMJ

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**Your District Chairwoman  
needs news from you! Please  
send radio related pictures  
and news.**



## District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello to all and Happy New Year!

Can you believe another year has gone and we are starting a new year 2010!

Hope you had a Great Christmas with your family and friends and maybe even received a new Radio or maybe a new antenna.

### Moore, OI<

Dee, KF5OZ says she has not been very busy on the radio this year but she did get to Dayton and did meet some YLs. Dee's biggest news is a Great-grandson! He arrived 10/23/09 at 8 pounds and 21 inches long. His name is Matthew Atherton. He is doing very well and keeps us very busy. Congratulations' on the New Great Grandson!

### Port Arthur, TX

Carol, KK5L had hip replacement surgery on December 2, and say she is getting better every day. Carol sends "Best wishes to all the YLRL members". We wish you a speedy recovery Carol.

### Seminole, OK

Beth, KC5RWW was too sick to get on the air much for the IO-meter contest but did make 2 contacts but last year she made at least 12 contacts.

Beth was getting discouraged then listen to what happen to her on Monday after the contest- "This morning, Monday, I randomly tuned to 40 meters and heard an OM loud and clear right away calling CQ. He was in Colorado. We chatted for about 10 minutes and another OM called me. He had heard me say

that I was 60 miles SE of OKC and wanted to know more. He is from a little town around here but was mobile in Arizona when he heard me. I had to struggle to hear him. Then another OM called. He was in St. Louis, Missouri. We talked for nearly 20 minutes. That made up for the 10-meter contest.

I'll start getting discouraged then something like that happens". Good job Beth just goes to show you never know who is listening on what band but if we don't get on and call we will never know who or where we can talk, so get on that radio and make some contacts.

### DeSota, TX

Joyce, W5MWK reports that six of the eight Grandchildren came for Thanksgiving. Grandson Christopher came from the University of New Mexico; Granddaughter Mickey came from Sam Houston State University, Lauren, from Houston Kristopher, Jason, Sara, Matt and daughter Aurora, son Jimmie, N5FRJ. Mike has got his Novice and Technician Class License \*He is studying for General but had to postpone due to his wife & youngest daughter being ill. Guess he will take test next go around. We had Mickey and her friend Nikki visit three days this past weekend. It is fun to have two 20-year-old young ladies in the house. Brings back old memories of when Jim & I were in College.

Best wishes for a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best of 33

### Gulfport, MS

Southern Mississippi YL- KB5MZ group attended a play Bah Hum Bug by the Gulfport little theater it was great all the actors were kids. The groups also choose a needy family for their Christmas Project - a single mom of 3 children. We collected a total of 48 gifts for the kids and gave the mom a gift card for \$150.00 at a local grocery store to use for food items only. Our Activity Chairwomen Barb, KE5QHZ and husband Dan, AE5JG and Marjorie, KE5YPT on Dec 19th, delivered the gifts.



*Gifts collected*

The new SMYL officers were announced during our Christmas Dinner.



*The SMYLs wish everyone a Happy New Year*

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# YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

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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 A RRL? Yes No

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?-----

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New? Renewal ?-----

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- \$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
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- \$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.

**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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Receiving Treasurers

**US Districts 1-10, I<H6, KL7, VE**

Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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**DX Treasurer**

Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM

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**Please fill out your sponsors information for our records,  
in case we need help with your DX YL.**

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## District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Greetings from North Hollywood!

I look forward to serving as your District 6 DE for this term, and encourage you to send me your stories, happenings, events, and especially pictures—we love pictures!

My affair with Amateur Radio started back in 2006, when my then-boyfriend invited me to come to one of his Amateur radio club meetings. Fortunately, as I fell in love with him, I also fell in love with the hobby, and being a woman who doesn't have hobbies, I decided this was worth pursuing.

With my OM Lynn's encouragement (who gained the title of husband a year later), I finally took the technician exam, passed and got my ticket! In 2009, I upgraded to General. Once I learn Morse Code and get more practical experience, I will go for my Extra!

As for life outside of Ham radio, I am a writer, musician and educator. I write for [Examiner.com](http://Examiner.com), and I also edit the ARRL LAX-Section newsletter. I've traveled to Sri Lanka, Haiti and Ghana on mission trips, so I hope to do a DXpedition one day.

