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# President's Info De Linda Metz, KC8PKY

Hello to everyone. Spring is here now and all YLs' thoughts should be turning to Dayton. My OM, Tom, and I are looking forward to attending our first Hamvention at Dayton. Anne, WB1ARU, has arranged for us to have a booth in a better location this year and we are looking forward to meeting all the YLs that we can while we are there.

We are also very excited about the upcoming International YL Convention in Milton Keynes, England in October. The ladies of BYLARA have put together what appears to be an exceptional program for the participants. If you haven't done so yet, check out the BYLARA website for all the pertinent information.

It also looks like this is going to be a great year for DX. There are a number of exciting DXpeditions that have already occurred this year and more are planned. Heard Island, Cocos Keeling and Myanmar have already taken place and North Korea and others are to come. So if you are chasing DX, this will be a good year for you.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, a ballot will have been prepared and sent to all of you for the election of new officers. This has been a team effort and 1 encourage all of you to vote and support the new officers and appointed officials.

33 from Bobbie, W1JX Vice President



Vice President's Info
De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX

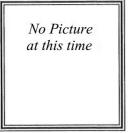
Unfortunately, there was only one log submitted for the last YL Contest-The YL-OM contest. The log only had one contact too. Andrew Parker, WZ6ZZ of Pittsburg, CA contacted Stephanie Liebeling, KD0DSU in Kansas.

Thanks to both for getting on the air and participating!

An update for the nets:

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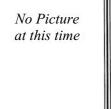
Friday Mornings at 8:30 am pacific time and it immediately follows the net of Anne, WB1 ARU, at 03:00 UTC Echolink node: 286905



District One News de Niece Haynes, KA1ULN



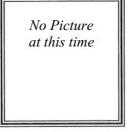
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District Three News de Open Position

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District Four News de Catherine Todd, AC4YL



District Five News de Open Position



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#### 2016 Young Ladies' Nominating Committee Update

Dear YLRL Members:

My name is Catherine AC4YL and I'm the Nominating Committee Chairwoman for 2016. The Nominating Committee this year consists of myself, Niece, KA1ULN, District 1 Chairwoman; and Marilyn, AF7BI, District 7 Chairwoman. We are in the process of inquiring to all current Officers and Volunteers if they wish to continue in their current role if no other YLs step forward and volunteer which would thereby leave that position to a vote.

That being said, if you are interested in volunteering for any Officer, District Chairwoman, or Volunteer positions found on the YLRL website, please send an email to the tand please copy Niece at any and Marilyn at the sound so the entire nominating committee is aware of your interest and can add your name to the ballot. We ask that you do this within a week of receiving this notice. QRV?

33 de Catherine AC4YL and the 2016 YLRL Nominating Committee

Catherine AC4YL 2016 YLRL Nominating Committee Chairwoman

Niece KA1ULN 2016 Nominating Committee Member

Marilyn AF7BI 2016 Nominating Committee Member

## I rv O M THovb^htp

We were notified that our dear friend Betty Marsh, KL7FJW passed away recently. She was a lovely lady and would have been a 50-year member in May Lois

Please keep Martha, W6QYL in your thoughts. Her OM, Noel passed away last year. There is more information on Noel at: <a href="http://forums.qrz.com/index.php7threads/w6if.478028/">http://forums.qrz.com/index.php7threads/w6if.478028/</a>

Ed. Note: Martha, my apologies that this hadn't made it in Harmonics sooner. Please accept our condolences!

#### District 1

Here is a collection of things YLs do with respect to Amateur Radio.

I must say I am in the most awesome District-District 1. All the YLs here have helped each other with doing so much for our district. They are active in our hobby that brings us together.

Anne, WB1ARU: Anne, WB1ARU and her OM Tony, WA1EN0 skied in Colorado for the month of February. While there they participated with the Ski Country ARC in providing radio support for the Owl Creek Chase, a 21 K cross country ski race. Anne & Tony have a second grandchild. Lorenzo Antonio was born in July, joining big sister Isabella Lea who turned 5 in November.

**Bobbi, W1JX:** 2016 has been very good for DX so far this year and there are a lot of good DX opportunities scheduled for the year. So far, I have been able to work

FT4XU, Kerguelen Island, on 20M SSB K5P, Palmyra, on 15M SSB VP8STI, S. Sandwich, on 15M CW and VP8SGI, S. Georgia, on 12M CW and SSB

All of the above are new ones for me.

