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President's Info

De Doshia ICretke, KB0NAS



Two years has ended. That is the term of the YLRL presidency.

It has been my honor to be your president. This has been a very difficult letter to write, partly because I haven't gotten done half the things I intended to. Life just keeps happening around us, and sometimes it throws a monkey wrench in plans.

I had a great suggestion from Vai, KH6QI. Vai has been a ham for a long time, with a career in telecommunications. She told me that over the years she had had many epiphanies, and received many great suggestions about ways to do things, both within the realm of radio and without. She suggested that the Harmonics carry a column of suggestions from the field, kind of mentoring from afar. This is the kind of thing that can happen only if you, the readers, send them in. Do you have a favorite trick for remembering something? For figuring out how to do something? What helped you get through the test for the next level? Share it! Alternatively, do you have a question? Ask it! Let's see if we can do that. Send them to me at I<B0NAS@ARRL.net

An ongoing issue for the YLRL, as every volunteer-run organization, is the fact that women in this world are very busy. I urge all of you to let your district chairs know what you are up to, what is happening in your area, and what you are interested in. It is the only way they can know. Face it; we don't have time to be busy bodies!

The YLRL convention happens about three times a decade. It is coming up this summer, marking our 75* anniversary. It will be in Washington State (see details on the web page, www.ylrl.org.) I'm really looking forward to seeing people there.

Speaking of the web site, check it out if you haven't recently. Our webmistresses are doing a great job of putting in new things all the time. You can also find your renewal documents there. Please do that promptly, if you have not yet, 2014 is here already!

(Thanks for the reminder, Doshia! Not everyone may know that we need you to update your information timely... and sometimes we don't realize we forgot to notify someone. Also we need certain information such as ARRL member to prove our Affiliation. In other cases, we would love to hear about upgrades and new hams in the family so we can say "Congratulations!". There are a number of reasons we ask for the forms to be partially filled out each year. -Ed.)

And thank you to everyone for your support and mentoring of me!

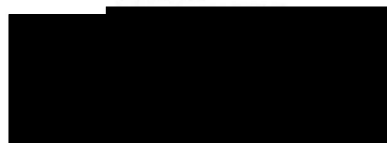
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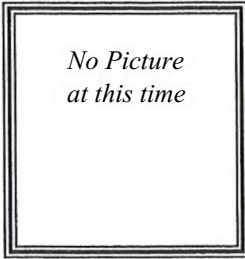
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De Linda Metz, KC8PKY

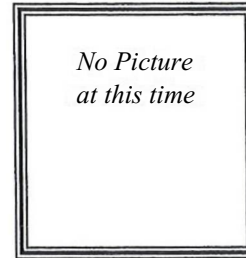




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de Open Position**



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de Diane Ortiz, K2DO**



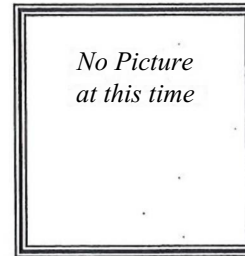
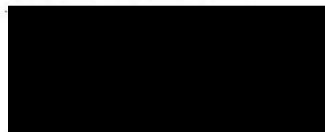
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de Open Position**



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



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



**District Six News
de Open Position**



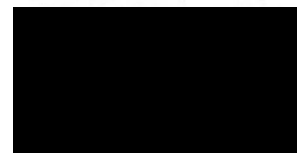
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de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI**



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



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





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de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS**

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de Marilyn Melhorn,
AF7BI**

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de Caroline Stanley,
KE5WEK**

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de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM**

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

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& VE Carol Laferty, K4SAF**

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New YLRL Members
de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary

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New Members for January/February 2014

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 1

KC1ANA Anne Crump

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

Anne is a stay-at-home mom and holds a General license. She is active on 10,15, 20 & 40 m and enjoys DX. Her OM is W1CSI, Jim. She is a member of WRONE and YCCC.

DISTRICT 4

KK4CFE Elaine Stachowiak

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

Elaine holds a General license and found YLRL on line. She is a parts manager and a member of Butts Co. ARES.

DISTRICT 5

KF5WTU Hailey M. Byrd

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

Hailey is in 6th grade and holds a Technician license. She is active on 10 m. Hailey is part of a ham family including: N5WGE, Dad; brothers KE5MVV and KF5NYB; plus District 5 Chairman, KB5CSQ, BJ "Nannie" and KA5VFU, Ed "Papa".

DISTRICT 7

KE7UBB Vanessa McCoy

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

Vanessa holds a General license and is a member YL Harmonics January/February 2014

of Clark Co. ARC. She is an accountant and her OM is KE7UBF, Pat.

KE7HPW Lisa Bloomquist

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

Lisa holds a General license. She is a member of Clark Co. ARC and the PIO for the club. Family members include W7HGC, Larry and KE7HPY, Drew.

DISTRICT 8

KM8Q Karen Moak

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

Karen passed Morse code to get her Extra a few years ago. She enjoys DX, contesting and Field Day. She is a member of DARA. Family includes OM KM8AM, Ken and sons KD8DIW and KC8KEE. Check out her QRZ page for more information and QTH pictures.

DISTRICT 9

KB9DOS Kim Machamer

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

Kim holds her Extra license and is active on several nets as well as Skywarn. She enjoys Field Day and is a member of Ft. Wayne RC. Family members include OM KB9DOT, Jim; sister, KB9DEB, Debbie' and brother-in-law, W9BGJ, Brian.

KB9DEB Debbie Jenks

[Redacted]

Debbie holds a General license. She enjoys foxhunts and Field Day. She is active with Ft. Wayne RC and Skywarn. Her family includes OM W9BGJ, Brian; sister, KB9DOS, Kim; and brother-in-law, KB9DOT, Jim.

DISTRICT 10

KD0YGZ Kelley Klor

[Redacted]

Kelley recently received a Technician license. She is a stay-at-home mom who keeps busy with home schooling. KD0YHC, Ben is her OM. She learned about YLRL from YouTube.

KB9RLG Maria Carmer

[Redacted]

Maria holds a Technician license. Her OM is KB9RBF, Michael.

We welcome you as members of YLRL and hope to hear each of you on the air or meet you at a convention or Hamfest.

**Continuous Membership
de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ**

[Redacted]



Continuous Membership Certificate

The certificate for continuous membership is awarded only to YLRL members who have maintained continuous membership in the organization for five (5) years. Diamond-shaped stickers are then awarded for each additional five (5) years of **continuous** membership. Certificates are issued for 50 years and more.

Sylvia Soble W3SLF-Certificate #31 55 years (see note in 3rd District news)

Martha Edwards W6QYL-Certificate #32 60 years

Reminder! Continuous membership means continuous dues paid. When there is a lapse in dues, your membership starts over. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

If you have never been to a Convention, you may not know about Convention "Swaps". They started during the 4th International YLRL Convention. These "Swap Souvenirs" are something made especially for the convention. Gals exchange small items or cards often with their Callsign on them. Items can range from Country or State Postcards, pencils, handmade bookmarks and much, much more. Look in the next issue for a glimpse of some of the swap items in the past. Though not required, it is much more fun than just exchanging a QSL or eyeball QSL card to remember the event.

I WOLAT Thou[^]hty

If you have heard of a Silent Key, Please notify the Webmaster and Receiving Treasurers so that we can confirm it with our members. Often times it takes a while for the news to trickle down fully.

We are sad to report on the following Silent Keys:

Mattie Drye, K4CZP

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Mrs. Mattie E. Drye, 89, of Winston-Salem, N.C., passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2014, after an extended illness.

She was born June 22, 1924, in Salisbury, N.C., to the late Javie H. Eller and the late Fallie Carrick Eller. Mattie married and moved to Hampton, Va. after WWII.

In 1963, she began a successful career selling Tupperware and in 1980 moved to Winston-Salem, NC to open APEX Party Sales, a Tupperware distributorship that she managed with her husband until their retirement in 1991.

Mattie's hobbies included gardening, bird watching, baking, reading, and amateur (ham) radio. She was an active member of the Young Ladies Radio League for over 50 years and a member of the Vagabonds, a local amateur radio club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Drye, Sr.; siblings, Vergie Morgan, John Eller, Margie Drye, and Javie Eller.

