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Scholarship Information De Marte Wessel, KOEPE

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IN MEMORY OF:

JACQUELINE GOSSELIN, N3ZEL

the memorial picnic held in her honor. (See more in the November/December issue of *YL-Harmonics* third District column.-ED)

FROM:

The many YLs and OMs who attended

Checks were received from Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN and Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI for the total amount donated at the Picnic.

Also received were donations from Mr. N. S. Firestone and the Washington Amateur Communications.

Thank you Anne Manna, WB1ARU for the check from the balance of the 2011 YLRL Convention money.

I would also like to thanks Kay Eyman, WA0WOF for all her help. Kay, I remember all my phone calls to you! You were always there with the answers. We did work well together.

Linda Hyman, AC5QQ will be talcing over the YLRL Scholarship and I know the project is in "Good Hands". Linda will do a wonderful job. Thank you, Linda, for talcng the position.

My sincere thanks to all the YLs and OMs who have helped me with the Scholarship, if it were not for "you", the scholarship would not be a success. I know you will continue to help Linda, AC5QQ.

To obtain information and application for applying for the YLRL Scholarships-send letter or QSL card before the MARCH 31, 2012 DEADLINE to:

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc.
Scholarship Chairman, Mr. Dave Prestel, W8AJR

Just a reminder-the next YLRL Scholarship Drive is in 2014. What a great time we will have celebrating "75" years of YLRL!

Always my 33,

Marte, KOEPE

The editor would also like to thank. Marte for all her years of doing wonderful things for the Scholarships! Marte will stay on in an advisory capacity to Linda and will be instrumental in helping with the newt Scholarship drive. THANK YOU, MARTE!



President's Message de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



2012. That is really solidly in the 21st century—so much so, that I never even heard the century mentioned in the news recaps. I wish to all a joyful new year, with all its promise and potential.



District 10 Chairwoman, Cheryl, NOWBV and new President, Doshia, KBONAS in Colorado.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone that in the interest of keeping our costs in control, it is important that we keep an accurate roster of who we are. This means dues paid in a timely fashion, and keeping us updated on changes in your life, whether your address, e-mail, call sign, class... You can send any of these changes to the receiving treasurers, who keep the databases.

We had an absolutely great conference in Boston last year, a real chance to see old friends and get to know new ones. Work has already begun on the next conference, which will be in our 75th anniversary year. Plan now to attend, and if there is something you would like to see

included in it, now is the time to speak up!

I am looking forward to going to Dayton this year, for my first time. Please look for me there!

If you haven't already, check out the new YLRL website, www.ylrlhfradio.net. I have found it really user friendly, and the team of Vai, VE5AQ; Yvonne, ZR6TBL; and Marianne, ZR6JMT has been working really hard at putting into it the things people want to see, and keeping it up to date. Check out the new certificates, the scholarship information, and the picture galleries, among all the other wonderful things!

And last, I do want to introduce myself to you. I think I have always known about ham radio and wanted to do it. My mother was a WAVE communications officer in the Port Director's office in Boston during World War II; a co-worker of my father's, Dorothy Parkin (sorry, I never knew her call sign) was an active ham; and when I was in the Peace Corps most of my communication with my parents was courtesy of a ham operator in Nicaragua and phone patches in the States. The one I remember most was Margaret Koerner, K0IQ, who lived about a mile from my home. I used walkie-talkies and CB radio growing up. And, I always wanted to get my ham license—I just didn't know how to do it, and I thought it would be too hard. I seemed to have no aptitude at all for Morse code, I can only read the most basic of schematics, and I had heard

one needed to do both of those. Besides, I had growing children (two girls) and was busy with Girl Scouts—it just never entered the arena of things to be done!

My husband got his ticket in the early 1990's, and after taking *Now You're Talking* along on a camping trip to study, I got mine not too long after. We became active in local ham groups, and that was when I first discovered that we women are in the decided minority!

I also discovered that I could be a reasonably active ham and still stay active in my profession (physical therapy). Girl Scouts, church, and all the other things I did. I'm an Extra "light" because I can't even write much more than five words a minute, let alone copy code.

And still, women are in the decided minority. Over and over, I have heard women say they aren't engineers, they don't know enough, or they don't have time—either to become a ham or to be a member of the YLRL.

That is where you come in. Make it known that you are a ham. Make it known what you do related to radio, and what else you do. Speak up locally, and let your district chairs know what you are up to. And special remembrances to Dorothy Parkin and Margaret Koerner, K0IQ, who introduced me to ham radio in a way that I never even thought twice about being a female ham.

33, Doshia, KBONAS



Vice President's Info
De Linda Metz, KC8PKY VL Contests, Nets
and Hamfest Booths



It's time again for the YL-OM contest. Band conditions are improving, so if you've never contested before this is a good one. If you've done it before glad to have you back again. Hopefully those with technician licenses remembered they have some privileges in the 10,40 and 80-meter bands and also didn't forget 6 meters. Always make sure to check the band plan and operate within your privileges. Now get on the air and have fun. Send me your logs. Who knows you might be the winner of the cup.

Dear Members: We would like to list any YL specific nets that YLRL members use and can CONFIRM. For instance Southern Mississippi has a YL net, the Colorado-YLs have a net and the YLRL has the unofficial Thursday night net. It doesn't matter if it is 2-meter or HF net because if someone is passing through an area it would still be useful. We know we are sadly out of date on nets, so thank you in advance for your help!

Net correction:

Under North American YL Nets, on Tue at 0100 UTC is listed a Buckeye Belles net. This net was CANCELLED several years ago.

Have you heard about the group the YL DXpeditions club?

Information is available at www.yldxpeditions.com

Our purpose is to foster YLs who wish to participate in YL DXpedition events.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Thanks.

Gayle Olson, I<6GO

-YL DXpeditions Club President, SDDXC Past President

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Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

As most of you know six meters is my favorite band but propagation has not been that good the past several weeks but the good news is 10 meters has been going strong the past few months. I've made contacts in several states, foreign countries and once in Antarctica! My equipment consists of an ICOM IC-706MKIIG, MFJ-989C manual tuner, an Ameritron ALS-600 amplifier. My main antenna is a Cobra UltraLite Jr, which tunes 80-10 meters. I also have a home brew 20-meter yagi that I can tune to 10 meters. My operating time has been cut short since school has started back. I mostly operate on Saturday mornings now.

If you have not tried 10 meters I encourage you to give it a try. It is as much fun as six meters. I promise you won't be disappointed.

I have notice a lot of activity on the digital and sound card modes. The most activate band is 20 meters although 30 meters, 40 meters and 80 meters have activity too. PSI< 31 is probably the most popular mode. If you have not tried digital or sound card modes they are a lot of fun. These modes are a lot like texting from your cell phone except you are using your radio, a TNC or sound card interface, computer and software. If anyone would like to know more on how to operate these modes feel free

to contact me.