33, Bobbie, W1JX

**Jean, K1AVM:** I had my two grandsons Adam, 11 and Jarrod, 13 in the shack. We made 4 contacts on 20 meters SSB using the IC-746pro. I also received a Signal Link for a Christmas surprise from Dennis, K1LGQ, it was my introduction to digital modes such as PSK 31 and more. No stopping me now, listen for me. I worked all continents award mixed mode.

88, Jean Camerer, KIAVM

Anne, K1STM: I was on EchoLink a lot a few years ago but just got it again recently on my computer. I don't have an iPhone. How do I get to the EchoLink net by my desktop? Sorry but I can't remember how to access conferences. I'll save all the net info. When I get my HF station going, maybe I can get into a CW net. I love CW. (Need to know how to connect to EchoLink? Talk to our District 4 Chairwoman or check out the YL Forum at Dayton this year! -Ed.}

Anne West, K1STM CT Section Traffic Manager

Norma, W1UBM: I was licensed in 1951 and will be receiving my 65-year award from QCQA this year. I will be 82 years old in April but not the typical 82-year-old. If anyone would like to know more about my current lifestyle they can find me on Facebook under Norma Kornacki. My profile is NormaJeanGuileKornacki. I lost my husband Walter, W1YOC, five years ago. We met through ham radio in 1953 (I was licensed first) and married in 1954).

I was the first YL to be licensed in South Eastern CT with a write up in the YL section of QST in 1951. There are 84 years of continuous family ham history: my Dad Woody, W1EBO SI< licensed 1932, me 1951, Walt SK 1953, son Jim, I<G7E 1993, daughter-in-law Laurie Kornacki, W7LBK 2008 and granddaughter Leah Kornacki, W1YOC (has her grandfather's call) 2015.

I have a complete ham station but not very active. I am a member of QCWA National, QCWA Yankee, QCWA Nutmeg, ARRL, OOTC, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sphinx Ladies Shrine, Order of the Eastern Star, plus many local organizations. Also member of WRONE.

33 and 73 Norma, W1UBM

Anne, KB1SRW: I have not been on the air lately, since we had to take down the great old elm trees that held most of our antennas. OM Johan K1ARG and I have 15,17, and 20 back up now. Looking forward to more working in the spring.

Ann.KBlSRW

Susan, AB10W: I've been looking forward to a vacation in England this year- my first trip to Europe. My husband and I will be visiting the south of England for some bird watching, and then on to Jersey, in the Channel Islands, where I've been longing to go since I was a child. I was a huge fan of Gerald Durrell, who was so ahead of his time in founding a zoo on Jersey for breeding endangered species for reintroduction into the wild, as well as establishing a conservation trust and educational centers worldwide. His series of books documenting his endeavors will never get old.

This past November I was surprised and excited to make contact on 17 meters- my favorite bandusing my Kenwood TS-590S and multi-band dipole, with MJ/K8PT, Peter, from Michigan, who was operating portable from Jersey in the Channel Islands! An hour later I ran into his buddy MJ/K3PLV, from Pennsylvania, who was operating portable there as well. Ham radio can be equated to the on-air version of fishing: you hang around because you never know what (or whom) you're going to reel in next.

Susan, AB 10W

**Linda, WIMP:** I will be at the Vermont HamCon (HamCon is the VT State Convention). Saturday 2/27/16 in my capacity as an HF Awards Manager checking QSL cards for WAS awards.

33, Linda, WIMP - OOC VT Section

**Betsey, K1EIC:** Attended the national convention of ARRL in Orlando Florida and had a fantastic time. Met the new CEO Tom Gallagher and his wife Lindy and was delighted to hear Dave Sumner's speech to the audience during the banquet. His speech was terrific. You can hear the talk at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpo4Fvxv2J4&feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpo4Fvxv2J4&feature=youtu.be</a>.