She is survived by her sisters, Cora Ogle of Hampton, Va., and Frankie Puckett of Hampton, VA.; her four sons, David Drye of Hampton, VA., Jerry Drye and wife, Amn of Vienna, Va., Thomas Drye and wife, Linda of Williamsburg, VA., and Timothy Drye and wife, Wadet of Winston Salem, N.C.; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Arbor Acres Annual Fund, 1240 Arbor Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. The family wishes to thank the staff of Arbor Acres for the care, love and support given to Mattie at the Fitzgerald Center.

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- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailypress/obituary.aspx?n=mattie-eller-drye&pid=169292869&fhid=5469#sthash.UsZcJOAJ.dpuf>

Dorothy "Dottie" Thomposon, W7PBR

From John Goff Jr K5PBR: I am Dorothy Thompson W7PBR husband ... I come to you with a very deeply saddened heart that my wife passed away on 28 December 2013.

My beloved wife was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on 07 January 2014. Dottie (as she liked to be called) loved everyone she came in contact with. My beloved wife was the «best» that ever happened to me and I will miss her tremendously.

She was involved in a lot of things throughout the community: Bexar County ARES, ARRL, and W5YI Volunteer Examiner, Atascosta County Amateur Radio Club, and CERT - just to name a few tilings she involved me in ... lol... Again, please pray for my beloved wife Dottie. I will always love her.

DORTHY THOMPSON W7PBR SK ... dit dit

Sincerely, John Goff Jr K5PBR dit dit

Both **Irma Webber, K6KC** and **Marcia Rast, IC6DLL**, were listed as Silent Keys in the February issue of QST.

I am the OM of **Jackie M0CUR** who I'm sorry to inform you she became silent key on the 4th July. I thought all the clubs had been informed but somehow some have been forgotten.

BYLARA have kindly agreed for me to carry on Jackie's work as BYLARA

Secretary and I was wondering if there's any possibility of still being able to receive the YL-Harmonics as it would be helpful knowing what's going on in other clubs.

73s

Pete, G4LKW

(Jackie's Sponsor Barb, KA3VXR has graciously agree to sponsor Pete as a Subscriber in Jackie's place. The YLRL is glad to have Pete with us still. -Ed.)



Certificate Custodian
WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL. DX-YL



YLRL Certificates for 2013 ...

The biggest news every year is who finished the annual certificate. For 2013 the Annual Certificate was the Favorite Food Certificate where YL's exchanged their favorite food choice. Those who successfully finished this award were ...

Cert#	F. Name	L. Name	Callsign	Date	QTH
1	Rose-Marie	Battig	KB4RM	4/22/2013	VA
2	Suzanne	Snape	VE7IM	11/21/2013	CANADA
3	Heather	Holmes	VE3HQH	7/12/2013	CANADA
4	Christine	Dons	GM4YMM	7/25/2013	SCOTLAND
5	Joanne	Hurney	KC2QGH	12/31/2013	NJ
6	Christa	Elksnat	DJ1TE	12/31/2013	GERMANY
7	Linda	Harvey	VE1QT	12/31/2013	CANADA

Then on to the regular awards which you can work on anytime and any year. Many people takes years to finish one award. Others finish them pretty quickly. Those achieving these awards in 2013 were ...

Grandmother Certificate

Cert.#4	Rose-Marie	Battig	KB4RM	2/17/2013	Virginia
Cert.#5	Christine	Dons	GM4yMM	12/30/2013	Scotland

YLCC Certificate

1121	Hajime Tanaka		JR8UKI		12/31/2013	
YL-WAC	1522	DL1JFM Karl	Major	CS	Germany	12/31/13
YL-WAS	1002	KS2YL	Nancy L.	Bob	USA-NY	02/15/13

Upgrade stickers for previously achieved Certificates ...

YLCC

- Gary Crane W4AVY Sticker for reaching 300 YL contacts
- Nancy L. Bob KS2YL Stickers for reaching 150 and 200 YL contacts
- Kurt Bindschedler HB9MX Sticker for reaching 2100 YL contacts

YL-DX

- Nancy Bob Stickers for 19 upgrades (that's 190 contacts)

That's it for the 2013 year. Thanks to everyone who participated. Hope to see a lot more in 2014.

**Check the center section under tear out for all the news on the 2014 Hobby
YL Friendship Award!**

Vb&rCctl Open Position

Hello to all and Happy New Year. By the time you are reading this, hopefully, the worst of the winter will be over. As I write this, we are having a rough winter here in Maine, we just got through with an ice storm, which put thousands in the dark over the Christmas holidays. The heavy coating of ice brought down our cubical quad antenna, so there will be little or no DXing for us this winter.

On a pleasanter note, the Women Radio Operators of New England (WRONE) held its November luncheon meeting at O'Connor's Restaurant in Worcester, MA. As always, it was a great event. Everyone enjoyed the food and the company. There were a total of 11 attendees.

An active public service ham, Niece Haynes, KA1ULN, helped provide emergency communications for the "Feaster Five" race in Andover, MA over the Thanksgiving holiday. This race attracts runners and walkers from all over the world. This year, there were over 10,900 runners. There are two routes. The first route is 5 miles, walk or run, and the second is from 100 yards to 400 yards, walk or run. Proceeds from the event help to support many charities.

Again, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope to be able to report lots of interesting news from New England during the year.

33 from Bobbie, W1JX

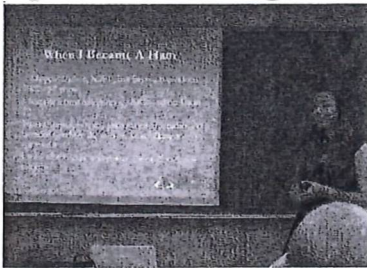
bertdon@roadrunner.com

V tetr Let 2

Diane Ortiz, I<2DO has volunteered to be the new District 2 Chairwoman. She has been very active not only in Amateur Radio, but especially with the YLs for many years. Look for more about her in the next issue! Meanwhile she had this to report.

Member, Georgia Belmont, NY2GB (*1 love the callsign! -Ed.*) was part of the Youth Forum at Ham Radio University held on Sunday, January 5, 2014 in Bethpage, Long Island.

More than 300 people attended the event, celebrating its 15th anniversary. Ham Radio University is all about spreading ham radio knowledge and know how. We call it "A day of education to share ideas experiences, knowledge and fellowship among Amateur Radio operators."



Georgia, NY2GB

A snowy antenna at Diane's



Ham Radio University

I've been on the HRU committee since its inception and take care of the "front door" and also gave a forum "The Best Tips, Tricks and Techniques of Amateur Radio Operators" which is an interactive, learner-centered forum that is always well received, <http://www.hamradiouniversity.org>.

Welcome Diane and to those of you in District 2-don't forget to send her YOUR news!

hmyl@aol.com

District 3 Open/ Portion/

Greetings from PA where once again we are in the midst of the "Arctic Vortex" Quite frankly, I have had enough of winter but what can we do. Just think about the warmer days to come, especially come August when we will share the warmth of our YL friends in Vancouver. I hope many of you are planning on coming to the 75th Anniversary of YLRL.

YL Harmonics January /February 2014

Something that arrived in my mail the other day certainly warmed my day. My other "hat" is that of Continuous Membership Chair and it was my pleasure to send a certificate for 55 Years of membership to Sylvia Soble W3SLF. She responded with a very sweet letter and I want to share some of her comments. I had the pleasure of meeting Sylvia many years ago when the PJ-YL's was an active club. She writes " what a wonderful gift I received in the mail yesterday - thanks to you and YLRL. It put tears in my eyes and a happy smile across my face." She goes on to say that she is no longer on air but enjoys reading the Harmonics and looks forward to it coming. She has been a ham for over 60 years and helped to create the Penn Jersey YL's Club. She is now 91 years young.

