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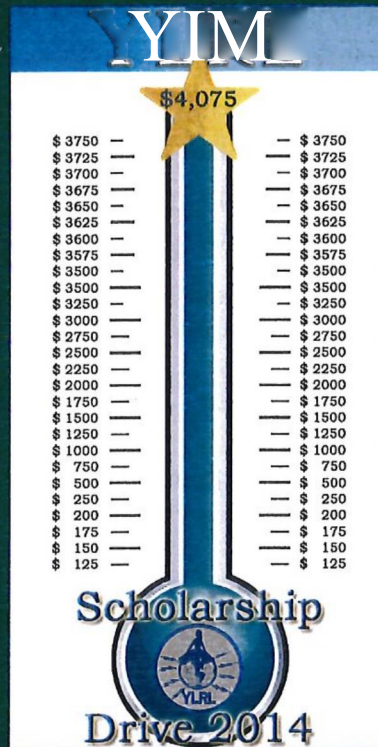
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President's Info

De Linda Metz, KC8PKY



It's hard to believe it has been just over a month since our convention in Vancouver, Washington. What a great time.

I would like to personally say a big thank-you to the committee for their very hard work. Thank you to Barbara Yasson, AC7UH; Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB; Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI; and Shirley Fenstermaker, W7SAF. I would also like to say thank you to Marianna Kearney, W7WFO who designed the logo for the convention.

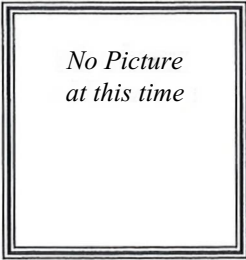
Friday's tour was the Columbia River gorge with a very knowledgeable and friendly tour guide. Saturday afternoon's tour took us to Fort Vancouver and we were fortunate enough to get a guide who had the keys to several of the buildings that were normally locked. The Heathman Lodge was wonderful, I joked that it's the first hotel I ever stayed in where there were birds chirping in the hallways.

At our board meeting Saturday morning we decided that we would create a scholarship for a part-time student as our scholarship chair Linda Hynan, AC5QQ, had been approached by FAR asking if we could do just that. They had an application from a YL who was going back to school part time and they were trying to find a scholarship for her.

Per Linda we have the finances to support this scholarship. We decided to name the scholarship "the Martha "Marte" Wessel Scholarship". I had the great pleasure to tell Marte, KOEPE, about it when we called her with the names of the prize winners. She was surprised and thrilled as well as her usual modest self, telling us that really wasn't necessary.

My OM Dave and I decided to stay till Monday as it was cheaper to fly home that day. We flew to Denver and what was to be about a 4 hour layover turned into 6 hours due to weather conditions here in Detroit. Little did we know that it was due to the 50 year storm. We arrived at about 8:30PM and when we got to the pick-up point for the shuttle to get to our car we learned that there had been a lot of rain and a great deal of flooding. The driver warned us that we may have a lot of water around our car. Well she wasn't kidding when we got to where our car was Dave had to take off his shoes and socks, roll up his pant legs and wade thru 4-6 inches of water to get the car out and drive it to high ground so we could get our bags out of the shuttle. Fortunately when we got home our house was high and dry. What a welcome home. HI HI.

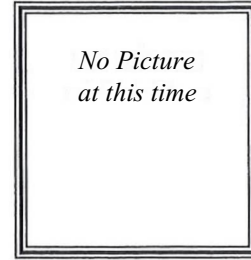
I started writing this column a few weeks ago and just learned today September 24th that Marte had become a silent key. We have lost a dear friend and special member of the YLRL. I met Marte only once at the Cleveland convention but I remember her as a very warm person who enjoyed a good time. All I can say is rest well dear friend for you have earned it.



District One News
de Niece Haynes, KA1ULN



District 2 News
de Diane Ortiz, K2DO



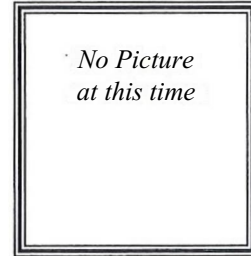
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de Open Position



District Four News
de Mary Moor, WX4MM



District Five News
de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ



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District Seven News
de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI



District Eight News
de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

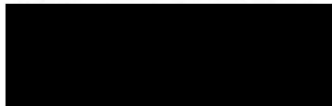


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de Carole Burke, WB9RUS





**District Ten News
de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS**



**KL7 District News
de Marilyn Melhorn,
AF7BI**



**Youth News
de Maria Lysandrou
KD9BUS**



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de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM**



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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary



New Members for November/December 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

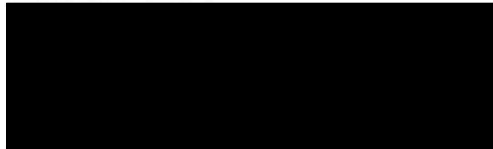
KB1SRW Ann Solvari



Ann holds a General license and is a retired high school teacher. She is a member of PART. So far she mostly listens on HF. Her OM is K1ARG, John.

Kirsten holds a Technician license and is a Student. She is a returning member and is active on 2m. Her former call was KI4QPJ. A family member is WC4R, Joseph.

KK4KTY Cora E Mercer



Cora is holds a General license and is retired. She is a member of HAYLARC and Jackson County ARC. KK4UYP, Peter is her OM.

DISTRICT 2

KD2EJX Margaret Lake



Margaret holds a Technician license and is a Professor. She is a member of Binghamton ARA. She is hoping to get an antenna up soon.

DISTRICT 6

WB6WGN Janet Lutus



Janet is a returning member from many years ago. She holds an Advanced license and is retired. She is active on 2 meters and one of the amateur radio volunteers at San Bruno EOC. She is also a member of QCWA.

DISTRICT 3

KC3COQ Rachel E. Bolen



Rachel holds a Technician license and is the recipient of the YLRL Mary Lou Brown Scholarship. She is a student at Grove City College in Pennsylvania.

DISTRICT 7

KF7MKG Patricia Zwer



Pat holds a General license and is retired. She is a member of Clark County ARC. Check out their web page at www.w7aia.org for a picture of Pat. KF7MJY, Floyd is a family member.

DISTRICT 4

K4IWA Kirsten B. Roth



W7LAM Linda Martin

[Redacted]

Linda holds a General license and is a retired teacher. She is a member of the London Bridge ARA and is active on 10 - 80 m. Her other hobbies include quilting, reading and crochet. N6BRH, Bruce is her OM. She learned about YLRL from an ARRL article.

DISTRICT 8

W8CAA Janet Pater

[Redacted]

Janet holds an Extra license and is an Office Manager. She is a member of Southwest Ohio DX Association, DARA and INDEXA. She and OM, W8GEX, Joe have been on many DXpeditions. She was C6AYL for one trip.

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



Vice President's Info
De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX

[Redacted]

The DX/NA YL Contest was held October 3-4, 2014. I only received one log from Christine Dons, GM4YMM, who operated under the special "Homecoming Scotland" call of GA4YMM.

Christine had three contacts: KS2YL, Nancy; EA3HLM, Charlie; and WA8MY, Amy. It is too bad that there were no other logs submitted, but we thank those who did participate in the contest for their efforts.

The next contest will be the YL OM Contest in February 2015. Check the website, YLRL.org for dates and times as well as contest rules.

Hi to all our amateur friends:

As some of you know, we will be on Oahu Island in the Hawaiian Islands from Dec 10, 2014 until Feb 10, 2015. As we have done on our previous trips there, we will be operating from the amateur radio station onboard the USS Missouri, BB-63 with Callsign, KH6BB. We are both associate members of the KH6BB radio club and usually attend the weekly club breakfast and meeting each Tuesday morning at a Pearl City restaurant. As a general rule, following the meeting we travel to the ship and are on the air around 1700Z each Tuesday during our stay, on 10,12,15 and 20 meters phone and CW, depending on the propagation. Our operating schedule is flexible, but we will attempt to provide you with a more precise schedule once we are settled in Hawaii. We hope to work as many of you as possible during our stay.

