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THANKS TO BETTY MARSH, KL7FJW; JEAN BLAKESLEE, WB8FIC; AND MARY KETZLER, W09R FOR DONATIONS TO YLRL SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF ALL THE YLS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

WE SURELY MISS THEM BUT THEIR "MEMORIES" WILL LIVE ON FOREVER

THANKS YLS FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE. "YOU" ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB. WE ARE NOT GOING TO SET A GOAL TO MEET. WHATEVER WE END UP WITH FOR A TOTAL WILL BE THE GOAL. WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR IT.

LET'S REACH FOR THE STARS!
YLRL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE 2011

THERE IS NO END TO WHERE WE MIGHT END UP AND SO MANY YLS WILL BE ABLE TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION, SO PLEASE HELP. THE SKY'S THE LIMIT AND THE MORE WE RAISE, THE MORE YLS WE CAN GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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Marte KOEPE

NOTICE JUNE 30TH, 2011 IS THE LAST DAY FOR ME TO RECEIVE YOUR CHECK AND TICKETS. THIS WILL GIVE ME TIME TO DO MY FINAL REPORT AND MAIL WITH THE TICKETS TO ANNE MANNA, WB1ARU



President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

Greetings All,

By the time you read this hopefully all the nasty snow and ice has disappeared. For only the 16th time Phil the prognosticator said spring would be early. Who knows????

We have a new award this year, devised by Carolyn and looks to be a lot of fun. Who doesn't have a favorite color and that is what you need to share with your contact. Our DX members are already working on the award so let's get on the bandwagon and participate. I hope that everyone is getting tuned up for the spring and summer activities like Field Day, Hamfests and most important the YLRL convention in Quincy. I know that Anne and her committee are hard at work and my reservations are made. If you have never attended a convention before you won't believe how much fun it is to meet so many of the YLs. My first one was in Washington, DC in 1982. The friends you make will be your life-long friends.

My OM Tom, W3BZN, and I will travel to Dayton this year for the Hamvention. We will be celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary there. Who would have believed that we would jointly enjoy this great hobby for so many years? Of course he was licensed when we met and I say I got licensed because "if you can't beat them join them". I am really glad I did because now many of you are my friends.

Why not contact your district chairperson and let her know what you are doing either with radio or personally. It sure helps to have something to write about when it comes time to get Harmonics out. Cheryl, N0WBV does a fantastic job as the editor but she can only do with what she has from us the members.

Till next time 33's

Lois

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YL Contests, Nets and Hamfest Booths

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No
Picture
at this
time.

If you will be at the Dayton Hamvention®, don't forget to stop by the YLRL/Buckeye Belle Booth at space 234 near the cafeteria.

The YL forum is confirmed for Friday at 1300-1415 (1pm to 2:15pm). Please check your program for the room number.

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ, the current YLRL President will moderate The Young Ladies' Radio League Forum. The speakers will be Anne Manna, WB1 ARU-Chairwoman of YLRL Convention 2011 in Boston; Tina Clogg, VK5TMC- Chairwoman YL International Meet 2012 in Adelaide, Australia; and Anna Veal, W0ANT-participant in the 2011 Youth DX trip to Costa Rica.

WE4MB Emily Bishop will be honored as the 2010 recipient of the Hiram Percy Maxim Award.

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Myra Kitchen K3PGH writes that she spent Jan 14 till Jan 30 at the Ham Radio booth at the South Florida Fair in West Palm Beach. She had 10 volunteers who answered questions and signed people up for classes to be held later in the year.

Myra plans to be at Hamcation in Orlando this year. Myra, I'm sorry I will miss seeing you at Orlando, stay well and in touch.

Jan Sturbois, WB4RIV, writes that HAYLARC (Huntsville Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club) was organized in February of 1977 and has remained active since that time.

Each February the members celebrate by having dinner and inviting spouses, significant others, or guests. During the 34 years the members have undertaken several different projects and services.

The pictures were taken at the February 10, 2011 dinner where they celebrated 34 years as a club. Kudos to HALARC! Keep up the good work.



HAYLARC's Anniversary Meeting

Nancy Bluehosh, N1NCY, sends a picture of herself and some of other gals who get on the Monday night net, which started on December 12, 2010. They are all members of the Loudon Amateur Radio Group and meet at 8PM local time Monday nights on the local Leesburg repeater belonging to Dave, WA4TXE. All are welcome via Echolink through I<E5APC/link. Nice pic Nancy!

The Monday Night Net YLs.



Well YLs, that's about it for another round. It is always good to hear from you all. Please do not hesitate to drop me an email with your news and pictures, I look forward to reading your news and passing it on for all to share. By the way, please remember to renew your YLRL membership; we don't want to lose any of you! Stay well and don't forget to keep those rigs fired up!

73, Joan, W4JMJ



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

Another year has come and gone. I can't believe it is 2011. 2010 flew by for me, as I'm sure it did for most of you.

A new round of Hamfest has already started and if you are like me you really enjoy going to as many Hamfests as possible if for nothing else but to see friends.

I missed the first Hamfest of the year in my area because of a previously planned trip with my family to Hammond, LA for the Delta Division Convention. I saw several hams in Louisiana that I knew.

I have traveled to many Hamfests over the past 8 years from Ohio to Florida and so far I've always run into someone I know. That's what is so great about Amateur Radio- FRIENDS!

The next Hamfest in my area is the Dalton Hamfest in Dalton, GA sponsored by the Dalton Amateur Radio Club <http://www.w4drc.net> on February 26th.

Dayton Hamvention® <http://www.hamvention.org/> is my favorite Hamfest of the year. My next favorite is a tossup between the Dalton, GA and Huntsville, AL Hamfest. I enjoy both for different reasons.

Dalton is because it's only 30 minutes from home, I see

lots of friends, and it's a well-put together event and the bone yard or what some hams call the flea market area.

Several dealers come to Dalton, including Ham Radio Outlet and MFJ which both always have good deals while at the Hamfest.

I enjoy the Huntsville, AL Hamfest <http://www.hamfest.org> for several reasons. It's a 2 day Hamfest and only 2 hours from my home, the huge flea market area, dealers such as TEN-TEC, YAESU, ICOM, Kenwood, MFJ, Ham Radio Outlet and most of all I get to see friends from all over the south.

I hope to see many of you at a Hamfest this year. Hamfest play a very important role in Amateur Radio. Hamfest is a way of showing new products, enables us to purchase those products and other items we may need but most of all we get to fellowship with each other.

I have fun but you should see my dad when attends Hamfest. Like the old saying goes, he's "like a kid in a candy shop" but really he's no different than most.