So how about you? Send me your greetings, comments, and information to [REDACTED]. I look forward to hearing from you.

*PS Jennifer also received information on a silent key, so look for those details in In Our Thoughts-Editor*

### Corrections & Changes

**If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please send corrections to the Carol, K4SAF, our US Receiving Treasurer or for DX send to Rose-Marie, KB4RM, our DX Treasurer (See front cover for info) and let us know which issues were missed. Sometimes the issue comes back with either "Unknown" or "No Forwarding address" and we have no way of knowing how to contact the member. Our best hope is to list someone in "Missing in Action" and hope someone can help with updates. Please update your records and those of any YLs you sponsor each year to stay current.**

**Also if you send dues or address corrections to the return address on your envelopes, they will be delayed. The permit is held by the Editor who has to then send the information on to the correct parties. Thank you -The Editor**

### Changes & Corrections DX

**Sabina (Biny) Owen ZL2AZY**  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Dunia Olivares Rivero, EA8MT**

New callsign and address  
correction:

Viera Y Clavijo, 1 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



## District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Greetings from wintry  
Western Washington!

This past week we've had temperatures in the single digits with gusty winds making it even colder. It started warming up yesterday and this morning we have about 1/2 inch of snow. But it is warming up and the forecast for the rest of the week is rain. It's been very quiet as far as radio activity.

MINOWNet The end of October I received an email from Jack, W1PRT, the OM of Ruth, K1IIF reporting that after a strong wind week we "suddenly found the G5RV dipole was not loading and not responding to the tuner's efforts. This has happened before but not in the past year or so. I figured it was the usual break (metal fatigue) in the twin lead wires going to the inline balun. But I got on the flat roof with difficulty only to find the lead not broken, couldn't fix it on the spot though I had the soldering iron ready, and descended on the ladder with difficulty. I'm too old to do that stuff anyway." Their son-in-law lowered the ant and put a new balun in the line, "but alas there's still a break somewhere." So Lory, N7KTY and myself have been keeping the Net alive. Lory spent a couple of weeks in Florida to welcome new granddaughter, Madelyn Elizabeth. She wrote recently:

"I get my splint off today, but still have to ace-wrap the arm to control swelling.. I hope to be back in deep water aerobics after the first of the year. " Her aerobics class is at the same time as the net so unless we can get an evening net started MINOW Net may not survive! (Sigh)

Evergreen Intertie YL net has from 2 to 4 or 5 check-ins. I always look forward to Beth, N7UXV who checks in on her way home from work. This evening we had a YL from Oregon via the Intertie. I was happy to hear from a few YLRL members - Carol Hall WD8DQG/7 in cold Montana writes "I flew to Washington DC for Thanksgiving and finally got to visit the Capital... and my grandchildren. One of my sons who works for the State Dept, is back in the states after 2 years in Australia, so it was good to see him. I leave December 20th for Detroit to see the rest of the family."

I also heard from Melissa Norstrom, KD7IEM. She wrote, "We have a G5RV which is up between a big tree and the corner post for our round pen. My OM Larry, N7ZKF my Elmer and best supporter, is the only one on the radios. We no longer have a tower so nothing else is up. This was a big loss for us. We had all our antennas up on it, Its the biggest loss for me, - no 2m, 6m, or 440 so local is down

too. I am hoping that this will change."

Claudia, KLOHI writes that their Ham Club (Pelican Bay ARC) celebrated Christmas with a party with "good food, games and conversation. "Age ranging from our youngest Holly KE7TFR, 9 yrs to Sam KB7BIB who is 95." I looked up Holly in QRZ - she got her license when she was 8 and loved making contacts on Field Day! - her sister Daisy, who is a couple of years older also got her ticket at age 8 and Mom and Dad are also Hams.

Barbara AC7UH sent word that Dorothy Stone, KB7SBK became a Silent Key on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was active in amateur radio and worked many stations, including DX. She was active in the Two Rivers YL Net and participated in many of their activities and luncheons as well as checking in to the net. She will be greatly missed.

It's time to renew your membership in YLRL! If you haven't sent in your renewal form please do it right away. Even if you aren't active, YL Harmonics is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening and is an encouragement to new YLs.

Wishing you all the best in 2010. And please keep in touch!