Best 73 & 88,
Bobbie & Tom
W1JX/W1QU

KD8ZEH Carol Hall

[Redacted]

Carol holds a brand new Technician license and is a high school student. She is well known by many members because she has attended several YLRL Conventions with her mother, KC4IYD, Nancy. Her dad is W8HF, Steve.

DISTRICT 9

KD9BUS Maria Sarah Lysandrou

[Redacted]

Maria holds a Technician license and is a student. She is an accomplished singer - songwriter. She is Vice President of Bloomington HS South Radio Club. Her all ham family includes Mom, KC9URR, Carolyn; Dad, KC9VIL, Plato; siblings KC9UUS, Padraig; and KC9VIM, Helena. Look for her Youth Column in YL Harmonics.

'District 1

I am really enjoying the Echolink YL net that KK4UBQ in Georgia is running. If you have a smart phone or computer you should not miss this. Just download and install www.echolink.com and you are on your way. Catherine, KK4UBQ is net control and it runs on the NF4GA-r repeater and on Echolink.

If you need help finding it either email me, Niece Haynes, KA1ULN@MAIL.COM or Catherine KK4UBQ@arrl.net

There is a live chat that goes along with the Echolink net. Please set aside some time on Thursday night to join us. If you are interested in participating in a YL Extra Class Study Group - please email Marian at starladymp@gmail.com.

Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am EST Yankee Lassies net on 3.912. WB1ARU, KA1JVN, KA1VAX, W1JX, N1PVT, N2OKA and new YL K1SQC are regulars.

Candy, N2OKA uses PSI<31 digital HF mode and wants to hear more YL's on it. Candy is also interested in starting an Echolink-YL net In New York.

Niece, KA1ULN uses SSTV on 14.230, the pictures are beautiful. Please join us. KA1ULN. BLOGSPOT.COM. Niece would love to hear an Echolink net on HF.

Bobbie, W1JX is on her way to Hawaii and will be on the USS Missouri operating Radio Station KH6BB so listen for her. I will update when I receive more information.

First Italian YL ham on space station is IZ0UDF, Samantha. For more information on her, please check out the following links or her QRZ page:

<http://www.dxzone.com/izOudf-samantha-new-ham-onboard-the-iss/>

http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Human_Spaceflight/Astronauts/Samantha_Cnstoforetti

I urge YLs to check my blog for updates to YLs. I am receiving a lot of information from YLs that they want to know more about how to with ham radio stuff. I promise to try to post everything on my blog. Meet me on 28.390, I'm trying for WAS-YL and YLCC. Listen on 14.288 for YRL nets.

33,

KA1ULN, Niece Haynes

District 2

District 2 News will be delayed until next issue due to personal issues for the Chairwoman. Please keep Diane in your thoughts and don't forget to send news! -Ed.

District 3

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As many of you know, Jane Jones, K3ZDN, turned 95 in October, and I'd asked as many of our members as I could to send her greetings. She asked me to thank everyone who responded.

"(Dear Carol), WOW! Yes, I got a lot of cards. About 35 snail-mail cards and many e-mails (I didn't count them), one phone message and one personal visit from 60 miles away! And to think I planned to let this one slip by quietly! How naive, and at my age. I would like to thank each person, but it isn't likely. Could you express my gratitude and pleasure in the YLRL news?"

I live in a retirement community north of Philadelphia, and for a few years I did make local contacts. But recently I decided to give away my car and my ham radio equipment. So I am inactive, but always interested. Maybe it's time I should start to act my age?" No, never, Jane! You are an inspiration to us all.

Carol, K4SAF

Ed. Note: Jane has been a YLRL member for 50 years! Congratulations on both milestones, Jane!

District 4

Seems like we have gotten behind this year, lots of things going on and sometimes it takes longer to get things done. Seems like the older I get, the longer it takes me to finish a project.

We sure enjoyed the Convention and loved touring the countryside. Philip and I continued on to California and then over to the Grand Canyon before returning to Alabama. Next year we plan to take the motorhome to Alaska in August. Another long trip with amazing scenery. When that trip is over we will have visited every state except Hawaii and will settle down and just enjoy camping out at our favorite places in the Southeast. I just need to learn how to program the PL tones when we go from repeater to repeater on two meters. Maybe we'll have the HF rig running in the motorhome by then... never know what will happen.



Karen, KA5EPR and Myra, K3PGH at the YLRL Booth

Would like to welcome two new members in our district—Kirsten Roth, K4IWA from Carrollton, VA and Cora Mercer, KK4KTY from Hollywood, AL. Glad to have you join us and hope to hear you on the air, either the YL nets or otherwise. Please send me news of your activities to share in Harmonics.

Already time to move on to the Jan / Feb issue so will keep this one short and do a better job next month. Hope everyone enjoys the holidays and see you next year.

33, WX4MM, Mary Moore



YL Forum Attendees at Huntsville!

District 5

Hello to all,

Hope all is well in YL land and everyone had a great time at convention!

So sadden to hear of the passing of Marte, KOEPE she was a special person and will be missed.

Can't wait till the temps are cooler and the humidity is lower it has been warm in Southern Mississippi and boy was it HOT for Field Day.

Had a great time at the Huntsville hamfest 17 YL visited the booth and 17 YL attended the YL Forum we discussed the YLRL activities and also watched a power point on I<B5MZ-Southern Mississippi YL Field Day and everyone enjoyed the chocolate bars. Thanks to Karen, KA5EPR and Myra, K3PGH for helping with the booth.

I have been asked to do an YLRL Forum at the Capital City hamfest in Jackson, Mississippi on Saturday, January 24th if you in the area stop by for more information on the hamfest check out their web page <http://hamfest.msham.org/>.

Port Arthur, TX, KK5L, Carol,

Our daughter and grandson from Kauai, Hawaii, visited us recently. It was so good to see them.

33, Carol

Cypress, TX, KF5LMJ, Sheree,

I participated in the 13 Colonies Special Event, reaching all 13 colonies plus one special station, for a sweep. The event lasted from July 1st through July 6th. I reached the stations on 7M and 14M. New Jersey was the hardest for me to reach (from Cypress, Texas)-taking 3 days to finally be heard.

Our field day in Bourrough Park, Tomball, Texas was partially rained out on Saturday afternoon, losing over 2 1/2 hours of operating time due to excessive lightning, high winds and side-ways rain storms. We operated at times from under blue tarps! As a result of the weather the temperatures stayed in the high 80's instead of in the middle 90's. I operated the GOTA station on Saturday and Sunday using my call KF5LMJ and overnight worked stations under our club call W5NC. We were operating as 2A STX. We had 3 G5RV antennas up in the trees for the event. I was the GOTA station captain.

I was in Ottawa Canada last week over the weekend. It was a beautiful although my reason for be-

ing there was not so great. My sister Stephanie Kiskis passed away on September 25 and her husband held a memorial service for her on October 5. My family will be holding a memorial service for her here in Houston, October 12. She lived in Canada for about 16 years with her husband. That's my news for now. Have a good week.

KB5MZ, Gulfport, MS, Southern Mississippi YL Group,

The all YL Field Day was held at Desoto National Forest-Big Biloxi campground. We were ID MS and operated an ICOM 7600, with a CHA-250BX vertical antenna, and we used the N3FJP logging software.

Operators were Karen, KA5EPR; Anna, KF5KDL; Yvette, AE5MI; Sue, AA5YL; and BJ, KB5CSQ and special guest was District Emergency Coordinator- Jeff, N9OKV and his YL Cindy, N5OKV.

Jeff, N9OKV surprised us with a full dinner meal he prepared just for us Beef tips in mushroom sauce, artichoke hearts in Italian dressing, asparagus tips in cheese sauce, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes' and poppy seed cake- Boy was the meal delicious!!! Karen, KA5EPR and OM Bill delivered lunch on Saturday before Bill went to the K5GDX Field Day and Sue, AA5YL brought our breakfast on Sunday morning.