It is a start of a new year and that means another round of hamfest. I hope to see some of you at the Dalton, GA hamfest on February 25th. Dalton is one of my favorites. Dalton has lots of hams who setup in the flea market area; there are several dealers who setup too. It is a fun filled day for anyone who loves hamfest.

In closing I want to challenge each one of you to introduce one person to ham radio this year. You would be surprised how many people have an interest in radio but don't know anyone to ask. Be that person!

73 & 88,
Emily, WE4MB

***HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT
THE WEBSITE LATELY?***

www.ylrl.hfradio.net

District One News de Roberta Donohue, W1JX



Hello to all. My name is Bobbie, W1JX, and this is my first column as District 1 Chairman.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. I live in Ellsworth, Maine with my OM, Tom, W1QU. We retired here in 1994.

I have been a licensed ham since 1997 and hold an Amateur Extra Class license. My activities in radio primarily consist of traffic nets. I am active in the Maine Sea Gull Net, which is the SSB traffic net for the state of Maine. I serve as net control station for that net on Friday nights.

I am also a net control for the Maine Slow Speed Net, which is a slow speed CW traffic net, on Monday nights. In addition, to traffic nets, I also enjoy DXing and have attained DXCC.

In addition to YLRL, which I joined in 1997, I am also a member of Women Radio Operators of New England, WRONE, and currently serve as that organization's President. Tom and I were very pleased to be able to attend the YLRL Convention last July in Quincy, MA and enjoyed being able to meet the other YLRL members who attended.

I am looking forward to serving the New England area

as the District 1 Chairman and hope that all the YLs in the District will contact me with news about their radio related activities.

It has been very cold lately in the New England area, but without much snow, which is unusual for this time of year. As a result, I suppose that most of us have been staying inside trying to keep warm. But if anyone has ventured out to do anything of interest, I am sure that the other members of YLRL will enjoy hearing about what is happening in our district as much as we enjoy hearing about their activities.

33 from Bobbie, W1JX

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*

Address changes:
Barbara ICayton, VK3AGU

[Redacted]

Chae Do Sook, HL1DKW

[Redacted]



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings, Ladies!

I just returned from the ARRL Board of Directors Meeting in Newington, CT. Meeting with the various committees before hand and then discussions and motions within the meeting, kept us all pretty busy for almost a week. I enjoyed being with the other Directors and Vice Directors, as well as visiting with our Staff at HQ. I had wanted to get on the air and operate WIAW, but didn't have the opportunity.

Diane, K2DO has shared some information with me regarding this past Ham Radio University - held on Sunday January 8, 2012:

"HRU 2012 was a great success with many YLs attending. I was at the front table as usual, assisted by YLRL member Jane Kindler K2JAN and Nancy Rosner N2TKA. More than 400 people attended including YLRL member Lenore Dunlop N2KYP.

"On Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 8 AM the doors of Briarcliffe College opened for the 13th annual Ham Radio University (HRU) which is also the ARRL New York City/Long Island Section Convention. Ham Radio University 2012 is a day of activities focused on education to share ideas, experiences, knowledge and fellowship.

"More than 400 hams and those interested in Amateur Radio attended the hourly forums, over twenty-five in all, on topics including satellite communications, grounding and lightning protection, antennas.

dealing with radio frequency interference. Logbook of the World, digital modes. Young Ham Forum, D-Star (what hams have built), contesting, low power operation the latest in software defined radio and remote station operation. At the front table were Nancy N2TKA; Jane, K2JAN; and Diane, K2DO.



Nancy, N2TKA; George, N2GA; and Diane, K2DO

A live ham radio station operated by W2V and visitors experienced ham radio communications firsthand.

"HRU 2012 is a cooperative effort between radio clubs and related organizations in the New York City - Long Island area. The keynote speaker at HRU 2012 was Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Assistant Manager for Member and Volunteer Programs at the American Radio Relay League (ARRL.org), the national organization for ham radio operators.

"Check the website for photos and info from HRU 2012. The next HRU will be Sunday, January 6, 2013. www.HamRad.ioUniversity.org

Ham Radio University
2013 / ARRL NYC/LI Section
Convention

"A day of education to share

ideas, experiences, knowledge and fellowship among Amateur Radio operators"

73/33 Diane K2DO



Diane, K2DO and HRU Chairman Tom Carmbba, KA2D at HRU 2012

News from the BARA Babes - Seems the BARA Babes YL net has been on the air for 214 years. Congratulations ladies! Net Control Joanne, KC2QGH, and her assistants bring usually check-in 6 to 15 YL's each Monday night at 8pm on the 146.79 two meter repeater.

Have you checked out our new YLRL Website?? It's fantastic! www.ylrl.hfradio.net

New! For 2012 - a new Award Certificate to chase! It's called the YLRL 2012 FAVORITE ANIMALS CERTIFICATE. This will give us a chance to learn about animals that are common to other states and/or countries that we might not see locally. Sounds like fun! Information will be in the next YL Harmonics. Ladies, please feel free to spread the word on this award. I was just thinking that the YL nets would be a great place to start working for this award!

73/
Joyce KA2ANF



District Three News de Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN



Well, how about this winter? Things have been pretty nice weather wise.

I haven't heard any news from any of you YLRL 3rd district gals. If any of you are checking your e-mails and have any news to share, please let me know. I mean any news at all, it doesn't even have to be about ham radio.

The holidays are over and now we get to relax for a little while. Contest season begins, and there is no shortage of DXpeditions to work. So, I am sure you ladies are putting in some time on the radio. Let me know how you are doing contest wise.

What are your other hobbies? I love cross-stitch, sewing, and music. Let me know what you all love to do other than radio and I can write about it. Also, let me know about family events so that we can share your life experiences.

Well, this is all I have for this article. Hopefully I will have more for the next article. My e-mail address [REDACTED]
73, Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN

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contacts at home and abroad.

"This month is the month-long SKCC K3Y event, where we use straight keys, sideswipers or bugs to make CW contacts with special event stations in all the regions and continents of the world.

All I'm missing right now is K3Y/AS from Japan - he isn't on very often, and I am loath to get up at 4:45 a.m. local time and go sit in my cold garage to get his contact. But I will - "need" that sweep.

I'm operating as I<3Y/6. I'll probably be around 14.052. You can see our announced frequencies at www.obriensweb.com/sked/index.php?board=slccc

You don't have to be a member. We go at 3 wpm to about 25 wpm, depending on who we are talking with. Give a call if you wish!

