



# *YL-Harmonics*

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## This year's Scholarship Winners!



Sarah Stanley  
KE5WEJ



Lindsey Meyers  
KG6ELV

Check out the center section!

2014 is poised to be amazing for YLs-75 years of YLRL, a new Friendship Award, the YLRL Convention in August, YL booths and forums galore-this is just the beginning! Make sure your dues are in so you don't miss any of the news and updates!

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## President's Info De Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



The year 2013 is racing by.

Flooding in September consumed a good deal of my energy, even though I only spent about 3 days directly on emergency communications. The first few days, I was unable to leave my immediate area due to all the flooded roads. In all the scenarios we had envisioned and practiced, we had looked at one creek drainage flooding. This time, unlike any other time in recorded history (admittedly, only about 200 years), most of them flooded, from south of Colorado Springs to Wyoming, with additional flooding in New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

Boulder got almost as much rain that week (18 inches) as we expect to get in a whole year; some of the worst hit areas also had suffered forest fires in recent years, so were especially susceptible to flooding, even with a couple inches.

The flooding was big surprise, in magnitude, duration, and breadth; it has been described as a thousand year event. It wasn't a hurricane or other anticipated storm; the forecast said afternoon thundershowers, then rain the next day. We are usually happy with 1 or 2 tenths, and my main concern had been getting back to Boulder from Denver before rush hour. Ah, life is full of surprises! Now comes the revising of flood plains and response plans. It is going to keep us busy for a long time. I'm sure many of you around the country know exactly what I mean.

*(Editor's Note: You may have seen the Colorado Hams on such programs as Dateline helping out during the flooding!)*

I've been recently playing with a couple new (to me) APRS programs. One I saw an article in QST, called "Yet Another APRS Client," has the interesting feature of being able to give the radio line of sight, and has messaging capability. I haven't yet connected up the radio to try it thoroughly, but one can download map tiles ahead of time so that being connected to the Internet is not required.

Another, [APRS.fi](http://APRS.fi) (that's its address on the internet) does a really nice job of showing travel paths for up to the past 7 days, with the information coming off the internet and displayed on Google Maps, so that you can zoom to whatever level of detail you want. It's nice in that anyone, with or without a radio, can read the output; during the flood event, we used it to keep track of vehicles in the field. Its major disadvantage is that it relies on information on the Internet; one needs an Internet connection to use it, and the packets must be sent through an IGate to show up. If you haven't tried APRS, I highly recommend it as a sampler.

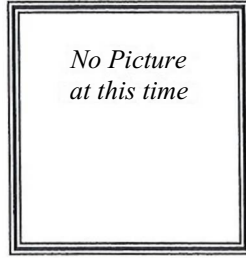


## Vice President's Info De Linda Metz, KC8PKY

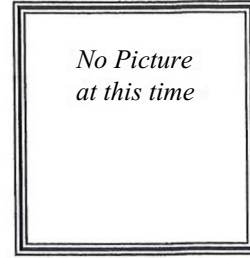




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**de Roberta Donohue, W1JX**



**District 2 News**  
**de Open Position**



**District Three News**  
**de Open Position**



**District Four News**  
**de Joan Jones, W4JMJ**



**District Five News**  
**de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ**



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



**District Seven News**  
**de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI**



**District Eight News**  
**de Annette Wood, KC8SQM**



**District Nine News**  
**de Carole Burke, WB9RUS**





**District Ten News  
de Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV**

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de Marilyn Melhorn,  
AF7BI**

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de Caroline Stanley,  
KE5WEK**

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**VE News  
de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM**

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## New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary

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[Redacted]  
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### New Members for November/December 2013

Welcome to this new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon! We welcome you as members of YLRL and hope to hear each of you on the air or meet you at another convention or Hamfest.

#### DISTRICT 4

##### AK4QW Eleanor Doering

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Eleanor is retired and holds an Extra license. She is a member of the Thomasville ARC and also ARES. She is active on 2m and some HF. Previous call signs are N6BWQ and WB1HIM.

##### WN1G Linda Haft

[Redacted]

Linda is a returning member who holds an Extra license. She likes RTTY contests. She works in HR and is a member of ACG. KY4F, Doug is her husband. Her former calls include KA3UZN, N1HKR, KY4YL and GM0/ WN1G.

##### KJ4WBI Amber Gault

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Amber is very active on 2 meters with her Technician license. She is a member of Cleveland ARC, Bradley Co ACS and ARES and SKYWARN. She is a receptionist. Family members are OM KD4NED Jeremy and father-in-law KD4NEC, Bob.

##### K9ANN Ann B. Backys

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Aim is a retired educator who holds a General license. She heard about YLRL at Dayton and joined at Huntsville. She attends ETDXA with OM K9UQN, Don.

##### KC5RMJ Julie Stone

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Julie holds a Technician license and is a Technology Program Director. She is a SKYWARN spotter. Family members include KA5HQY, Deb; WD5ERD, Fred; and KE5SES, Stephanie.

##### WM2W Marilyn Webb

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Marilyn holds an Extra license and is retired. She is active on 20,17 and 10 m with YLISSB and 10-X as well as the YLRL nets. She enjoys Field Day and DX. Her former call was KK4HHL. N0TW Terry is her OM.

#### DISTRICT 5

##### WE5BEE Elise Cook

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
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Elise is a teen student who hold a Technician license and is studying for her General. She is a member of the Lowndes Co ARC and is looking forward to Rookie Roundup on RTTY. She enjoys foxhunts and spelling bees. W5VOL, Joe is her dad and WE5ROK is her sister.

**WE5ROK Ryann Cook**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ryann is a teen student who holds a Technician license and enjoys building and soldering. She is studying for her General. She is a member of Lowndes Co ARC. She and her sister WE5BEE Elise plan to work RTTY Rookie Roundup. W5VOL, Joe is her dad.

**KA5HQY Debra A. Varian**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Deb holds a General license, is active with Skywarn and serves as a NCS. She is a member of K5TIT and Plano ARC. Family members include KE5SES, Steph; KC5RMJ, Julie; and WD5ERD, Fred.

**DISTRICT 7**

**W7WFO Marianna Kearney**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Marianna is a returning member who holds a General license. She is a retired commercial artist and has designed the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention pin. Although she no longer has HF antennas, she is active with the Clark Co ARC and checks into the Two Rivers YL net on 2m.

She and her late OM Ty W7WFP were working as fire and volcano spotters when Mt. St. Helens erupted in 1980. She still enjoys hiking, but no longer does mountain climbing.

**DISTRICT 8**

**KA8HQN Beverly Russell**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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E mail: [physicianassistantquilter@gmail.com](mailto:physicianassistantquilter@gmail.com)

Birthday: July 13

Bev holds a General license, which she received at Dayton this year. She is a Physician Assistant and her other hobbies include quilting and sewing.

KQ8N Mike is her OM.

**DISTRICT 9**

**WN9MFC Marilyn Frances Lassanske**

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

Marilyn is a returning member licensed since 1971 who holds a General license. She is active on 10,15 and 20 SSB. She has 112 confirmed 10-X countries. She also finds time for rug hooking, quilting, Red Hat, gardening, chickens and being a QSL manager. Her OM is N9JXB Carl.

**DX**

**VK4PYL, Bambi Page** sponsored by Lois, WB3EFQ

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bambi has a general license. She is active in radio occupation TV producer/director.

Licensed 2013 as VK4FADO now VK4PYL

Welcome to these new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon!



## *I io/ Oiw Thoughty*

This was also under the last Changes and Corrections, but Betty is still In Our Thoughts, so thought it was worth repeating. From Anne, WB1ARU:

I had a call from KA2VBW, Christine Williams, the daughter of Betty Phillips, WB1FIQ. She wanted to let folks know that Betty is now unable to participate in the activities that she once did due to her dementia. Please do not send newsletters to her any more.

Betty is living at home with assistance for part of the day and attends the Senior Center daily at noon. None of her children live nearby.

If you would like to call Betty, her phone number is unchanged at 413-566-3010. She may not remember you, but enjoys talking to folks who remember her and her late OM Yorke.

If you would like to send a card or note, please send % Christine Williams, 85 Vale Street, Tewksbury MA 01876.