I also enjoyed a radio club Christmas Party where I got to renew contact with Barb KA3VXR. I was able to help her out with a project for 5 of her grandchildren. Barb has made flannel rag quilts for all of her grandkids and that includes 29 grandkids with one more due in August and 2 great grandkids. Right now Barb is laid up with a broken ankle. She had to cancel a trip to Italy in March because of the darn ice.

OI< all you 3rd District gals, how about sending me some news for the next issue. My e-mail is wb3efq@atlanticbb.net. I would really appreciate your input.

District 4

Greetings ladies:

I trust everyone had a good Christmas holiday and I send everyone my very best wishes for a healthy and happy 2014. I do hope that you are all managing to stay warm these days, as the weather seems to be frigid in most of the US. Last night we had 34 degrees here in Florida; our poor plants needed blankets to keep from freezing! There was a frost on the lawn this morning when I took tire " girls " (our 3 dogs) out for their walk.

Well ladies, only one gal responded to my call for news; so this will be a short column this time. Please keep our member Dorothy Beam K4PPS in your thoughts and prayers. Dorothy shared that she had had breast cancer several years ago and had a lumpectomy with good results. However, the cancer came back recently in the other breast and this time they couldn't get it with a lumpectomy. She is recovering from a double mastectomy and (according to her last report) doing well. Dot reports that she is also trying to stay warm in Ellijay GA where the temps are cold- COLD and Cold! You are in our prayers Dot!

Ladies, I hope you are able to GOTA (Get on the Air). I have been on 20 meters a bit on Mon, Wed and Fridays. I checked into our YLRL net on a Thursday night awhile back and there were a few gals on sharing hospitality and news.

I hope to attend the Orlando HamCation on February 7,8 and 9. I missed it last year, so hope to enjoy at least one day there this year.

I would like to remind you (if you haven't already) to PLEASE re-new your YLRL membership; it is that time of year again.

Also, I am hoping someone would please come forward and volunteer to take the District 4 Chair-person position. It is not a difficult job, Ladies. Bi-monthly columns for the Harmonics are a major part of the position. PLEASE consider stepping up and volunteering for the job!

I wish you all a warmer New Year and

73/33 Joan W4JMJ

ps. here is a pic of our 3 hooligans Sophia, Daisy and Gigi

nyjjfl@gmail.com



Sophia, Daisy and Gigi!

District 5

Happy New Year!

Hope your 2014 started off with a bang ours did we held a Hooterville Shoot out at our house January 4th for local ham friends, Hooterville is the large field by our house also known as the Great Southern DX contest location. We had fireworks and sparklers for the kids and large beautiful fireworks for the adults and kids to enjoy. It was very cold that night so many enjoyed sitting by the fire pit and visiting while others stayed inside the building by the propane heaters and the food and their cup of hot chocolate.

The time to get on the radio is now the ARRL Centennial QSO Party W1AW is activity till the end of the year on all bands and modes plus extra point for working ARRL officials. You up load your log to LOTW and you are done great way to work WAS in a year. Check out the web page for more info <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>

If you are looking for something to do in March, plan to attend the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association 54th Delta Division Convention, March 14 - 15, 2014. This is a fun hamfest held in the Frog Capital of Rayne, LA and while you are there attend the YLRL forum on Saturday March 15th from 12:00 to 1:00. <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/index.htm>

Winnsboro, TX, KD5MD, Zenda

Since my year has been one of wild highs & extremely low lows, I don't know what I may have sent you this past year.

I'll start in January. On January 8th our oldest grandson presented us with twin great-grandsons, Benton & Garrison. My hubby had his chest popped out for some time about that. In April, the oldest step-granddaughter & her hubby adopted a lovely little girl, Emily. So now it is 5 great-grandsons & 1 great-granddaughter. I think she may get spoiled no end.

Then in late April, my dear sweet man became ill. On the 24th they told us he had glioblastoma of the brain. It was inoperable. Jim struggled only a few weeks & on the morning after his 77th birthday, he went to be with The Lord. That was May 14, 2013.

It was such a shock after being told for a year they could not find any cancer anywhere in his body to lose him so quickly. I am having trouble learning that after 57 years to do everything solo.

Thank The Lord we have 2 lovely daughters that have certainly done everything they could to help, sons-in-love that have stepped in to handle so much for me. I have been blessed that way.

Our youngest daughter decided that I should travel. So she set up a trip to New York City for herself, her 3 daughters & me in early November. It was cold in NYC for a gal from the South. All the cute clothes I took with me, no one saw. I was always bundled up in a heavy coat. It was a nice trip. We saw the sights, took in a great show, & tried to eat in every restaurant in the city.

Now it is the oldest daughter's turn to host me, it seems. I will be going to Oklahoma City for the Thanksgiving holidays. All my daughter's children will be there with all their little ones. It should be a grand Thanksgiving. That is if the ice & snow will clear off the roads so I can drive up there.

The past few days it has been cold here & wet. I do believe the drought is broken. I do not do cold weather well. I suppose that has a lot to do with getting older. Though I was in Taos, New Mexico in October & certainly enjoyed the light snow we got there. Maybe it is just the wet combined with the cold. I do not know how much rain we have received in the last 3 or 4 days, too lazy to hunt the gauge. I do know that the moisture is very welcome here after the dry summer.

Well, I pray you and may 2014 be kind to you. Please note my new email address forestzen@outlook.com

73, 88, Zenda

De Soto, TX, W5MWK, Joyce,

My OM Jim fell and broke his neck on Jan. 02, 2014. No radio news. Will let you know on the OM. He fell in a flat smooth parking lot. Do not know what caused the accident. He fell almost on the top of his head. Jim is home for now. Hope he can stay home.

Just received news that my daughter in law Benita does have cancer, they are setting up a plan of treatment. Thanks for the good wishes.
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Gulfport, MS, KF5WTU, Hailey,

I am enjoying my new hobby Amateur Radio got my license in August of 2013 and I worked my first DX station and that was cool. Joined the Southern Mississippi YL group where my grandmother lets me call the SMYL 2 meter net. Also joined the ARRL and YLRL and hope to upgrade my license to General over the summer months.

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

December 6 my Kenwood 2000 suddenly died while I was listening to a response on the local repeater. My first thought was that the OM had thrown a breaker switch to work on something. We learned that the power supply blew a fuse. We had no spares. The power supply is 18 years old and never gave us any trouble before. On my cell phone I called the ham I'd been talking to on the radio and he said, "Where did you go?" He offered me some fuses but he lives farther away than the store where we'd buy them. New fuses didn't work. So we took it to him.

About a week later we went to Amarillo, Texas to hear our daughter sing in her church's Christmas program. She had no solo, just part of the choir. We spent one night. December 211 got my power supply back. Works great.

A week later we went to Austin, Texas; a 7-hour drive. My second cousin and his wife were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. I tried a few repeaters along the way and some in Austin. I got some courtesy tones but no hams. There were almost 70 people at the anniversary party. I knew 8 of them. My OM and I walked around "The Oasis" near Austin. I've posted pictures on my Facebook of the artwork.

On the way home we stopped in Llano, Texas to visit a former neighbor and in Fort Worth to visit a cousin I hadn't seen in 45 years. We traveled 1,025 miles that weekend. The OM has been retired over 3 months now and still finds plenty to do on his own. Today, Jan 5 is the coldest day I remember in a long time. It was 1.5 degrees F here. That's one point five. I called CQ on 40M and got no response. Time to try again.

Beth

Gulfport, MS, KB5MZ, Southern Mississippi YL,

Held their annual Christmas Dinner at Bulls Restaurant in Long Beach, MS with 14 present where they introduced the 2014 Officers President - Betty (BJ), KB5CSQ; Vice President - Anna, KF5KDL; Secretary - Sue, AA5YL; and Treasurer - Karen, KA5EPR.