On Saturday night about 11:45 pm Yvette, AE5MI was operating and she was having problem with her contact not giving her the right exchange. So I looked up the call and it was a DX contact so we told her just give him a 59 and log it. She did and then she took off her head set and said now I just don't understand why he would not give me his exchange I told her not to worry about it and asked her if she would like to know who she had just worked. She said sure we told her she had just worked the King of Spain in the Palace. Well then the Chocolate and coffee kicked in she got so excited she got up from operating and called all her family waking them up at almost midnight to tell them. Now ladies that is what Amateur Radio is all about the excitement of the contact.

We made 64 phone contacts 3 RTTY contacts with a score of 140 and our best bands were 40m and 15m, had news media TV Channel 25 came out took pictures and talked to us and we were on the 10:00 news. The YL also had an educational activity on traffic handling, so all our bonus points totaled to 650.

The bands were not the best in the world but our goal was to have fun and enjoy the YL friendship and let everyone operate as much as they wanted. That goal we met everyone had a great time and we are planning on Field Day 2015 and have purchased a beam for next year a TH-3JRS with rotor.

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

The highlight of June was Field Day. My OM (non-active ham) drove me 100 miles to a field day north of Oklahoma City. We were there about 5 hours. I learned a lot about PSK31 and spent probably a 1 1/2 hours on the air on SSB. Talked to an Australian station! I work a lot of contests and it was hard to say the club call sign instead of my own. Also I'm used to logging with pencil and paper. Someone was beside me to log the contacts into a computer. I still had to write the call signs down in front of me for my own sanity.

Even worse, was the microphone on the headset was keyed by a device held in my hand. It was hard not to talk into my hand as I was talking into the microphone by my mouth. Something else that was new to me was even though I was wearing headphones everyone in the room could hear the QSOs. And there were 2 more sets of headphones attached for anyone that wanted to listen in more closely. It was hard enough to use a strange call sign and equipment, but then to have everyone able to listen in was nerve wracking. But it was worth it.

I think I made about 50 contacts on 40M and 20M. It was hard to go back and count my pencil scribbles since I'd marked out each one as the computer logger logged them.

Tried PSK31 when I got home and had a few problems one was every time I entered a call sign I'd get a message saying "United States not allowed." Finally got that fixed and I've made 5 PSK31 contacts.

I'm up to January 2011 for sending QSOs to Logbook of the World. I've sent in over a thousand. We had a new person join us for the Texas Young Ladies Round up Net this week. I hope to work some more PSK31 this weekend.

Our daughter went skydiving this month, August. She had no problems. Not solo, but tandem. Her photos online made me dizzy. A photographer jumped seconds before she did and took video of her

coming out of the airplane. She doesn't plan to do it again. She said it was on her bucket list. When I was her age I was just trying to survive. But if that's how she chooses to spend her money (or go in to debt) I guess it's none of my business.

Wedding plans have been on my mind more than anything. I'm making the veil, a scary project. The wedding is Nov 29. So I haven't been on the radio much, just the 6M net on Wednesday evenings and a YL net some Thursday mornings. I attended the Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net birthday party/business meeting and got elected as vice president. Six of us were there in person. One more was on Skype and the other on Face time. Near the end of the meeting we had the computer and iPad face each other. The ladies on screen could see each other. Four OM's hung out in another room but joined us for birthday cake. It was Sept 20. Join us next year if you can in Brownwood, TX.

I've volunteered to play my flute in the church Christmas program. I haven't played seriously in over 30 years. It's much harder than I expected. The program is Dec 13 & 14.

Thanks for all who sent in your news it's always so nice to hear from each of you. Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

BJ KB5CSQ

'District 6 open position

From District Six, Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, writes:

I look forward to attend the ARRL Regional Centennial Convention at Pacificon in Santa Clara, CA on October 10-12, where I will present sessions on "An Introduction to WSPR" and the 40 minute documentary "An Insider's Tour of the Arecibo Observatory."

Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, President, River City Amateur Radio Communications Society & ARRL Sacramento Valley Assistant Section Manager.

Congratulations to Donna Grigsby, WD6EJI for upgrading to her General Class License! Great job, Donna. We are glad to hear it.



Kay Craigie, N3KN, ARRL President and Carol, KP4MD at the 2012 ARRL National Convention

VtefrCct 7

Hello YLs District 7— Another convention is over with and what a success it was. Many of us met some great YLs that we got to know and others reconnected with old YL friends and saw others that they haven't seen face to face for quite a while. The hotel was comfortable, the food was good, and the company was great. Thank you to all who came and helped to make it a success.

One of the many fun things to do at the convention is a swap of things you make or buy with your call sign on it. I got some of the cutest things. Some of things I got are postcards, bookmarks, and cards with information about the states they came from. I got notepads, a YLRL bracelet, and a necklace with the cutest pig face on it, a scrubbie and a rock from Texas! As I was looking through everything and saw the names and call signs I remembered so many of you. I look forward to seeing you again at the next YLRL Convention, wherever it may be! I'll be there!!

We've been busy here across the river from Portland OR in our club unwinding from summer and getting ready for one of the many walk/runs that happen in our area. Battle Ground, the town I live in, has the North County Wine Run that our club participates in. There's also Veteran's Day, and then in December is Clark County Walk and Knock. We do have an active club in our area. And, as I've said in previous articles, we have a YL president and past president (Vanessa, KE7UBB, and Lisa, KE7HPW).

Unfortunately I need to be on the 'back burner' for the next few months though. My OM and I will be doing some traveling and won't be able to be as involved as I would like to be in some of the autumn events. But the traveling is always fun. Seeing new, and some not so new, places and sights is

The 2014 Scholarship Winners!

Rachel E. Bolen, KC3COQ - Maiy Lou Brown Scholarship

Dear Young Ladies Radio League,

I am extremely honored to be the recipient of the YLRL scholarship. Your generosity is making it possible for me to reach my dream of an outstanding college education. Thank you so much!

A bit about me, I am from the suburbs of Gaithersburg, Maryland, which is located in the DC Metro Area. I work at a local orchard there, and am also an active member of my church. When I was pretty young, my dad and uncle introduced me to Amateur Radio. I was intrigued by the numerous ways HAMs could serve their communities. A Technician class hosted by the MARC club at my community college helped to prepare me for my license, which I acquired this past April. My only brother also got his Technician license this summer.

In high school, I discovered I most enjoyed studying advanced math and science. Consequently, I chose to major in Mechanical Engineering at Grove City College. Grove City College is a small, private, Christian school in Western Pennsylvania that is well known for its rigorous academics. With my major, I intend to pursue work that directly improves the lives of others. I am especially interested in vaccine development and alternative energy sources. Although I have only been here a short time, I have already met some great people and begun to adjust to college life.

Thank you for providing me with this opportunity. I am so excited to see how God will use me here for His glory!

Sincerely,
Rachel Bolen



Caroline M. Stanley, KE5WEK - Ethel Smith Scholarship



Dear YLRL,

Thank you for your generous support through the Foundation for Amateur Radio Scholarship. This gift encourages me to continue my studies at Hardin-Simmons University as I pursue my goal of becoming a CPA and international auditor. I assure you that this gift will be matched by excellence and hard work.

Sincerely,
Caroline M. Stanley

Ed. Note: Caroline was also our Youth Columnist for the past few years.



Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

Memorial Scholarships
Ethel Smith, K4LMB
Mary Lou Brown, NM7N
Marte Wessel, KOEPE



The following donations were received:

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- Julia Young (K5JFJ) from Linda Hynan (AC5QQ)
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- Gary Ray Jones (son of Dorothy Jones [KA5DWR]) from Linda Hynan (AC5QQ)
- Marte Wessel (K0EPE) from Beulah Shelly (WA8EKQ)
- Marte Wessel (K0EPE) from Bruce Frahm (K0BJ)
- Marte (K0EPE) and Pete (W0CM) Wessel from Southern Plains Amateur Radio Klub (SPARK)
- Marte Wessel (K0EPE) from Linda Hynan (AC5QQ)

Thank you for your generous gifts.

Remember that YLRL Scholarships are funded entirely by donations. No money is taken from YLRL Dues.

To make a donation

Make your check payable to: **YLRL Scholarship Fund**

Send your donation to: Linda Hynan, AC5QQ



Scholarship News:

Marte Wessel, KOEPE, coordinated the Scholarship Raffle. The final amount contributed was \$5,108. Three winners were paid \$700 with the second place winner contributing her winnings back to the YLRL Scholarship Fund. The net contributions for this year's Scholarship Raffle were \$4658. Way to go Marte!

As announced on the cover, the winners for the 2014 Scholarships are Rachel E. Bolen, KC3COQ - Mary Lou Brown Scholarship and Caroline M. Stanley, KE5WEK - Ethel Smith Scholarship. Congratulations! Look for the announcement for 2015 Scholarship applications in the next YLH.

The 2015 awards for the Ethel Smith, K4LMB, and Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, Scholarships have been increased to \$2000 each. At the YLRL Convention in Vancouver WA, the YLRL Officers unanimously voted 1) to increase the funding for these 2 scholarships to students attending college full-time AND 2) created a new scholarship to honor Marte, KOEPE, in recognition of her exceptional service to YLRL, the YLRL Scholarship Fund, and to amateur radio. The new scholarship will be awarded to a full-time working woman attending college part-time; the award for this scholarship is \$1000.

The last bit of news is about Marte, KOEPE. None of us at the convention knew that Marte was seriously ill. On the night of the Raffle, we called to let her know about the winners of the raffle and to congratulate her about the new scholarship named in her honor; this is the only time I've ever known Marte to be speechless. A little more than a month later Marte became a SI< soon to be followed by her husband Pete, W0CM. She will be greatly missed by me personally as well as many others whose lives she touched. Her energy and dedication to the YLRL Scholarship Fund has increased the awards for YL Scholarships to support 3 scholarships for a total of \$5000 awarded annually. Thank you Marte!

YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out all sections marked in red whether a renewal or a new membership.

Name----- Callsign-----

Address -----

City State Zipcode

Telephone Number (____) In Directory? Y/N

Class of license held: Extra General Tech Other-if other, please list
Year first licensed e-mail address/web page

Endorsed by

(Who signed you up/where did you first hear about YLRL):

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any radio clubs of which you are a member -----

Occupation Birthday (Month and Day)

Other hams in family (Name, Call and Relationship)

Any additional information about yourself, station and hobbies-especially radio related are welcome.

Please list former calls if any

Member of ARRL? Yes No

Are you active in Ham Radio? On what bands?

Do you contest? Which ones?

Do you DX or go on DXpeditions?

DXpedition Calls held?

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL/last renewed?

Date of YLRL Application

New Member? Renewal? Former Member-last year paid?

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New?----- Renewal? Rejoin(More than 2 years back)?

Membership dues are payable January 1, delinquent February 1st and are pro-rated only for NEW members joining after August 31.

Current dues are as follows:

\$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)

\$15.00 plus \$4.00 Canada & Mexico-\$19.00

\$ 3.00 YL family member residing at same address (No additional YL Harmonics')

\$15.00 subscriber (No callsign yet or OM with no licensed YL)

\$15.00 DX subscriber plus \$10.00 Airmail (required for DX-YL)-\$25.00

Rates subject to change as needed.

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Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the receiving treasurer.

IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A DX YL PLEASE SEND YOUR ADOPTEE'S DUES TO THE DX TREASURER! Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at www.ylrl.org for more information

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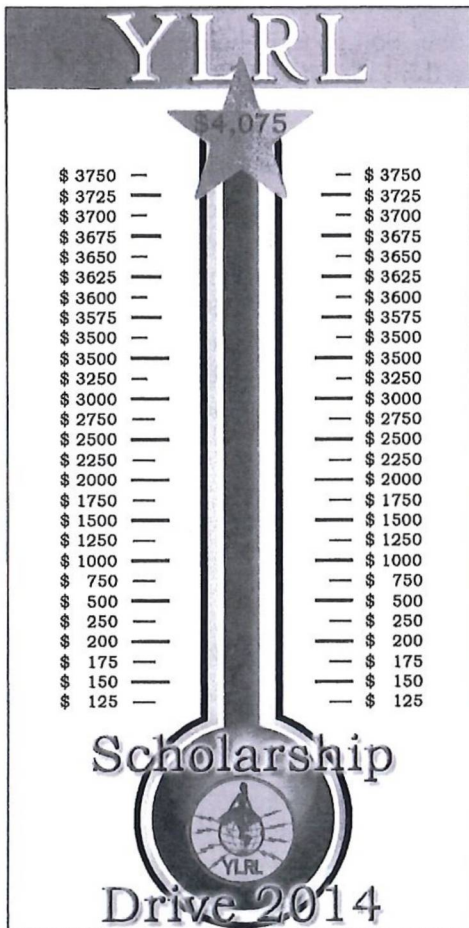
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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Bold/Red** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by January 1, to keep current for the year-delinquency is February 1st.

GREAT JOB!

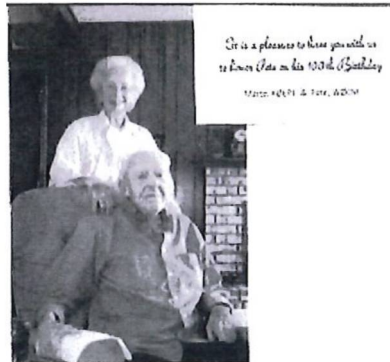


Marte, K0EPE has run the YLRL Scholarship drive for decades. This year she was SO pleased with how all you YLs did for this special 75th year. She repeatedly expressed her delight in how the drive was going.

The 2014 Scholarship drive came to \$4,075.00 free and clear. Drives like this one are held in conjunction with the YLRL conventions. It is the dedication of members to help raise these funds that YLRL is able to increase in Scholarship award amounts and create a third Scholarship.

It is with great fortune that we were able to honor Marte with the creation of a Scholarship in her name and call her with the news at the 2014 Convention.

Sadly, that Scholarship is now a memorial Scholarship, but her memory will live on!



Marte, K0EPE and Pete, W0CM

The Young Ladies' Radio League is pleased to inform the Foundation for Amateur Radio that at a recent meeting the membership voted to create a third scholarship. This scholarship is to be awarded to a student who meets all the criteria but is a part time student working full time.

This award was named in honor of K0EPE, Marte Wessel when it was created in August, however, due to her recent death, it will now be called the Martha "Marte" Wessel, K0EPE, Memorial Scholarship. The amount of this award is to be \$1000.

Additionally, it was voted to increase the award amounts of the Ethel Smith, K4LMB, Memorial Scholarship and the Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, Memorial Scholarship to \$2000 each.

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really enjoyable to me. We'll be in Honolulu and I'll get to see more of what I didn't get to see last time. I have my list of what I want to do and where I want to go and I'll keep going back until I finish the list. (That usually takes 4-6 trips and numerous altered lists.)

Then with the holidays coming up there's more planning to be done. So I go from helping to plan the convention to planning trips and then holidays. Oh dear, do you think it will end after that? Probably not.



Sara, AB7PS in her Convention Shirt.