Of course, the Japanese guy
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isn't signing I<3Y / AS -- only K3Y /0 through 9 and I<H6 and I<L7 sign with K3Y since it is a US callsign.

Besides that, I'm getting back into MARS for EmComm...had a sidetrack due to family things. And so will go to digital modes soon for their messaging. I had never heard of MT-63 before, but that is their preferred digital mode. I love learning new things, so it is fun.

Hope your activities are keeping you happy and good-busy.

I hope to contact more YLs via HF — I've only got QSL cards from 2 (two!) towards my YLCC :-)

Cheers,

Donna, AG6V

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, is a pediatrician, has been an active licensed ham since 1970, a member of the Medical Amateur Radio Council, an



Carol, KP4MD

ARRL Life Member, is now the first YL elected President of the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society in Sacramento.

Her web page at www.qsl.net/kp4md features her publications, presentations and ham career, and her bio appears in the February issue of the River City ARCS Newsletter on www.n6na.org

Please, send me your adventures, happenings, and goings-on in your part of the West!

33 & 73,

Jennifer, KI6OIL

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District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



Greetings YLs and Happy 2012.

I trust everyone had a very nice Christmas and we are all well into the New Year 2012.

I did not hear back from many YLs with news this time but I will gladly share what I do have.

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH writes that she will have a table at the Orlando Hamfest (the 2nd weekend in February) and hopes to see a few familiar faces. She is making posters for the table and I know she would love for any YLs to stop by and sign in. Thanks Myra, I hope to be there to give you a hand.

Kay Craigie, N3KN writes: "Carter, N3AO and I will be in Geneva, Switzerland for a

week in February in connection with the World Radio Conference (WRC) 2012.

We won't be there in an ARRL official capacity, but we'll be visiting with the Amateurs who represent the International Amateur Radio Union and also those who are on their national delegations at the conference. The HF bands are coming back to life, finally, so everyone should get on the air and take advantage of the propagation.

Carter and I have been enjoying learning how to use our FLEX - 1500 software-defined radio (the CW filters will knock your socks off). We have also started working the FM satellites and have learned how to operate JT65. There>s

always a new way to have fun on the ham bands. 73/33"

Well, Kay, have fun in Switzerland and it sounds like you and Carter have been having a blast on the air.

Nina Stone, WB4CHH writes: that she won low power phone mobile in the Tennessee QSO Party and her boss, Pat Lane, W4OQG won 2nd place in low power CW mobile. What a "dynamic team"! It is the first time Nina won a first place. Congrats Nina and Pat on a job well done!!!

Well ladies, that is it for this time. PLEASE remember to send me any news and pics to share with the YLRL Harmonics.

73, Joan Jones, W4JMJ

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That's ok; I'm perfectly willing to let him have it. And he says he's telling the hospital to take our name off that room, that we're not coming back this year.

He is feeling much better since the pacemaker. I may ask if I can have one, too, so I can keep up with him, hi hi. He wasn't allowed to drive for a couple of weeks, so it was up to me to do the chauffeuring, including a trip to Dallas for a couple of doctor appointments.

May this New Year be the best ever for each of you, and may the next New Year find you even happier and healthier than this! 33! Ann,

Gulfport, MS, KB5MZ
Southern Mississippi YL

Held their first meeting of the New Year with 18 members present and are planning on operating the Lighthouse/Lightship event again this year, finalizing their cookbook, and having several trainings during the year.

Jerry N5UCF and Justin

KE5MWA gave the YLs training on Basic Home Electrical, nice display with different meters, breaker boxes and hands on use of each meter. Each member received a print out of helpful information. Thank you Gene AE5FB for baking the cake and brownies.

Thank you all for your input from DC 5 hope to work you on the air for the new Grandmother certificate. Wish you all a safe year with plenty time for Radio hobbies. See you at the Ham-fests.

BJ, KB5CSQ



2012 YLRL FAVORITE ANIMALS CERTIFICATE RULES

The 2012 YLRL certificate will be called the 2012 YLRL FAVORITE ANIMALS CERTIFICATE! This one should be a lot of fun and a great chance to learn about animals you may not have heard of before! In 2012, let's find out what everyone's favorite animal is. (Thanks to Cheryl Muhr for the suggestion for this year's certificate subject.) Here are the rules for this new award)

1. Talk to YLs and exchange favorite animals. If you don't have a favorite animal, just choose an animal to give out. Choose one that is different) maybe an animal that is unique to your state or country?
2. You will need to collect 15 animals. All 15 animals must be different.
3. You will need one YL for each animal. You can only use an animal once. You can only use a YL once.
4. All contacts must be made during the 2012 Year (January 1 - December 31,2012).
5. 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.
6. Favorite animals must be exchanged over the air. You cannot e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite animal.
7. Contacts may be made during nets only if the net control allows it.
8. Report the following for each contact:
Date, time, band, first name, QTH, FAVORITE ANIMAL.
9. Send your list, in animal alphabetical order, to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2013 to receive your certificate.
10. This certificate is available ONLY to YLs.
11. Applications may be submitted by e-mail [REDACTED] or snail mail (to: Carolyn Donner, [REDACTED])

A few hints on the animals

1. Be specific in your choice of your favorite animal. Don't say "cat", instead say "Persian cat" or "Siamese cat", or choose a breed you like. When giving out your animal be sure you give an animal, not a pet's name. For instance, "Rover" would not be acceptable, but "Collie" would be.
2. You can't ask for a specific animal, but you can ask the person to be more specific if they say "dog" or "cat" or "bird", etc. You must let them give you the animal.
3. The animal does NOT have to be a pet or domestic animal. A lion or elephant or other wild animal is fine.
4. It doesn't have to be a mammal either; turtles, reptiles, fish, birds, etc. are fine.
Remember to be as specific as possible. For instance, there are a wide variety of birds.
Choose one that you like.
5. If you don't have a favorite animal, go to the local zoo or pet shop, or look up animals or zoos on the web, or check out what your state animal or country's animal is. Or, just choose one that is unusual or unique to your state or country.

2012 YLRL FAVORITE ANIMALS AWARD APPLICATION

NAME:

CALLSIGN:

ADDRESS:

YLRL MEMBER? (circle one) YES NO

ANIMALS CALLSIGN NAME DATE TIME FREQ MODE

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

ANNOUNCING ...

YLRL GRANDMOTHER AWARD CERTIFICATE

This is a certificate that did not originate with the YLRL. It was started by Mary Meyer (W9RUJ - now a SI<) in 1958 as a way to get more YL's involved in having fun on the radio. By just chatting with other YL's you could enjoy the hobby more, and at the same time work toward a nice certificate to hang on the wall in your shack. (See November/December *YL-Harmonies* For more details.)