I always like to close by asking that we be thankful for what we have and to remember those

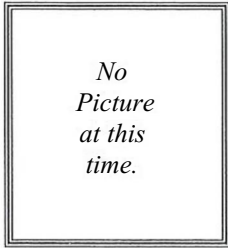
less fortunate. I do this as a reminder for all of us to never take our blessings for granted. Also remember the ones protecting our freedom at home and abroad.

If you have any news or events you would like me to include in my next article feel free to email me. I would love to hear from you.

73 & 88,
Emily WE4MB



*Photo from left to right:
David Norris, K5UZ Delta Division Vice Director; Mike Bishop, WM4RB dad; Emily Bishop, WE4MB Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award recipient; David Summer, K1ZZ ARRL CEO and Mickey Cox, K5MC Delta Division Director.*



District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



For those of us who have survived the winter thus far in New England, let us hope the end is in sight. It certainly has been great to have a hobby that helps us through the long, dark, snowy days, and the bands have been better than they were last year at this time. I have still been unable to tune to the Yankee Lassies Net on Wednesday mornings, but hopefully this spring when we can finally get out to work on the antenna and feed lines we will be able to fix that problem. Anne, WB1ARU and Tony, WA1ENO, are beating the winter snows by finding some new snow out in Colorado. Hope they have a great trip! Speaking of them, they are certainly enjoying their new grandchild, an adorable little girl. Bet they will be hurrying back this year!

I had a nice note from Barb, WB1EHS, early in the year. She has relocated to Hadley, MA in order to be closer to her son and his wife. Unfortunately, she doesn't have room for an antenna in her new location, so she donated her radio equipment to the Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association back in Maine, for which I'm sure they are very grateful. It does make Barb feel a bit cut off from her radio friends, although email helps. Her email address is [redacted] if you would like to say hello. Thanks for the information, Barb, and good luck in your new digs!

Not too much other news to report except for the upcoming YLRL convention later this year. Plans are going well, and I'm attaching information from Anne, WB1ARU, to keep you up to date. Sure hope we see many of you in District One this summer.

33 de Jane, N1PVT

**Have you booked your room and started
making plans for the next YLRL
Convention? Mark your calendars for
July, 2011 in Boston, Massachusetts!**



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings everyone.

With the arrival of spring. I'm sure we will be experiencing our share of weather here in the northeast. And with spring, comes SKYWARN training. I hope to have some information on where SKYWARN training will be offered in the Northern New Jersey and New York area. If you have a chance to attend a SKYWARN Class, please do so. These classes are taught by the National Weather Service and are a lot of fun! And you don't have to be an Amateur Radio Operator to be a SKYWARN Spotter!

See, I'm thinking on a positive level - *spring will be here soon....*

gosh I hope so!!

Hamfest Season is almost upon us, as well. There are a few Hamfest and auctions scheduled for February and March, as well as throughout the rest of the spring and summer months. YLs are getting on the air, especially on Thursday evenings. Some of our local YLs have been found on 7.240 MHz, 7.245 MHz around 9:00pm. Join in the fun and get on the air! Contests too are another favorite of some of our local gals. It's nice to hear the participation.

The BARA Babes have been actively planning get-togethers and of course, are on their

weekly Monday evening net on the local repeater. They are even planning a 'road-trip' to YLRL Convention in July in Boston, Mass.

I've heard from Rachel, AJ4WD and she is immersed in Amateur Radio Classes again. She has also received her VE credentials so she can serve as a Volunteer Examiner. Congratulations! It's certainly nice when people upgrade and then jump right into the hobby and help out! I see that quite often where are YLs are concerned.

I hope to hear from you ladies in District two!

33-Joyce, KA2ANF

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I had my annual Physical in Jan. Dr. said I am in perfect health except for kidney failure. I have been feeling better lately.

I have been cleaning desk drawers and wondering why I don't get on the radio. Seems the computer, telephone etc. keeps me busy. I have been helping our 93-year-old neighbor lady because she is afraid to get out with this terrible weather. I hope everyone has a wonderful spring. Best of 33.

Winnsboro, TX- Zenda KD5MD Well, Betty, not too much in the radio world. It is mostly dead around here. Propagation is nil. But it is snowing. We had 7 inches this morning at 7 AM, & here it is at 1:30 PM still lightly snowing. I haven't measured again. It is cold, of course, but our utility company

has kept our electricity on so far this week & the wood stove supplements that. As long as we stay inside, no complaints just wish we had some one to talk to. The radio is on, but all I can hear is static. Better luck next week.

Kenner, LA -Mary WB5LBR It looks as if I am leaving New Orleans area and I have sold my ham gear. I plan to move to Baton Rouge with my son. I may be moving from his house after that and then get settled. Then I can start over with hamming.

San Antonio, TX- Dottie W7PBR We have our "Ladies Net" up and going. We meet each Monday night at 7pm on simplex 145.430. With my health issues it has limited what I can/ can't do so I became and

AVON representative to make extra money (need more radio equipment) and it keeps me busy.

Gulfport, MS- Southern Mississippi YL- ICB5MZ The members would like to thank those of you who bought raffle tickets for our fundraiser. As advertised the drawing was held at out Feb. 10 dinner meeting the Valentine Raffle was for an ICOM 2200FI2 meter and the winner was N5GD, Gary Smith of Long Beach, MS.

If you are in the area on Thursday night at 7:00pm join us on our 2 meter net at 7:00pm on 147-375 + 600 no tone also check out our web page SMYLAR.ORG.

Thank you all for sending in your news and look forward to hear from you again real soon. Don't forget to check out the pictures.

BJ KB5CSQ



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello to all in District 3—
There has been a warming spell, a short one that took us up over freezing and let us see the sun. Then a nosedive from 50 degrees this morning to the 20s this evening, with strong wind. Spring teases. And this brings a Happy Valentine's Day to you all, even if belatedly.

The break in the weather has provided an opportunity to get out and see what minor repairs are needed and can be made during the lull. I hope all of you had a chance to operate the YL-OM event.

I had a terrible time with winds that braided the dipole in amongst the pine branches. The antenna will need more than a little TLC this time. We talk about, and put off, replacing said dipole, but this will be the year it will have to be done.

We had our special event station at the Sport Show at the beginning of February, and at least this year we did not get a couple feet of snow. The weather was kind and there was a good turnout for the show in general.

Even better, we had an audience, we had some scouts stop by, we had a good list of people sign up for our Technician licensing class to be held in March. Running stations on both 20 meters

and 40 meters we made over 250 contacts—the requests for QSL cards are already coming in.

The first Hamfest of this area is just 2 weeks away. Being at the end of February it is at once the break in the winter doldrums and a forerunner of the summer Hamfest season we all enjoy.

Almost every club has a Hamfest here, some being large, others only a few vendors and in a small facility—each shares the camaraderie of a group of hams who have stories, problems, and questions to share. There is always an area for folks to sit and talk, have a coffee. From the smallest to the Dayton Flamvention, the size of the crowd may vary but we all look forward to attending.