Sara AB7PS



## District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

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I am the President of the Buckeye Belles and am working on ways to increase membership and some new projects for the group to get more participation. A number of us are into scrapbooking and I want to do a scrapbook on the Belles from the formation of the group up to the present time.

This year I plan to get my general license. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and 2010 is going to be a great year for amateur radio.

33/76 KC8SQM (Annette Wood)

I have been kept busy leading my daughter's Jr. Girl Scout troop. In Nov. I took some adult training to learn about taking the girls overnight camping, learned how to make a campfire, cook over a campfire and campfire songs as well how to make camping fun and safe. As a result, I asked my family for a Swiss army knife for Christmas and received a nice red Swiss

Army knife. December was fun with Christmas at my In-laws, New Year's was spent at the home of Annette, KC8SQM and her family and friends. In January, my sister and nephew visited from Florida. Everyone by now probably heard about the earthquake in Haiti. My parents are from Haiti and have a lot of family there. Luckily all the relatives survived the earthquake but the country is devastated. My girl scout troop is raising money and supplies to make Health kits that will be sent to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Here is more info about health kits:

<http://Znew.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/> I would like to ask the members of YLRL if they would be willing to donate money or supplies for this activity to our troop, or at least donate to one of the many other organizations in your area. If interested, please contact me at

[REDACTED] for more info. Thank you and please keep Haiti in your thoughts and prayers.

33 / 76 de kc4iyd/8, Nancy

I'm tired of winter. I want warm weather! OK, that's not news to anyone who knows me, but it's what's on my mind at the moment. There really hasn't been anything going on lately. As the YLRL certificate manager. I've been working on the new 2010 Certificate rules and getting my database ready for all the applications I'm hoping we'll have soon. The rules and a copy of the certificate should be in the Jan/Feb issue of the YLH, so look for it if you haven't already read it. That's about it for me this time. Hope to have more news next time. Congratulations to Annette for being elected District 8

Chairwoman. And congratulations to all the new officers of YLRL.

Carolyn, N8ST

YLRL relies on help to update the info in the NAYL and DXYL nets. Otherwise, we don't know if something is wrong or inactive.

Please try to check into the various nets on help us update the listings. If you heard it or was able to check, whereby Nancy, KC4IYD our webmaster can write "active", if there is a new NCS or the net has moved, she can update the info and finally if they heard no one and it can be confirmed the net is gone, it can be listed as "inactive." Here are what we have currently and need to up date. See also the VP column for the Tangle Net Update.

Nancy is one of the contacts on the [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org) page, so please send corrections to her.

DXYL nets: <http://www.geocities.com/kc4iydZdxylnet.html>

NAYL nets: <http://www.geocities.com/kc4iyd/naylnet.html>



## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Happy 2010 ladies. I hope you are all surviving the winter. We are trying here in Indiana, but (pardon the pun) a very "trying" situation. We will survive. Not much is going on here radio-wise or other-wise.

The Fort Wayne Radio club started a YL net recently on 146.76. I was net control tonight for the second net. I had never done this before and I was a basket case, but everyone was very kind and encouraging. Turns out, I had fun. We had one OM check in, W9RGM, Ron, and he gave me the giggles and that relaxed me. Our check-ins included Anne, WA9YYI, Susie, KB9WWO, Donna, W9DJS, Nancy, KJ9EKO, Kim, KB9DOS, Barb who checked

in with her OM, KC9PJP, as control operator and, Linda, W9LAN. I'm really looking forward to next week.

We did have two of our granddaughters spend the night a week ago. They had a day off from school for teachers to make out report cards. We took them bowling and it was the first time in about 17 years that I had bowled. Not surprisingly, I found out I couldn't bowl any more. It made me sad as I did like bowling very much. But, arthritis has other ideas for me. I still had a fun time in the arcade. There some areas in which I never grow up. Then we took the girls to our favorite Japanese restaurant, Takaoka. They always think they are princesses when we

go there, me too! It is very good food and a fun place to eat.

In the mean time, I am looking forward to spring and baseball. Fox Hunts will start in March and that means spring is on the way. I am trying to get some quilts finished while I am snowed or frozen in the house or whatever is keeping me in this week. In case you hadn't noticed, I don't do winter well at all.

So, as we try to thaw out and look for anything spring, crocus, daffodils, tulips, a robin or even the sun enjoy the days and weeks and whatever radio activity you are doing. Please keep in touch and let me know what is going.