YLRL GRANDMOTHER AWARD RULES

1. Available to all licensed amateur radio operators (YL's and OM's).
2. Have QSO's with 15 grandmothers and collect the following information for each ... Date of QSO, Time, band, callsign, name, and number of grandchildren.
3. Great-grandchildren do NOT count for this award (you'll understand why later).
4. "Grandchildren" refers to children of your children. Your children and grandchildren can be related by biological, adopted, foster, and step children and/or grandchildren. They cannot be the neighbor's children who call you grandma and are not related in any way.
5. Send your log to the YLRL Certificate manager either by e-mail, or snail mail to receive your certificate. The certificate will be returned by the same method used to send the log, unless you specify a different method.
6. After receiving your Grandmother Award Certificate, you can continue to the next award.
7. If you mail your log in or want a certificate mailed to you, please enclose at least 4 first class US postage stamps. If you live in a DX country and cannot get US stamps, the stamps are not necessary.

YLRL GREAT-GRANDMOTHER AWARD RULES

1. Before you can work on this award you must first complete the GRANDMOTHER AWARD above.
2. Available to all licensed amateur radio operators (YL's and OM's).
3. Have QSO's with 15 great-grandmothers and collect the following information for each ... Date of QSO, Time, band, callsign, name, and number of great-grandchildren.
4. Great-Grandchildren refer to children of your children's children. Your children, grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren can be related by biology, adopted, foster, and step at any level. They cannot be the neighbor's children who call you grandma and are not related in any way.
5. Send your log to the YLRL Certificate manager either by e-mail, or snail mail to receive your certificate. The certificate will be returned by the same method used to send the log, unless you specify a different method.
6. If you mail your log in or want a certificate mailed to you, please enclose at least 4 first class US postage stamps. If you live in a DX country and cannot get US stamps, the stamps are not necessary.

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 addressed to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of *YL Harmonics*.



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

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Hello to all,

Hope all had a very enjoyable holiday season, both our son's and their families were here at our house so lots of food and fun.

Our 8-year-old grandson Brandon had been taking Amateur Radio Technician classes for 6 weeks and tested the week before Christmas and happy to say he received a special surprise the week after Christmas when he received his Tech license in the mail.



Brandon in the Shack age 8 with license!

He was so excited and has been on both 2 meters and HF making contacts. Brandon has been involved in radio since he was 3 years old sitting at the radio turning the knob till he would hear someone and call us to come listen.



Brandon in the Shack age 3.

Brandon, KF5NYQ has plenty support his dad Stephen, N5WGE; older sister Rebecca, KE5MVT; and older brother Stephen II, KE5MW and of course Grandpa Ed, KA5VFU and

Nanny BJ, KB5CSQ will be here to help.

DeSota, TX, W5MWK, Joyce, Have some wonderful news. Our Granddaughter Reba Michelle (Mickey) Kepler is engaged. They have not set a date but I hope it is June/July.

My brother Vernon is facing heart surgery again as well as having stents put in his legs.

I have been on the TYLRUN net several times and hope to get back on 20 M before long. Just have to feel up to it, which is not often. Dr says I am doing fine. Just takes time. Have a wonderful spring coming up in March. Winter is not for me. 33, Joyce Milan, New Mexico, KC7KPG, Judy,

We are spending the winter in the Arizona desert as we do every year. Well attend the Quartzfest in Quartzsite, AZ January 21st - 28th. It will be a big event. Well spend February in Yuma and attend the ARRL Division Convention February 17th. The most fun is seeing all our winter ham friends from all over the country that spend the winter here too.

We wish you and all our YLRL friends a very Happy New Year. 33, Judy Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

My OM joined me on the trip to the Ardmore Hamfest! I went to two forums, bought two books and talked to lots of friends. I'm still studying for the Extra test.

The Enid hamfest was the

first weekend in November. We both went to that one too.

My sister, KC5ADB, and her OM, KB5YRL joined us. They have no radio equipment at this time but hope to again someday.

November 6 was the central Oklahoma earthquake. I felt the big one and 3 later tremors. No damage at all.

Lois, WB3EFQ, sent me an email about a new YLRL member in Tulsa, OK. Cindy and I have exchanged many emails and are Facebook friends now. I received a patch for my participation in JOTA. Now what to sew it on... 33 Beth

Brownwood, TX, WA-5GLM, Ann

The OM and I were again taling turns in the local hospital for a while.

You know you're getting old when you're on a first name basis with the ER doctors. Bob was hospitalized with a nasty bout of cellulitis (think, blood poisoning) in one hind leg in October.

Not to be outdone, I had emergency gallbladder surgery Thanksgiving week. (Some of us will go to great lengths to make the kids do the cooking...) Actually, I did do some of the cooking, and son Allen (KB5AB) and his wife did the rest. Ahhh....

But wait! Bob took the lead again when he was admitted overnight after getting a pacemaker ten days before Christmas.

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**New YLRL Members
de Anne Manna, WB1 ARU-Secretary**



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New Members for January/February 2012
Welcome to our new members!

DISTRICT 1

KA1ULN, Niece Haynes

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Niece holds a general class license and is active on 2,10,40 and 80. She is the manager for Andover Emergency Management Group. Niece participates in 10-X and other 10-meter contests.

DISTRICT 2

KC2LR, Lauren A. Rice

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Lauren is a junior at Cornell majoring in Biological Sciences with a minor in Electrical Engineering. She holds an extra class license and is active on several bands using varied modes including RTTY and CW. She has WAS, WAC and DXCC and participates in public service. Lauren received the 2011 YLRL Mary Lou Brown Scholarship.

DISTRICT 5

KE5WEJ, Sarah E. Stanley

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Sarah is a student at University of Houston majoring in Mathematics. She holds a technician class license and enjoys Field Day. She also teaches piano and hopes to teach at the university level. Sarah received the 2011 YLRL Ethel Smith K4LMB Scholarship.

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JG5VIA, Yoko Inoue

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District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Happy New Year, DE6 YLs! I hope your holidays were warm and joyful, and that you are looking forward to wonderful things in 2012.

The holiday season was bittersweet for us, as Shadow Bubba, our IC9DOG became severely ill a week before Christmas. The veterinarian recommended we prepare to let him go, and we did, on Christmas Eve.



Shadow Bubba

Shadow Bubba, along with his buddy Panda Bubba, traveled to all our ham events with us—he especially enjoyed Baker to Vegas—car rides were his ultimate delight!

The OM and I are heartbroken, but know he is much better off & we still have Panda Bubba to love on and care for. We have even taken in a foster dog, Ms. Mamie, until she finds a good home; so life goes on.