In doing this column I have tried to gather information from you YLs in District 3. I know you are all out there and all doing interesting tilings. Much the same way I try to gather information from our local club members to put in the WACOM newsletter that I put out monthly.

It's a little easier when I am a member of the club and know what the activities are, a little easier to chase down participants and get photos

and can report what was done, hoping it gives another club an idea of something that their club can do. I really need to hear from all of you. Let's share the wealth.

One final item—today we received a nice surprise in the mail. My OM Ed, N3ZNI and I operated the PA QSO party from our home QTH this past year. Usually I am here at home and he is mobile, driving around the western part of the state. We operated under his call sign and received a certificate for Washington County, Multi Operator Single Station (75,537 points). Wow! At last!

Stay warm and stay active.
33, 73,
Jacque, N3ZEL



Deb, KD8KAC, photographing the Sport Show station



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings all 4 Land YLs. By the time you get this it should be Happy Springtime (or thereabouts!) Wow, another cold winter here in Florida. I'm not sure how much further south one would have to move to in order to get some warm winter weather! LOL But, I will not complain too much, at least we didn't have to buy a snow shovel.

I am writing this column the weekend of the Orlando Hamcation ... and am sad because I had to miss yet another favorite Ham event. These busy schedules just have to stop. They are interfering with Amateur radio. I'm looking forward to a quieter summer in Georgia and maybe even some quality radio time!!!! So, with that on to the news ...

Ann Santos WAIS/4, reports that she has relocated from New Hampshire to Georgia. She is still working as an Electronics Engineer for the FAA with her office now just outside of Atlanta (Hartsfield Airport). She apologizes for not keeping in touch for the past while but has been coping with a divorce and the financial and health aspects that go along with the territory.

In her new home with soulmate Bob, WAIF, they have managed to put up a TH-3 on a 50-foot tower and have Carolina Windom off center fed dipole. They are

planning an Inverted 'L' on 160 meters. Equipment is an ICOMIC 7600 and an Ameritron AL811HAmp. Ann worked VP8ORK on 15, 20, 30 and 40 m. She is planning to attend Dayton Hamvention in May but will regretfully be unable to make the YL Convention this summer. She reports that it has been awhile since her last DXpedition but she has started saving up again since the divorce.

Well Ann, it is always good to hear from you and we wish you well in your new location and with your future endeavors. Of course, we will wait to hear your call on some great well-sought-after DX.

Lois Smith, KA4LBD, writes to inform us that Benson, her husband of 51 years became a silent key January 27 from aortic stenosis. It had been a long and difficult time but kind thoughts from many good ham friends were much appreciated. We are sorry for your loss Lois, you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Ruby Byrd KF4NI/7, writes that her OM, Norman, is doing so much better health-wise in AZ. It seems that the hot dry air is much better for his rheumatoid arthritis and asthma. The humidity in NC has a negative affect in both cases. Ruby writes that this is her 34th year as a YLRL member. Congrats to you Ruby and Norman is in our thoughts and prayer.

Mary Moore, WX4MM, writes that her father Don, K4DHH, became a silent key on January 17th. Mary and her Mom Evelyn, W4EVE, are understandably taking things one day at a time. Mary did work NAQP CW and SSB. She is not sure if she'll do the NAQP RTTY the end of the month or not. It depends on the weather and whether or not she has to work.

Mary is planning a trip to Alaska in September, when she'll have plenty to share with us. It looks like she has to work while the YL-OM is on this year; she will try to make some contacts, because it is her favorite contest. Well Mary, please accept our condolences for the loss of your Dad. You and your Mom are in our thoughts and prayers. Good luck in the YL-OM contest ... and ... any room in your suitcase for me on the Alaska trip! Enjoy.

Kay Craigie, N3I<N, writes that her travel plans include the AES Superfest in Milwaukee on the first weekend in April, the Dayton Hamvention in May, and the ARRL National Convention at Ham-Com in Plano, Texas, in June. She would love to see everyone at the ARRL booth at one of these events. Wow Kay, you are one busy YL!

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello,

Hope you all are thawing out from the COLD winter weather boy this has been a year. My OM Ed KA5VFU and I have been under the weather for several weeks now and finally feeling a little better.



Some of the Hammond Hamfest YL Forum attendees.

We were able to attend the Hammond LA Hamfest in January and enjoyed seeing everyone and meeting some new friends. I have pictures of the YL that attended the YLRL forum. The **big news** at the Hammond Hamfest for the presentation of the ARRL Hiram Percy Award what a nice plaque and it was awarded to one of our YLRL members our Youth News editor Emily Bishop WE4MB.



Emily, WE4MB, and the Award.



Emily and her Dad traveled down from Tennessee and I can tell you that was one proud Dad and Emily was pretty excited herself. Great job Emily we are all proud of you.

I have received some interesting articles below hope you enjoy them and maybe some will inspire you to get on the radio and talk to us.

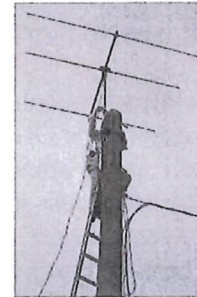
Seminole, OK- Beth KC5RWW, shared her antenna installation pictures and tells us all the details. The top of the wooden pole is 27 feet. Don't know how much higher than that the antenna is.

I've heard lots of OMs on the 6m antenna, especially when I rotated it to the west. I heard mostly Arizona. I made several contacts on my 6m "hentenna" before we replaced it with the three-element antenna in the photo.



The antenna installation.

I practically begged Steve to get a safety belt but at least he tied the top of the ladder to the pole. He's no stranger to things electric but he tends to be careless. He's not active as a ham but is willing to take risks for me to be active on 8 bands. Next time I'll hide his ladder until he gets a safety belt.



Steve on the ladder.

On Feb. 5 I got 6 new states on 80M on the 3905cc net on 3.902 had to stay up till midnight to do it. Snow has kept me home for 5 days.

Pearcy, AR - Lenny K5OVC, shares sad news Inis XYL Norma Mendel KC5DDO, Bride of 42 years passed away Jan 20th at home here in Pearcy, AR. Please keep Lenny and the family in your prayers. Some of you may have worked Lenny I understand he has 416 confirmed YL contacts.

DeSoto, TX, -Joyce W5MWK. Need I say SNOW in TEXAS? That is our big news.

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VE News Continued from Page 23

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: I will participate in the ONTARS Valentine Day YL Net on February 14th -A fun day. Next will be the CLARA contest on March 15th and 19th that I will participate in.

The end of March I will be selling daffodils with a friend at Canadian Tire for the 16th year. We will attend a volunteer evening supper put on by the Red Cross tire 3rd week of April. We are hoping for warmer weather soon and really looking forward to spring. Hope everyone has a great spring. 33s, Jeanne

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Our Christmas was very busy with the store and with the passing of Doug's dad at 100+4 months of age. Our Valentine's Day deliveries have been very busy at the flower shop and that's a good thing. Hope everyone had a great day.