33, Carole WB9RUS

Please help the people of Haiti:

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33/76 de Nancy, kc4iyd/8



## District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



Greetings from District 10! Sharlene Meydell sends greetings to everyone, and wishes to report that after 10 years of "maybe" and "someday" have become "now" and she is moving up in altitude as the freeway on-ramp to benefit the new Veteran's Hospital in the Denver area is built. Local hams are to help re-locate her 2 meter antenna. Her new address: 90 Fawn St., Golden, Co. 80401.

Special greetings to Marie, who turns 91 at the end of January. We all continue to hold her in the highest esteem as she learns new things and takes on new challenges.

Greetings also come from Marte Wessel, K0EPE. She thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers as she has gotten back up on her leg after her fracture, which, she says, she did thoroughly. She plans to be out dealing with the tumbleweeds as soon as the weather permits. She is a net control station for the YL Tangle NET, Thursdays at 1800 GMT and would love to hear everyone on the air. That's the YL Tangle Net, Thursday 1800GMT 14.297 NCSK0EPE/ W2GLB/7 N8I0.

This year starting with

a devastating (is there any other word?) earthquake in Haiti, and I am thinking of all the people whose lives are in turmoil and danger, and of the ham radio operators who are helping. I am remembering another earthquake, in December of 1972, in Managua, Nicaragua. Technology has changed in the ensuing years; in 1972, word came first from the Earthquake Center in Golden, Colorado, and then for the next three days only through ham radio operators. This year, although there are some cell phone contacts, ham radio is still where "all else fails." We not only use direct contact with radio operators but also "phone patches", where a non-ham on one end can talk via telephone with another non-ham at the other, with two radio operators mediating the process over the air. When I was in Managua in the years following the earthquake there, those phone patches meant a world to me, through ham Buck Currin on one end and through people I mostly do not remember on the other to my family. They were people never willing to accept a penny to defray the cost of long distance

telephone from wherever they were in the States to Colorado—Tennessee, Kansas, Texas, and one blessedly long conversation that was handled by I<0IQ, Margaret Koerner, who was actually only a mile from my parents! The internet is new since 1972, and so is over the air access to it on ham radio bands. Our technology and skills change to meet the new challenges.

To all of you, 33, and see you on the air!

KBONAS, Doshia

**Your District  
Chairwoman  
needs news  
from you!  
Please send  
radio related  
pictures and  
news.**



## Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP



Hello from Alaska, I<L7 land.

As I write this, it is the first day of Winter 2009. The Winter Solstice is here and that means that we here in Alaska start gaining daylight again. Every moment counts when you are down to 4 hours or less in some of the northern areas of Alaska the sun does not rise above the horizon for another month.

### Emergency Services

As many of you know, I am also the Emergency Coordinator for the Anchorage ARES district. The state of Alaska Emergency Coordination Center, (SECC) is located in Anchorage. In 2010, the state will hold its tri-annual exercise called Alaska Shield. This will occur 26 APR-2 MAY. Ham Radio operators from around the state will be participating and myself and Jim Larsen, AL7FS the section manager for Alaska have been asked to be on the planning team for the exercise. For the last few months we have been participating in planning meetings, scenario development meetings and we hope to have VHF and HF operations throughout the exercise. MARS, ARES and

RACES will be participating as well as the Alaska National Guard, the US ARMY, USAF, and the communities of Anchorage, Valdez, Cordova, Kodiak and Unalaska. For those of you in small counties and jurisdictions, Alaska is one section for the entire state. We have had several section nets in the last few months that have allowed us to test our state abilities. If there is ever an emergency in Alaska such as a large scale earthquake, our statewide net is 3920 and the Alaska Pacific Net which meets daily at is on 14.292 at 1630 UTC. [www.alaskapacificnet.org](http://www.alaskapacificnet.org)

### HAM RADIO CLASSES

During the month of December 2009 I traveled to Cordova Alaska to teach a ham radio class. The community is located on the East side of Prince William Sound. As we prepare for our tri-annual exercise, Alaska Shield 2010, several communities have expressed interest in getting ham radio in their community. Through the help of the local Emergency Manager in Cordova, we were able to travel there by marine ferry and then teach a two day class, Saturday and Sunday

and give the exam on Sunday afternoon. With a 100% pass rate, we were able to go from 1 ham operator in the community to 20 in a two day period.