Now for the really good news, supplied by Teri Bloom, W6TRB from San Diego, and Donna M. Hinshaw, AG6V from Petaluma.

Teri got to volunteer on the USS Midway and wanted to share her adventure with the rest of us, as well as encourage everyone to come down south and volunteer!

She writes: "Joe Eisenberg,
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K0NEB from CQ Magazine was flying in from Nebraska for a presentation to my ham club, the Escondido Amateur Radio Society. I wanted to arrange something different for him to do while he was here, other than the usual places for tourists. After all, Joe is a ham!

Once a month on the second Saturday, the USS Midway volunteers operate the radios.

I sent an email to the general information for the Midway to see if we could volunteer to operate the radios and quickly received an email from Joe Garza, AB6RM, who was very informative about the opportunity.

On Saturday, Jan 14, 2012 we volunteered for a special event to commemorate the first nuclear ship underway in 1954, and also the US Navy Seals in 1964.

Soon, the "Joes" and I met at the entrance to this magnificent museum.

We introduced ourselves and were led through quite a maze before stepping into the radio room.

It's a small room, three desks pressed up against the bulkheads, radios set up as efficiency as possible, one set on 40 meters, one on 20 meters, and one was being used for MARS practice communication.

Joe AB6RM and Hal Hinesley, KI2HAL, introduced us to the others.

After helping string wires

for a bit, I went back to the radio room, and Joe, K0NEB was already on one of the Elecraft K3's, calling out on 20 meters.



Joe, AB6RM and Joe, K0NEB aboard the USS Midway.

I walked to the next room where there was an Icom D-Star set up, and with a bit of instruction and the script, I was soon talking to others nationally in Texas and San Diego, and internationally in Scotland, Ireland, Spain, England—all over—D-Star is great!

After a few hours, Joe, K0NEB and I left and took a self-guided tour of the ship before making contacts for another hour or so.

Contacts were winding down, and the bands were fading in and out (except for D-Star); so, it was time to leave.

If you think this sounds at all like fun, please contact Joe Garza, AB6RM [redacted] or Hal Hinesley, KI2HAL at halh@aol.com and volunteer for a wonderful day aboard the USS Midway!

Teri W6TRB"

Donna continues her CW adventures, making some great

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District Seven News de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN



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Hello National YLs and Northwest YLs. I am Marilyn, KE7WEN. I want to introduce myself as I am taking over the District 7 Chairwoman position from Sara, AB7PS. Sara has done such a good job with YLRL that I know it will be hard to fill her shoes, but with her help and the help of other YLs in my sphere I hope to learn in time to do all she has done. So be patient with me and soon I should be on track.

One thing I do want to do is to thank Sara for all her hard work over the years. She is dedicated to YLRL and she deserves to be honored. So Sara, AB7PS, as I know you're reading this, we thank you very much for your dedication to YLRL and your hard work in the areas you're involved in! We also thank your dear OM, Robert, AA7YD, for giving you the freedom to do so much for so many.

As I said before, I am Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN. I live in southwest Washington state in the small town of Battle Ground. I live with my OM Daniel, KF7BHM. We live on 5 acres north of Battle Ground. (Oh, and if you're wondering

where this town got its name- it's for the battle that never happened!)

We have 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren; all that live within an hour of us. We consider ourselves blessed. Unfortunately none of our children have their ham licenses. I'm sure at least part of that is because I only got mine in 2008. My OM got his in 2009. Now it's the OM that tends to get his first, but not in our case.

You see, my father-in-law has had his license since 1938. His call is W0PBT. So my OM was raised with ham radio. Even though, he never got his license.

When my husband and I got married in 1975 I had a small introduction to ham radio through his father. But I never really thought about moving ahead with it.

We will now fast-forward 33 years. My father in law is now living in Joplin MO, and has Alzheimer's. I decide to get my license so we can talk on the radio. I take a tech class and pass it. But seeing I never told anyone why I was doing this I didn't find out I couldn't get to my father-in-law until half way through the class.

So then I took the general class and pass it only to find out he isn't able to communicate on the radio anymore. Oh well! I end up involved in a club (CCARC in Vancouver WA.) and I joined a 2m YL net on Wed nights at 8:30pm on 147.24 (a little advertisement to those in our area.).

At this point my OM decides I can't be the only ham in the family so he ends up with his tech and general licenses. He also got his licenses a whole lot easier than I got mine! We're both now involved in CCARC and having a great time.

So this is my story. I hope it gives you a picture of who I am and what my life is. And I hope to hear some of your stories in the future.

I look forward to getting out information of what is happening in the northwest where ham radio is concerned. And I look forward to meeting more YLs and seeing what they are up to in their areas. I'm sure I'll have those opportunities.

Thank you all and 33,
Marilyn, KE7WEN



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



Net correction:

Under North American YL Nets, on Tue at 0100 UTC is listed a Buckeye Belles net. This net was CANCELLED several years ago.

Reported since the last issue:

Jean C. Blakeslee, 85, of Delaware died Nov. 5, 2011 at her home.

She was born Oct. 13, 1926 in East Rochester to Curtis and Jeanetta (Raum) Humphreys. She received her BA from OWU and her MS from OSU. A resident of Delaware since 1944, she was a retired teacher, having taught at Smith and Conger Elementary Schools. She was a retired director of the In-Service Training Program. She was a ham radio operator. She was member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, Delara, Buckeye Belles, Cosmopolitan Club and served on the boards of Oak Grove Cemetery, Habitat for Humanity and Council for Older Adults.

Surviving are five sons, George (Carolyn) of Guildhall, Vt., Fred (Nancy) of Westerville, James (Jan) of Blacklick, Richard (Susan) of Madison, Ala., and John (Debra) of Delaware; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Kathryn Sundquist of Seattle and Louise Humphreys of Concord, Calif.

Her husband, George, died in 1999.

Please send news and pictures!

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Marte, K0EPE fell and broke her hip. She is learning to hop around again, though and hopes to be up and around before long despite another hospital stay. Please keep her in your thoughts and her OM, Pete as they take care of each other.

Cecilia Reed, ZL1ALK's OM, Geoff, ZL1AKY passed away in August. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her and her family.

Carole, WB9RUS has been a bit under the weather; so send good thoughts along with news for her. She has been a long time District 9 Chairwoman and we wish her the best in recovery.



District Nine News de Carole Burke WB9RUS



Valerie, N9NKW and the perfect T-Shirt!

I am sad to point out that my Adoptee Cecilia Reed, ZL1ALK's OM, Geoff, ZL1AKY passed away in August. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her and her family.

Carole has been a bit under the weather; so send good thoughts along with news for her. She has been a long time District 9 Chairwoman and it is always a pleasure to see her at Dayton.