73, Betsey Doane, K1EIC

**Kathy, KB1LPW:** Have been busy with non-ham events. Looking forward to helping out with the Boston Marathon again this year. As a Ham operator for the 5 K race on the Saturday before & as a station co-supervisor for the actual Marathon. Looking forward to Public Service season to start also, have already circled events to help out for the year including several events for the MS Society, ADA, Walk for hunger plus many others

Kathy, KB 1LPW

Geri Duff, KB1ISG: Geri Duff is Hingham Journal Citizen of the Year. During her Boy Scout years, Duff became an amateur radio operator and taught the Radio Merit Badge at the Merit Badge University for the scouts. As a result she was awarded the Thanks Badge from the Old Colony Council and the Order of the Arrow. She has volunteered at the Boston Marathon and the half marathon as a ham radio operator. For the full article please go to: <a href="http://liingham.wickedlocal.com/article/20160303/">http://liingham.wickedlocal.com/article/20160303/</a> NEWS/160308360

**Niece**, **KA1ULN:** I love that the YLs in DISTRICT 1 have responded the way they have. I try to connect with them every week and month. All YLs in this district are active and do what they can. I am amazed how much people either love Facebook or love ham radio (or both I guess) my blog: gets so much attention: check it out **KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM**. I have other YL authors.

One in particular I must mention (K2EZ - Andrea she really is incredible) she takes Amateur radio to a different level than I do) I guess we are both over the top with this hobby. Anyway with the 10 meter nets and the blog and all the digital modes (my favorite being JT65) every day of the week is filled with amateur radio. I have met so many YLs on Facebook from all over the world and I try to invite them to the YL Thursday nights nets (given by AC4YL - CAT).

My other project is joining amateur radio and Linux and Raspberry pi. Check out my project on github.

With that 33, Niece, KA1ULN

#### V (strict 3

*I* have heard no news from District 3 members for months so as I try to put something in writing for our Harmonics I have a few thoughts.

Why did you join YLRL in the first place? I have been working on the continuous membership awards for 2016 and I am amazed at the number of twenty and thirty year members we have and how many of them I feel I know personally. Next year will be 40 for me and what a great time it has been. Saying that I truly believe that the more you get involved the more you get. Due to health issues last year I begged for someone to take over DC for District 3.. .no takers. Many of our District chairs have held the position for years and I am sure some of them would welcome a break or at least appreciate getting news from you to write the bi-monthly column

Why don't you participate in events? We used to have contests with lots of participation and fun. Now, sad to say I got an e-mail from an OM who said he only heard 1 YL on the YL-OM contest in February. The guys like to hear us on (most of the time) How hard is it to volunteer for an office or sponsor a DX YL? It is great fun to attend a Hamfest and set up a YL booth.... you'd be amazed how many guys stop by for info for their wife. Or plan to come to a convention. CLARA, the Canadian YL club is planning their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention next July 2017in Manitoba or the International YL event in England this year. You might make a forever friend.

I find myself reflecting on all the great times I have had with YLRL because of the recent death of our friend, Betty Marsh, KL7FJW. I first met Betty in Washington, DC at the first convention I attended. I felt like a duck out of water and knew only the gal I came with. By the end of the convention I felt like we all had been friends for years. That was the year Kay WA0WOF was president. Through the years we have met several times and it is always old friends meeting again. Betty even flew from Thorne Bay to Nome Alaska to spend the day with us when we were on a cruise. I have sponsored many YL's over the years and again I have been fortunate to personally meet about 8 of them. Again, great friendships developed.

Let's get reinvigorated. Get involved with YLRL, get on a net with other YL's, get on a call CQ (yes I am guilty of inactivity) Let's keep YLRL more than just something we pay dues every year to.

Thanks for listening.. .1 feel better now!!!

Also, I just got word that Mary Ann Crider, WA3HUP, passed away on March 14. She was well known by the DX community as a QSL manager for several stations including King Hussein of Jordan. She, Ruthanne-WB3CQN, and I spent many a Sunday afternoon on radio chasing DX. There is a nice write up on ARRL site.

33, Lois, WB3EFQ

District 4

#### District 4 -2016 In Full Swing!

Hello District 4 and all YLRL members! 2016 is now in full swing with lots of Ham Radio activities to participate in. One of the biggest kick-offs of the year took place in February in Orlando at Hamcation! As many of you are already aware, Orlando Hamcation also hosted the ARRL National Convention this year so it was very busy! Due to this fact, there were forums on both Friday and Saturday this year as opposed to the Saturday-only forums that normally takes place.