So as you can see the winter is busy with indoor activities.

Please feel free to email me anytime at [KL7SP@arrl.net](mailto:KL7SP@arrl.net) and listen for Alaska Stations trying to check in on the National YLRL net on Thursdays at 0100 UTC from Alaska.

Hope you have a wonderful winter season.

33,  
Heather, KL7SP



*The CCV beam*



# VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



The old year is ending and a new year is just beginning. My best wishes to one and all. May the New Year bring you good health and happiness.

The 2010 Winter Olympics was held in Whistler, BC in February. Whistler is a super ski resort on the mainland of Canada just north of our largest city, Vancouver. Hope you all managed to watch some of the wonderfully talented athletes compete for the medals and maybe got a glimpse or two of Super Natural British Columbia, at the same time. 33 de Suzanne, VE7IM

Diane, VA3SJF, writes: Living in a condo really makes it difficult to communicate over the airwaves. However, I am so excited to be singing with a "seniors" band. We are quite booked up for December performing in hospitals, nursing homes; drop in centers and for dinner meetings in and around Georgetown Ontario. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all YLs and their family's season's greetings. Hopefully in the New Year we can get operational with our rig. 88 and 73 Dianne Grundy, VA3SJF

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: I don't know where 2009 has gone! 2010 is almost here or I should say, by the time you're reading this. New Year's is over and we're having trouble remembering to write 2010

on our correspondence. This happens every year for the first month. Senior's moments, I guess. HiHi!!

We've had a beautiful fall and it has lasted from September to December. Christmas is always hectic with square dance parties and flower deliveries. This year I got my Christmas presents early. I bought a new chair for my sewing room, which can be adjusted in all directions. I also bought a new overlock serger, my old one was purchased in 1965, so it was time to up-grade. Now I need more time to sew. Where can I buy that??? Our national convention is being held in Halifax this July, so I want to make some new outfits.

We've had good health this past year and looking forward to another. I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and wishing you all Health and Happiness for 2010. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Thought I would float away in November. The rain and the windstorms seemed to come in off the Pacific one right after the other. Now December has brought a complete change with cold dry weather coming from the North. My 2m antenna was blown down over a month ago and I finally got it put back up today. Am so glad to see it up there and grateful to the guy who did the work!

Picked up two new countries

CW just before the CQWW CW contest and received the paper work to prove I have worked all countries mixed. I think, maybe, I will frame this one! The bands were open during the contest, even some 10m signals, wonderful to hear. My New Year's resolution will be to learn how to contest log on the computer! If I can do it for Field Day I can do it at home! The Calgary family are coming for Christmas, which is going to be wonderful. It is a long time since we have all been together for the holidays. To all a wonderful Holiday Season. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Well, Christmas came and Christmas went, and I hope that everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends. Moose Jaw is fine, lots of snow, and now that it is well into 2010, it can start melting anytime...don't get me wrong, I love winter, but as one gets up in age, one's priorities change. I no longer look forward to getting outside and shoveling the driveway every day, and yes we do have a snow blower, but for 1 inch of the white stuff, it's too much trouble to start it up. Now when the weatherman says a few snowflakes, we all know he means more like several inches. I am preparing for a visit from

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## DX News & DX Treasurer de Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM

This is my first column as DX Chair, and I want to thank Jeanie WA6UVF for her dedication to this Chair and for her excellent record keeping. I hope I can fill your shoes and keep it going the same.

Thanks Jeanie for leading me through it, and answering patiently all my questions.

I look forward to serve as DX-Chairman and to get to know you and have contact with you via radio and e-mails.

I received my extra class license in 1993 and started dx-ing right away, as I wanted to have contact with my native Sweden. Having lived in USA for 45 years, I can now keep up my Swedish language with my Friday Swedish net. I am so glad my OM K4TY brought me into this hobby. I have so far worked

320 countries.

I am leading the DX-YL net on Mondays 1500 utc on 14,288 and met Christa DJ1TE, Sigrid DL3LG on this net many years ago. At that time Christa was leading it, and now we conduct the net jointly. Some of the YLs who check in regularly include: Truus VE3MRS or P49TR, Christine GM4YMM, Jose' ON3EL, Linda VE1QT, Merle VE1VCI, Suzanne VE7IM, Anne WB1ARU, Carole WB8DQG, and Lois WB3EFQ. I hope many of you will join us every Monday. I have so many friends through radio and have visited many of them several times and had some visit us, here in Virginia.