This from Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She, Bare, VE3HAH, and Janet, N9ZKU, enjoyed going to the Ft. Wayne Hamfest in November. Ann met an amazing YL there, Valerie N9NKW. Valerie wore the perfect t-shirt.

Two items of note: Don't forget to check out and participate in the YLRL 2012 YL Friendship award. You need to exchange your favorite animals and don't forget to be specific! Not just dog, but Siberian husky. Not just lobster, but a Jamaican Spiny Lobster. (You Scuba divers will know what that one is.) Full details are in this issue.

Also the details are on the newly improved website! Check out the NEW more interactive website at www.ylrl.hfradio.net.

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Amanda, also nine is very interested in Morse Code and loves to write letters in it to her Ham Radio Aunt and Uncle. She used all 3 modes.



Amanda, age 9.

My favorite comment from her was when she asked one Ham who was obviously closer to my age and not a youth. "Are you a kid?"

Wasn't it Art Linkletter who had the program where "Kids Say the Darnedest Things"?

Sarah, aged five, wanted to

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get into the swing of things just like her older sisters.

While she didn't enjoy waiting for her turn very much (and who does?), she did get on and make a couple of contacts.



Sarah, age 5, gets some mike help.

She did have to be translated a couple of times for the other side, but it all worked out wonderfully.

A couple of QSL cards have already arrived for them and I have to get off my rear and get their cards out to those they talked to as well.



Rachel, Sarah and Amanda on Kid's Day.

Here's some great news to share with you! Check out the new and improved website for the YLRL.

WWW.ylrl.hfradio.net is the place to go for all sorts of YLRL tidbits and informational pieces. You will find news and information from the history of the YLRL to current Silent Keys and current officers. Vai, VE5AQ; Yvonne, ZR6TBL; and Marianne, ZR6JMT have done a wonderful job. There are still a few things being tweaked, but it is great to have it come so far.

Hope to see you on the air soon!
33&73

Cheryl, N0WBV

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District Ten News de Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



Hi Ladies!

Well, thanks to you, I am back as District 10 Chairwoman for the next 2 years. Don't forget to send me news and photos from what YOU are doing!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Cheryl Muhr and I have held the callsign-NOWBV for 19 years. I have been a member of YLRL for 18 years. Though I have kept my original callsign, I passed my extra a number of years ago. The only downside to passing the 20 wpm code is that since the female voice often gets through more quickly, I tend to stay on phone rather than code and my speed is not the best anymore. HI HI

I enjoy DXing and have been on a number of DXpeditions. I belong to a number of YL clubs around the world and am currently the treasurer for my local club the Colorado-YLs. I do some contesting and LOVE to paper chase.

This reminds me, don't forget the new YL Friendship award for 2012! There are details in this issue. This year, you have to hunt for YLs who love different animals. I would tell you mine, but that would be cheating, so you have to wait until we can meet on the air.

For the YLRL, I have held a number of positions over the years. I am a past President, a past Vice President and I have previously held District 10 Chairwoman for 10 years plus this new run at it. I have at-

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tended YLRL Conventions since 1999 (missed my first chance which was Albany, NY—Rats.)

I am also currently the Publicity Chairwoman (Let me now what you need for Hamfests and Clubs!!!) and also the current Editor of *YL-Harmonics*. So you will hear me plead with you for news not only on my own behalf, but for all the columnists!

If I don't get news, I might have to fill the columns with news of my cat. Now while she is named Ariel and would love to sleep on a warm transceiver if we would let her, those are about the only radio related things to her so don't let me down.

Here's the news I have for you so far!

Marte, K0EPE is home from the hospital. She is now recovering from surgery to fix the OTHER hip, which broke recently after a fall. Marte has also done a great job with our two yearly Scholarships for a LONG time now. She has decided to move to a more advisory position and turn over then Chairwoman position to Linda, AC5QQ. I would like to thank Marte for doing such a great job over the years and welcome Linda.

I can't wait to hear from you both when the next Scholarship drive comes around!

Our new YLRL President is Doshia, KB0NAS and I am proud to also call her a fellow Coloradan. She is the previous District 10 Chairwoman and has

done a great job at it.

Don't miss more of her columns under the President's heading!



Past President, Cheryl, N0WBV
and Current President, Doshia,
KB0NAS

Kid's Day is always a blast. You get to hear the most interesting things from the Youth crowd—especially those who are not used to the radio.

This year 3 of my nieces (I have 12 nieces and nephews to get interested in Radio) came over to participate in Kid's Day. Their ages are nine, nine (yep-twins) and five.

Between the three of them, they operated RTTY, 2 meters and 20 meters. They talked to both kids and adults.



Rachel, age 9.

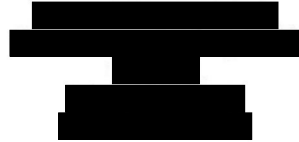
Rachel, is nine, mostly spoke on HF phone and was a bit mike shy at first, but once she got the hang of it—she was off and running.

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VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



This is the time of year when we reflect back upon the year just passed, enjoy our memories and then start to look forward to a brand new year. Our 2012 executive is now in place and we wish them much success and our support in the coming year.

To those YLs who are stepping down, at this time, and to those who are remaining in positions you have our gratitude for all your time and your contribution to our organization.

A very special thank you goes out to Marte, KOEPE, who has managed our Scholarship Fund for so many years, and to our past-president, Lois, WB3EFQ, who has done a great job for YLRL.

I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the "VE" members of YLRL. Your support and your welcome contributions for YL-Harmonics have made being your District Chair an easy and pleasant task.

I was delighted to learn the new YLRL website www.ylrl.hfradio.net is finally up and running thanks to the YLRL board and our web managers: Vai, Yvonne and Marianne.

It will be nice to be able to access information when it is needed. I hope all of you
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have checked it out and your feedback, suggestions and contributions will be a greatly appreciated. A website, such as ours, is always a "works-in-progress". It needs lots of information from all YLRL members to make it a really interesting site to visit. Do you have any photos of past YLRL conventions or of our SI<s?? Do you have any amusing stories about those conventions and those YLs??

All is well with the world. I have my health and strength, good family and friends and find each day brings its challenges and triumphs.

Still living in my own home in the country with Ted, my Border collie. Radio is still a big part of my life and I enjoy each challenge and triumph it brings, as well. It has certainly introduced me to some wonderful YLs.

My very best wishes to each and every member of YLRL. I wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year.
33 de Suzanne, VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She, Bare, VE3HAH, and Janet, N9ZKU, enjoyed going to the Ft. Wayne Hamfest in November. Ann met an amazing YL there, Valerie N9NKW. Valerie wore the perfect t-shirt.