As you can see in this article I included a picture of Sara Lyon, AB7PS, with her YLRL T-shirt on. She is the past District 7 chair. I took it over from her. She wasn't able to come to the convention unfortunately but was very aware of everything that was going on. So Sara, you were missed and we hope you enjoy your shirt! We have a new member in District 7- Pat Zwer, KF7MKG. She's a member of W7AIA (my club) and I know her well. She was also at the convention and helped at the registration table. Welcome Pat! Good-bye to all of you and I hope your autumn is a good one. 33 to you all. Marilyn, AF7BI

District 8

Hey all,

I am attaching a photo from the FDIM this past May 2014. This was the kit-building workshop that was held on the Thursday prior to Hamvention opening up. Apparently I was photo stalked when I wasn't looking— too busy soldering that FDIM 2014 QRppp HAMfest STICK. The photo was published in CQ's August 2014 in in Joe Eisenberg's kit building portion of the magazine.

I attended Huntsville back in August 2014. Very nice Hamfest with my understanding of over 5K in attendance.

Hit me up on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/jillmedicineheart> because I have a few video shorts of the Hamfest.

Looking forward to Dayton 2015. Room reserved and already paid for. Luckily for me my drive is only 90 minutes. If anyone is staying at the Suburban Extended Stay in Beavercreek you are invited to join me for tea in the evenings.

In Dayton, just keep looking for that good looking older chick who wears white and red Hello Kitty ears schlepping a Hello Kitty luggage carrier. That would be me.

Jill Medicine Heart, KD8QGA



'District 9

Well, ladies, Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is around the corner with winter arriving a few days earlier. I hope everyone is ready. I am not.

It has been very busy and hectic here. In October we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. I find it hard to believe it has been 50 years-it seems like yesterday. We celebrated with a family dinner at our favorite German restaurant with our entire family, with some coming from as far as Pittsburgh. Our daughter had a cake for us with our original wedding cake top. Our daughter-in-law has the music we danced to for our first dance and we had to dance again. It was a wonderful evening.

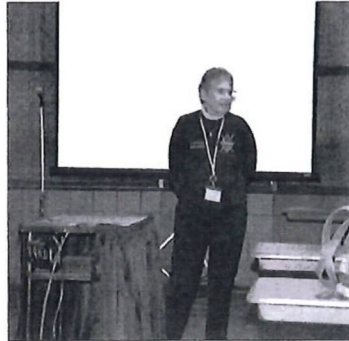
Three weeks later, we left on a Caribbean cruise to finish the celebration. What fun that we, we visited some islands we hadn't previously been. (Congratulations on the milestone!-Ed.)



The Fort Wayne Hamfest YLRL Booth



Attendees at the YL Forum!



Carole, WB9RUS leading the YL Forum

The Fort Wayne Hamfest was in November and a lot of YLs visited my table. We have several new members again this year, Jamie Hughurst, KD9JAR, and mother and daughter. Carmen and Emily Riley. Carmen and Emily aren't licensed yet, but they are working on it!! Welcome ladies!! We also have a new YL in Fort Wayne, Melissa Jenks, KA9CQG. She got her license at the Hamfest. Got to get her in YLRL now.

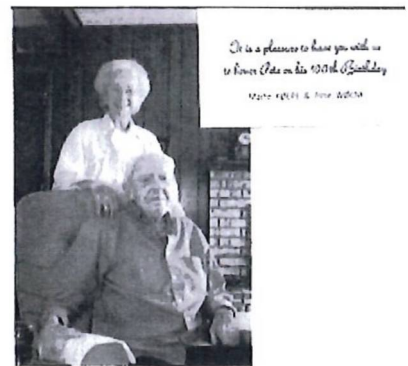
Everyone stay safe and warm this winter. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Seasons Greetings to everyone!!!!

V strict 10

A blank page greets me. I knew from the outset that this was going to be a very difficult column to write. We have lost one of our most loved mothers, Martha "Marte" Wessel, KOEPE, passed away near the end of September; her husband, Pete passed away a shortly afterward.

Everyone who even crossed paths with Marte recognized her for being welcoming and extending the hand of friendship, both in person and on the air. She handled the raffle ticket drive for the Scholarship fund right up to the August Convention, and handled the whole Scholarship fund until the last couple years.

As President, I was able to see how meticulously and accurately she kept track of all donations and expenditures. I felt so very privileged to be the one to speak with her on the telephone to tell her of the *Pete*, WOCM new scholarship we are able to offer, mostly because of her diligence and hard work through the years. She will be sorely missed.



Marte, KOEPE and

There is other news in the world of District 10. Donna Grigsby, WD6EHI, upgraded to General Class in June. New ham, already upgraded—good work, Donna!

I plan to get a new television set-up, using the European Digital Video Broadcast - Terrestrial (DVB-T) standard. A working group around here has found it to have a clearer picture, and to work better with our terrain and distances. Should be fun. I will let you know how it works. I have also downloaded the software to participate in the new Echolink net on Thursday evenings—now I just need to find time to configure it and figure out how to use it!!

Cheryl, N0WBV attended the YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA to celebrate 75 years of the YLRL. She sends this report.

Wow! The Ladies in District 7 did a wonderful job with the YLRL Convention this year. It was fascinating to hear Kay, WA0WOF talk about the history of YLs and the organization. I really learned a lot.

I always enjoy seeing so many new faces and ones I only get to see once every few years. We had a lot of fun on the tours, but still managed to get down to some YL business.

One of the best pieces of business to me was being able to not only up the two scholarships we give out each year, but create a NEW one in honor of Marte, K0EPE. Unfortunately the honor became a memorial soon after the convention, but the announcement was made and Marte called during the Saturday evening banquet to let her know about it. Marte responded with her usual modesty and quite a bit of surprise. I am glad we were able to make the gesture in her honor while she was still with us.

As Editor, I need to apologize as I am way behind on things, but promise I am catching up. Please remember this is a volunteer position and sometimes life gets in the way. HI HI I plan on doing a large piece on the convention photos, so look for them soon both in Harmonics and on the website.

Looking forward to the new Friendship Award for 2015 and hope to see you on the bands.

33 & 73, Cheryl, N0WBV

Don't forget to send news!

V0itrCctKL7

Hello to all YLs in Alaska. Winter is coming and you are probably getting all ready to hunker down and stay indoors with your radios and all the crafts you can think of. I guess there needs to be some cleaning in there too, but who knows! :) :) Never having been to Alaska before I can't imagine what the winter must be like but I bet you get a lot done and a lot of talking on the radio! That would sure be my pass time!

As you know the convention is over and it was such a big success. I for one met so many great YLs and I look forward to going to the next convention to meet them all again. It was a great time just sitting and talking with old friends and new ones both. Everything about the convention was good. Just a fun time mixed in with some work that was even fun.

One of the events planned after the convention was the cruise to Alaska. I wasn't able to go unfortunately, but I heard back from some of the YLs there and got their feedback on it. Lois, WB3EFQ, had been on the cruise before and was able to go again and had just as much fun! She was able to hit some quilt shops in Ketchikan too! Always a great thing to do. For Anne, WB1ARU, the tour to Totem Bight State Park was very enjoyable. She enjoyed learning about the Inuits and their traditions. Barbara, SP2FF, from Poland, thought the state was beautiful and the people very friendly. Margaret, AE7MB, who goes there yearly and loves the place, loves the different cultures of each town. And how different it is from the 'lower 48'! And Pat, KF7MKG, enjoyed the countryside and all the scenery. And each YL that contacted me commented on spending time together on the ship and how much fun that was for all of them. They were really able to get to know each other. So as you KL7 YLs can see the cruise and your beautiful state were a big success. I'm so glad it could be part of the convention. Thank you for sharing your state with us for that short amount of time.

I do hope some of you can make it to the next convention. We don't know where it will be yet but I am sure coming up with a place is in the planning as I type. I know I'm going to the next convention.

I hope you all have a mild winter and a relaxing one too. Enjoy your holidays!!

Marilyn, AF7BI

Youth/ COUMVUV

My name is Maria Lysandrou and my call sign is KD9BUS. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Bloomington High School South in Bloomington, Indiana. Although I only got my license in July of 2014, I have always been in the ham radio world, starting at a very young age.