District 4 YLRL answered the call to action with a YLRL table/booth as well as running 2 forums - one on Friday and one on Saturday. We had great YL participation at both forums (see the pictures)! We had numerous YLs and OMs stop by the YLRL table and we were able to engage them and share in great conversation including a YL from Washington State and another YL visiting from New York! Melanie, AG4YL, and I were also able to have a great conversation with an OM who was so proud of

his daughter's achievements and her interest and fascination with ham radio. We had 1 YL join YLRL as a new member, 1 YL rejoin, and 4 YLs renew their memberships. Of course, my friend Melanie, AG4YL, and I didn't stop with just the YLRL booth and forums. We also took the opportunity to attend the Wouff Hong Ceremony and have Loretta, KJ4ULC from JMR Sales help us design new ham radio badges to carry our new call-signs since we had both upgraded to Amateur Extra last year (Melanie in September and myself in December) - AC4YL and AG4YL respectively. Thanks Loretta!

We were also able to represent Young Ladies' Radio League at the ARRL National Convention Banquet and had the pleasure of hearing David Sumner K1ZZ as keynote speaker and then meet him the following day at the ARRL booth. We also had the opportunity to meet Dawn, KJ4ZBK who is a regular on the Echolink YL Ham Net that's on every Thursday at 8pm ET on ALARA Conference Node 286905. It was great meeting Dawn and being able to hang out with her much of the day on Saturday and Sunday! She was also able to work with Loretta to design a name badge just the way she wanted it! It was really great meeting you Dawn and hanging out with you! Hope you can make it up for Field Day for a

visit this year!



The Orlando HamCation



Shirley, W7SAF and Jim, K9JF



Catherine, AC4YL; Melanie, AG4YL; Dawn, KJ4ZBK; and David, IilZZ



YL Forums were held both Friday and Saturday with a good turnout each time!

Of course, running a table at any Hamfest takes time and effort. It is critical now more than ever that when we're representing the Young Ladies' Radio League at any Hamfest that we engage passing YLs and not 'hide' behind the table. This often means physically standing at the ready, whenever possible, to engage them and actively making our presence known with a warm smile and kind invitation to stop by and visit. It never ceases to amaze me how many YLs (and OMs for that matter) are not familiar with the Young Ladies' Radio League! It's time to change that and one of the best ways to do so is to have an excellent welcoming presence at as many major Hamfests as possible. That being said, District 4 is looking for volunteers willing to do just that for the Huntsville Hamfest coming up on August 20 and 21, 2016. If you can assist at all in covering the table for an hour, two, or more and are willing to be an active engager, please email me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ We need your help! The more volunteers we have, the more we can all enjoy the other activities at the Hamfest.

We also plan to host 2 forums back to back on Saturday. The first will focus on some fun YL ham radio history and the second on more advanced topics specific to Ham Radio activity today including tips and how-to's for Echolink, HF, contesting, and more! Please put it on your calendars to attend as we would love to see you there!

What else is up and coming? Well, we have the State QSO parties. North and South Carolina have completed theirs back in February and Virginia's is in progress as I'm typing this article. Georgia's is

scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and Florida's for April 30"' and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Tennessee and Kentucky both have more time to prepare as theirs will be Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and 5"' and November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. State QSO parties are an excellent opportunity to get your feet wet with contesting and have lots of fun! My first contest I participated in was the Georgia QSO party back in 2014. Just prior to that weekend, I had borrowed an HF radio from my local radio Club (North Fulton Amateur Radio League aka NFARL) I upgraded to my General Class license that Saturday morning, went and had lunch, and then was on the air at the opening of the QSO party. What a blast and an experience I won't soon forget! So if you haven't tried it yet, why not go for it this year?

Ruth, KM4LAO. sent pictures from Winter Field Day. She just found out at the last Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society, meeting that she had made the most Rookie Winter Field Day contacts!



Ruth, KM4LAO and Donna,

Rick Cobb, N4XYY, GARS president; Ruth, KM4LAO; and Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Winter Field Day Chairman.



Wow! All this and then Dayton is coming up shortly too - only 10 weeks away! On the Echolink YL Ham Net this past Thursday, we heard that Melanie, AG4YL and Susie, N8CGM will be attending this year for certain. I plan on attending and am looking fo»-""" hug lots of YLs. This will be my first trip to Dayton! Will you be there? Please be sure to take lots of pictures and send your experiences and a picture or two to your District Chairwoman (or myself for District 4) so she can include it in the YL Harmonics article/update for your District! Does your District not have a Chairwoman? Why not volunteer?