I do hope that Valerie is a member of YLRL. She would be a real asset.



Valerie, N9NKW and the perfect T-Shirt!

Also, Ann joined Heather, VE3HQB for the Newmarket Hamfest at the CLARA recruiting table. It was a great success. Our PowerPoint show helped us draw YLs in.

That was the close of the Hamfest season for this year. We are, however, already counting the weeks until Dayton.

Ann wishes the new YLRL executive good luck and thanks them for taking office. Until next issue, Ann hopes everyone stays well and enjoys life. 33 de Ann, VE3HAI

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Long time friend Hallie,

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VE6YW, came to stay for a few days in late November. We haven't seen each other in a long time so a lot of catching up to do and things to show her around town.

Propagation seems to be improving and long may that last! TheCQWWCW was on last weekend and because of my visitors I wasn't able to really participate but what time I did spend in it was fun. Plus there is the ARRL1 Om contest and with that band open as it has been it should prove very interesting..

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes:

The evening CLARA nets are doing quite well despite the static and splattering from a few stations. Delighted to have Rose-Marie KB4RM check in to our net one evening and she had a beautiful signal and we hope she will become a regular. Wishing everyone all the best for the coming year. 33s Jeanne

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: What have I been up to?

I have been very busy on the CLARA website, and yes also on the YLRL site, but things are coming a bit slower on that one, it will soon be done and maybe by the time you are reading this you will be able to see what I have been doing.

One thing I do ask, is that as soon as you hear of a silent key, please send that info to me ASAP. That way I can get

the names on the website.

If you want the obit on as well, then just scan and send [REDACTED] and I will put it on.

Other than that, not really much to report at this time except I have taken on another hat, and am the VE5 rep for Saskatchewan. Yep, just not busy enough.

Till next time girls, just remember summer is not that far off, now just as long as we can get through the winter on this side of the grass we are doing great.

Take care and will catch you later. Vai, VE5AQ

Merle, VE1VCI, writes: I am back to my double bed comforters. I spent yesterday sorting the material that has been given to me and have enough to do me for this world and the next so long as there is a pedal Singer machine where I go (Hi Hi).

There is a new Community Hall going up in our small community so that is where any monies I earn from the project will go.

My sister, Marjorie, in Manitoba took a stroke on Boxing Day and is very low. No doubt I will have received the bad news by the time this is printed. She is the eldest of 5 so at 93 she has had a long, wonderful life. Lonely for us - the first break in the family. Happy New Year to all. 73 & 33 Merle, VE1VCI

Linda, VE1QT: I don't hear from Linda too often so it was

nice to have a long chat on the telephone with her the other day.

She reports that she has antenna problems and has nothing for 2M but is OK for the HF bands.

She is looking for someone to climb the tower, reinstall the antennas and troubleshoot the whole system for her.

Hopefully she will find someone and all that will happen in the springtime when the weather is better.

In March 2011, Linda participated in the Nova Scotia Amateur Radio Assn Contest and won first place for the SSB portion. To date she has not received her certificate but is hopeful it will show up, eventually.

In June of 2012 Linda is traveling with a group of friends to the west coast. They arrive in Vancouver on June 7th, spend June 8th in Victoria and then will board an Alaskan Cruise ship on June 9th. The cruise ship will drop them off in Alaska to continue their journey by bus and rail exploring that State and the Yukon. They fly from Anchorage to Vancouver and will leave Vancouver on June 19th for home. A super trip and an early celebration of her upcoming 65th birthday on July 29th

Happy New Year to everyone from Linda, VE1QT



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

I wish you all a healthy, happy New Year.

A new year is here and we hope for many contacts via radio, and to see each other at Ham fests and Conventions as Dayton and Visalia and the International meeting in Adelaide, Australia in May. What promises did we make, and will we be able to keep them all?

I am going to write QSL cards for all the ones I received from bureau last year. Many of them are five years old and so I wonder did they sit in the bureau all this time.

As I am staying on as DX-YL Treasurer be aware that I am looking for the membership fee payments from you for 2012. Application form you can get from our web site y1rl.hfradio.net and the fee is \$25.00.

Please send me your e-mail addresses if they have changed or if you have a new one, as I will be sending your membership cards via e-mail. *(DX Emails were mistakenly left out of the directory, so please check them out in this issue to make sure they are correct.-ED)*

Do send me news about you, what you are doing on the radio, local or dx-ing, contesting or rag chewing, and picture.

I am on the Monday DX-YL net 15:00utc on 14288 or 21.400. We meet on 20 m and later move to 15 m. If you are late or can't hear us wait and see if you hear us on 15m. Fifteen meter

is quieter and DX seem to go better.

Christine, GM4YMM, celebrated Christmas with her daughter in Wales and this year the snow didn't stop them from going.

Sigrid, DL3LG, was at her daughter Annette, DL6SAK, over Christmas and worked from daughter's station on Monday DX-YL net and was heard very well with IOOW, and wire antenna.

Truus, P49TR, is enjoying Aruba Island for the winter and had her family from Netherland over the holidays.

Christa, DJITE, home and enjoying their new sunroom they built., was home over the holidays.

Ann-Marie, SA6YLQ, is happy over the mild winter they have in Sweden. No snow to shuffle and she can bicycle all winter. Ann-Marie does have studded tires on her bicycle, something new to me.

Nicky, MM5YLO, checked in on the net and I am so glad I can hear her fairly well.

I hope many of you will come on the net and meet us all.

News from Rosel, DL3KWR, "I received the sticker for 15 years YLRL membership, how quickly the time has gone. At the HAM Radio in Friedrichshafen I proudly wore my YLRL shirt, which Mary gave me.

2011 was again a very active year. On the occasion of the women's football (soccer) world

championship the German YLs had started a great radio activity in June/July.

In every district was an YL club call sign present and in addition the central special call sign DL0YLWM.

All together there were 133 YLs on the air and have logged 158.875 QSOs, of it 9.085 QSO from 7 YLs in our district Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

I, myself have worked 4.040 QSOs as DL0YLV. I was very busy, but I had support by Hardy DL3KWF on the computer and in the kitchen. Daughter Sabine, DL3KWS from QSL shop has created a wonderful QSL. I think we can be proud of about this result. It was a grandiose event.

Next was the SYLRA meeting in Finland in August in Porvoo, which is Finland's second oldest city. Inger, OZ7AGR, invited us to next SYLRA meeting in Roskilde 2013.

This year I celebrated my 35th anniversary of license with 12.300 QSOs (12.088 in CW) in 33 contest's/parties.

All together I have now 118.025 QSOs under 45 differently call signs in my log. This is not to be handling without computer. So I am really feeling as the YLRL girl on the world."