The group donated to their yearly charity \$150.00 to Hope Haven of Bay St Louis/ Waveland, MS area. This is a safe home for abused and neglected children. Award for Most YL dinners/meetings attended was a tie between Anna, KF5KDL and Sue, AA5YL. Karen, KA5EPR received award for most YL 2 meter net check-ins, Hailey, KF5WTU; Anna, KF5KDL; and Megin, K5IJ received awards for net control for the year 2013. The SMYL Web page has been updated and back up <http://smylar.org/>

I need to work some YL on the radio to finish up my YL WAS this is one of my New Year goals I only need a few states Colorado, Wyoming, Illinois, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Oregon, North Carolina and Louisiana. Finished my 2013 goal and received my ARRL DXCC certificate on RTTY. Yes - if any YL out there need YL on RTTY I will be glad to help you.

Thanks for sending me your news hope you all stay warm and well. Remember to get your YLRL dues in to Carol.

Betty (BJ) KB5CSQ

bettyjobyrd@aol.com



Hailey, KF5WTU shows off her certificates received.



Betty (BJ), KB5CSQ; Anna, KF5KDL; Sue, AA5YL; and Karen, KA5EPR

2014 YLRL FAVORITE HOBBY CERTIFICATE RULES

The 2014 YLRL certificate will be called the **2014 YLRL FAVORITE HOBBY CERTIFICATE!** Now I know you are all saying, "But we all have a common hobby ... Amateur Radio." Well, that is true and that is why you can NOT use Amateur Radio as your hobby. This certificate is for hobbies other than Amateur Radio. It can be anything you enjoy doing that isn't a paid job.

Here are the rules for this new award ...

1. You must pick a hobby outside of Amateur Radio. Any type of Amateur Radio is not usable. Nothing related to Amateur Radio can be used ... YLRL, PSK31, building radios, etc. are not acceptable.
2. Talk to YL's and tell each other what your favorite hobby (outside of Amateur Radio) is. If you don't have a favorite hobby, just choose a hobby that might be specific to your area or country. You have to be specific. Choose a hobby, not a category. In other words, saying "sports" or "crafts" is not good enough. You will need to specify what type of sports or crafts ... hockey, baseball, soccer, making dolls, sewing crafts, crochet, etc. will work fine.
3. You will need to collect 15 hobbies. All 15 hobbies must be different.
4. You will need one YL for each hobby. You can only use a hobby once. You can also only use a YL once.
5. All contacts must be made during the 2014 year (January 1 - December 31, 2014).
6. 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.
7. Favorite hobbies must be exchanged over the air. You can not e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite hobby.
8. Contacts may be made during nets only if the net control allows it.
9. Report the following for each contact:
Date, time, band, first name, QTH, FAVORITE HOBBY.
10. Send your list to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2015 to receive your certificate.
11. This certificate is available ONLY to YL's.
12. Applications may be submitted by e-mail (to: n8st@n8st.net) or snail mail (to: Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hamersville, OH 45130).

A few hints on the hobbies ...

1. Be specific in your choice of your favorite hobby. Choose something you think will be different.
2. You can't ask for a specific hobby, but you can ask the person to be more specific if they say "sports", "crafts", or something you think is too general. Saying something like "sewing clothes" is fine, but just "sewing" is not.
3. The hobby does NOT have to be something you are good at, just something you enjoy. For instance your hobby can be "watching baseball". You don't actually have to play baseball.

counted cross stitch

2014 YLRL FAVORITE HOBBY AWARD APPLICATION

NAME:

CALLSIGN:

ADDRESS:

YLRL MEMBER? (circle one) (YE) NO

HOBBIES

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

Thanks to Vai VE5AQ for the suggestion of using Hobbies.

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.

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We are beginning to receive registrations and are encouraged by the interest you have shown in the convention. Keep those registrations and questions coming. Be sure to register before April 12 to be eligible for the Early Bird prize drawing. We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver in August.

As you can imagine, planning a convention is a real adventure, and the Convention Committee is grateful for all of the wisdom and help we have received from the very beginning. As we have set things in motion the excitement grows and we hope that continues as you find out more about what will happen at the convention.

The Thursday evening social mentioned on the registration form will be held in the Hospitality Room. Everyone is welcome. Remember to come armed with your eyeball QSO items such as pens, pencils, coasters, or QSL cards, so you will have something to exchange with everyone you meet and receive something to remember them by. We are planning a radio station for the Hospitality Room so you will be able to get on the air from Vancouver.

The Friday Welcome Buffet is the meal at which we will celebrate the YLRL 75th Anniversary. We are exploring as many historical resources as we can to give the celebration the appropriate historical flavor. We chose a buffet so dinner will be available during a time range to give people returning from the tours time to refresh before dinner, but still keep it casual.

The Saturday YL-OM Banquet is the usual convention banquet, an opportunity to dress for dinner if you are inclined to do that. There will be the scholarship and prize drawings, and maybe a short speech.

The Sunday Farewell Breakfast Buffet will have a nice selection of food to send you on to the Alaska cruise or back home after the convention. The buffet will be available during a time range that we hope will accommodate your travel plans for the day, and give you a relaxed setting to say, "Farewell" to your friends new and old.

Contact Margaret, AE7MB, at ae7mb@arri.net with your cruise questions, and Barbara, AC7UH, at ac7uh@arri.net with other convention questions. If you are interested in helping at the registration desk contact Marilyn, AF7BI, at melhom.m@gmail.com to volunteer.



Don't forget the upcoming Dayton Hamvention®! Look for more information in the March/April issue to find out where the YLRL booth will be and the YL forum. It looks as if we may have an early Friday forum slot this year and if so, we will also go back to the "informal" forum in the cafeteria on Saturday so more YLs can join us! Hope to see you there!

In case you don't know about the French YL group, here's some current information. You will find the French YL NEWSLETTER of February here: www.ref-union.net/yys/en/newsletter-en

Besides, for those who wish it, you can participate in this event on March 8th, during the women's day: www.ref-union.net/yys/en/jdf-en

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^Sophie - F4DHQ



Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

The following donations were received:

In Memory of:

Brenda Hulbert (N5SFS) from TYLRUN (Texas YL Round Up Net)

Brenda Hulbert (N5SFS) from Linda Hynan

Thank you for your generous gifts.

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Tour registration may be found on tire Convention registration form. Tour registration closes on July 8. All tours must be reserved and pre-paid in advance. All afternoon tours will return in time for the scheduled evening dinners. For more details about the tours look for the tour descriptions on the YLRL web site <http://www.ylrl.org>

Friday, August 8, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Columbia River Gorge Waterfall Adventure**

The tour travels the Old Columbia River Gorge Highway to view the waterfalls, cliffs, valleys and scenery of the Columbia River Gorge, including Women's Forum State Park, Vista House at Crown Point, Multnomah Falls, Wahkeena Falls, and Horsetail Falls. Lunch is on your own at Charburger in Cascade Locks. \$39 / person.

Friday, August 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum & Wine tasting Adventure.** The tour travels southwest of Portland, OR, to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museums for a three hour visit of the museums that house the Spruce Goose, Howard Hughes "Flying Boat," vintage military, commercial, and private aircraft, as well as historic space travel artifacts and spacecraft. A sandwich lunch buffet at the museum is included in the tour price. Oregon wine country is on the return trip with a wine-tasting stop. \$86/ person.

Saturday, August 9, 9:00 a.m.--1:00 p.m. **OM Tour: USS Blueback & OMSI Adventure.** The tour destination is the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in Portland to explore the museum and tour the USS Blueback (SS581), the U.S. Navy's last non-nuclear submarine that appeared in the motion picture "The Hunt for Red October." Lunch is on your own at OMSI's restaurant. \$54.00/person.

Saturday, August 9, 2:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. **Ft Vancouver Nat'l Historic Site Adventure**UI he tour includes a drive through Vancouver's historic area and tour on your own through the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, the site of the Hudson's Bay Company operations along the Columbia River. The NHS is an on-going restoration project with many buildings open for viewing. As Ft Vancouver honors many of the senior passes, admission is not included in the price of the tour. \$34 /person.

Friday tour times were planned to allow attendance at the Friday Welcome dinner buffet. The Saturday Ft. Vancouver tour is flexible depending on how much time people want to spend at the fort. If an early return time is desired the group attending the tour may make that determination.

I simply cannot believe that the YLRL 2014 convention in Vancouver, WA, is just over 7 months away. We have made a good start and are looking forward to all of the fun ahead.