Anne also reports: I was sorry to learn that Vera, WA1JYO has become SK. I have attached a link to her obituary. I know that some of you remember her from the net in recent years. Others remember meeting her at luncheons or conventions in the past. She had been a member of both WRONE and YLRL, although in the last couple of years she had not been as well and was unable to get on the air. Thanks to Marte, K0EPE for passing the word along.

33, Anne WB1ARU

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nhregister/obituary.aspx?pid=165770002>

This a.m. we received word that Mary Lewis, W7QGP, has become a Silent Key. Mary was very involved in the ARRL at the division and section levels. She was an Elmer to many of us. Gary Lewis, WA7BBJ, Mary's son, has provided the following:

Mary's love of life and Ham Radio lead her to serve the Ham Radio community over the years as an ARRL assistant Section Manager, and as a ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator for Western Washington. Past ARRL Director Northwestern Division, Section Communications Manager for Washington and Section Manager for Western Washington.

Mary was also a Life member of the American Radio Relay League and the Quarter Century Wireless Association. She was also a member of Quarter Century Wireless Woman and Young Ladies Radio League.

Retired from Broadcasting and a member of "The Society of Broadcast Engineers".

Mary was a member of the Western Washington DX Club, North Seattle Amateur Club, Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club and the Mount Baker Amateur Radio Club.

Mary and her husband Harry were part of the Original Founding Members that helped create the Western Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System-A traffic handling system still in use today by many Amateur Radio Operators.

Mary is survived by her husband Harry, W7JWJ; her daughter Diana, K7ETY; and her son Gary, WA7BBJ; as well as, 4 Grandchildren, and 3 Great Grandchildren.

Mary will be missed by the Ham Radio Community, her family and friends.

From a few sources comes this sad news:

Annette, KC8SQM (DC-8 chair) lost her husband last night. She was giving him a sponge bath and he died in her arms. He had been in hospice and was suffering from Alzheimer's and also stomach cancer. He is at peace now.

Annette retired from work about a month before to spend more time with her husband.

W4GXZ Blanche Randles Oct. 14, 2013 President '64 & '80

I am sure that it will not come as a surprise to you to learn that Blanche, W4GXZ became SK on Monday, October 14, 2013.

She was 95 years old and was dealing with some health issues and senile dementia. I had a call from her daughter Diane today. Diane and her cousin had been able to take her to lunch on the Wednesday before. Fortunately she still recognized Diane until her last day, although most of her other memories were gone.

Her ashes will be scattered on the lake in NH where her OM Wes's were scattered when he passed.

There is info about Blanche on the QCWA page: <http://www.qcwa.org/w4gxz-sk.htm> She and her OM Wes were active with QCWA and helped start many chapters. She was also a long time member of WRONE and the Floridoras.

If you wish, donations in her memory can be made to either the QCWA or YLRL Scholarship Funds.

Diane's e mail is [Kjeld@sportstudy.umass.edu](mailto:Kjeld@sportstudy.umass.edu) and her mail address is Diane Kjeldsen, 44 Western Lane, Amherst MA 01002-3247. Diane's husband is Erik.

WB3CQN Ruthanna Pearson Oct. 17, 2013 District 3 Chair '79, '80

More information can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/york/obituary.aspx?n=ruthanna-pearson&pid=167641166&fhid=4981>

We are sorry to announce another long time YLRL and CLARA member has become a silent key. Jackie Head, M0CUR died in July 2013. Her OM is Peter, G4LKW and son is Tim, G1KIZ.

Jackie was licensed in 1992 and joined CLARA in 1995 being sponsored by Barb VE3KKY. She joined us at the CLARA 30th anniversary convention.

Jackie's current sponsor is Jeanne VA3WX. Jackie and Peter were regular participants in Guides on the Air.

You are all in our thoughts and hearts.



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**Certificate Custodian**  
**WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL. DX-YL**  
**de Carolyn Donner, N8ST**



**Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates**

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
3. **DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant.
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-size envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addresses to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of YL Harmonics.

**The 2014 Friendship Award to be announced in January, 2014. Check the YLRL Website and your January/February issue of YL Harmonics.**

## VlfrCctl

Hello again to all. The fall here in New England has been spectacular this year. After a rather cold and rainy summer, we have been treated to a long stretch of blue skies, warm temperatures and sunshine. The leaves are falling now, but there is still a lot of color out there.

Radio conditions have been improving lately, too. The higher frequencies have been opening up and there has been a lot of good DX around. Hopefully, this will mean good operating conditions over the winter when we will all have more time to be in the shack.

Recently Betsey, KAI VAX and her OM, BOB, had a wonderful trip to Albuquerque, NM to enjoy the Balloon Festival. She reports that the balloons were beautiful and it was a lot of fun. They were also able to tour the Navajo Cultural Center while they were there and found it to be very educational as well as entertaining.

As many of you are aware, next summer the ARRL will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a big convention in Hartford, CT. Needless to say, we New Englanders will be participating in that event and are looking forward to meeting and greeting all the YLs who will be attending from across the country and around the world. If you haven't thought about it yet, please start making plans to attend.

The members of WRONE (Women Radio Operators of New England) had a meeting on November 2 in Worcester, MA with more to come on that in the next column due to column deadlines.

We are saddened to report that Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, became a Silent Key on October 14. Blanche was 95 years old and a past President of YLRL. She had been very active in YLRL, WRONE and QCWA. She will be missed.

Until the next time, 33 from Bobbie, WIJX

## District 2

*Candy has volunteered for District 2, but her term is ending this December. We are looking for someone to become District Chairwoman for District 2. If you are interested please contact one of the YLRL Officers listed in the front of this issue. The position will be for the 2014-2015 term. -Ed.*

News from Joyce, KA2ANF a former District 2 Chairwoman:

I have received an article on one of the YLs in the ENY section of the Hudson Division, Lori, KB2HZI. She is a real busy gal, and her main thing is Tower Climbing and antenna assembly! She and her hubby Ray, W2RE are a wonderful couple and I am glad to have her receive some notoriety!

<http://horzepa.blogspot.com/2013/09/surfin.html>

Here's the basics on the blog and a picture from it.

KB2HZI doesn't need no stinkin' bucket truck. Lori Higgins builds Yagis and stacks them on the two towers at her contest station in New York's Catskill Mountains. The photo above is the view from the top of one of Lori's towers and this set of photos shows her working on the stack of her 60-foot tower without chipping a nail!

Way to go Lori!



*Lori, KB2HZI on the tower.*

## Vstrict 3

Hi All,

We are still looking for someone to take the District 3 Chairperson position. It isn't really a hard job if everyone can send items of interest so that we can know what is going on in your ham radio time or even some personal tidbits. If you are interested in learning more please e-mail me or give me a call and we can talk about it.

On a sad note, I write about the loss of one of our District 3 YL members. Ruthanna Pearson, WB-3CQN, passed away on October 17, 2013 after a lengthy illness.

Ruth and I became friends shortly after we were both licensed and we had many interesting times together. We attended several of the YLRL conventions in Washington, DC and Las Vegas, NV and even went to one of the CLARA conventions in Toronto. "Div" loved DX and we spent many a Sunday afternoon on our radios chasing DX.. ..they loved the fact that there were YL's on the air. She served as QSL manager for a number of stations and traveled to Australia, Jordan, and Russia to meet her ham friends.

In the past years as her health failed she was fortunate to have ham friends. Bob and Mary Gundlach, to help her out. They were faithful in keeping her connected with the ham community in York, PA. The ham community and YLRL has lost a super friend.

On a brighter note. Barb KA3VXR writes in about her sky diving adventure. She is taking care of her "bucket list" You go girl!

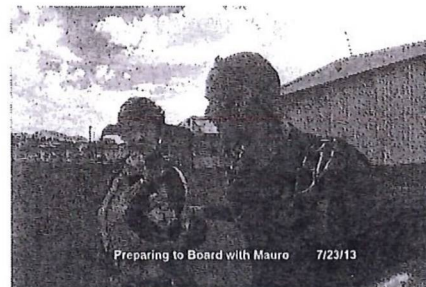
Hello here are a few pictures of my skydive experience! AWESOME!!! We climbed to 15,000 feet and the free fall was at 120 MPH. I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Next, went to Las Vegas to visit my son who is a Capt. in the AF at Nellis AFB and his family. While in NV also got to visit another son in Cottonwood AZ (near Sedona) for a few days. Beautiful country. In AZ while visiting the Tuzigoot Indian Ruins National Park, I had an eyeball QSO with Kim Miller, KE7WWZ and her OM, Gene, KE7WWY and I gave her some info about YLRL so hope we hear from her.