Congratulation Rosel to your 35 years and to all you accomplished in Ham radio.

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News from Hiromi JJ1CAS, "A Chinese character of 2011 was "Kizuna", which has been written and dedicated by a priest of a historic temple, Kiyomizu established in 778 in Kyoto, Japan, as remembering the year 2011. We strongly realize the bond, tie, or knot between the family, friends, and people across the country and ocean, in spite of any disaster, trouble and problem we faced. We also learned what the most important thing in our lives was.

Our life and way of thought were drastically changed since March 11, 2011 when the strongest earthquake attacked us even in Tokyo.

The Karate events were successful for me this year. In December, I made the new Home Page of "Hero Karate Women & Girls <http://hero.oo7.jp/>. Soon, I would like to add the English pages and join the face Book, in order to connect to old and new friends. 2012 will be the 10th anniversary of establishing my Karate class.

In April I enrolled in the life health science program at the graduate school. I found the difficulties of study, and needed more effort and time to complete my research.

In September, my radio station license has been renewed by application on Internet. I

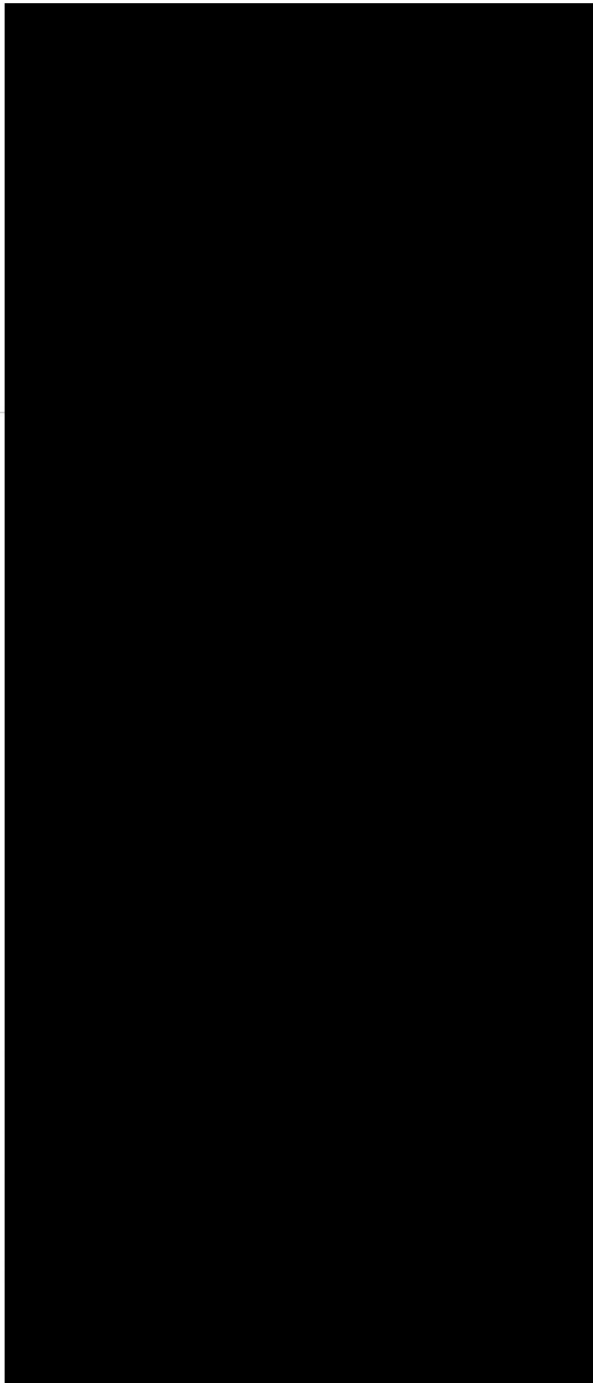
applied the easiest way of 10w. Therefore, I should amend it for 100 or 200w according to my 1st class license in the near future. Recently, it is said the propagation is improving. Then I wish to enjoy Dxing on HF as before.

According to the Chinese astrology, 2012 will be the Dragon that makes us strong and dream. We hope that the New Year will keep you safe and healthy and full of prosperity and great joy."

33, Hiromi, JJ1CAS,

I wish you all Happy Valentine and Happy Easter and good DXing.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM



AYL's Lament
by Gloria, WA5PQ

I went in the shack and turned on the rig --
I wanted to work DX.
But soon I had to face the fact
I was operating under a hex!

The QRN on forty meters
Let me hear nothing but noise.
On twenty meters I ran into
A couple of 'good ole boys'.

I wish you could have been there
To hear just what I heard --
They were sending sixty wpm,
I couldn't copy a single word!!

So I QSYed down a few
And slowly sent "CQ DX"
Immediately I was answered by
A dude who called himself "Tex".

I sent, "I was calling for DX
Didn't you copy that, old Pard?"
He sent, "Oh, yes, I copied it.
But I need your QSL card."

There must be foreign countries
QRV somewhere out there--
Apparently they all are sleeping
Whenever I'm on the air.

So presently it's e-mails
And LandLines for DX.
(I wonder if a rabbit's foot
Would counteract that hex??)

Certificate Custodian

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

I'd like to say congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2011 FAVORITE COLORS CERTIFICATE. This is the most participation we have had in the annual certificate so far. Thank you to everyone who participated. Those who finished and sent in their logs are ...

Cert#	F. Name	L. Name	Callsign	Date	QTH
1	Heather	Holmes	VE3HQH	3/23/2011	CANADA
2	Christine	Dons	GM4YMM	3/29/2011	SCOTLAND
3	Linda	Harvey	VE1QT	3/30/2011	CANADA
4	Rose-Marie	Battig	KB4RM	3/31/2011	VA
5	Christa	Elksnat	DT1TE	4/1/2011	GERMANY
6	Martha	Wessel	KOEPE	4/1/2011	KS
7	Suzanne	Snape	VE17IM	4/1/2011	CANADA
8	Cheryl	Muhr	N0WBV	5/21/2011	CO
9	Ann-Marie	Gustavsson	SA6YLQ	10/18/2011	SWEDEN
10	Darlene	Felder	KE7TQS	10/18/2011	WA
11	Nancy	Bob	KS2YL	10/18/2011	NY
12	Joanne	Hurney	KC2QGH	10/18/2011	NJ
13	Melba	Hoss	KA0BAT	10/18/2011	KS
14	Josephine	Kondas	WB2IKV	10/18/2011	NJ
15	A. Germaine	Purcell	VE3HMHP	10/18/2011	CANADA
16	Lois	Gutshall	WB3EFQ	10/23/2011	PA

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Continuous Membership-Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ, [REDACTED]

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