Deadlines to note: The **convention registration deadline is July 18**, but if you **register before April 12 you will be in the Early Bird prize drawing**. The **hotel registration deadline is July 16**. Remember to mention that you are part of the YLRL convention when registering. If you plan to fly into Portland International Airport remember to book the hotel's shuttle at the time you register. The **tour registration deadline is July 8**. Check out the Friday and Saturday tour information in YL *Harmonics* and on the YLRL.org website. Depending on the tour you choose you will see scenery or enjoy wine for which this area is famous, or visit the site of the Hudson's Bay Company fur trading outpost on the Columbia River.

This convention is the YLRL 75th anniversary celebration. In addition to the shirts, mugs, and pins that acknowledge the anniversary, we're planning the Friday evening Welcome Buffet to be the event that recognizes the 75th anniversary. The meal is a buffet so people on the tours will have time to bounce back after returning from the tours before going to dinner. We hope to add a historical touch to the event.

The latest Alaska cruise report from Margaret, AE7MB, is that "We still have cabins available for the cruise to Alaska. Call Sherrie at 360-667-0104 or email s.wilson@community-travel.com and tell her you are a member of YLRL and she will make sure that you get the proper amenities.

For more information see the YLRL website or contact Margaret at AE7MB@arri.net

Thanks to all who have expressed interest in the convention and the cruise. It is not too late to contact Barbara, AC7UH, at ac7uh@arri.net or Margaret, AE7MB, at ae7mb@arri.net if you have questions.

Join Us On An After Convention Cruise to Southeast Alaska

We will sail on the beautiful Grand Princess from Seattle on August 10 and return on August 17.



While on the cruise xvc will visit Ketchikan



the Sawyer Glaciers,



Juneau



Skagway and Victoria



For more information check out the YLRL website (<http://www.ylrl.org/index.php/fun-at-convention-2014>) or contact* Margaret Hardwick at mahardwick@earthlink.net

There is no deadline for booking the cruise, but the earlier you book, the better cabin choice you will have and the better chance you will have for a no-fee upgrade. The final payment date is May 27, 2014, so any bookings on or after that date will require the entire cruise fee at the time of booking.

To make reservations contact Sherrie at s.wilson@community-travel.com or call (360)667-0104 and tell her you are part of YLRL.

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District 6 open position

In the inimitable words of Carol Burnett, "I'm so glad we've had this time together..." As I step down as the Chairwoman of District 6 and hand the reins over to another capable YL, I have only good memories of the wonderful hobby we share, and the commitment we make to stay connected through it.

I have never found goodbyes easy, even under the most positive of circumstances, so this will be short and sweet. When Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL recommended I step up for the DE6 Chairwoman, she emphasized the importance of finding news from the DE6 community to highlight; I have strived to do that over the last four years, and I hope I have succeeded.

I have enjoyed welcoming new members, hearing about how one member transcribes the DE6 column for her blind Ham friend, and following your growth as you discover Events, Hamfests, or a new mode to play around with. I have delighted as members make the leap from Technician, to General, to Extra! Most of all I have enjoyed the new people I have met on-air and online through this chairmanship and the different modes and ways that YLs support the hobby and support each other.

I want to give a special thanks to Donna Hinshaw, AG6V; Carol Milazzo, KP4MD; Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL; Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL; Clara Woll, KJ6CNO; and other YLs who contributed news and information about the experiences and Ham happenings in your parts. It made my duties so much easier to perform. I also want to thank our Harmonics editor Cheryl Muhr N0WBV for keeping information flowing about YLRL Conventions and the Dayton Hamfest. Probably my biggest regret is that I was not able to get to either one of these over the years—I'll make it one day—if s on tire bucket list!

Happy New Year and I do hope to keep connecting with you here, there, or on the air!

33 & 73,

Jennifer Oliver O'Connell, KI6OIL

District 7

Hi All! Good to get connected again. I hope you all had a great Christmas and things are starting to settle again. I also hope your winter isn't getting too bad. According to the weather reports the NW isn't nearly as bad as the mid west or the east coast. So it's nice living here in the NW.

Our Christmas was a lot of fun. We did ours on Dec 29th to make things easier on extended family. This way everyone was there. We're very lucky to have everyone close enough to make it easy for us all to get together regularly. With our Christmas came a small birthday party for our son, who was born on Jan 1. I made ice cream cakes for everyone. We have allergies in our extended family, our daughter in law has celiac and is also allergic to eggs and all dairy. So I decided I was going to make her an ice cream cake that she can eat. The crust I made gluten and dairy free and then I used sorbet for the ice cream. She loved it. I enjoy experimenting for her.

We spent most of November in California. I was at my parents' house for a week, then Dan, KF7BHM, my OM, and I spent a week in San Diego, and then we went to Disneyland with our son and his family. It was a great time.

Our Thanksgiving was on Halloween so we all could get together before the trip. One interesting part of the trip, Dan, KF7BHM, spent the whole day on the Midway in San Diego Harbor. He had wanted to go see it for years and finally got to. He had a ball. He spent a lot of time in the radio room asking lots of questions about how sending and receiving messages were accomplished and when he came back to the hotel he had lots to tell me. I'm just glad he finally got to see it.

The YLRL Convention planning is coming along very well. We're starting to meet monthly now so we get everything accomplished that we want to do. Between the meals, the meetings, the tours and the hotel there will be lots to do and much to learn. I know you'll have a great time.

Be sure and go on the YLRL website and get the form, fill it out and mail it in. Getting them in early makes things easier for us.

Also don't forget about the cruise after the convention. I've heard all about it and it's supposed to be beautiful. I know we'll all have a great time there too. What a trip- a convention and a cruise, all with YLRLYLs!!

Our club, Clark County Amateur Radio Club, in SW Washington, is having their Installation Banquet coming up Feb 7. We had Lisa Bloomquist, KE7HPW, as president in 2013. We also had as vice president and soon to be installed as president for 2014, Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB. There are two YLs in a row for president. Quite impressive I would say. These two women are active and dedicated amateur radio operators. They're both a joy to know.

I hope you're all able to get on the radio and make some connections. I also hope you're having a nice winter and are able to get all the indoor things done you've been waiting to do!

Enjoy the season, 33, Marilyn, AF7BI

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V strict 8

Hello everyone, weather in most of the Midwest states here in 8-land continue to be cold and snowy. Can't wait for winter to be over.

Other news: Even though the Buckeye Belles officially disbanded a couple of years ago, Susie Scott, N8CGM continues to publish an electronic newsletter every other month. If you want to receive the newsletter or want to contribute news, send an email to Susie at n8cgm@arrrl.net.

The following news came from the Burr: Sadly, 2 Buckeye Beaus have left their YLs & the rest of us since early September. First was Jim Wood, husband of last Belles president Annette KC8SQM, then in November Gerry Hamilton N8GRH, husband of Connie N8IO.

Connie, N8IO also wrote later on in the Burr: "I went to MD for Christmas at my daughter, Shelli's on the 23rd. On the 26th she will take me to Union Station in DC for an Amtrak trip to Boston where son Mark will meet me and take me to Maine for a week.

I'm looking forward to getting to know my 3 Great Grand Kids. Leyla is 4 and I have seen her once; Lawrence will be 2 in Feb, also seen once; and Austin 8 months I will see for the first time.

Also my Maid of Honor 59 years ago lives close and hope to see her too. Went to the 100th Anniversary of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club on Dec 14, which was a very nice evening. That was written up in the OH Section News. Thanks for all the prayers & cards since the death of my OM Gerry N8GRH in November."

Annette, KC8SQM; Dawn, KC8SQN; and I, Nancy, KC4IYD are all planning to attend the YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA. I'm trying to get Carol KI8IM also to attend.

Carolyn N8ST and I (along with Dawn KC8SQN and Annette KC8SQM) belong to the STARFLEET, the International Star Trek Fan Association correspondence chapter called the USS Jurassic. Several members of this chapter are also hams and this chapter also puts out a monthly newsletter called the Trekosaurus.