My love for radios has sprout from my mother, KC9URR. When I was around 8 years old, my

mother would talk about how many friends she had from all over the world. As an excited eight year old, I was very interested in how she made these friends because I wanted them too. When she would talk about how she made these friends, talking and listening over the radio, I decided I wanted to give it a try as well. I started by just listening to shortwave and writing reception reports to radio stations. I loved the feeling that I was connected to the other side of the world in some sort of way without even travelling there. Everyday I would be waiting by the mailbox waiting for the mailman to come to see if I received a personalized letter and QSL thanking me for my reception report. When I would, I was so ecstatic and happy.

When my mother told me that shortwave wasn't the only thing that could connect me to different parts of the world, I was even more interested. Ham radio was the new obsession (which hasn't faded) for me and I was eager to join the ham radio club at my local high school. I started getting involved in ham radio at my local high school ham radio club, Bloomington High School South K9SOU. I joined this club even before I went to high school around age 12. My sister (KC9VIM) and my brother (KC9UUS) and I were all in this club and loved talking and making friends over the radio.

Last October, K9SOU won first place in the world in the school club round up in the high school division. I am very proud to say we, as a club, are world champions. Ham radio had impacted my life. Ham radio has taken over my whole family's life. My family is all licensed and is very involved in ham radio.

Since I will be your new youth columnist, I would like to invite and encourage you to participate in the School Club Round Up. This event takes place twice a year, details can be found on the ARRL website under youth services. Your participation helps and encourages the youth to pursue this field. School clubs all compete in the middle school, high school and college divisions. Each new state and DX entity helps the club earn more points. I believe ham radio is a wonderful way in connecting people from all over the world— so let's connect with the youth!

Thank you so much, 73 and good DX

Maria KD9BUS

VE Mew

Martha, KOEPE, became a SK on September 23rd. A unique and lovely lady. I shall never forget the first time I contacted Martha on the Tangle Net. I very nervously dropped my call in and she responded as only Martha knew how. She was so very kind and friendly and made a new Amateur feel so very welcome. Many of you would have had the same experience, I am sure. She never forgot to ask about little things, which made contacts with her so pleasant and personal. She really did care. The driving force behind YLRL and the scholarship fund for more years than many of us can remember.

I am so pleased she knew about the new scholarship that was named in her honor. It was well deserved and very timely. She will live in our hearts forever... It was also good to know that Martha did not have to wait too long for Pete, W0CM, who became a SK within 6 days of Martha's passing. They are together again and may they rest in peace...

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of another of our number. Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX, became a SI< in July. She will be missed not only by Amateur Radio friends but also in her community. She was an active member of several service groups.

What can I say about this summer and YLRL 2014 that has not already been said..? I was very happy to be able to attend and it is only a short hop for me to fly from Vancouver Island to Vancouver, Washington. A super gathering and well organized by Barbara Yasson, AC7UH; Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB; and their intrepid group of very helpful YLs. The Heathman Lodge was an excellent choice—a large, comfortable hotel with a relaxing atmosphere and good-sized rooms for our accommodations, meetings and dinners. All done in a log construction theme that, once inside, you felt you were at a mountain retreat and not in a thriving metropolis like Vancouver, Washington...

Tours were good. Presentations interesting. Hospitality suite just buzzed with conversations. Small gifts and cards were exchanged. Friendships renewed and new ones made. Many photos taken and

memories stored. Just to be with so many YLs and to feel the energy and to hear the laughter has really done me a world of good and I feel quite rejuvenated. It was a pleasure and a privilege, for me, just to be in the company of so many wonderful and energetic women.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and all my very best wishes to you and your families for the coming year, 2015.

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Merle, VE1VCI, sent two very newsy letters. Included were 2 photographs of Merle and the St Frances Xavier Rowing Club members.



July 2014:

We had a very good strawberry crop but pickers were scarce, prices stayed higher than usual. My raised garden beds are the bright spot in the summer. We have had no rain since Father's Day but the garden is watered automatically from a spring fed well. My 21st great-grand child arrived safely, they named him Alexander James but he gets "AJ" already. He visited me in July with his 11-month-old cousin, Hannah. It was a busy time.

The bands continue to be so noisy I cannot even get Morse Code!!

I am working on my 197th comforter. It is 10 years since I started this wonderful hobby. There is no problem selling some and giving others to the sick and needy.

September 2014:

I was saddened to hear Jeanne, VA3WX, has become a SIC She will be missed.

We have enjoyed a wonderful summer here at Glenhill Farm in beautiful Nova Scotia. The crops have been amazing. The low bush wild blueberries are just finishing and the crop was one of our best in the 60 years we have been growing them. Most were raked by machine by my eldest son, Sandy. The crop is brought into production by burning or mowing existing wild bushes. The farm has a large walk-in freezer where many are frozen in 5 and 10 pound boxes. We are now into cucumber pickling. This morning I pickled 40 pints of mustard cukes to sell in my son's small Craft Shop. I expect to make well over a 1,000 pints. They are very popular at the Farmer's Market.

Have an order for 4 large comforters. I have 3 completed. Most of these are used by folks in wheelchairs or, if it is child fabric, they sell for children's cribs. I also intend to make eight Christmas Laptop covers. I am well over 200 comforters in the 10 years since I started counting them. I spend very little time watching TV and I do not have a computer.

My 91st birthday on August 2nd was a lot of fun. I decided to get into the canoe that has my name on it but would not let the Rowing Club members move it from the dock!! Next year, maybe. Hi Hi. (see photos)

One of the members celebrated his 21st the same day as "yours truly" celebrated her 91st. He made a cake and we put it together with 7 minute icing. He brought the 3 layers in 9 pieces!! We served it on my new deck. My old deck broke when a 14-inch snowfall came off my aluminum roof all at once. We had a grand time. The rowers all attend St Frances Xavier University in Antigonish and are a great and well-disciplined group.

I just got word my 22nd great-grandchild is on the way. I now have 11 girls and 10 boys as "greats". Enjoy the rest of the year.

33&73 Merle, VE1VCI

(When I phoned to thank Merle for her contributions she told me she was having the entire Rowing Team for a pancake breakfast. Lucky Rowers!! Delicious pancakes with wild blueberries. Merle is just one of the many amazing YLs in Amateur Radio...)

Helen, VA1YL, writes: We have had a busy year, 7 trips in 12 months! The last one was a trip to Britain. It began as a hiking holiday with friends from the west coast. We only see them when we plan a trip together. We added a bit to the hiking holiday. We went to Scotland and visited 2 of Fred's first cousins who live there. Then we joined our west coast friends in Liverpool, where we visited the Beatles Museum and took the ferry across the Mersey. From there we took 3 buses and a taxi to get to our hiking location in Somerset. During our hiking week we walked over 45 miles - not too bad for a guy with a 10-month-old hip! From Somerset we took a bus to London where we spent a week with our daughter Anne, VE2WHO, who lives in the Netherlands but had to come to England for work.

Because I was gone for much of September, I missed the start up of the CLARA nets, but the gals picked them up and made sure they ran without me! We have no more trips planned at this point. It is great to be home! 33 Helen, VA1YL

(Check out www.clarayl.ca and read Helen's report of their DXpedition to Bon Portage Island (NA126) this past summer. Good write-up and photos. Listed on the CLARA website under "Our Shining Stars".)

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Here on the Canadian Prairies, especially Saskatchewan, we were really worried when Calgary, Alberta got snow at the beginning of September, thinking, oh my, winter already. Well thank goodness that did not happen, as a matter of fact, the weather had been absolutely wonderful, and both Harv and I have been outside working, pruning our trees and raking up the leaves. Bags and bags of leaves. We finished all our pruning on Tuesday, October 14th. Had to work off some of those non-fattening, absolutely no calories casseroles, you know the ones that have 35% cream, 35% whipping cream. Yep those ones that I make at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter...oh well, we were stuffed to over fill, made our son, Dave, 6 TV dinners to take home and put in his freezer and then I made 6 doubles for Harv and I to enjoy when I have one of those days, "OH I don't know what to have for supper." I just take one of them out, and pop it into the oven, and there is supper. I never get tired of turkey-just love it.