Then came back to Vegas and did #1 on my bucket list. Only 2 more to go! I wanted to do this for my 75th birthday and finally got my chance.



*Barb, KA3VXR and her skydiving trip in Las Vegas, Nevada.*



(I was to be 76 in August so thought I'd better get busy.) I am the mother of 18 (9 natural & 9 step), 29 grandchildren (there is no such thing as a step-grandchild) and 2 great-grandchildren!!

After fighting oral cancer for 11 years, I felt I got a new lease on life and my motto is "Life is for living!" My other motto is: "Have babushka, will travel!" HI HI

73/33 Barb Bender KA3VXR

Fall is here and winter fast approaching. It



is nice to hear 10 meters opening and I had 2 nice contacts with YLs the other week. One was a newly licensed girl in Wales and the other was a girl going through the Panama Canal. I am making a promise to get more than a few contacts in my log for 2014.

Speaking of 2014, I hope you are giving serious thought to the convention in Vancouver in August. My room reservations are made and also the cruise to Alaska is confirmed. Can't wait!!!

Till next time...33's. Have a happy holiday

'CWrcct<sup>2</sup>/-

*Ladies, this year I would like to retire as District 4 Chairperson. I have held this position for 5 years and feel it is time to give another YL the opportunity to pick up the proverbial ball and run with it. This position is not difficult to fill; if I could do it, then anyone can. Basically you will send out an email (bi-monthly) to members of your district requesting news and I or photos to share with all members of the YLRL. From this news you will write your column for the Harmonics publication and submit it to Cheryl Muhr our Editor and Circulation manager. There's not much to it. So, PLEASE think about stepping up and volunteering to be the next district 4 Chairperson.*

Jonelle, KI4WSN sent in an intering piece on her involvement with the Sarasota Half Marathon and Relay.

#### DIARY OF AN EVENT, ALMOST

On March 17, for my third year in a row, I volunteered to join with the Sarasota Emergency Radio Club to provide radio communications between the various points in the Sarasota Half Marathon and Relay.

This was on a Sunday morning, usually on time-change Sunday, but this year it was a week after that particular Sunday. The race begins at 7:00 am, but our show-time is 6:00 a.m. This year, I was running late and arrived at the parking lot a few minutes past 6:00 am, and there was not a parking space to be had! I had to park about 5 blocks away and hustle my way to my assigned post, carrying all my STUFF.

I was assigned to the Field Hospital, which was set up in the Coast Guard Auxiliary building. This year, as I hurried to get inside to my post, I tripped over a step, and I went down. Splat!

Four good-looking firemen immediately surrounded me and helped me up and walked me inside and turned me over to the nurses, who immediately put ice on my knees. Fortunately, nothing was broken, not even my glasses, which came off and landed on concrete. I haven't had that much attention in years! (The firemen part was very pleasant; I was ready to do that part again!)

I finally got my 2-meter radio station set up and checked in, and checked in again, and again... finally realizing that Net Control couldn't hear me. So, I hobbled back outside to the Communications Trailer and told them to check me in, which they did.

Throughout the race I attempted to communicate with Net Control, to no avail. The only way I could talk to Net Control was in person through the Communications Trailer window. I told him the problems I was having getting through on my radio, and he asked me, "Did you remember to set up the frequency with a 100 hertz Tone?" Oops! So much for being a radio operator!

Not knowing how to set tones on my Motorola "brick", I soon concluded that I might as well go back home, as this old communicator was unable to communicate. So, after a reasonable amount of time (the first runners were back), I made the long trek back to my car and went home. Maybe next year I'll get it right.

Jonelle Nabergall, KI4WSN

Good luck next time, Jonelle! (I know many operators who have had these challenges. Hopefully we get better each time!-Ed.)

73, Joan Jones, W4JMJ

## District 5

Hello to all.

Can you believe how fast this year has flown by? The fall season is here and we have been blessed with mild temperatures and no Hurricanes for the Mississippi Coast.

Hope you all have finished all your antenna projects and ready to operate radio lost of DXpedition coming up.

Ed KA5VFU and I will be hosting the CQWW contest at our house for the Great Southern DX assn. K5GDX, the team will be setting up antenna's and checking out radios on Friday morning with a full schedule of around the clock operators.

Welcome to our new members in DC 5 area, WE5BEE, Elise Cook and WE5ROK, Ryann Cook of Steens, MS, sisters that are members of Lowndes County ARC, and both are studying for their General class license.

### **Gulfport, MS KB5MZ, Southern Mississippi YL:**

The SMYL set up a booth at the Diamondhead MS Craft Show to sell their slumped wine bottle they do for their Fundraiser to support their yearly activities. The weather was horrible on Saturday rained all day but Sunday was very nice. Booth operators were Sue, AA5YL; Karen, KA5EPR; Anna, KF5KDL; and BJ, KB5CSQ and thank you to the OM support Bill, W5RWF and Ed, KA5VFU with setting up the tent.



*Anita, KF5KDL; Karen, KA5EPR; and Sue, AA5YL*

*Hailey, KF5EWTU calling the SMYL weekly 2 meter net!*



The SMYL weekly 2 meter net has a new net control Hailey Byrd, KF5WTU who passed her Tech test in August 2013. Hailey has been calling the net for the past few weeks and has also worked a few DX entities on HF. She says she has the perfect call KF5WTU -work the universe.

The group is also planning their annual Christmas & Awards Dinner for Dec. 12, location Bull's Seafood tickets are on sell now \$34.00 each.

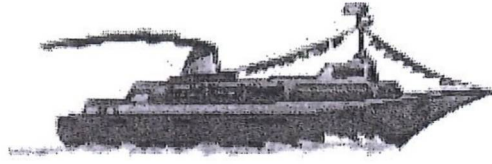
The SMYL are planning to operate Field Day 2014 on their own an all YL activity will keep you posted on their plans.

### **Garland, TX, W0JJ, Judi:**

On September 20 & 21 the Texas Young Ladies Round Net Annual Birthday Party was held at the home of Judi, W0JJ, and Dave, W0VX, of Garland, TX. Those in attendance were Linda, AC5Q; Kathy, K5IHF; Ann, K5GLM; Patty (Kathy's daughter) and Linda, AC5QQ; Judi, W0JJ; Sallie, AA5OM; and Lynn, N5IYW.

Also in attendance were Sallie's OM, Deroy; Linda's OM, Ed; Lynn's OM, Larry and Judi's OM, Dave. On Friday evening Dave and I provided a supper of lasagna, salad, fruit salad and cheesecake. The ladies had fun playing the White elephant game with a couple gifts that were stolen while the OM's were talking DX. On Saturday morning we voted to change our by-laws to include all class licenses in our organization but they would still need a general class license to be on our Thursday morning net. It was a very productive Board meeting.

**District News continued after Center Section.**



## Come Cruise With Us

Several members indicated that they would like to cruise Alaska either before or after the 2014 YLRL Convention. So....

We're going to Alaska after the 2014 YLRL Convention.

We'll travel to the cruise terminal in Seattle and board **Grand Princess** on Sunday, August 10, 2014.

We'll cruise by a glacier in Tracy Arm, and visit several Alaskan cities including:

**Ketchikan** - explore the totem poles at Totem Bight Park; watch a totem pole being made at Saxman Native Village; enjoy the competition at the Lumberjack Show; watch the salmon going up Creek Street; land on a lake in Misty Fjords National Monument; or hike in the rain forest.

**Juneau** - pan for gold; walk on a glacier; enjoy a dog sled ride; visit the State Museum; see eagles, otters, whales, and other wildlife on a whale watching cruise; or explore an underground gold mine.