The following news from Carolyn, N8ST came from it: "Many of our activities that were planned for December were cancelled because of snow and cold, so we missed the annual Christmas party with the Grant Amateur Radio Club, as well as several other activities we look forward to in December every year."

I hope to email the members from 8 land so next issue we will have more news to report. Please email me at kc4iyd@yahoo.com and Annette KC8SQM at annettewood@oh.rr.com your news.

Nancy, KC4IYD

annettewood@oh.rr.com & kc4iyd@yahoo.com

District 9

You know. I'm always begging for news and this month I have some!! Linda, W9LAN wrote me that she is in playing in a 3v3 Soccer Tournament to help raise awareness and money for one of her teammates who has Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. She's a 58-year-old single mom with no insurance that says she's going to beat this.

Linda and her O.M., Steve, W9SAN, they videoed the 765 Steam Locomotive leaving Fort Wayne on it's excursion run; which it hasn't done in 20 years. She wrote "we were close enough to the tracks that our whole bodies shook as it passed us; we were only 10 feet from the tracks on Saturday and Sunday mornings. I ended up with soot in my hair. But, the expressions on the faces of the kids who were there was priceless!" (It is amazing how many Amateur Radio Operators are also very into trains both large and small. As one of them, I am envious Linda!) -Ed.

Recently, she was elected Secretary of their Villa Association Board in addition to being voted to the Board of the Fort Wayne Radio Club. I can attest to the fact that Linda is a busy lady.

She just reminded me that I was elected Vice President of the Fort Wayne Radio Club. The only position I have yet to hold is Treasurer and I don't want to do that!

From Anne, KC9UHH:

I just wanted to know how much I appreciate all the hard work that you and the other YLs put into those Harmonics newsletters. I'm a fairly new ham (licensed May 2011 @ age 58) and am enjoying my new hobby tremendously.

Besides the YLRLI am a member of our local ARES/RACES group, NEWDXA (Northeast WI DX Association), 10-10, Cobia Club (we operate on the mess deck of a submarine which is housed at our local Maritime museum), and SCARC (Sheboygan club in an adjacent county) - most of which would consider me an "active" member. While I'm a newbie at many aspects of ham radio, my enthusiasm has somewhat made up for the technical aspects I may be lacking.

I have a modest station with a G5RV-Jr in the backyard strung up with PVC pipe, but just made my 49/50 U.S. State QSO (where are you Alaska?) I've been catching quite a few of the YL nets on Thursday evenings and enjoy catching up with all of my newfound ham friends.

Great job - hope to meet you and my fellow YLs in person at some point. (Don't forget the Dayton Hamvention® has a YLRL table and YL forum! It is very close to Illinois!) -Ed.

33, 73, 88 Anne, KC9UHH

33, Carole, WB9RUS

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Hello District Ten Ladies!

Well, time has come again for voting and I will not be running for District 10 Chair; however, you have a great candidate in our (newly) past President-Doshia, KBONAS. She has kindly volunteered to take on the role. Make sure you send her news! We need to know what YOU are doing.

With the YLRL turning 75 years old, it is a great time to catch up with us and help celebrate! We would love to see you at a YLRL booth or forum and especially at the Convention in Washington State! Come explore the history of the past 75 years and let us know how you were involved.

Check out the center tear out section for your convention registration and also the Ballot for the next round of Officers! These positions are all volunteers and we need to thank these Ladies for stepping up to help us go on for another 75 years if we can. This is a wonderful hobby and the YLRL is glad to be a part of it.

Speaking of Hobbies, don't forget to check out the 2014 Friendship Award and think of a unique hobby you like to do. I already have mine and it probably won't be one that many other YLs have. HI HI The details are all in the center section under the tear out.

Ladies in the Parker, Colorado area can check out a newly forming Amateur Radio club in their area!

"Finally, an amateur radio group in our area - PARKER RADIO ASSOCIATION

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Need more information? Check us out:

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Web: parkerradio.wordpress.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/parkerradioassociation

Twitter: @ParkerCORadio

Wow, what a lot of ways to contact them! All they need to list now is a local frequency and time on the radio!

I have enjoyed being the DC10 columnist again while Doshia was President. Our Constitution and By-Laws state you can't hold multiple Officer positions at the same time. I am still continuing as Editor of YL-Harmonics and Publicity Chairwoman, so let me know if you need items to hand out at the local Hamfests or to new YLs!

Don't forget to send Doshia news! We love to hear from the District!

33&73

Cheryl, N0WBV

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Hello Lades and Happy Winter! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and now with the very cold weather you're able to do whatever you do in Alaska in the winter. I'm assuming most of those are indoor projects. How nice to be able to get some things done that you've wanted to do. I am assuming that also might be radio work! I bet this time of year is the time to spend on the radio. Hopefully you're able to make quite a few contacts. How nice!

I'm in the middle of an indoor project too. I just finished painting my closet and bathroom. Now I'm starting on the bedroom. After that we're going to lay some laminate flooring in the closet and bedroom. I can't wait to get it done. The bedroom is a medium blue now and I'm painting it a soft blue. With the new floor it's going to be gorgeous. It needs a new floor. The carpet has been in for many years. Time to update!

We have some fun plans coming up in a couple weeks. We're going to Hawaii. Our son and grandson and my OM, Dan, KF7BHM and I are all heading west for Oahu! Honolulu here I come! I've never been before. Dan was there when he was 3 years old. Kevin, our son, goes fairly regularly. I was surfing the web today to see what we can plan ahead to see and it's a good thing I did. Things are more expensive than we thought. So we're cancelling some of our plans and adding others.

I want to go see the memorial to the Arizona. So we went online and found out everything sells out months in advance. But some of the times there's one ticket available. Well, Dan doesn't care if he goes. He wants to see the submarine. So we bought the one ticket for me. I'm glad too; I really want to go see it. The other thing I want to see is the Iolani Palace. That's it for me. Anything else we do will be what the other 3 want to see. So it should be fun. And warm! I'll let you know how the trip goes in the next Harmonics.

Don't forget about the YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA in August 2014. All the information is in this Harmonics. It's going to be fun. Good people, good programs, good food, good tours, and good hotel. I sure hope some of you can make it. I'd love to meet some of our K7 YLs. And I'd like you to meet me too. So hopefully some of you can make it next August. Wow that's only 6 months away!

Barbara, AC7UH; Margaret, AE7MB; and I, AF7BI, are starting to meet monthly now to make sure we don't forget anything for this convention. As we get closer I know we'll be meeting more. We really want this to be a big success, and so far with a leader like Barbara, it will be. She crosses every 'T' and dots every 'I'. Don't forget too, this is YLRL's 75th birthday. So we're having a birthday party! Do try and come.

I hope you all get done whatever it is you have planned. And I hope you have a great winter season. Enjoy the white.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

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Hello, ladies, I trust you enjoyed your Christmas break and you are off to a good start for 2014. In this issue, I would like to highlight an ARRL contest specifically for students: School Club Roundup. This bi-annual contest targets students from kindergarten through college and encourages young people to hone their radio skills and practice contacting. In this article, I will cover the contest's objectives, rules, and awards.

In the first place, the contest aims to introduce young people to amateur radio and give them practice on the air. Similar to Field Day, School Club Roundup seeks to exchange QSO information with any class of stations, particularly school stations. As well, School Club Roundup teaches young operators how to overcome hurdles and mishaps in inclement weather and instructs them not only in rigging their equipment but also in repairing it. ARRL hosts the five-day event twice a year - in October and February - and stipulates, "A station may operate no more than 6 hours in a 24-hour period, and a maximum of 24 hours of the 107 hour event." The contest runs from 1300 UTC on a Monday to 2359 UTC on a Friday.

School Club Roundup also differentiates between individuals, clubs, and schools, allowing for students of any level to compete. Since competing groups choose one call sign for the operating period, all students, licensed or unlicensed, may participate as long as they are supervised by a licensed individual. Additionally, contestants may use all amateur bands with the exception of 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters. ARRL further specifies, "Repeaters are not to be used. Only recognized simplex frequencies may be used... the national calling frequency, 146.52 MHz, may not be used." Once the contests ends, stations must send in their results for tabulation.