On other news, Harv and I received our flu shot on Wed, October 15th. Harv, of course, never has any problems with the shot, and then there is me-yep, very sore and swollen upper left arm. This will last for a few days and will then disappear. So just to let you know, I am really fine, but just thought I would remind folks to get their flu shots. We don't need anyone getting sick over the flu. The girls in the USA have enough to worry about without getting sick with the flu.

I really do hope that everyone had an absolutely marvelous summer. I know some of you had scorching heat, and some had severe droughts, but health wise, hope everything is well.

I understand the YLRL Convention was a huge success, and I am so pleased to hear that. I thank Barbara AC7UH for the 2CDs of pictures of the convention, and I am sorry that I don't have many of them on at the moment, but I promise I will get them on real soon. Like I said, life got in the way. One does not wish to sit in front of the computer for hours when the weather outside is so nice. There is plenty of time for that when the snow flies and the temperatures are in the -20's and lower. All that said, I am really glad everyone had a great time except for Barb Bender, KA3VXR who fell getting ready to disembark on the Alaska trip. I know she is now home and is walking with a walker and doing great.

Also the sad news about Martha, K0EPE, I know we were all devastated but I'm sure Martha is up in Heaven watching all that is going on. I am so glad that the convention decided to give a Scholarship in her name to a full time working girl who is doing college part time. I am so happy that Martha knew about it before she passed. I thank Betty Jo, KB5CSQ for the picture that is now on the Gone But Not Forgotten page and Suzanne for another picture, which I must also get on. It's going to be difficult not to put too many pictures of Martha and Pete on the website, as we cannot just pay honor to Martha, as so many of our older YLs have passed away and are just as important.

Other than that, nothing new is happening in Moose Jaw, except I did see city crews on Wednesday putting up the Christmas Decorations! Really rushing the season, but guess they have to get things done when the weather is good also.

So that's all for now folks and if anyone wants my non calorie, non fattening recipes, please feel free to email me, anytime. I really do love to share with everyone.

(I, for one, can vouch for Vai's wonderful recipes. She sent me her perogy and cabbage roll recipes. Making the rolls takes a knack that I am trying to master and altho' mine are not very neat, they certainly are tasty !!... :o)

Take care, and seeing as this is the Nov/Dec issue, I want to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and all the very best in 2015. We just celebrated our 47th in September and just at that time could never even fathom 2015, that seemed so far into the future. My how time flies when one is having fun.

33 Val-VE5AQ

DX CoUunw

Dear YL friends,

Summer is over and the beautiful autumn is here with all the brilliant colors in the leaves. Last time to cut grass and soon we have snow to shuffle. Wonder how winter will be for us in Virginia. Many of you are waiting for summer and I wish you all a good summer.

I attended YLRL 75th anniversary meeting and it was so well planned and I enjoyed it so much meeting old friends and meet many new ones. The Columbia Gorge trip was beautiful all the waterfalls and the river so wide like snake below us. We had good meetings and sure enjoyed the dinner parties in the evening. Glad to see we have young YLs joining YLRL and I thank the ones that offered to sponsor DX-YLs.



Barbara, SP2FF, traveled the furthest and she was so lucky in winning the Quilt so many had contributed to. Read how joining YLRL can change your life as it did for Barbara meeting Ethel, K4LMB, at Las Vegas, YLRL meeting.

My name is Barbara, SP2FF. I am from Poland; my QTH is Gdynia - north of Poland - near the Baltic Sea.

I had my license since 1963, had it for 51 years. I am a member of YLRL from 1975, now 39 years. I was sponsored by Ethel, K4LMB. My first

personal contact with YLRL members was during convention in Las Vegas. Ethel, K4LMB was my sponsor, it was miracle that I received permit to go to America.

It was my first time - first trip to WEST

I spent one month with Ethel. Later I could not come to the conventions, as it was impossible to receive permission from my government.

In the 1988 - day after Christmas my husband, SP2UU, passed away, due to bone marrow cancer. Two days before his death, he asked me about convention and he pushed me to promise, that I will go to America.

It was very difficult time for me. I cried often and Ethel knows it. When I came to USA, June 1989, Ethel was my sponsor again, like a nice and lovely mommy. We had a very good time together, and she advised me that I should not go back to Poland, and I followed her advice.

After two month I was on my own. I had a driver license, I bought a car, found a job and a place to live, paid for my first Fiat Strata, \$100. I took English classes. Ethel taught me how to live in America. I know that now she is watching me from the tiny clouds.

My only son and my grandson are Ham radio operators. Son's call-SP2UUU, but grandson is SP2UU, he picked the grandpa's call.

Right now I am a pensioner. I worked 50 years, went back to Poland year 2007. I have two citizenships American and Polish. I am really happy.

Three of us from the family are working on the same transceiver FT 990, the same antennas YAGI and GROUNDPLEN, DIPOL, the same QTH.

Sometimes we have to play to work out, who will be on the air especially during the contest.

It is funny, at my first convention I was 50 years old, and 25 years later I have opportunity to be a participant in 75 Anniversary Convention in Vancouver. I am "growing" like YLRL organization.

It was a privilege to be able to be there and meet so many and keep in touch.

I traveled 20 hours to be in Vancouver.

The 'good' in my life start from YLRL.

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Barbara, SP2FF

I also have gotten so many friends through ham radio and we, my OM and I, traveled to Germany in September stayed with Christa, DJ1TE and we met Sigrid, DL3LG for dinner in a very beautiful old city of Bad Wimpfen. We also celebrated Oktoberfest with Christa in



Rose Marie, KB4RM with
Christa, DJ1TE and Sigrid,
DL3LG

Straubenhardt with good beer and sausages and desert to die for. We also went to France, Burgundy and to Austria where we hiked in the Alps for a week. Lucky we had good weather the 3 weeks we were there. I worked radio at Christa's home and had my sked with Sweden from there.



While in Europe got the sad news *Enjoying beer and sausages!* that Marte, K0EPE was SK . We made a scholarship in her name at our YLRL convention and called Marte to tell her. Marte was leading Tangle net for so many years and now we miss her beautiful cheerful voice on the radio. I feel she is sitting on a cloud listening to us, so we better do it right. Join us it is a friendly net as Marte always said.

Sigrid, DL3LG,

The 39th HAM RADIO took place in June 2014 at Friedrichshafen/Germany.

17100 visitors were there, more than last year. It was a great event with 64 international exhibitors, about 40 High-qualified technical lectures; the biggest flee market in Europe. On Center stage special shows, honoring and information were shown. Also a stratospheric balloon was started, continuing youth education and ham camp. A lot of foreign radio clubs were representing their countries. The weather was excellent, warm and sunny.

We YLs had a special meeting place in part of the DARC general meeting area. 172 visitors signed our guest book.



On Saturday afternoon the International YL meeting took place in a separate Bistro. The moderator was Mareike, DG6MBS, about 100 YLs joined, coming from 15 different countries: Austria, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and United States.



We saw a Video and lecture about the Int. YL-Meeting on Iceland by Gertrud, DK8LQ; a report about the French-German YL-activity for the World's Women Day by Evelyne, F5RBS; a representation of a YL-Contest-workshop by Michaela, DL1TM and Mareike, DG6MBS; as well as honoring Roswitha DL6KCR for 25 years leading DL-CW-net.

A special photo was taken of the international YLs. It was a very nice and informative afternoon with coffee and cake. Everybody was happy to see old friends, after knowing almost each of us personally from getting together the years before. We learned a lot of the new activities of our neighbor countries. .. See you again on the Ham Radio 2015.