We've had a lot of snow and high winds lately but the temperatures are rising, so spring can't be too far away. I'm going to start a few garden and flower seeds in the next week. I'm getting more selective every year; some plants are just easier to buy.

I have the 2010 Birthday award so I'll try for the 2011 Favourite Colour Award as well.

I'm not planning to go to Dayton this year, but my OM, VE3CWO/VS, will be going with friends. Hope to hear some of you on the air when time permits.

33, Heather, VE3HQH

Leona, VE7ONY, writes: January has been a busy month! As a radio operator, I was part of the EOC team who provided communications for the International Children's Games. As a former ski instructor, I was also an official timer for the forty cross-country skiers in the Games.

This is the first time the International Children's Games have been held outside of Europe so it was interesting to see them from many parts of the world, including the USA. Olympic Officials were in attendance as well. These Games are the Olympics for the Children, held every four years.

The following week I timed for the North-American Cross Country ski trials. It was hectic as

the number of skiers was in the range of 450 to 500 per race and each is individually timed. Many are the Olympic hopefuls trying to acquire the points they need for their future goals.

I have been able to do a bit of snowshoeing with my 2meter radio in hand- just to keep us out of trouble off in the woods taking pictures. I am still painting with my art group and discussing books with my reading group. I like to think of myself as fairly technically literate but switching up to Windows 7 has been a bit of a challenge with my artsy software. It must be the temperamental artistic attitude, Hi Hi. Thank goodness for radio... the buttons on my radio are still the same.

After this busy winter, we look forward to spring's sunshine and warmth, our local Hamfest Flee market in early May, and the renewal of life! Have a great spring; I look forward to hearing you on the air with all your true and favourite colours. 33
Leona VE7ONY

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- [REDACTED]
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Continuous Membership for March/April 2011

5 Year Certificates

EA8MT, Dunia Oliveras Rivero; UR5WA, Helen Yoncharsry; VK2HD, Heather Pike;
DJ6US, Waltraud Jaeger-Ketterer; IC4SAF, Carol Laferty; VU2RBI, Devulapalli Bharathi Prasad;
M0CUR, Jacqueline Head; WA5PQX, Gloria Meng; JA8AQY, Masako Izume

10 Years

SP5XAB, Iwona "Candy" Okulicz; KA1TLP, Sandra Kimberly; KL0HI, Claudia Doyle;
ZR6TBL, Yvonne Van Dijk; M0ACL, Liz Jones

15 Years

KI8IM, Carol Schmitkons; K4JD, Nancy Morris; AC5QQ, Linda S. Hynan;
KC7IFT, Susan Perrault; N9FA, Carolyn F. Jacobson

20 Years

KO4CK, Mary White; N2JYO, Lenore Dunlop; KB2MER, Krista Birmingham;
KM6QF, Pat Reiner; G4KFP, Jasmine Marshall; IT9ESZ, Ruth Geering;
JA8DYM, Kazuko Nukaya

25 Years

JA0CYL, Masako Kato; JA1EYL, Chizue Yamada; JR3MVF, Kyoko "Mio" Miyoshi;
N5IMW, Karen S. Blisard; VK5YG, Margaret Box; NQ9K, Jacqueline Liedtky;
DL3YBV, Karen Kuehn; DL4NAN, Rosemarie Ditze; GMOBEL, Gillian Lindsay;
JR6XIX, Nobuko Uchiyama

30 Years

KA8GAK, Collette R. Rice; KM8E, June A. Braunz; N8CGM, Susan E. Scott;
N9CCF, Nadiene Doris Backlund; WAIS, Ann M. Santos; WD8DQG, Carol V. Hall;
NY4H, Martha A. Silver; ZL1AJL, Carol Dewar (Johnson),

35 Years

KA4LBD, Lois J. Smith; KS6I, Irene P. Oseas; W5MWK, Joyce Kepler;
WA0TIZ, Judy Magraw; W1LRD, Lorraine R. Deschenes; WB0HUC, Marie Dambrosky;
JH3SQN, Nozomi Gohara; KH6QI, Valma A. Van Holt; PT2TF, Therezinha Cardoso;
WB9RUS, Carole L. Burke; SP2FF, Barbara Ulatowska; Marion R. Dixon, WA7TTL

40 Years

K9VIP, B. Juanita Harris; VE3MRS, Truus Rosenthal; HB9ARC, Dr. Greta Hubacher

Young Ladies' Radio League Convention 2011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - JULY 22

Breakfast at the Best Western Adams Inn (Convention hotel)

Today's tour is to **Boston**. We will travel by trolley from our hotel for a trolley tour including 20 stops with over 100 points of interest famous for their historical or popular importance. The all day ticket allows unlimited on and off privileges; however it is recommended that we stay on board for an overview tour for the first 2 hours. The option of a free harbor cruise is included with the trolley tour. Lunch will be on our own with many choices. We will return to the hotel by trolley in the late afternoon.

\$35/person

Friday evening **dinner** will be "Dutch Treat" in Quincy's Marina Bay at a choice of waterfront restaurants with a range of prices.

SATURDAY-JULY 23

Breakfast at the Adams Inn

YLRL Members Meeting

OM tour TBA - likely one of the many technical museums in Boston, including lunch.

YL Luncheon with guest speaker

Our afternoon tour is to **Adams National Historical Park**. The park tells the story of four generations of the Adams family (from 1720 to 1927). It has two main sites: the Birthplaces of 2nd U.S. President John Adams and 6th U.S. President John Quincy Adams, and Peacefield including the "Old House," home to four generations of the Adams family, and the Stone Library which contains more than 14,000 historic volumes.

about \$10/person

YL-OM Banquet with guest speaker. This is the highlight event of our Convention.

SUNDAY-JULY 24

Breakfast at the Adams Inn

We will travel by coach bus to **Cape Cod**. We will be treated to a history of early communication with visits to the French Cable Station Museum, the Cape Cod National Seashore including the remains of the Marconi transmission towers, and the Chatham Marconi Museum. We will have a box lunch while at the National Seashore. This will be an all day tour, returning at about 4 in the afternoon.

\$45/person

MONDAY-JULY 25

If there is enough interest, there will be an optional tour to **ARRL Headquarters**. It is about a 2 1/4 hour drive to Newington from Quincy. **Please let us know immediately if you are interested so that we can make the arrangements.**

RETURN THIS WITH YOUR REGISTRATION

Please indicate your choices of tours. Complete information and pricing will be sent to each registrant.