I would like to thank you all for continuing your membership with Young Ladies' Radio League. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please be sure and do so as soon as possible. You can submit your dues to Carol K4SAF. If you have questions/concerns regarding this, please feel free to email myself at or Carol a and we'll be happy to answer your questions/concerns. Application and Carol's mailing address to accept your dues can be found at <a href="http://ylrl.org/index.php/application">http://ylrl.org/index.php/application</a>.

As a reminder, Young Ladies' Radio League needs your help and your input! We value your feedback and are always looking for volunteers to help with various duties. If you can assist with Hamfests, YL Harmonics article content (let us know what ham activities and other activities you have been working on that you'd like to share), ideas for more YL Ham radio activities, etc. we want to hear from you! Please email me at and let me know how you can help!

Other reminders: 2016 also introduces our new YLRL Annual Award. This year's topic is Favorite Movie. During the Thursday Night Echolink YL Ham Net (more information below on how to join in), we will continue to allot some time so you ladies will be able to add to and/or complete your 15 required contacts! More information on this year-long event as well as the log file can be found here: <a href="http://ylrl.org/index.php/annual-certificate-award">http://ylrl.org/index.php/annual-certificate-award</a>.

The National Parks on the Air Event continues to be extremely active. During this event, Amateur Radio will be helping the United States National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public. For your vacation or business travel plans this year, why not take along some portable gear and make some contacts! For those who want to stay put in their shacks, you can be a Page 12

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"chaser", one who contacts these activators. Of course, you can do both! There is too much information on this event to be included here, so please visit the NPOTA website at <a href="http://www.aiTl.org/NPOTA">http://www.aiTl.org/NPOTA</a>.

Lots of YL Net activity going on as well. One of those Nets is the Echolink YL Ham Net that takes place on the ALARA Conference Node 286905 every Thursday evening at 8pm ET (Friday OLOOUTC Winter/0O:OOUTC Summer). We would love to have you check in and spend a fun hour with us! We hope to have several guest speakers on the net this year and look forward to all of you ladies joining us! If you have any questions about this net, please feel free to contact myself at or Melanie AG4YL Net Facilitator at To get started with Echolink, please visit http://www.echolink.org. Immediately following the Echolink YL Ham Net is the YLRL HF Net usually found on 20 Meters around 14.288MHz or 40 Meters around 7.295MHz depending on frequency availability and propagation. Anne, WB1ARU would love to hear you check in! More YLNet information can be found at http://ylrl.org/index.php/ylrl-nets.

Lastly, we're always looking for additional content to place in the District Columns in YL Harmonics. Remember, this is your magazine. Please send your news and events information along with photos to your District Chairwoman to be included in your District's Column.

33 de Catherine, AC4YL District 4 Chairwoman

#### DUtrfct 5

Hello Ladies! We are looking for a new District 5 Chairwoman, so please let the District 4 Chairwoman know (or any member of the nominating committee see Page 7) that you have an interest in running. We always have lots of District 5 news, but need someone to collect and report it to the Editor!

This is a great year for DX and as a result we have some great news to share:

**Barb Miller, KE5QHZ** now has 263 confirmed DXCC QSOs. What an achievement and congratulations Barb! Also thanks to Dan, AE5JG for tipping us off on the news.

#### VLttrLct 7

Welcome to spring everyone. I hope you're all as happy that spring is coming as I am. I am looking forward to it this year. I like this time of year because it means I can get outside more and just do more away from home than what I can do in winter.

All is fine here in the Pacific NW. We had a warmer winter than most. We did get quite a bit of rain, but last summer was an exceptionally dry season so we had a lot of catching up to do. I think we did catch up too! I do like rain so it doesn't bother me much. It rained today the whole time I was out walking. But I had my large umbrella up so I stayed pretty dry.

I'm starting to get ready for CCARC Field Day 2016. I'm doing a YLRL table there, which I always do. There's usually YLs that come by and sit and talk for a while, and then women or their husbands come by that want information on YLRL. That's what makes it worth while. And why I do the table!

I also do a table at SEAPAC (the NW's largest ham convention) in Seaside OR. It is June 3-5 this year. If you come, swing by the YLRL table and sit for a while. Also think about attending the YL Luncheon. And of course you have to walk the aisles and see what you can find!