**Skagway** - ride the train to Fraiser, BC; learn about the '89'ers; fly over Glacier Bay; or enjoy a hike on your own.

**Victoria, B.C.** - explore Butchart Gardens (an old stone quarry); have tea at the Empress Hotel; ride a double decker bus or horse drawn carriage along the streets of Victoria; visit a resident pod of Orcas; or look for bargains in the shops of Victoria.

Your cruise fare covers meals, lodging, entertainment on board the ship, use of the gym and sports courts, and informative lectures on wildlife, customs, and history. Extra expenses include tips and gratuities, gambling, shore tours, bingo (you can watch for free), alcohol and sodas, souvenirs, and specialty restaurants.

For more information and reservations contact Sherrie at Community Travel in Battle Ground, WA. Her e-mail is [s.wilson@community-travel.com](mailto:s.wilson@community-travel.com) and her phone is (360) 667-0104.

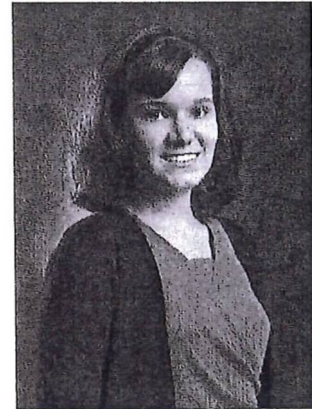
Bob and I have been taking cruises to Alaska for over 20 years, so we've got lots of answers. Feel free to contact me.

Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB



Sarah Stanley - Mary Lou Brown Scholarship  
KE5WEJ

*Sarah, KE5WEJ, is a senior double majoring in Mathematics and Music at the University of Houston, where she has earned a 4.0 GPA. Sarah is interested in conducting applied mathematics research, as well as teaching. Sarah, who holds a Technician License, comes from a 'ham' family; her dad, mom and sister are all licensed radio operators. Sarah enjoys contesting, most recently in the ARRL's RTTY Roundup. She is also a past YLRL Scholarship winner.*



Thank you note:

Dear YLRL scholarship committee.

Thank you for your generous support through the YLRL scholarship. This award encourages me in my undergraduate career at the University of Houston, where I am working toward a double degree in music and mathematics. My goal is to become a professor and researcher at a major university, focusing on drug optimization and epidemiology through the mathematical modeling of dynamical systems. Through research in computational biology, I hope to play an influential role in enhancing the quality and longevity of human life. Thank you again for your support, and I assure you that these funds will be matched by hard work and excellence on my part.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Stanley, KE5WEJ

Lindsey Meyer - Ethel Smith Scholarship  
KG6ELV



*Lindsey, KG6ELV, is a 20-year-old senior at Pomona College majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Linguistics. She is looking forward this year to working on her senior thesis project, focusing on language cognition. After graduation, she plans on going to work at a tech company in the Bay Area before returning to school to earn her Ph.D. in Neuroscience. Lindsey has held a General class license since her 8th birthday and loves being a part of the LIAM Radio community. Lindsey comes from an all-ham family: her dad, Frederick, KH6FN; her mom, Julie, K6YB, and her brother, Frederick J, KG6ECE. Her brother has also been a FAR scholarship winner. She is also a past YLRL Scholarship winner.*

Thank you note from Lindsey:  
Dear Young Ladies Radio League

Thank you so much for the scholarship you have granted me this year for my continued study at Pomona College. I am majoring in Neuroscience and plan to go on to a Ph.D. program in the field, and this scholarship is helping me reach those goals. I have been a HAM Radio operator since I was eight years old, and the HAM Radio community has always been so helpful and rewarding.

Thank you again for your generous scholarship!  
73,  
Lindsey, KG6ELV



Young Ladies' Radio League Convention 2014  
Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington  
Thursday, August 7 - Saturday, August 9, 2014



Hotel Reservations must be made by contacting the Heathman Lodge.

Heathman Lodge

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To secure the convention room rate request the YLRL Convention rate: \$89.00 + tax & fee for single/double occupancy; \$99.00 + tax & fee for triple/quad occupancy. The Lodge asks for a credit card or deposit to guarantee reservation. Rooms may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to 4:00 p.m. check-in time with no charge. **Make room reservations by July 16 to receive the YLRL Convention room rate.** The Heathman Lodge will extend the YLRL Convention room rate 1 day before and 1 day after the convention. The hotel has an airport shuttle for \$15.00. If you are flying reserve the shuttle when you make your room reservation.

I expect to stay at the Heathman Lodge fortnights arriving on; \_\_\_\_\_

I will be rooming with: Name and call (if licensed)

Convention Registration: Register before April 12, 2014 to be included in the Early Bird prize drawing.

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

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

**Registration-Badge Information**

YLRL Member NameCall Sign

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

CityStateZip

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone; \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (used for confirmation & questions), \_\_\_\_\_

OM Name\_Call Sign

Non YLRL Member/Guest NameCall

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Post-convention Alaska Cruise will be August 10 - August 17. See details at: <http://www.ylrl.org> under Fun-at-Convention 2014. Contact Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB for questions: [ae7mb@arrl.net](mailto:ae7mb@arrl.net)

*Deadline for Convention registration: July 18, 2014*

Make checks payable in US funds to: **YLRL Convention 2014**

Mail to Barbara Yasson AC7UH, 13208 NE 5th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685-2679

E-mail: [ac7uh@arrl.net](mailto:ac7uh@arrl.net) Registration form is also available on the YLRL website: <http://www.ylrl.org>

**YLRL 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary souvenirs**

YLRL members will receive a pin (the pin is the design of the 75 Years logo at the top of the registration form) and a bag (blue with light single color 75 Years logo) with their registration. Additional pins and bags are available to order with your registration. Pins and bags are \$5.00 each

Indicate # of pins @ \$5.00 \$. Indicate # of bags @ \$5.00 \$



## District News continued from before Center Section

We invite all YLs to join TYLRUN. We have so much fun on the net 3.947 on Thursday morning at 7:55AM and at our annual parties. You should join us!!

### **Diamondhead, MS, KA5EPR, Karen:**

Enjoyed her 1st DX contest in October and will be putting the skills she learned into working more DX. Also Karen; her OM Bill, W5RWF; and son Brian, KA5UNL enjoyed a trip to Ft. Jackson, SC to see step-grandson and Brian's stepson graduate from basic training. It was a lifetime experience.

### **Moore, OK, KF5OZ, Dee:**

Well sisters, I'm finally off the road for a short time. We are hoping to attend the Enid Hamfest this weekend in Enid, Oklahoma. My husband's year as Worthy Grand Patron of Oklahoma is now over and we will again be going to our Amateur Radio clubs during the winter and catching up on who has done what while we have been busy with our venture.

Belonging to different groups has been fun over the years and I enjoy all the fun and friendship that goes along. First and always it has been belonging to a church, then Boy and Girl Scouts, then Band, baseball and soccer. We traveled far and wide as the children grew and went the way the Navy and Air Force took them and their spouses, then back to college and a family. The 7 grandkids are all grown but 1 in 9th grade and 1 in 11th grade. We now have 2 great grandchildren — one in Oklahoma that is 2 and one in Amarillo that is 4, both with mid October birthdays.

We haven't decided exactly what or how far we are going to get into the Emergency Response teams as we are getting older and some things are definitely for the young, and we are only young at heart. We will be checking out our stations, fixing the antennas and getting on the air, but alas it will probably be a month or more before that all gets completed. I would like to get a tower up too but we will see.

Right now we have to finish our job at hand as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and check on some of our members who have lost their homes in this past tornado (April 2013). One is back in their home, and 2 more are just about to as they just needed repairs. Many haven't had their rebuild begun yet, but it only takes 3-4 months once it does. Moore is still in need of volunteers; you can contact <http://www.servemoore.com/> for further information.

### **Brownwood, TX, WA5GLM, Ann:**

What a wonderful TYLRUN Party at the home of Judi Jaksa, W0JJ! She and OM Dave, W0VX, hosted a wonderful dinner on Friday and a yummy continental breakfast on Saturday. Thanks again, Judi and Dave, for sharing your lovely home and warm hospitality with us!

The OM has been working as promised to get me an antenna that will at least work 80 meters, but there's a wrinkle in the system somewhere. We're hoping to get our resident guru, son Allen, KB5AB, here to help us track it down so we can at least have limited capability to get on the air.