Bostonadults OMadults Adamsadults Cape Codadults

Monday ARRLadults

Any children? #Ages

Young Ladies' Radio League Convention 2011

Registration

Best Western Adams Inn, Quincy, Massachusetts
Thursday, July 21 - Sunday, July 24, 2011

HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made by contacting the Best Western Adams Inn, 29 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02171. For reservations call 617-328-1500. **You must ask for Group Code CGRALE when making your reservation.** The special rate of \$129/double or \$119/single will be available before and after the Convention. A credit card is required to hold the room. Rooms may be cancelled up until 48 hours prior to check in.

Reservations must be made by June 21, 2011 to get the Convention rate.

I expect to stay at the Adams Inn fortnights arriving on _____
I will be rooming with: Name and call (if licensed) _____

GENERAL REGISTRATION (register before January 31 to be included in an "early bird" prize drawing)

YLRL member (includes Thursday evening social) #___ @ \$45.00 \$ _____

OM, Non YLRL member guest (includes Thu. social) #___ @ \$30.00 \$ _____

MEALS

Saturday YL Luncheon #___ @ \$21.00 \$ _____

Saturday YL-OM Dinner Banquet #___ @ \$37.50 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

TOUR SELECTIONS and prices will be available on a separate form in the next YL Harmonics and e mailed to you if you make an "early bird" registration. Tours will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a possible optional tour to ARRL Headquarters on Monday.

INFORMATION

NameCall sign _____

Mailing address _____

CityStateZIP _____

CountryPhone _____

E mail (if possible for confirmation) _____

OMCall sign _____

GuestCall sign _____

DEADLINE: June 30, 2011

Make checks payable to **YLRL Convention 2011**

Mail to Judy Harris N1BLR, _____



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Are we into March already? It seems like yesterday we were ringing in the New Year, and now we're headed into Event Season once again.

For LA Hams, that starts with the Los Angeles Marathon on March 20, 2011. My OM will be doing his usual radio communications, but because of a training course I'm currently taking on Sundays, I'll have to sit it out this year. Bummer.

But, we both will be doing our usual Stage 12 Mile Station for the 27th annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, April 16-17, 2011. Hams are still needed to cover the runners, the stages, and to perform other communication duties. Mercedes Prado, K6MMP is a stage lead and could use some extra hands. If you want to

work directly with Mercedes, contact her at [REDACTED]. If you're interested in participating at any station, please contact Joy Matlack, B2V Communications Director at [REDACTED]

John Primus, AF6RJ is a member of the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC) Education and Training Committee located in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is looking for Bay Area YLs that might be interested in joining the Committee's in-class amateur radio volunteer instructional team.

The team of 11 currently only has one—count it—ONE woman, so he wants to incorporate some female instructors and asked me to spread the word. It's a golden

opportunity to not only help new licensees, but also represent the quality of the YLRL Hams!

The program utilizes team teaching techniques, and over the past 18 months, has offered five license preparation courses at the Technician and General Class levels to more than 200 student enrollees.

If you are interested, contact John at [REDACTED]. His address and phone is 1307 Saddlehill Lane, Concord, CA 94521 (925) 825-7670.

And last, but certainly not least, let's all welcome Donna Hinshaw, AG6V, to our YLRL District 6 family! She looks forward to connecting with many of you On-Air and perhaps at the Convention!

33&73
Jennifer, KI6OIL

YLRL/Buckeye Belle table at the Dayton Hamvention® in May is booth 234. Don't forget the YL forum Friday of the event. Have you booked your room and started making plans for the next YLRL Convention? Mark your calendars for July, 2011 in Boston, Massachusetts!



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Hello to the YLS.

I hope all of you have survived the winter without too many problems. We've had the usual gloomy weather with lots of rain, which is typical of the northwest. But there are signs of spring - crocus popping up, heather in bloom and big buds on the blueberry bushes. We've enjoyed several days of sunshine but this afternoon the rain clouds have moved in and the fir trees are swishing their branches in the wind.

Two Rivers Net had their YL luncheon Jan 15th. Barbara Yasson AC7UH Reports We had eleven YLs show up and one of the YL's OM. James Newsome, ICE7ZAC, was definitely outnumbered but handled himself very well! Sandi, we're proud of James! We went to Newport Bay in Tigard, right down the road from HRO! A couple of our OMs hung out there while we got together. Those who attended are- Robin Resnick, KJ7BI; Jill Khovy, KE7WEC; Lisa Bloomquist, KE7HPW; Jessica Bloomquist (ham in the making!); Claire Fillinger, K6ZCR; Lucrecia Stinson, KB7TSQ; Sandi Newsome, KF7MKC; James Newsome, KE7ZAC; Marianna Kearney, W7WFO; Margaret Hardwick, WA6NXV; and Marilyn

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Melhorn, KE7WEN. We try and do something at least once a year, so try to join us next year. Lu Stinson is one of the original Two Rivers YLs from when they started the net in the early 1990's; she was a pilot during WWII.

Barbara has been busy. She was Chairman of the Clark County Amateur Radio Club Awards Banquet in February. Ninety-nine tickets were sold for the banquet, the largest number of people to attend a banquet. Everyone had a nice time.

It's time to check your calendars for upcoming events. The first (which will no doubt be over by the time you read this) is the Mike and Key Electronics Show and Flea Market at the Western Washington Fairgrounds

on Saturday, March 12. The Annual MINOW Meeting will be the second or third weekend in May (the officers are still consulting on the date) in Vancouver, WA.

Be sure to mark Saturday, June 4th, the date of The YLRL luncheon at SeaPac. The Guest Speaker will be Vicky Luetzelschwab, AE9YL, -the YL of Carl Luetzelschwab who will be at SeaPac representing ARRL. Her topic is: Get Radio-Active and hopefully she will share about her DX experiences...

This is about all the news for this time. Please, please send me your news - upgrades, club activities - plans. Let us know what you have been doing.

33, Sara AB7PS



From left Robin Resnick, Marilyn Melon, Margaret Hardwick, Amy Wong, Sandi Newsome, James Newsome, Lucretia Stinson, Claire Fillinger, and Jessica Bloomquist. Photograph by Lisa Bloomquist.



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

Saturday, February 19th the 50th Anniversary planning meeting was held at my home. Byrness, W8LE, Nancy, KC4IYD, and Annette, KC8SQM, were the only attendees.

We are planning a weekend event to be held at the Mohican State Park in Ashland County to commemorate the Buckeye Belles 50th Anniversary on August 12, 13 and 14, 2011. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** More detailed information will be in the next YL Newsletter after we meet with the Mohican staff.

Annette, KC8SQM

I attended the Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest on Feb 13 and had a bit of bad luck. I had taken my suitcase to the car after spending the night at a friend's house and the guy that rode with me had used my car to get to the Hamfest in the morning. I left my purse and another bag at the ARRL table while I took the bag out.