After tallying the results, ARRL bestows an award certificate on the top three entries in each category - elementary, junior high, senior high, university, non-school club, and individual. With these categories in mind, virtually any student may participate, whether as a club member or simply as an individual participant. If you are searching for an additional contest to add to your records, or simply want to practice your radio skills, then you can participate in the next School Club Roundup on February 10-14, 2014.

For information about the SCR, email scr@limarc.org

Great reminders, Caroline! We need to get more Youth into Amateur Radio and the School Club Roundup is a wonderful introduction to what we do! -ED.

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VE Mewv

We are all very proud of Merle, VE1VCI, one of our YLRL members in Nova Scotia!

I was very happy to receive a note from her and to hear the good news that she has been awarded the Governor-General of Canada's Caring Canadian Award for Volunteer Community Service in her area of Nova Scotia. A great honor and well deserved. Merle has worked for and supported her community for well over 70 years and her efforts have been much appreciated. Our congratulations. Merle, we are all very proud of you.

Another year has come to a close and a new one is starting. This year we have the convention in Vancouver; Washington in August and I am looking forward to meeting many of you there. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year will bring you much happiness and good health. 33
Suzanne

Merle, VC1VCI, writes: Amateur Radio News: I hope to get back on my 440 on a regular basis soon. I am always upset with conditions on Monday's 80M Net with CLARA. Tuesday's with Helen, VA1YL, is excellent on 40M. Rose-Marie's YL-DX Net on Monday is very good on 20M - not so good on .15M. Will try to be on most of the time. My legs are very uncertain on the stairs. No hope of moving equipment upstairs. My greatest joy is still taking folks downstairs to try out my code keyer. The young folks love it. The Rowing Club members had a ball with it. A lost art but still exciting...

Her Busy Birthday Summer News: The busy summer is behind us and it is a bit of a relief. I was nervous that something would happen with so many around in August-56 of us all told. It started off with 25 of them taking part in a golf day. Five sons so five teams with 4 on each team.



Merle and her 5 sons.

That night we all gathered at son Lloyd's log house here at Lochaber for a BBQ and awards from the golf day given out. That was on August 1st. August 2nd was Family Day. That was my 90th birthday and the "Book" was presented to the

guest of honor (*Merle*) and a copy given to all members of the family. This was very special, of course, and I cried.

The day was spent playing competition games - five teams, again, with each team having a different colored ribbon on their wrist. Games included wheelbarrow race, a war using soft dart guns, a chocolate pie-eating contest (lots of whipped cream!!). Crokinole, Yatzee and Cribbage in the Community Hall where we had a wonderful meal put on by the family - Carrot Birthday Cake decorated with sparkles and my RCAF radio insignia. The family T-Shirts had an insignia showing a sewing machine, strawberries, Christmas trees, radio (air force wings) and cows. Mine was red.

The next day, August 3rd, was Community Day. It was wonderful to meet VA3WX, Jeanne, from Burlington, Ontario; VA1YL, Helen; and VE1QT, Linda, whom I had already met, of course. I did not get a chance to visit.

I did not want gifts so a nice check went to the Antigonish Food Bank plus 300 pounds of food. The proceeds of the "Book" went to the Murray Cemetery Fund where we have already over \$5,000 in that account. We hope to put up a nice custom-made wrought iron gate - that is long overdue. There were over 300 at the party and we were blessed with 3 good days. Many folks that couldn't come came the next day or the next week. I was beyond exhaustion!!

My 83-year-old brother came from Alberta for 3 weeks. I loved that. We played a total of 97 games of Cribbage.

Back to the Book - "Until the Cows Come Home". We ordered 210 copies. They all sold and we have 100 more just landed. It was a great deal of work and dedication by my 2 granddaughters who did the editing.

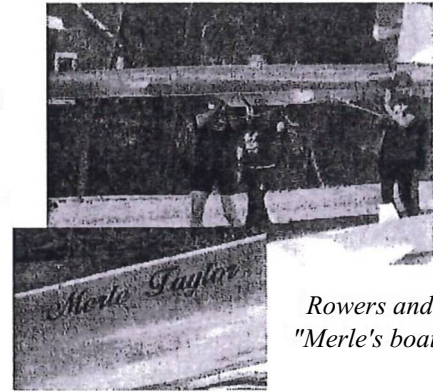
I just had a visit from my latest Great-Grandchild, Hannah Elizabeth, born on August 28th - 8 lbs 4oz- Such a bright baby at 2 months.

I spent a week of October in hospital with a bile duct attack. This was very serious with my temperature up to 103 within 2 hours. Poison from my liver. Treated with antibiotics.

Crops were poor this year. Aphids attacked the strawberry crop and the roots were damaged. The cucumber Weevil played havoc with the cukes so very few pickles were made. The Christmas tree sales are almost none because of the artificial trees. Farming is in a very sad state here but we have are health and are happy. 33 and love from Merle.

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Today makes me realize that winter or early winter has set in on the west coast. Pounding rain and a nasty wind. Still we have had a wonderful October and early November., much nicer than anyone expected.

Hallie, VE6YW, came down from Northern Alberta to stay for a week. She left home in -20c weather and returned a week later to skating rinks for roads in her subdivision!



Rowers and "Merle's boat"



The whole family!

We had a great time visiting Steveston and different nursery gardens in the area. Hallie is a great gardener and went home with cuttings and seeds and hopes that everything would grow. We often took our lunch and went down to the Fraser River, which is just a mile down the road. We would sit and have lunch and watch the activity on the river. Always something moving up or down.

The bands have been good and I managed to work two new IOTA islands from Indonesia. There have been a few DXpeditions in the Pacific including Wake and I do so enjoy working stations that I don't have to work through the QRM of the whole of North America! The CQ WW CW is coming up this next weekend and I'm looking forward to working in that.

Wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2014. 33 Elizabeth

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: Going to a Xmas. Bazaar near the end of November got her into the Christmas spirit and was ready to mail her out-of-town parcels the 2nd of Dec. Jeanne's son has bought a one bedroom condo in her building and has been busy getting settled in. Now she has a handy man close by! They will have Christmas dinner in her condo. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

33s Jeanne

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She had a very successful sale at the York Region Fleamarket in November. She and Janet, N9ZKU, sold two tables full of components and donated the money to DARF and the TFM Repeater.

Bare, VE3HAH was a designer and builder of electronic equipment. They were very glad that everything they took was sold. It pleases them to think the components will be put to good use. Ann and Janet hope everyone has a good 2014, and plans to attend the YLRL 75th convention in August.

33 Ann

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Well here it is December 13/13 and as per usual I am not prepared. I still have Christmas baking to do, have to decorate the house, wrap the presents, and make sure everything is ready. I always say I work best under pressure, so now we will see if it's true.

With the New Year comes hopefully a much better year for everyone. 2013 was not a good year for friends of mine, or my family, but it is now over and everything starts new and fresh.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be all over, the presents will have been unwrapped, played with, tried on and taken off, batteries dead, and the New Year's celebrations with all the noise, the fancy dresses, the parties, and maybe even a few hangovers will all be a thing of the past.

I really do hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a fabulous New Year's Eve. I know I am getting older (never say old) as the parties are long behind Harv and I, and we just sit quietly in the living room reflecting on the year that was and look forward to the year to come.

By 11:30 we wish each other a very Happy New Year, and say, "See you next year" and peacefully go to sleep. Don't get me Wrong folks I still like to party, the brain is willing, if s just the body, the very loud bands, the noise and getting into a very cold car that really don't impress me anymore. Give me my nice cozy fuzzy wuzzies and a glass of good wine, and I am a very happy camper.

We still have snow and cold weather, but we live in Moose Jaw, part of the Great White North-hi. Spring really can't be too far away as I have already booked my campsite for the coming summer.

I have drawn diagrams of how we are going to set up the camp site this year, have plans for my garden and yes that is me gardening in the picture, (if Cheryl can get it in), and last but not least is that we have to catch up with all the things we did not get done in the summer of 2013. Then, of course, are the things that need to be done in the summer of 2014. We shall make it. Not sure if we will make it to the Convention, at this point we are still talking about it.