I am still recovering from the earlier illness, but getting better day by day and week by week. My biggest gripe is that my hair is falling out, but the doctor *assures* me that it is normal after such an illness, that it is temporary, and that it WILL grow back. Sure hope so—before long, the OM will have more hair than I do! I noted that she didn't give any assurance as to *when* it would grow back. Sure hope it's within my lifetime... Meanwhile I'm a little funny-looking—hair sorta sticks out everywhere. But hey, it IS Halloween, after all...

### **Ouinlan, TX, K5KTX, Kelley:**

I successfully upgraded to Amateur Extra on August 4th. Actually, I aced the test! Woo hoo!

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*(Congratulations Kelley on making that upgrade!)*

### **Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth:**

I learned there is a Tuesday night net on a Shawnee repeater. There was one on Mondays on the Seminole repeater, but I haven't heard that one lately. Wednesday nights is a 6M net and Thursday nights is a YLRL net. So if a contest starts on Friday and lasts all weekend I've got no excuse for not being on the radio any day.

I was given a Signalink USB. Hooked it all up and it began rapidly transmitting/receiving. The LED on the radio was flashing from green to red faster than I could count. So I unplugged it. To make a YL Harmonics November/December 2013

long story short, my Elmer took the device, the radio and my netbook to his house and finally made it work correctly. I've been on WSPR several times. I haven't transmitted on JT9, JT65 or PSK31 yet.

During the CQ WW DX SSB event I contacted Australia, Norway, Cayman Islands, Aland Island, Costa Rica, Argentina, Uruguay, Japan, Germany and Aruba; all but the last two on 10M.

Beth

Thank you all for being so faithful in sending your news.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

BJ

## *District 6*

Greetings District 6 YLs. Fall/Winter and the Holidays are upon us. I hope everyone is hunkering down and enjoying their time with family and other loved ones.

Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL, from Fort Jones, CA has some news the share—take it away, Ruth!

Greetings to all District 6 YLs!! Just participated in the Ashland, OR Palm 2 Pine 100 mile race again this year!! Not as a runner. HI HI, but as a Net Control. Got my feet wet last year, and it was a fun job, so volunteered to do it again this year.

The race started on a Saturday (would you believe they run all night with those little "miner lights" on their caps???) and finished Sunday by 4 p.m. There were 160 sign-ups (27 women). With some dropouts, 127 participated in the run. There were 7 radio stations set up along the course, and we reported the bib numbers and time of runners leaving the various areas. (Their times and locations were reported to the Net Control, and entered into a computer spreadsheet which helped us keep track of everybody.)

One of the runners told me that it is really DARK in those mountains at night!!!! The last runner of the day was a gal, crossing the finish line about 3:00 p.m., but she made it all the way. We had one runner who completed 99 miles when he suffered a back seizure and collapsed. We sent a car out to bring him in to the First Aid Station. I thought maybe I would have crawled across the finish line, but then again, probably not. Hi Hi.

I am also still active on the 80-meter Golden Bear Traffic Net. Not much traffic for our Scott Valley area. I think I've handled about 4/5 messages in the past 4 years. I do occasionally call the roll for our Northern Area, about 50+ members (including 4/5 in British Columbia.) This is a "fun job" too, and I am really enjoying Ham Radio. Hope you are, too!!

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Ruth, W6LXL, Fort Jones, CA.

This will be my next to the last column for the Harmonics. I will not be running for District 6 Chairwoman in 2014. Others have expressed their interest, and I have passed their names onto the nominating committee. So look forward to a fresh face with some fresh news on your fellow YLs.

I hope you had a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving, and here are my wishes for a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, and rich joy for the Season and your celebrations.

33 & 73,

Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

## *District 7*

Hello to all the northwest YLs. I hope you all are doing well with autumn here and the weather beginning to change. Not to mention the holidays are coming up pretty quickly. We've had absolutely gorgeous weather for the last few weeks, which is fairly rare. Usually this time of year we start with the rainy season. Who knows, maybe it's our Indian Summer. I haven't figured it out. But I've been loving it.

I'm leaving town for 3 weeks during November. I'm one of those people that is so blessed to still have my parents with me. They're both 93 and still living independently. They live in southern Cali. I go see them yearly. So part of my trip will be with them, then my OM and I will be site seeing for a

week, then we meet one of our kids and his family at Disneyland and we'll be there a week. Talk about busy, but very fun. We'll be gone for Thanksgiving so our Thanksgiving will be Oct 27\*. Early but that's okay. It's one time we can all get together.

We have the Veteran's Day parade coming up where our club ([w7aia.org](http://w7aia.org)) is helping out. It's one of the events both my OM and I want to be involved in. We're firm believers in honoring our veterans. So the parade is something we try and be part of. One year it was raining so hard everyone got just drenched! We didn't think to bring other clothes. It was really funny working in that kind of weather. There were a lot of people from the club helping that day too. We all had a great laugh over it!

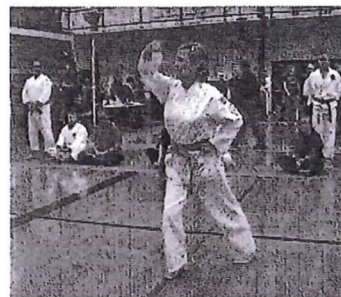
Barbara, AC7UH; Margaret, AE7MB; and I have been pretty busy planning the YLRL Convention for August 2014. I sure hope you all can make it. We have tours planned, good food to be had and time to just get together with everyone and get to know each other. Remember one thing- this is YLRL's 75\* birthday! So it's a birthday party!! You all just have to come for the party! Needless to say we're really looking forward to it and to meeting you all!

I take karate with my son and grandson. I just started last year so am not very far. But I was in my first tournament mid Oct. What a lot of fun it was! Really. You can see the picture. I competed with 15 men and women over 35. I'm 64 and was the oldest person competing! I came in a resounding last! So I already have my goal for next year—not to come in last. I'm starting this month preparing for it!

For those of you living in the United States, I hope you all have a marvelous Thanksgiving with your families. Enjoy the turkey, or ham, and all the trimmings! And have a great time with your families!

Don't forget YLRL's 75\* birthday! (There's information in this month's Harmonics!)

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!  
33- Marilyn, AF7BI



*Marilyn, AF7BI*

## *VCrfyCct 8*

Nancy, KC4IYD wanted us to know why District 8 news was a bit light:

I wanted to pass along some sad news that Annette, KC8SQM (DC-8 chair) lost her husband. She was giving him a sponge bath and he died in her arms. He had been in hospice and was suffering from Alzheimer's and also stomach cancer. He is in peace right now.

She retired from work to spend more time with her husband. Please use her home email: [annette-wood@oh.rr.com](mailto:annette-wood@oh.rr.com)

Nancy  
kc4iyd/8

*77ns also brings up the point that we are looking for District Chairs and other officers for the 2014-2015 term. If you are interested please contact the President, Doshia, KB0NAS-info in the front of Harmonics. -Ed.*

## *VittrCct9*

Well, the holidays are over. The Fort Wayne Hamfest is over for another year. And, Phoenix vacation is over. What fun that was to be in warmth in the beginning of November and not having to wear winter coats, just jackets, if anything. Then, back to reality. The first reality was the end of Fox Hunt season and the annual bon fire and pot luck at Jim and Anne Pliett's house, K9OMA and KA9YYI. That is always a fun time. The champion fox hunter this year wasn't us! It was Charles, KC9MUT.

The Hamfest was a success. I hosted a forum again this year speaking about YLRL conventions. I always draw the audience into the discussion and we had a good exchange and questions.

At the end of the presentation as I was ending it so we could take pictures before we had to depart the room, all the YLs from Fort Wayne stood up and came to the front of the room with me. To my surprise and shock, they presented me with the ARRL Elmer Award.



*The YL Forum*

The YLs who were at the Hamfest were KC9PXC, Pat; W9LAN, Linda; KB9DOS, Kim; KM8Q, Karen; WS9H, Rhonda; KF6FNS, Carol; KD8BHE, Sarah; AE5QM, Doreen; and KB9RLB, Marie. It was so nice to see all of them again. I also want to welcome some new members, Maria Carmer, KB9RLG; Kim Machamer, KB9DOS; Debbie Jenks, KB9DEB; and Karen Moak,



*Carole's Award*

## VUtKbCtlO

Hello Ladies!