On my way back to the main building one of the OH Staff grabbed me to escort me to another building where the forums were held. It was sloppy and icy conditions and bless him for extending an arm. When we got in there it was quite warm inside and I didn't remove my coat. I started having some pain in my upper Right shoulder and ear. It kept getting worse and I turned to Rick, I<K8O and said I hurt.

Immediately, he and the DEC of Dist 10 ARES took me out and walked me back over to the Cafeteria. I'd told someone that I'd like a Pepsi as I thought it would help. I did feel better when I got some fresh air but the "Guys" wanted to call the EMT's so they did even though I was feeling better.

They gave me a EI<G which was OK but my BP was a little high so I promised them I'd see my local doctor when I got home.

Scott, N8SY, had gotten my purse and bag from the ARRL table and my friend who had driven my car overnight brought it around to where I was. My Boss, Frank Piper, KI8GW, OH's SM demanded that my traveling companion do the driving on the way home. That was good as I turned the seat heater on and dozed on the way back. I'm seeing my doctor tomorrow. 33 and Teddy Bear Hugs, Connie Hamilton, N8IO ASM, SE OH

Well, I don't have much. I have been keeping busy with work (Donner's Country Crafts/ Donner's Digital Interfaces), the USS JURASSIC stuff, writing, and YLRL certificates. Oh, and did I mention I hate SNOW and I'm tired of winter? <grin> Maybe the most important thing of all... Gary (my OM, I<8BE) got a cochlear implant. The surgery was in December and the actual external part

was added in January. He's hearing but still learning to adjust everything for different situations, which is going to take some getting used to. All in all though he loves it! That's about it for me. Hopefully the weather will warm up soon and we'll be able to get out and ride our motor scooters soon.

Carolyn, N8ST

I am now a GREAT Grandma - I have a great grandson - Julian Kurtis
Albert

Sunday, February 13th we had a birthday party for Annette, KC8SQM at my home and had a great time playing Bendominos. It is a cute game with wavy dominoes.
Byrness, W8LE

Here in Michigan, we're having the kind of winter from my childhood. It's been so many years since we had this much snow. It'll all be melted by the weekend. Being mid-February, I'm sure we'll have a bit more snow before spring. In the meantime we're happy to get a relief with a good winter heat wave for a clean slate before the next round of snow arrives.

Last week at our VE session, we had the pleasure of encouraging a Tech who passed his General to try for the Extra on the spot. I took a fair bit of

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District Nine News de Carole Burke WB9RUS



If it weren't for the snow still on the ground I would swear it were spring today. The temperature was mid 40's and birds were singing. Tomorrow it is supposed to be upper 50's and spring isn't due for another 5 weeks. I'm enjoying this, but I know what can still happen here in Indiana in March — blizzards.

The 2011 Fox Hunt season began on Sunday. We were the foxes and, much to our surprise, the hunt was a bit harder than we thought it would be. We had it hid in a snow bank across the street from the Steak n Shake we were sitting in drinking tea. Even the waitresses got interested in what we were

doing and kept asking if any hunters were there yet. One said she hoped it was found before she went off shift. It took everyone about 2 hours to find us. Hehehehe.

Our Wednesday night YL net is going well. We had 4 members tonight, not a huge group, but we managed to fill 45 minutes with a great round robin QSO. We all enjoy these chats so much and we have a few YLs join us that just heard us and joined in. It is such a great way to make new friends. One of our regular check-ins Linda, W9LAN, wasn't there tonight because she has the flu and just can't seem to shake it. We wish her well. And, Susie, KB9WWO, is in Pennsylvania taking care

of grandchildren while her daughter-in-law is in Africa on a mission trip. I can't wait to hear about Susie's adventures with the grands.

My quilting is going well. I have one quilt just about finished and another top finished and ready to quilt and a third in the wings to be put together. It feels so good to be sewing again I was away from it for too many months.

I am going to close now and hope that in the months to come I will have more to comment from YLs in the 9th district.

Start looking for the daffodils, ladies.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

The Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association-CLARA has had a facelift. Check out the new CLARA website, www.claranet.ca It is almost finished and has some really interesting information posted there. Nice write-up about Elizabeth, VE7YL, and others. Super photos, as well.

We are now at <http://www.claranet.ca/> and we would be pleased if you would go and take a look.

The site is still going through more additions, but if there is something you want us to let the Canadian girls know about, please don't hesitate to let them know.



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



Young hams are active this year. Ellie, N0QCX, continues to lend her home and supervision to the BARC Juniors, who will be sending 3 young speakers to the Youth Forum at Dayton this year: Austin, KD0FAA; Liam, KD0NIZ; and Amanda, KD0JAY.

Amanda became a ham two years ago when she was eight. Now, at the mature age of 10, she holds a general ticket, and is working on her extra. Among other things, she is interested in Handy Hams. She comes from a family of hams, including her mother, Dee, KC0YMA and father, John, KC0BID. A group of YLs gather at Ellie's in March to hear the first presentations by the young speakers, after which they practice their programs before the Boulder Amateur Radio Club before going on to Dayton.

Anna, W0ANT, acted as team leader while worked the 160m CW contest with partners Bill, KC7CPM, and Paul,

N0AH. As a team, they got 665 QSOs and worked Japan and Europe running low power.



Anna, W0ANT and Bill, KC7CPM during the 160m Contest.

Anna is working on her code, and is very motivated to learn more. Right now, she is working on passing her Extra Class operator exam before going to Dayton in May.

Marte Wessel, K0EPE, continues as net control for the YL Tangle Net. She is on the DX ARRL honor roll, with 367 total countries.

Sharlene, KB0WBT, got her 2-meter antenna up in her new

home. Unfortunately, while close to the mountains is a lovely place to live, they shadow access to many of the repeaters located in the mountains.

Foncey, N0FT, first got her license in 1979. Now an extra, she is primarily active with the local 2-meter emergency and community activities.

Personally, I am deep into making plans to attend the YLRL convention this summer in Massachusetts. I got on the Internet and requested tourist information for adjacent states—the distances from state to state are amazingly short!—and plan to take advantage of being in that part of the country to see things I have never seen before, as well as checking in personally with people at the convention. I'm hoping that improving weather will make it possible to get onto the Thursday night net again. I have decided that snow is a definite limiter for me!

73 and 33, Doshia, KB0NAS.

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convincing before he agreed to try for it. To his extreme amazement, we happily handed him a CSCE earning Inis Extra. That's when we learned that he's been retired for about 6 years and decided to finally pursue his interest in amateur radio. Later that day, I emailed him some info about local clubs, and he was still in shock over his unexpected success. Moments like that are so rewarding.

This week, my OM and I just started the first week of our third edition of a General Class upgrade course. Last year we helped 8 more amateurs earn their ticket with spring and fall Tech courses and I'm looking forward to seeing several more new hams walk out the door with their license this year.