That's it from frosty, snowy cold Moose Jaw for this time. Take care everyone, prayers for those that need them, and for those that want them.

33 Vai

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VK Colawwv

Dear YL's friends,

I wish you all a happy healthy New Year and thank you for the contacts we had on radio, e-mail, cards and meeting in person.

I will continue to be the DX-YL Treasurer, after five years I feel I know you all and I look forward hearing from you during the year with news I can use for the Harmonics.

I hope some of you will come to YLRLs 75th anniversary meeting in Vancouver, WA in August 7-9th 2014. I will be there and look forward to see many of you. I am planning to take one side trip, visit the Columbia Gorge. I also have my sister living in Oregon so I will visit her same time.

The International meeting is in Iceland, May 9-12th I will not be there. I plan to be at SYLRA meeting, year 2015 also in Iceland. Check their website for all information.

I did get to work some new DX country as ZS8Z, Prince Edward Island waiting for qsl card. I worked XR0ZR Juan Fernandez Island both new ones for me. I hope to work Amsterdam Island, FT5ZM, in January, also a new one and that you will too. I am back working on 80m DX and have had contacts with Sweden, Norway and Germany. I am lucky to have an 80m, two element, Opti beam up 30 meter.

I got an e-mail in November from Hiromi, JJ1CAS asking me if I know of a radio club station she could visit in New York when she was there for a week. Not knowing any I contacted Karen, W1ABK, I met in Roskilde at SYLRA meeting.

This is what happened and I let Hiromi tell the story.

In the early morning on November 12, it was freezing and snowing in New York. Karen, W2ABK took a train about two hours from Huntington in Long Island to Manhattan. I was introduced to Karen about 10 days ago before departing to New York. Soon I looked for her picture in piles of the past YL Harmonics and identified her as a gorgeous figure of an YL in the July/August 2011 issue. Therefore, I could find her promptly at the lobby in the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel.

However, she kindly held up a yellow envelope showing "YLRL JJ1CAS" and I wore the suit attached the YLRL Diamond embroidered by silver and blue threads on the chest as a sign.



Hiromi JJ1CAS in New York wearing her YLRL Diamond.

It was the first eyeball QSO each other and was the start of my exciting tour in New York.

First, Karen took me to St. Patrick's Cathedral which was the largest decorated gothic-style catholic Cathedral in the United States and founded in the 19th Century. Entering into the Cathedral, we together put new candles on the candelabra and I prayed for the souls of SKs such as Mary, NM7N; Lia, WA2NFY; etc. Though the door sculptures, stained glasses and

Lady Chapel were beautiful amazingly, it was unfortunate that I not see the whole cathedral because of the large-scale repairing.

Secondly, we walked toward the Rockefeller center and she pointed to a big tree stood beside the Rink of Ice Skating. Many construction workers were working hard to complete the world tallest Christmas tree, which was very valuable for me to see the construction process. The star of the top of Christmas tree was still placed on the ground. I imagined how beautiful the lighting Christmas tree with countless LEDs at the Christmas season. When I was writing this report at home on the first Thursday (JST) of December, the Japanese broadcasts on TV announced that the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree became lighting along with the happy voices of New Yorkers.

Thirdly, and the highlight of her tour was to show me the NBC TV Studio where was located in the 70 floors GE Building, 30 Rockefeller Plaza. The NBC is not only her former office, but also Bruce's, Karen's OM is actively working as the TV producer. After Karen applied the guest registration as the family visitor at the NBC Universal visitors' center, we were given the ID card respectively.

In order to go up to Bruce's studio, we got on the uncommon elevator, which had no buttons indicating the floors inside. This way no one could change from the pre-determined floor to another one according to a strict security system.

At the Master Control Room occupied by lots of TV displays and complicated apparatus, we were waiting for the busiest boss of the studio, and he, gentle Bruce appeared a little later.

From the moment, we walked around the NBC after Bruce as a guide. There were many historical pictures pertained to former News Casters, drama's stars, etc., on the walls of the corridor we passed.

Specially, Karen and I got actually on the stage for the Show "Saturday Night Live", although the general tourists looked toward us from the up-stair in where allowed to watch a studio.

At the final of studio tour at the NBC shop, we bought the caps, T-shirts, ballpoint pens marked "2014 Sochi Olympic" with NBC peacock logo because the NBC obtained the broadcasting right of the coming Olympic.

At the Pig and Whistle restaurant nearby to the NBC Studio, Karen and I ate a big NBC Hamburger each and Karen taught me how to eat it. I enjoyed a big and delicious hamburger firstly in New York.

Karen also talked about Ham radio, which was very interesting for me. She is a secretary of the Grumman Amateur Club-WA2LQO. When Hurricane Sandy had attacked New York in 2012, the club members contributed to save the local residents under the emergency circumstance. As one of the Long Islanders, she tries to attend all the Ham Festivals and activities that are on Long Island. So, W2ABK must be a very popular YL ham there.

One of her gifts to me was the CQ field Day 2013 T-shirt of the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club W2VL and I would wear it with pride. By the way, she became the ham for the purpose of talking to her father, N2XXS (SK) who was the pioneer of the hams and lived separately. Furthermore, she inherited the precious call sign W2ABK from her uncle.

Around seven am in the morning when I had to leave from New York, I wrote a "W2ABK, Thank you!" on a A4 size paper and went to at the front of the NBC Studio in where the "Today" live broadcast had been running from the room and outside. Over 20 people along with the colorful message



boards or a big bear doll were gathering and waiting for the lucky moment if the camera or the interviewer might catch them to be broadcast.

In advance, I sent an e-mail to Karen to see a live broadcast of "Today". According to her, she found a big bear, symbol character of the charity organization for children on TV. As I was beside that bear, she might catch a glimpse of me. If so, I could be on the air by TV, instead of the QRV on Radio.

Despite my sudden visit on business to New York, Karen and Hiromi and her sigh for Today. Bruce welcomed me warmly. I cannot forget such a most wonderful day with them during the 8 days stay. I am very grateful for the great friendship of YLRL and I am happy to be one of the members. I am looking forward to seeing Karen& Bruce, Rose-Marie and you in Tokyo, Japan. 33

Hiromi Hishiki, JJ1CAS

A new year and I thank you for renewing your membership for 2014 and as I send out your membership card via e-mail please send some news to me. Please notify me if any changes in e-mail address or postal. We want you to get the Harmonics.

I thank all sponsors to the DX-YLs and do let me know if you like to sponsor I always have someone looking for a sponsor.

Friendship starts right away if not via radio it can be via e-mail, as it is hard to reach the far corners of the world.

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

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

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Karen, Bruce and Hiromi

Below are some of the pictures from the last SYLRA meeting. They were due to go in the November/December issue along with Rose-Marie's report. The Editor apologizes for the delay! Enjoy.



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The site is doing fine. I have fixed some of the names on the Friends Around the World page, as I noticed that I had even missed a country and it's flag, but it is now up. So hopefully I have gotten everyone's name on and if I have missed anyone, please don't be shy, send me an email or tell someone to get in touch with me and I will make the corrections.

Also, I noticed on the member's only issue the Silent Keys of YLRL on the front cover. Please girls, if you know of a silent key please send me the name and call sign and I will get it put on the site. If you have the obit, and a picture, scan it and send it to me. I will also get those put on the Gone but Not Forgotten page.

Any information you have for the site don't hesitate to let me know. The more information we have the better. We have to keep the site current and up to date.

Please don't forget the Scholarship drive coming up. Check the site meter to see how we are doing.

To contact the website please direct emails to Vai at ve5aq@sasktel.net

33 from Yvonne ZR6TBL and Vai VE5AQ

(What a great job our Webmasters are doing! Thank them when you get a chance! -Ed.)

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Thank You,
ARRL HQ Staff

Many have had problems! If you are one of them, try emailing the above address. If you have an arrl.net and are wondering why you haven't been getting emails, there may be a problem!

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Mavis Stafford,
Cumberland View Aged Care.

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I believe she still has the same phone number beside her bed, and the office number is [REDACTED]

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