As the year comes to an end, what a long strange trip it has been. We finally managed to get the station up for the winter, but tweaking the changes means I haven't been on as much as I should have been.

Still, the holidays are a great time for friends and family and the Colorado snowstorms are a great excuse to burrow in and play radio. The OM, John, KT0F and I HAVE managed to make a few contacts out there. Now if I can only remember the Thursday night net BEFORE it is over!

Marte, K0EPE, has been having a fun year; in fact she was partying with OM, Pete, W0CM. The two held a party to celebrate Pete's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Guess he has the YLRL beat!) What a momentous occasion.

The **High Plains Daily** came out to do a write an article on the event. You can read it at: [http://www.leaderandtimes.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=13327:century-of-memories&catid=12:local-news&Itemid=40](http://www.leaderandtimes.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13327:century-of-memories&catid=12:local-news&Itemid=40)

Or Google the paper and Century of Memories if that is easier. Marte says there are a couple of things that weren't quite how they put them, but it is fairly accurate.

A belated Happy Birthday to Pete!

For the first time in my life I was speechless. All I could say was "Wow". The girls have my lifelong gratitude. (*I KNOW you deserve it, Carole. You do so much for the hobby and the YLs as well as being a great Elmer...or should that be Elmyra? Congratulations*) -Ed.



KB8Q. I am so happy you decided *Kim, KB9DOS; Carole, WB9RUS; and Susie, WA9WWO* to join us this year, and I'm sure you will have many fun years and experiences with us and meet lots of new friends.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday season, no matter what you are celebrating. I personally celebrate Christmas, but I know there are other holidays at this time of year. I also hope that 2014 is a wonderful, healthy year for all of us.

33, Carole WB9RUS

Keep President Doshia, KB0NAS and her OM, George, N0RUX in your thoughts. Between floods and surgery, they have had a lot on their plate this year. Luckily everything is working out and I am positive things will stay on the plus side.

Well, it is almost 2014 and that means the YLRL turns 75! What a milestone. I can't wait for the convention. They are always a blast and this one will be a real party. HI HI

Also keep watching the fundraising meter on the Scholarship page to see how much you are raising to support or tow scholarships. Once we raise the \$700.00 "prize" money, the rest goes to support the Ethel Smith and Mary Lou Brown Scholarships, which we give out each year. The two scholarships are given out ever year, but we only do the raffle around convention time hoping it will sustain the scholarship between times.

Check out the Scholarship page for more on donations and the raffle, but don't forget to check out the center section of every Nov/Dec issue to see who our yearly winners are. This year both gals are repeat winners, plus Sarah, KE5WEJ is the older sister of our Youth Columnist, Caroline, KE5WEK.

I just found a picture of Marte, K0EPE and her sister Marie selling raffle tickets at the 2002 convention. I am definitely buying some tickets in honor of Marie!

You know how everyone is supposed to be connected by six degrees of separation? Well, here's Marie to a gal in Wyoming.. sort of. HI HI

Marie's son circle track races (and very well, I might add!) while I race the quarter mile at the drag strip. At the drag strip I race in a Women's class-The Nitro Knockouts. This year I found out that one of the YLs I am racing with is KD5NWE, Pepper McClenahan. What a small world!



*Marie and Marte, K0EPE.*



Whatever hobbies you pursue outside of Ham Radio, enjoy them in the New Year and don't forget to send news!

33 & 73

Cheryl, N0WBV

*Pepper, KD5NWE and  
Cheryl, N0WBV*

*V0frtrictKL7*

Hello all. I'm sitting on my rocking chair with my dog, Klaus sitting by my side. He's a little Pomeranian and weighs in at about 5 lbs. My laptop is here too, needless to say! This article was due a few days ago so I decided I needed to do it tonight! No more putting it off. And it's a great night to work on it too. I just got back from walking; I try and walk 5 days a week, so now I'm nice and relaxed. It was a great walk, nice and cool with autumn in the air.

I hope you all have your homes, cars, whatever else, winterized for the season. With all the cold weather coming I'm sure you are well prepared. Here in the Vancouver, WA area we don't usually get a lot of days well below freezing. When we do though I hunker down and stay inside my nice warm home. And in case we lose electricity I have a very nice wood stove that keeps part of the house nice and warm. I can even cook on it! Very nice!

We're still in the process of planning the YLRL Convention August 7-9, 2014. Those going on the Alaska cruise leave on the 10<sup>th</sup>. There's info in this Harmonics so be sure and check it out. We've gotten some good response and we're really excited about it. Unfortunately we have another 10 months to wait! I do hope some of you can make it so I can meet you face to face. You need to be sure and look for me and introduce yourselves.

I happen to find something very interesting when I was surfing the web about Alaska. There's a remote community east of Fairbanks close to the US/Canada border that has a teacher that is promoting Amateur Radio to her students.

Her name is Marlys House, KL3ME, and she teaches in Eagle, AK (population 86). Marlys and Neil Brown, W7USB, from Arctic Amateur Radio Club in Fairbanks, are working together to create and deliver amateur radio curriculum to the students that are interested.

Now Eagle is 370 miles from Fairbanks and is a nine hr drive. The road is also closed all winter and access is only by airplane. Marlys has committed to teaching amateur radio to these interested kids all winter and hopes to have them ready to test in the spring.

The normal classes are approx 10 hrs long as we all know, but she is committed to teaching once a week for 30 hrs total. These kids will really know their radio!! Great job Marlys!

Be sure and check out the info on the YLRL Convention!  
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

## *Youth Colvumu*

Hello Ladies,

In this issue, I would like to share with you an opportunity specifically for amateur radio operators under the age of eighteen - the Amateur Radio Newslines Young Ham of the Year Award. I will cover the award details, the participating sponsors, and the eligibility requirements for this unique opportunity.

First of all, the Young Ham of the Year Award honors outstanding community, state, or national service accomplished through amateur radio. Created in 1985 by Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, one of the founders of Amateur Radio Newslines, the award purposefully targets youth. According to the Newslines website, Mr. Pasternak believes that "the real-life experience of being honored for their youthful accomplishments in Amateur Radio may lead the award winners.. into technology based careers that will make them the scientific, telecommunications and educational leaders of the future." As a result, the Young Ham of the Year Award gifts qualifying individuals at the annual Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville, Alabama.

The award is sponsored by a number of corporations and organizations including Yaesu USA Corporation, CQ publishing, Amateur Radio Newslines, and the ARRL education department. Yaesu, a faithful sponsor since 1985, remains the main underwriter of the award. As well, CQ publishing contributes an all-expense-paid week at Space-camp in Huntsville in addition to other rewards from Amateur Radio Newslines.

To be eligible; the only requirement is that the operators be FCC licensed youths under eighteen in the U.S., U.S. territories, or Canadian provinces. Personally, I would like to commend our very own Kaitlyn Cole, KS3P, for achieving this prestigious award in 2011, and encourage everyone to consider applying for the Young Ham of the Year Award.

## *VE Newy*

Well, another year has rolled around and all of us must be looking forward to 2014 and what it might bring. My best wishes to one and all for a safe and healthy year ahead. I am looking forward to both the International YL Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland and our own YLRL convention in Vancouver, Washington. Would be nice to attend both. I am not sure if that is going to happen. Good to have plans for the future and a wish list, in any event.

New and improved website is outstanding !! Vai, Yvonne and Marianne are to be congratulated and have done a wonderful job for us. They are always looking for additions to keep the website up-to-date. Your photos and stories are of interest to us all so don't be shy about sending them in. I understand that Martha's, K0EPE, party for Pete's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was a rousing success. Pete's party along with Merle's, VE1VCI, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party were two of the highlights in August of 2013.



Helen, VA1YL, has become CLARA's new president taking over from Ann, VE3HAI. We are fortunate to have both of them heading up our organization and certainly thank them for giving so generously of their valuable time.