73's

Amy Pender, WA8MY

New YLRL Members
de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary



*No
Picture
at this
time.*

New Members for March/April 2011

DISTRICT 8

Sylvia R. Rickett, N8AKI



Sylvia holds a General license and is sponsored by W8LGY, Ruth Rickett.

All Members Please Read!

Don't forget, you may receive YOUR copy of YL-Harmonics before your welcome packet. As with any subscription, it can take 6-8 weeks to process everything.

When you join-at an event or by mail-the information gets sent to the Receiving Treasurer for processing. She sends the mailing list to the editor (YL-Harmonics) and the new member information to the Secretary who then sends the welcome packet. Thanks for your patience!

Also please note that the return address is that of the Editor. Please send changes to the Receiving Treasurer and NOT the return address on your YL-Harmonics, the return address is to the EDITOR and is for mailing purposes only. Most information does not go to her for changes. If she gets information and has to pass it to the correct party, changes and questions will be delayed.

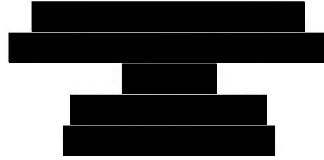
The Receiving Treasurer keeps the database up-to-date and the editor gets the information from her for all mailings as well as for the Directoiy editions.

All Officer information is located in the front of this issue of YL-Harmonics.

Thank you for your help and understanding.



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



Merle Taylor, VE1VCI, our member in Lochaber, Nova Scotia is to be congratulated upon completing her 100th quilted comforter since 2005. Merle's comforters are donated to the sick, those in need or sold to raise money for the Lochaber Seniors' Association. Merle works away on an old treadle Singer Sewing Machine that was purchased as a reconditioned machine in 1946!! Now, that really says something about Merle and the Singer Sewing Machine Company. I have been having a little fun with a 2M Icom this winter. Trying to contact repeaters on the Island and programming various frequencies into its memory.

Also had the little hand held radio, which I won in a CLARA Contest last year, programmed. The local radio club did this for me. I am quite active on the HF Bands and VHF is all very new to me but interesting, nevertheless.

I hope all of you will take part in the latest YLRL Challenge Award. Thanks to Carolyn, N8ST, the 2011 Favourite Color Award promises to be as much fun as the previous two challenges.

I hope to meet many of you in Boston this coming July. My flights are booked and a "Must See and Do" list is growing. 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Hello everyone from Cold Blustery

Moose Jaw. Yes, as I write this, the temp is -28C (-18 F) with wind chill it goes to -45C and that number does not care if it's Celsius or Fahrenheit. It's Bladdy cold out there. Now, hopefully, by the time you all read this, our 2 feet of snow will be gone and spring will have actually sprung.

News from here, well, I have been very busy with the new CLARA website so check it out. www.claranet.ca I not only put on the Canadian information but I've even got a couple of good ones from the YLRL. I have been working my poor little fingers to the bone helping Yvonne, ZR6TBL, with other websites, There is the ecowrap.co.za, there is also the ZS6HVB website, plus others that I am either still working on or just about finished.

This has been a real learning curve for me as my whole working life was as a secretary. Never did anything this important before. Teaching swimming, or having a Jr. Choir never needed anything like websites. So all of you lovely YLs, who are on the same side of the "Old" fence as I am, never ever say NEVER. If this old duck can do it, so can you.

As I said earlier, by the time you read this it should be warming up and I will be seriously thinking of going camping for a couple of weeks in June. We always go while the

lovely little children are still in school. That way I get what I was after, peace and quiet and being able to listen to the birds and the crackle of a fire. Hi.

The Saskatchewan Hamfest will be July 9, 2011 in Clavet, Saskatchewan, so if anyone is coming this way at that time, get a hold of me early, and I will send you directions. My email is [REDACTED]

Okay, that's it for now, must get back to the bulk email list that Yvonne has me updating... Oh the tilings we do for great friends...honestly, I really don't mind, I just like bugging Yvonne 'cause she's my bestest buddy. 33 Vai VE5AQ

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She is delighted to report the new CLARA website is up. Do check it out at www.claranet.ca to read about the situation during the floods this year in Australia and the amazing island DXing that VE7YL has completed over the past few years.

As it's getting close to flea-market season, Ann and Bare are planning to attend as many as they can this year. They expect to be at Dayton with their daughter Janet, N9ZI<U. They will definitely stop by the YLRL Booth and even hope that timing is right to attend the session. Until next time, keep well and enjoy life. 33 de Ann

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

Dear YLs Friends,

I want to thank the sponsor for sending in the membership fees for their adoptees and I have sent out the membership card to the adoptees via e-mail and hope you all received them. I have heard from many and thank you for writing and sending some news.

If you receive this Harmonics and have not gotten your membership card, e-mail me and I will check to see if I e-mailed and you never got it I have posted the membership card if no e-mail.

I have gotten some returned and then posted it to you instead with question of correct e-mail address.

We have had a winter with almost no snow or rain and will have spring here in March.

Many of you have had unusual cold weather, and snow and I hope when you read this you also will have spring. I hope everyone in Australia has dried from all that rain and flooding, and you will have beautiful autumn weather.

VK4VR Vai writes: Thanks for the renewal card for 2011.

We are lucky that we live on the top on a mountain and are not flood prone. We are also fortunate that all of our children are not in flood prone areas.

Australia has had three cyclones, one on the west coast and two on the northern eastern coast. The last one was likened to a hurricane Katrina, in size

with, damaging winds of 295km per hour were experienced at its centre and towns from Cairns to Townsville were affected. The centre, a beautiful place called Mission Beach was flattened.

Now, there are fires in bottom of Western Australia with dozen of homes lost.

I hear that some parts of the USA are experiencing blizzard conditions. The world's weather has gone mad.

33, Vai, VK4VR

Mavis, VK3KS, writes: Many thanks for my YLRL membership card. I am 90

years old in September and still operate my radio using Morse code. I have had my call for 72 years in June. Congratulations Mavis!!

Cathy, ZL2ADK, writes: It has been an amazing summer. It is not normal for us to get lots of good weather much before Jan, and Feb is our best summer month but this year the warm days arrived in October. Over Dec. except for one stormy week, we had temperatures as high as 31c degree one day. We have had little rain enough to keep the farmers happy and the lawns a little green. Kindest regards to all YLRL members. Cathy, ZL2ADK

Biny, ZL2AZY, writes: I was looking through the recent membership list and it brought back so many happy moments shared with YLs at various times.

Irma, K6KCI, we met when we were guests of Eileen Ross,

WB6QVD, at Long Beach many years ago. And then there was Jerrie Stonier, K6INK, who was the YLRL Treasurer when she and I got to meet. Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF, we visited at her QTH in Hemet whilst touring the Western States in our motor home.