My OM and I this year are going to stay a few extra days in Seaside after SEAPAC. I love walking the boardwalk and the beach there. But I just love the ocean. I lived in San Diego for 15 years so learned to love the water there. Of course those were all pre-Amateur Radio days. I got my license in 2008. So I guess I'm somewhat of a newbie. I sure have enjoyed it. And being involved in our club here in SW Wash and also involved in YLRL has been great!

I hope to see some of you at SEAPAC and if you don't have a Field Day in your area come to Vancouver WA and attend ours! We'd love to see you there.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

#### V (strict 8

Sharon, KJ8F writes... I have been missing in action over a year. Had 4 surgeries on my foot and I was totally non weight bearing from Jan 15-June 15 and could not go to Dayton last year. March of 15 I lost my husband 2 weeks short of our 48th anniversary. June, floods in Ohio flooded my totally finished basement. Had to have drywall and studs removed to fix the wall that my patio pushed in. By the time that whole mess got tied up, it was November. In October my vet found two cancer tumors in my Dalmatian. He had surgery and is cancer free, three weeks ago, I lost my mother. It has not been a good almost 2 years. I have my ticket for Dayton and planning to go unless something else happens. See you in May, Sharon, KJ8F

Annette, KC8SQM writes that she was a poll worker during this primary held in Ohio and it was very busy. She hasn't done much with amateur radio but is trying to get back into it.

Annette, KC8SQM

Nancy KC4IYD writes... In early February, I was at Space Center Houston attending the Space Exploration Educator Conference (SEEC) at Space Center Houston in Houston, TX. A colleague and I were giving a talk to educator on Demonstrating Microgravity in a Classroom. Microgravity is where the effects of gravity are reduced and it appears like there is no gravity but there is still gravity as you are in a state called freefall and that is what causes astronauts to float on the space station. This conference is for educators to use the space exploration as a means of teaching all sorts of subjects to their students. While there while at Space Center Houston, my colleague and I attended a keynote presentation by astronauts Kjell



Dennis, Astronaut Kjell Lingren and Nancy, KC4IYD

Lingren, Mike Foreman and Alan Bean (the 4<sup>th</sup> person to walk on the moon!). We also had a picture taken with Astronaut Kjell Lingren. The attached photo shows my colleague Dennis Stocker on the left, Astronaut Kjell Lingren in the middle and I'm on the right. Ironically this photo was taken in front of the Shuttlecraft Galileo, the actual model that was used in Star TrekThe Original Series Galileo episode.

Carolyn N8ST writes... My computer decided to have a nervous breakdown ... ok, it crashed. The OM and I went out to Best Buy and bought me a new computer. It>s a nice one, but... it has Windows 10 on it. After nearly two weeks and a lot of searches on the internet to find tweaks for the OS, I can honestly say I like Windows 10. It seems to be running fine and despite a few things that look different (the START menu for one) it runs well. All the programs I have put on the computer so far (which is all the important ones) seem to run well with the new OS, so I>m enjoying it now. Now all I have to do is catch up on all the things I have put off while installing software programs and tweaking the new computer.

Other than that, Gary, N8BE, and I spent an afternoon at our minister's house helping him go through boxes of radio stuff he inherited from his stepbrother last Fall. A lot of it was old parts which were thrown away, but some was good radio equipment that he will be able to setup and use. For our efforts he gave us several handheld radios to bring home and check out... and keep. Elis brother did not keep things in an orderly fashion, so there was a big box of nothing but cords which we had to untangle and try to put with the correct radios. Not fun, but worthwhile when we were finished.

Carolyn, N8ST

#### District 9

Happy Spring Ladies! Finally, winter is over!!!!! We have survived. Fox Hunting has resumed as of February. Our team has yet to win, but I am confident we will...SOON!

I haven't heard from anyone in nine land and that is three (3) states: Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. I am pretty sure that you are doing something somewhere.

To fill the column a bit, my 15-year-old granddaughter, Erica, has a Black Belt in karate since she was 12. Now, as a freshman in High School, she received her Varsity letter in soccer this year. She is the starting goal tender for her school. She also made All Conference. Erica plays on a travel team with the the 17 year olds. She is the starting goal tender from them as well. We are so proud of her.

I have seven other grandchildren, so if you do not to read about them, and they are just as amazing as Erica, just ask me-send radio news!

Hope to hear from SOMEONE soon.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

#### VtifrlctlO

Greetings from District 10.