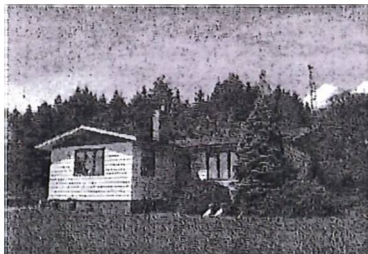
Helen travelled to see Merle, VE1VCI, and to attend Merle's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party last August. She was very kind and gave me permission to forward her write-up of the party for all of us to read. She also attached a few photos of the event. I wish I could have been there, as well, but I understand everyone had a great time. News from the VE members, Helen's write-up and Merle's party photos are as follows: 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

**Merle's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party !!!**

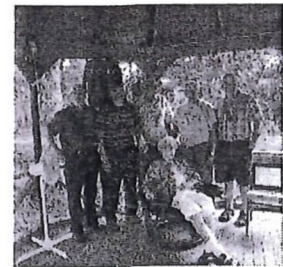
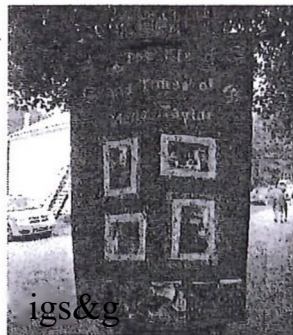
Merle turned 90 on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and her family had a celebration that day. The next day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was a public celebration at the community center that Merle has supported so much. Jeanne, VA3WX, flew in from Ontario, visited her sister in Dartmouth and then joined me, VA1YL, in the more than 3-hour trip to Lochaber, Nova Scotia to take part in the birthday celebrations. We had a wonderful drive on a lovely day including lobster rolls at a picnic table by the seashore. We had a nice visit with Merle even though there was a line up to see her most of that afternoon. We met Linda, VE1QT, and made sure we got a photograph of all four CLARA members together (*3 are members of YLRL*)

At the hall they served strawberries from Merle's farm with ice cream, plus tea and coffee. The day was so nice that almost everything was out-of-doors. We saw the very long canoe that is named after Merle because she has given so much support to the center. It does not photograph well.

On the way home, we stopped at Merle's house to take pictures of her house and antenna but of course she was still at the party, not at the house. We also visited her daughter-in-law's shop where they sell farm produce, preserves and gifts, as well as Merle's comforters. But there were no comforters there — all had been sold.



*Merle's House*



*Merle, VE1VCI and her sons.*

Merle's family's gift to her was a book on her life called "Till the Cows Come Home - Memoirs of Merle Taylor". It was for sale at the party for \$25 and Jeanne, Linda and I each bought one.

We also made donations to the food bank, which is what Merle wanted in lieu of presents.



*Merle's life written by her sons.*

*Front: Merle, VE1VCI  
Back: Linda, VE1QT; Helen, VA1YL and Jeanne, VA3WX*



There were cards for you to write a memory of Merle and leave it for Merle to read. She got about 30 cards with memories and she has read them all.

Jeanne had never met either Merle or Linda. Helen had never met Merle except, or course, on the air and on the phone. There is a photo of Merle in the book, at age one, and you could recognize Merle from that photo! The book is really fun, and the Merle, in the book, is very much the Merle you know from the radio waves. Her "boys" did a wonderful job, and the granddaughters did a good job of editing.

### **33 Helen, VA1YL**

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: We were blessed with a wonderful summer but now have to get used to the fall rains that always come from October onwards here on the West Coast. Was pleased to work Mio when her group of YLs were operating as OX5YL. They must have had a wonderful time and I look forward to reading all about it in some newsletter. Lot and Babs will be on Cape Verde later this month so hope to work Babs. Will be going to Calgary mid-October for my Grandson's 21st birthday. Can't believe how the years have sailed past. Hope everyone had a good summer. 33 Elizabeth, VE7YL

Ann, VE3HAI writes: She had a good summer. She enjoyed the TFM Repeater BBQ in September and is preparing (as she writes) to go to the York Region Hamfest. Her daughter, Janet is joining her for this "first". By that, she means her first Hamfest since Bare became an SK.

Ann has checked out the new YLRL website and is most impressed. She encourages everyone to send the web master photos to add to the site. Memories are something we all enjoy and photos bring them alive. Vai, Yvonne and Marianne did an outstanding job. Thank you ladies. Until next time, Ann sends 33 to all.

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: She is gradually getting settled into her 3-bedroom bungalow she bought this summer. She has a balcony and was hoping to get some type of antenna up but the whole building is under renovation and it may be spring before she can use her balcony.

Jeanne has new wheels. A 2013 Chevrolet Spark and it's a denim metallic blue. The only one in Burlington so will be able to find it easily in the parking lots. She has had another warm week but the leaves are starting to turn outside her living room window.

Had a phone call this week from Minnie, VE3DBQ, and her brother Dave, VO1TK, has passed away. He was a great supporter of CLARA and participated in the contests and provided PINS for one of our Gala contests.

My son and a co-worker went to the storage unit we have last night and brought me winter clothes, boots and some kitchen stuff so won't be lacking of anything to do this week! I am returning to doing Meals on Wheels this Friday and this is my 18th year..

33s Jeanne

As some of you know, I had cataract surgery Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Everything turned out fantastic. As of this writing, I still have a wee bit of double vision, and I need to get new glasses, as the left lens does me no good at all. Not sure when they will be doing the other eye, so will just have to be patient. Gosh it will be nice to be able to see properly once again.

Told the doctor that I really didn't care if I still had to wear glasses, just as long as I could get rid of the prisms that are built into the lenses. Thank you to all who had me on their prayer lists-I greatly appreciate it. I can always use the prayers.

Our summer here started off quite bad. Harv and I went camping and were having a great time. Came home after a week, for the day, just to see if there were any bills to be paid and to water our potatoes (David our son does not have a green thumb) so they had not been watered. Instead of doing the potatoes, we ended up taking him [Harv] to hospital, where they gave him 2 large bags of fluid and they said he was just dehydrated.

Later Sunday night we went back to the campground. Spent another week and decided to come home early after a phone call from our son. To make a very long story short, he was admitted to hospital 1 more time here in Moose Jaw and then 3 more times in Regina, an hour's drive away. He has finally been diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, now under control with medication and is doing much, much better. So we lost 6 weeks of good weather in which to get summer chores done. I ended up painting the fence and a lot of it in 90F degree weather; I would not recommend that to anyone.

So we are hoping for a very long spell of dry and good temperatures so that we can finish up all the things that we did not get done earlier.

The one and most important thing that we did get done was I now have a new 20M Loop Antenna that is facing SE, and Marte, KOEPE can hear me now. Sure hope the other girls can too. Thank you to all who have put me on the Prayer Lists, I greatly appreciate it. You are all also included in my prayers. God Bless Everyone, and we will be chatting again soon.

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Vai, VE5AQ

## *VX. CaUuwn/*

Dear YL friends,

I hope you all had a great summer and now a beautiful fall with all its color. Many of you will have snow when you read this and I heard they predict a cold winter, so bundle up.

This is a good time to sit at the radio and find friends and work many countries. I got a new one the other day, ZS8Z and hope to work XROZR in November and also T33A as Ann, WA1A will be on that expedition.

I attended the SYLRA meeting in Roskilde Denmark and it was a wonderful get together well planned by Inger, OZ7AGR and Bjarne, OZ2UV. First day afternoon meeting at hotel Prindsen we got our red T-shirts and then on a bus to Inger and Bjarne's house on the beach where we met the Major who wished us welcome over a glass of champagne. The best of all was the weather sunny and warm; we could have swum in the ocean. Then to Inger and Bjarne's home for a dinner all set up in their garden. We were 60 attending, 40 YLs and 20 OM from 15 countries could have been an international meet.

Next day Kenneth, OZ1IKY presented Clipperton Island an expedition he was on and I am amazed over all that work and money they spend, so we get to work the Island. It is important to help them out with some money for that QSL card. (*True words, Rose-Marie! I always try to send green stamps or IRCs when working DX.*) -Ed.

Then we had our YL meeting, talked of next SYLRA meeting in two years in Iceland and the International meeting 2014 also in Iceland 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>/15 of May 2014 in Reykjavik. Check on <http://iyl.ritmal.is> there website for more information. They are planning some wonderful trips to see the southern part of Iceland waterfall and Eyjafjallajokull glacier erupted 2010 that closed airport all over the world. To walk on a black beach will also be possible.