My amateur radio traveling for 2010 starts with the Visalia DX- meeting April 16,17,and

18th in California. Then in June, we will attend the Munich World DX- YL-meeting, and following that, the yearly Fredrickshaven Hamfest on June 25, 26, and 27““.

I am hoping many of you will come to Munich, so we can meet each other. I have been to two other World DX-YL meetings...the 1999 Long Beach and 2002 Sicily conventions. They were really great experiences.

Please send me news of your amateur radio activities. Members want to know what you are doing, and it helps to promote YL's in Amateur Radio.

I wish you a healthy and an active radio year 2010.

33,  
Rose-Marie, KB4RM

### VE News Continued from Page 23

my dear friend Yvonne, ZR6TBL who is coming to Canada for a visit in March. She will visit with family in B.C. and in Calgary, and then come and see me. Oh I can hardly wait, feel just like a little kid again at Christmas, hi hi  
So that is my little bit of information to all. Prayers to those who need them, prayers to those who want them. God Bless. Vai, VE5AQ, Moose Jaw, Sask. Canada

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: They have had a snow free November and it was great getting around to do Xmas shopping. There has not been much activity on the CLARA Mon. night evening  
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net for over a month, as most nights we don't hear any of the YLs. Have had my sister-in-law and her husband for an early Dec. visit from Nova Scotia so spent an afternoon at our big Mapleview mall for shopping. Have one birthday luncheon for a friend to do as well as a luncheon for a friend and her Mother before Xmas. The last week of Dec. have another birthday luncheon at my house for a friend. Happy New Year to one and all.

33 Jeanne, VA3WX

Truus, VE3MRS (P49TR) writes: Next month I'll try to participate in the Canadian-North American nets. Now it's only the International one on Mondays at 1500z.

We are expecting a lot of company, children and grandchildren for the holidays. Mainly for the climate here in Aruba HI

News is that Martin's (VE3MR) oldest son is getting married on June 25th in California. Good news! Our plans to attend the Munich YL-convention followed by Friedrichshafen have to be cancelled. Bad news! We were looking forward to the Germany-trip, especially to meet good old friends again in both places. Best Wishes for Peace and Joy this Holiday Season and a New Year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity!  
88, de Martin. 33 Truus VE3MRS



**New YLRL Members  
de Cheryl Ann Cook, KC8TDU-Secretary**

No  
Picture  
at this  
time.

**New Members for January/February 2010**

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

**District 5**

**Mary McDonald WB5LBR**

Endorsed by KB5CSQ at the  
New Orleans Hamvention

**Ann N. Brown KF5CNV**

Ann is newly licensed general  
and joins her OM, N1TVF in the  
hobby

**Linda E McMurray ICE5HSY**

Licensed since 2006 Linda is  
active on 2 meters and was  
endorsed by the AARA

**District 10**

**Lori Yount KD0EPN**

Lori belongs to the St. Louis  
Radio Club as well as ARES,  
serves on the Orientation and  
mentoring committee and  
participates in YL nets. She  
holds a general class license

**DX**

**Sheng Li, BD5CGH**

Sponsored by Jeanie, WA6UVF

*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!*

**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-1**

**50 Year Certificate**

Ursula Burger, DL3LS

## Certificate Custodian

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC , WAC-YL. DX-YL -Carolyn Donner, N8ST- [REDACTED]

### 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.

### Results for 2009 Friendship Certificate

I'm happy to announce that the YLRL Certificate program is going really well. The 2009 YLRL Friendship Award has ended. I didn't know what to expect about this one since it was our first time to offer an certificate that had to be finished in one year's time. I'm happy to say we had 14 YL's finish the award. Here's the list...