Lori Yount, KD0EPN got her YLRL membership certificate. Congratulations on the 5-year mark! I need your information, folks. I know, nothing is happening, just the same old same old, but that to you is news to the rest of us. Send your tidbits—even if only a single line—to me, I'll even watch the junk mail in case it goes there.

What is keeping you interested? What has you frustrated? What do you wish you could do?

My current frustration is connectors. The just seem to come apart. Sometimes the reason is obvious—stresses either by being connected and disconnected often, or under too much tension, or too angled tension—but sometimes not. We had one fail at the base of an antenna (up 20 feet, of course) for no discernable reason; the inner core of the coaxial cable pulled away from the connector, despite being thoroughly attached to the post. Oh, well. We thought it might have been the antenna itself that failed.

All of our portable equipment uses Anderson connectors for power, because of a standard established by our local ARES district. The good news is no one will connect them backwards. The bad news is, they don't lock in without a separate (very little and easy to loose) piece. We seem to have had a number of the connectors come loose, either between the connectors or at the wire junction, recently.

Anyway, it is spring, and time for spring cleaning, right? It's a good time to check all the connectors to be prepared for all the activities of summer: bike rallies, runs, walks, and (I hope not) any emergency event.

Cheryl, N0WBV writes: Well after the spring storm we just had, we now have to add 25 degrees to our rotator heading! Bummer, but the snow/ice mix was so heavy and the unusually high winds turned the beam on us. Luckily nothing actually broke and with guy wires and our SALA antenna, I was keeping an eye on things every half hour or so.

Still trying to get a few of the new ones in the bag as there are so many great DXpeditions going on right now.

Planning on Dayton and looking forward to the new booth location (should be brighter and dryer) at 481 in Ball Arena. Then, it is off to SeaPac in Oregon. Lots of news and pictures should be forthcoming from both events.

33 & 73, Cheryl, N0WBV Happy spring, everyone, and 33. Doshia, KB0NAS

#### KL Newy

Hello Alaska YLs- Here we all are getting ready for the warmer weather to hit and trying to decide what we want to do to get outside. I bet it's a little easier to get out here in the Pacific NW but 1 also bet you get a lot more excited about it too.

MARA-Matanuska Amateur Radio Association, out of Wasilla, AK is getting ready for their Ham Fest on May 14 2016. It will be held at the American Legion in Wasilla. They're having a contest for a t-shirt design to put on the back of shirts to sell. That will be fun to see what the winner does. There's a shirt I would like to see.

We have SEAPAC here in the NW, a little south of AK! But it's NW to us. They have a pin design contest. We always get one of them. And we have quite a collection now. It's times like this I wish 1 was more artistic. You can bet I'll be checking out the website to see what the shirt looks like.

I'm sorry to report that quite a popular YL around Wasilla just became a Silent Key. Arlene 'Buddy' Clay, KL7OT, lived to 103. She lived in Alaska since the 1940s residing in Bethel and Aniak. She got her license in the late 1940s. I bet she was a great YL to talk to. Talk about history! We know she'll be missed.

Enjoy your spring and the warmer weather!! 33 to you all, Marilyn, AF7BI

#### VE New

Vai, VE5AQ, YLRL's terrific Webmaster, has taken on a new challenge and is now President of CLARA. We all wish her great success. Such an energetic, busy person. She will do a wonderful job and cany on the tradition of all the super YLs who have headed up our organization. Vai has already started planning CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in July, 2017... Something I will not miss!! I hope many of you will consider attending, as well. Keep checking the YLRL or CLARA websites for information. It sounds as if it is going to be quite a Birthday Bash!!

It is February as I compile the VE report for the March/April issue of Harmonics. So far, our west coast winter has been veiy mild. Only a few torrential rain storms bringing with them damaging SE winds. Have had two power outages caused by trees falling across power lines. I have cleared all the debris in the garden and am now finding snowdrops, crocus and primulas blooming everywhere. Daffodils, honeysuckle and clematis are budding up, too. I do not like to mention that on the air when the rest of North America and Europe are suffering severe cold and lots of snow. However, by the time everyone reads this issue, spring will have arrived for them, too.

February 20.h and 21st is GOTA (Guides on the Air) weekend. I have participated in the past 2 years by contacting Helen, VAI YL, in Nova Scotia. Helen holds an open house for the Girl Guides in her area. Each Guide who wishes can get on the air and have a little chat with me. Coast to coast communication and lots of fun. Last year Summer, VE5SDH, in Saskatchewan joined us and sent all the girls their names in CW. That was quite a hit!! I do hope Summer joins us again this year... And, of course, propagation co-operates...