Gala dinner followed with music, dancing and games a fun evening and we all felt young.

Saturday sightseeing Roskilde Cathedral where all Denmark's Kings and Queens are buried and the church was built over 100 years in the 1100.

The Viking museum was by the water Roskilde Fjord and you could take a ride in a Viking boat. We got on a steamer and sailed in the fjord with beautiful views and sunshine.

Sunday we parted and I am so happy to have met many friends I know and many I got to know and now have a face to the voice on the radio. Some pictures follows.

On our way to Sweden, we visit the famous modern art museum Louisiana on the coast of Denmark where YOKO ONO had her Half a Wind show which I didn't get much out of. The setting of this museum is beautiful by the water and the weather was sunshine.

My visit home to my 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion was wonderful, twenty-nine nurses and we all remembered the good time we had together at school. We have met every five years, and now as we gotten so much older, we are going to meet every two years. I plan on going.

We welcome a new DX-YL member into YLRL, Bambi, VK4PYL, sponsored by Lois, WB3EFQ. This is what she wrote about herself.

Bambi was living in Japan when a friend introduced her to Amateur Radio. There were many restrictions there; one being then, that no non-Japanese nationals could obtain a license. So she observed her friends contacts, listened to shortwave broadcasts and even decoded RTTY transmissions.



*Bambi, VK4PYL*

Then she became busy with her career and thoughts of Amateur Radio were put aside as often happens.

Fast forward a few years and with the slow economic situation, and therefore less work, Bambi looked at Amateur Radio again." Finding out that Morse was no longer a requirement was the clincher and I started my study"she says. She took the Foundation exam on ANZAC Day (April 25) 2013. "I was a little disappointed-I got one of the Theory questions wrong resulting in 96% and not the 100% I had hoped for" she says with a smile. She passed the Standard Exam on July 1st 2013 and is currently studying the advanced syllabus and may have taken the exam when this is published.

Based in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia she is now looking at setting up her station, and is researching all the restrictions with the city council regarding that.

"I was surprised that many of the equipment models currently available have actually been on the market for many years. I guess the numbers of sales don't require the near weekly advances in models we see in other equipment (Mobile phones. Cameras etc.)".

Her interests other than Amateur Radio are travelling. Photography and for recreation she scuba dives. She is the organizer of a meet up group in Brisbane called "Ladies Chill out and Chatter" where some of the over 880 members get together nearly weekly. "In 2009 the group was made so that we, as women, have an opportunity to share our beautiful selves with each other. To sit and chat about our careers, hobbies, talents, dreams and desires. It's time for us to just be women and enjoy being who we are. Nobody is there to judge or comment or impress. While men need their time... so do we,"she relates.

"I hope to meet, in person or on air, some of the lovely ladies of YLRL and I look forward to being an active member and contribute in any way that might be useful. My talents are with photography. Video, Web Page and Print design. Thank you for allowing me to join the League

Bambi, VK4PYL

Bambi is putting up a tower see picture and note we are attracting young ladies. Well-done Bambi. This is the news I have don't forget to send news; I look forward hearing from you.

I wish you all Happy and healthy New Year 2014.

Good DXing,

Rose-Marie, KB4RM

## *Website Report from Webmaster Val, VE5AQ*

Your website has had a major make over and went live on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Yvonne and I had to redo it due to some idiotic person, who has brains but decided to use them for bad things instead of good.

Our server in South Africa got hit. It wasn't only our site and the CLARA site but all of the businesses that Dirk has on the servers, a lot of whom are Yvonne's clients. So we have upgraded and hopefully are now good for a few more years. We really hope that you enjoy the site and please send us your stories or photos so we can share with all the other girls.

Vai, VE5AQ

## **YL News from Kosovo**

Vjollca Belegu, Z61VB (ex-YU8AW), is SHRAK's vice president. She headed the license preparation program.

The equipment Laine used was given September 16 to Vjollca Belegu, Z61VB (ex-YU8AW), and she is expected to be the first female licensee active from the fledgling republic.

Other licensees who had been active years ago using YU8 prefixes when Kosovo was still a part of Yugoslavia, have adopted Z6 prefix call signs, often using their former YU8 suffixes. Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia in 2008.

## OZ6SYL on the air

The group of SYLRA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs) meets every two years in each case in another Scandinavian country. The meetings are always an occasion to be activated a special call sign. In 2005 in Reykjavik was it TF3SYL, in 2007 in Ostersund 8S3SYL and in 2009 in Oslo LA1SYL. Now was the meeting from 22<sup>nd</sup> till 25 \* August 2013 in Roskilde celebrated - the ten years anniversary of SYLRA.

At the conference hotel Prindsen a remote station was installed. Transceiver IC-7100 (ICOMs novelty of the HAM Radio in Friedrichshafen), power amplifier and antennas stood 30 km away near Ringsted. In a room of the hotel were only the operating device with a touchscreen display and the Internet access. Joana, DJ5YL, Linda, G0AJJ, and Marita, OH5KIZ, have used this radio in SSB and Rosel, DL3KWR, in CW. No one of the YLs had used never before a remote station. Thus irritated at first the effect of echo which results from the small time delay by the signal transference to the transmitter and back. In the short available time came off at least 48 QSOs in CW and 54 QSOs in SSB.

After the meeting Rosel, DL3KWR, has activated OZ6SYL two weeks more in the holiday-QTH near Faxø on Sjælland. The equipment: IC-7000, tuner AH-4 and 9 m of vertical aerial (DX-Wire) and her result: more than 1000 CW-QSOs and some in SSB. Altogether was the OZ6SYL activity very successful with a total of 1121 QSOs with 981 OPs (under it 41 YLs) from 48 countries in the log. This special call would heard in 39 European countries and in the DX countries 4K-4L-4X-7X-EA8-JA-RAas-VU-W.

Call sign owner and manager of OZ6SYL is Inger, OZ7AGR. All QSOs are with eQSL.cc uploaded. The paper-QSLs are brought at the end of September via office to the dispatch.



*Rosel operating OZ6SYL*

Rosel Zenker, DL3KWR

## Speaking to the YLs

From Anne, WB1ARU the word is getting out.

"I thought you would like to read the nice note that I received from the OM who was the control op for 3 YLs on the net last night!"

Thanks Anne for the fine QSO with the YL's at our club meeting. These YLs were very impressed that there are such groups as yours on Amateur Radio. I want to thank all of the net for their graciousness this evening. I think we will have a few more hams that may be joining your group.

Macy is already licensed as a new member of Ham radio. She got her ticket after taking our club class. She is a very sweet young lady I believe she is 16 years old.

We had 18 young people from a high school class take the class and all passed the exam. I was very impressed with their ability. The other YLs were her friends and are interested in getting their ticket also.

The club station is at the Fire Station #3 in Mansfield Texas. This is our EOC. We had 42 attend to nights meeting. Our club is very active in emergency communications. We are very pleased to have such a great group of Young people interested in our activities.

Our group has participated in many of the tornado events we have been besieged with this year. Hurricanes in the last few years and the City of WEST that had the fertilizer explosion. The list goes on and on. We have many certified FEMA personal and certified Storm spotters.

Again I want to take this opportunity to thank every on the net tonight for their help in making this a pleasurable evening for our group of aspiring YLs.

Gary, WA5FWC-Club Treasurer



## Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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Hello: I would like to inform you that I will soon be working on getting the YLRL 2014 scholarship drive organized.

I plan to start mailing tickets after the Holidays and have tickets mailed to all YLRL members by the end of January.

The prize will again be "money".  
1st \$300  
2nd \$250  
3rd \$150

You should all be so proud of how you have been able to help the young YLs further their education. I know you will continue to do so by making the 2014 scholarship drive a success.

Marte, KOEPE

*Don't forget to check the meter starting next issue to see what you have helped raise for the scholarships. Remember we give out two a year and no dues are used to fund them.*

### Corrections & Changes

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

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

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Email changes:

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## Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

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*It will be facinating to see whose Memberships have anniversaries during the YLRL 75th year!  
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