We did of course meet many more at the 60th YLRL Celebrations held on the Queen Mary. Nancy, KC4IYD, was your President at the time. Marcia, K6DLL, was another of those who have hosted us and we in our turn reciprocated when she came to the International YL Meet in 2000 which was held in Hamilton, not far from me, in New Zealand. Marcia was one of those dedicated YLs who could guarantee to be on air and be heard far and wide.

Going back even further, a contingent from Zealand (12 of us, 6 YLs/OMs) joined in the YLRL 50th Convention at Hawaii and this is where we met Valma, KH6QI. She was always going to make it to New Zealand and if she did, we missed her. Sheila Gabriel, G3HCQ, another attendee, was the one who floated the idea of an International YL get-together every 2 years and this has been on going since. I caught up with her again soon after at Longleat Radio gathering in

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IN OUR THOUGHTS

From Lenny, K5OVC: Former YLRL member and his YL, Norma Mendel, KC5DDO, passed away Jan 20th at home in Pearcy, AR. They had been married 42 years.

Diane Kjeldsen wrote in about her mother, Blanche, W4GXZ.

I want to let you know that as of the end of January, mom went into the memory-impaired wing of an assisted living group in Greenfield. It was without a doubt the most difficult and wrenching decision I have ever made.

Several things came together at the same time: a shared apartment that we could afford, the smallness of the MI wing (only 12 people and lots of attendants just for them) and lots of programs to keep them moving and thinking to the extent that they are able. The whole place, and especially her room and apartment are very nice. I go up two or three times a week. As usual her memory is sometimes in and mostly out.

While she had qualms about going in the first place, she has told me and another friend that she is enjoying it and the people are very nice. It's like a little club of 12 there with their own dining room and large living room where they all gather. The wing itself is locked (for wanderers) but from there everything is open and everybody is welcome to come and go as they please.

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the UK. Carol, WD8DQG, we met at the 2002 International YL Meet held in Italy, and then of course we again saw Ruth, IT9ESZ, at Palermo and finally caught up with Kay, WA0WOF. And so it goes on!

My husband and I were fortunate to take a side trip to Denver after the Queen Mary Convention and to meet with the Colorado YLs there, Marie, WB0HUC and Lorrie Loeffler.

Shirlee, KQ7Y, was another of those YLs who we called on en route. I shall never forget the tour she took us on to see the copper mines at work, with my 7-year old daughter photographed tucked into the centre of one of those huge wheels on the diggers.

On a study tour of the U.S, I contacted Marianna Kearney at Vancouver Washington. This resulted in both Ty and her

coming to New Zealand, just prior to the Mount St. Helens eruption. They returned in time for this event, which was a bit too close to call.

We still keep in touch.

Betty Marsh, KL7FJW, sponsors me into YLRL and has done so for a number of years now. She we met in Hawaii and later on in New Zealand, but it was when my OM and I were touring the Inside Passage that we had the thrill of being collected in a sailboat and taken back to the QTH near Thorne Bay in Alaska.

I will end for now with mentioning a Canadian YL, Elizabeth, VE7YL. We seem to have known each other for a long time now. E-mails keep us in touch but a few years ago, it was via 20m. It would be so good to hear everyone's voices again! Let us hope for this.

This 'review' is just a very short snapshot of my contacts in person. I have not even touched on the DXers from other countries! What wonderful experiences they have been. 33, Biny, ZL2AZY My Dxing has been working South Orkney, got them on 17 m on long path a surprise to me. I couldn't hear them at all and turned the antenna and there I got them with much difficulty.

I will be going to Visalia DX meeting in California in April. I will not come to Dayton, but will be at YLRL meeting in Boston/Quincy in July and hope to see many of you there.

Do check in on the DX-YL net every Monday at 15:00z on 14.289 and up as we are having trouble to find a clear frequency we move up.

Good DXing,

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Certificate Custodian

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

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, ICB4RM, 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

Corrections and Changes

DX

Therezina "Teresa" Felix Cardoso, PT2TF

Spelling corrections-

Therezinha Felix Cardoso
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Nobuko Uchiyama, JR6XIX

Address Correction:
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VE District

VA3WX is Jeanne Gordon, not Joanne.

YL International Meet 2012 Proposed Itinerary

Estimated costs

Main Meet \$900

Motel Accommodation with breakfast \$560

9 day Ghan Tour \$6250

Total for 15 day Meet \$7710

YL International Meet Adelaide 2012

The Main Meet

Thursday 03 May:

Arrive in Adelaide. You will be met at the airport if you have let us know your arrival details and transferred to your accommodation. Our first get together is dinner at ??? with a fairly early night for all.

Friday 04 May:

Hahndorf and Cleland Tour

Saturday 05 May:

Conference: We will start the day with photos of everyone and just the YLs.

OMs/ partners do a tour of the ETSA Museum and return in time for lunch.

Sunday 06 May:

Port Adelaide Tour

Monday 07 May:

Barossa Valley Progressive Lunch Tour (3 courses)

Arrive Adelaide The evening is free time to get over the winery visits and catch up with friends.

Tuesday 08 May:

Free day There is a group going on the tram to Adelaide and then onto Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre on the Oban. This group will be meet at TBA.

Wednesday 09 May:

After breakfast we will be transferred to the train terminal where we will join the 7 Day or 9 Day Ghan and Central Australia Tour Adventure.

Or you say goodbye to us and make your own arrangements.

Remember we start in Adelaide and finish in Darwin. You need to organize your return to Adelaide or where you want to go.

Accommodation Choices:

All tours will pick up from both locations

Comfort Inn Haven Marina:

\$92 per night per person twin share including a full buffet breakfast

Comfort Inn Haven Marina 2 is a story motel (69 rooms) with restaurant/coffee house on the premises and an outdoor swimming pool (for those brave souls who want to freeze). Marina view rooms are available for \$10 per person per night. At the moment there is no lift (elevator) yet so you will need to let me know if stairs are a problem and you need a ground floor room. If you wish a room by yourself the room will be \$196 including the buffet breakfast.

Adelaide Shores Caravan Park:

Cabins are \$94 to \$164 per night twin share no breakfast with extra people at \$20 per person. Cabins are 2 to 6 berth. Powered sites are \$32 per night twin share or \$39 per night for ensuite sites twin share.

Extra days will be at the above rates. Please book through me so we get the benefits of a large group booking.

If we fill both of these venues there are a couple of other motels very close that we can overflow into and still offer bed and breakfast for about the same price.

For a more detailed information please visit the website: [REDACTED]

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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

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Patch: 4" circle, gray with blue logo	\$3.50
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Earrings Silver and Blue enamel or Gold and Blue Enamel	\$13.00
Earrings are pierced only	

GIRL-ON -THE-WORLD STICKERS

Silver with blue girl, 1" diameter	10 for \$1.00
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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.

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