33, Sigrid, DL3LG

I welcome a new DX-member to YLRL, Jenni Jones, M0HZT, sponsored by Carolyn, KC9URR.

Took this from QRZ :

Jenni been a licensed amateur since 2001, and have really enjoyed using the bands, H.F. and V.H.F., Previous to my amateur career, I listened to broadcast bands. I have just started to teach others, in our hobby, which I find very enjoyable. I am a chef by trade, and it is also my hobby,

When I am not cooking up some delectable dish, I am on the radio, really enjoy talking to all of you. I am married to M0HWA- Merfyn,

I like contesting and also rag chew I also use EQSL, and do QSL 100% either via the bureau or direct, or via EQSL...

I am a member of BYLARA British young ladies amateur radio association, and we do accept YL>s from ALL countries. I am now the QSL manager in BYLARA the link for BYLARA would be [www://.http.bylara.org.uk](http://www.bylara.org.uk) although we are a group for YLs we do accept male members BYLARA's call sign is M0BYL feel free to take a look at the BYLARA call we have events going on all the time and would value your contact with us..

Hope to speak to you on the H.F. bands, and also VHF and to work you in the contest, I do the 2 meter VHFCC contest the 1st Tuesday in the month my locator is IO81ve

33, Jenni, M0HZT

Marlene Mathews, ZL1MYL another new member, sponsored by Cheryl, N0WBV. Marlene is new to amateur radio, enjoys local nets and DX on DSTAR. We hope to hear more from Marlene.

Reminder to you all: membership for 2015 to be paid in January, your own and for your adoptee.

I am also looking for sponsors for the DX-YLs, Marte, K0EPE had 6 adoptees and four of them I need sponsor.

Please send me news, we all like to hear what you are doing.

I wish you all Happy Holidays,

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Website Report -frorr Webmaster Vert, VE5AQ

I will be back at getting everything up and running on the site with pictures of the Convention 2014 shortly, now that summer is over. I am still looking for stories and photos from the membership. Please don't be shy, in order to keep the website fresh and interesting, we need your input. The stories don't have to be about the convention, although I will accept those too. They can be about your DXpeditions, your summer holidays, or whatever. Let's keep the site as interesting as possible.

Yvonne ZR6TBL is doing well, she tells me her summer is about to start, so soon her temps will be up into the high 90"s and above (for those of you who use the Celsius that would be the high 30"s and above). She is such a busy lady, but she always reminds me to check her into the Tangle Net-that is when I remember to check in.

Also, I would appreciate it if you girls who hear about one of ours who becomes a silent key, please let me know ASAP. That way I get it onto the website immediately rather than waiting until the list comes out in the YL Harmonic. If you have an obituary that you can scan please send that as well, or give me the website where it is located and I can get it from there.

Other than that, the website is up to date, and I am guessing that seeing as I have not heard from Victoria SV2KBS in such a long time, I will have to keep the Upcoming Events as current as possible. So I will need everyone from far and wide to send me anything that we can use. I don't have the calendar anymore, well it's still there, I just laid it, and so as far as contests, etc, I will depend on you girls to keep me in the loop. I thank you in advance.

On Website:

Go to About Us and then go down to Special Birthdays. Something special for thought, let us know what you think.

So that is it for the Website News. Do take care and looking forward to your events on the air.

33 Vai VE5AQ and Yvonne ZR6TBL

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Memories of a SK - Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX

When I got my license in Montreal, I was directed to Jeanne, VA3WX, who lived a bike ride away. Jeanne was a big part of my becoming involved in CLARA and even in ham radio. She introduced me to the CLARA nets and encouraged me to participate. Jeanne frequently invited all the YLs she knew for coffee or lunch.

I had the good fortune to drive with Jeanne for several hours to Merle's 90th birthday party last summer. We had a wonderful visit during the hours in the car and at the party.

When I first knew Jeanne she was VE2JZ. I later met the OM who passed the call to her when he got his preferred call.

Jeanne was an amazing operator who did net control on the CLARA 40 M net for years before she moved to Ontario and had less space for antennas. She was also an amazing proponent of CLARA.

Jeanne got her license as a young woman because her father was a ham. When her father died, Jeanne got his call, which I believe was VE1WX, hence her VA3 call. When Jeanne was a regular on the CLARA nets, OMs all over Nova Scotia would jump in to ask how she was doing. She had many tales to tell about her early days as a YL and the connections it made for her. Jeanne's OM, Rick, never got his license but he was very good about putting up her antennas and making sure she had a good station.

33 Helen, VA1YL

Lois, WB3EFQ lets us know to keep our Supplies Chairwoman, Barb Bender, KA3VXR in our thoughts. She was delayed after the cruise. It seems that she was going to the area for disembarkation on the ship and missed a step. She fell breaking her right hip and was transferred to the hospital from the ship. She had a partial hip replacement the Monday after and stayed there for rehab. Lucky for her she has two sons in the area, so is not alone!

From Mike Kepler, KJ4PWY-son of Joyce Kepler, W5MWK

I regret to inform you of the passing of my mother, Joyce Kepler, W5MWK. She passed away in Dallas on December 14, 2014.

If you need any additional information, I may be contacted at 979-204-4437 or by email at:

Michael.Kepler@outlook.com

Regards,

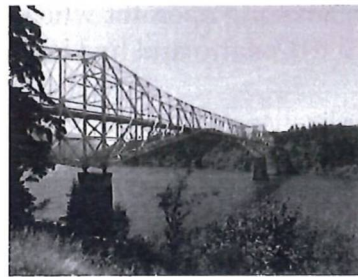
Michael Kepler, KJ4PWY

Marte, K0EPE was one of the cornerstones of YLRL. She passed away in 2014 just days before her OM Pete, W0CM. A charter member of the Colorado-YLs, she was involved with as many YL events as possible. You could find her on the Tangle Net on Thursdays and she was in charge of the raffle fundraiser for the YLRL Scholarships during each of the YLRL conventions. Though she didn't get to all of them after her OM got to be in poor health, she was always there in spirit. A new Scholarship had been created in her honor/memory and we are glad she got to hear about it before her passing. She will be sorely missed.

A Brief look/atthe 'YLKL Cowpentizm/ 2014 in Pictures



Tours in Oregon



The bridge back to Washington State.



The YL attendees!



The Rowdy Bunch is Back!



The quilt to the farthest traveller goes to Barbara, SP2FF

The Young Ladies' Radio League celebrates 75 years!



From one Past President to another.



A Toast to Marte, KOEPE



The OMS who support us



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.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the YLRL Certificate program during 2014. Here are the results of the certificates sent out during the year ...

2014 YLRL FAVORITE HOBBY CERTIFICATE

Cert #	F. Name	L. Name	Callsign	Date	QTH
1	Suzanne	Snape	VE7IM	5/21/2014	Canada
2	Rose-Marie	Battig	ICB4RM	5/21/2014	VA
3	Shirley	Tregellas	VK5YL	5/21/2014	Australia
4	Heather	Holmes	VE3HQH	5/21/2014	Canada
5	Christine	Dons	GM4YMM	7/29/2014	Scotland
6	Anne	Manna	WB1ARU	1/7/2014	MA

WORKED ALL CONTINENT YL CERTIFICATE

CERT #	CALL-SIGN	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ENDORSE	COUNTRY	DATE
1523	DJ3XG	Rug	Helm	CW	Germany	05/21, /14

Congratulations to everyone who completed a YL Certificate in 2014. You've done well. Keep up the good work.

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50 sheets 8 x 11, with 50 #10 envelopes	\$7.50
25 sheets 8 x 11 with 25 #10 envelopes	\$5.00
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25 sheets 5 x 8 (note size) w/o envelopes	\$2.00
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Earrings are pierced only	

GIRL-ON -THE-WORLD STICKERS

Silver with blue girl, 1" diameter	10 for \$1.00
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Barbara Bender, KA3VXR