Cert #	F. Name	L. Name	Callsign	Date	QTH
1	Linda	Harvey	VE1QT	4/15/2009	Canada
2	Cheryl	Muhr	N0WBV	5/22/2009	CO
3	Suzanne	Snape	VE7IM	5/23/2009	Canada
4	Anne	Manna	WB1ARU	6/23/2009	MA
5	Rose-Marie	Battig	KB4RM	7/11/2009	VA
6	Ella	Tugwell	GOFIP	7/11/2009	UK
7	Betty Jo	Byrd	KB5CSQ	7/20/2009	MS
8	Christine	Dons	GM4YMM	8/10/2009	Scotland
9	Rosel Victoria	Zenker	DL3KWR	11/30/2003	Germany
10	"Tori"	Vernau	KC0EEP	11/30/2009	MO
11	Carolyn	Donner	N8ST	12/20/2009	OH
12	Evelin	Zeidler	DL5ALK	1/15/2010	Germany
13	Lori	Yount	KDOEPN	1/15/2010	MO
14	Helen	Archibald	VA1YL	1/15/2010	Canada

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who finished the award. And thanks to everyone who worked on it even though you might not have gotten it finished. I know I enjoyed chatting with all the YL's and finding out neat little things about them. You all did well.

In fact you did so well, we've decided to keep up the annual awards, but they will change every year, so take notes ...

**Details for 2010 on next page!**

The 2010 YLRL certificate will be called the **2010 YLRL BIRTHDAY AWARD!** This one might be a little easier, because you only need 12 YL's to get the award ... that is, if you get 12 YL's who have a birthday in each of the 12 months of the year. Here are the rules for this new award ...

1. Talk to YL's and exchange Birthday months (don't need the day or year!)
2. You will need one YL for each month of the year. That's 12 in all. (NOTE: The contact doesn't have to be made in the birthday month. You can make all 12 contacts within the same month if you want.)
3. All contacts must be made during the 2010 year (January 1 - December 31, 2010).
4. Contacts may be made on any band the YL is licensed to be on, and any mode including SSB, all digital modes, EchoLink, and repeaters.
5. Contacts may be made during nets only if the net control allows it.
6. Report the following for each contact:  
Date, time, band, first name, QTH, month they were born.
7. Send your list, in month order, to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2011 to receive your certificate.
8. This certificate is available ONLY to YL's.
9. Applications may be submitted by e-mail [REDACTED]

### 2010 YLRL BIRTHDAY AWARD APPLICATION

NAME:  
CALLSIGN:  
ADDRESS:

YLRL MEMBER? (circle one) YES NO

	CAT.T.STGN	NAME	DATE	TIME	FREQ	MODE
JANUARY						
FEBRUARY						
MARCH						
APRIL						
MAY						
JUNE						
JULY						
AUGUST						
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						

[NOTE: You don't have to actually use this form, as long as you have the information organized in the same way.]



# YLRL SUPPLIES

**Note:** please make your check or money order payable to **YLRL, Inc.** All items are postpaid except for DX airmail. For DX airmail, please add \$10.00 per order. International Postal Money Orders are requested, if possible.

## YLRL Stationery: Diamond Logo Letterhead & Matching Envelopes

50 sheets 8 x 11, with 50 #10 envelopes	\$7.50
25 sheets 8 x 11 with 25 #10 envelopes	\$5.00
50 sheets 5 x 8 (note size) w/o envelopes	\$3.50
25 sheets 5 x 8 (note size) w/o envelopes	\$2.00
YLRL postcards (without postage)	25 postcards \$2.25 or 50 for \$3.75

## YLRL JEWELRY, PATCHES, AND DECALS: Girl on the World Logo

50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin/charm	\$3.00
Patch: 4" circle, gray with blue logo	\$3.50
Decals: 3" circle, silver and blue (indoor use)	3 for \$1.00
3" circle, silver and blue Mylar (for window or windshield; logo faces out)	0.75 ea. or 3 for \$2.00

## YLRL JEWELRY: Diamond Logo

Pins: Silver and Blue enamel or Gold and Blue Enamel	\$5.00
Charms: Silver and Blue enamel or Gold and Blue Enamel	\$5.00

## GIRL-ON -THE-WORLD STICKERS

Silver with blue girl, 1" diameter	10 for \$1.00
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## YLRL SHIRTS

T-shirts Color: White or Light Blue	\$15.00
Staff Shirt Color: White or Light Blue	\$22.00
Sweatshirt Color: White	\$23.00

Available in sizes Small (S) to Extra-Extra-Large (XXL). Please print first name and call sign to be embroidered on front. Add \$2.00 for shirt sizes XXL.

Send your orders directly to the **YLRL Supplies Chairman:**

**Barbara Bender, KA3VXR**