Take care and keep well... 33, Suzanne, VE7IM

Helen, VAI YL, writes: We had a lovely Christmas with our daughter Anne home from Holland for three weeks. She wanted to see some snow and we had some for her but good driving on airport days.

We had the guys from the club in to the station for the Canada Winter Contest as we usually do. Made lots of contacts and lots of multipliers, even though propagation was not wonderful.

In January we had a wonderful visit to Hawaii, Big Island. We met up with friends from the west coast that we have known for nearly 50 years. The Big Island is marvelous. We saw the volcano and the Volcano Park. We went up Mauna Kea to see the telescopes. Our daughter is an astrophysicist who has used two of the telescopes there (long distance, from Holland). We got to see the sunset from Mauna Kea, above the clouds. We also got to Wiapoi Valley - the last day it was open before it was closed for Page 16

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Dengue Fever. We got to snorkel and boogie board. While we were there a friend sent us a photo of our car with a foot of snow on it! But he cleared it off before we got home. We flew home the weekend of the Storm of the Millennium, but the storm did not affect us - it did not go to either Montreal or Halifax. It seemed funny for such a big storm to hit the USA and miss Canada altogether!

Santa brought me a FitBit and I have been trying hard to make it happy. It wasn't too hard in Hawaii, but it does not count shoveling snow as exercise, except for the steps you take so I have to work harder on it at home!

I have just joined a gym program - my first in 50 years. I will see how that works out.

Suzanne, VE7IM, reminded me of the YLRL contest today, I need to think of a movie that I liked that is not too hard to spell in phonetics!

33, Helen, VA1YL

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Great excitement going to watch my granddaughter try on wedding dresses! A sigh of relief when she found exactly what she wanted - a wait of four months for delivery, then the fitting and making a size 4 fit someone who is a size 2!! LONG time since I had that problem.

Followed the DXpedition to S Sandwich and S Georgia and was glad I didn't need either and could listen calmly to everyone else yelling. Towards the end I did work them CW - by that time I don't think anyone was looking for them as a new entity.

Local mountains have lots of snow for spring break and the weather gods have seen fit to keep all the snow in those mountains. The bulbs are up in my garden - especially snowdrops - daffodils need a bit more warmth. At our last ham meeting watched a video on the activation of Kure Island - as the island had been used as target practice no one strayed from the designated pathways!

33, Elizabeth VE7YL

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: OK, the only news is that CLARA is having a 50th Birthday Bash!! July 18-21 st, 2017 and I am trying to get rooms at same price for the 17th with girls leaving on the 22nd It will be in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Please keep an eye on the YLRL & CLARA websites for more information as it becomes available. I will have a short survey on shortly.

Other than that, Moose Jaw is doing fine, and so are the websites.

33, Vai VE5AQ

#### VX COIMAVWV

Dear YL Friends,

When reading this we will have spring with flower and blooming trees and sunshine and warmth, which I wish for now writing this in cold temperature. Spring is coming and the garden wakes up and lots of work to get it nice again, daffodils are peaking up and soon follow forsythia and later cherry bloom. It is a beautiful time. On radio I am waiting for Heard Island, VKOEK, to come on March 20-Aprill0 a new country for me. Look up VKOEK and you find out all about the expedition. When I sent out the membership card I ask for news and I thank you very much and hope you continue sending during the year.

We welcome a new DX-YL member Lesley Smit, VK5LDL. And we hope to have contact with you on the air

Lucia, CTCT1YH, wrote she is not on radio any more due to poor hearing and propagation noise, but enjoy being a member and reading Harmonics. She lives close to her son Rui, CT1CFN in a retirement home and likes it there; her age 94 has slowed her down some. We wish her well. Lucia sends her best wishes to you all

Vjollca, Z61VB writes: Many thanks for your kind email and special thanks to John, W4CC on his generous sponsorship for this year. I really appreciate his kindness and am very grateful for this.

I have received so far two numbers of Harmonics and would appreciate to receive other numbers as well.

Here in Kosovo, there was a really cold weather, the temperatures reached -20 Celsius degree, but these last days there is a slight increase in the temperature.

I want to share with you the wonderful news for our Amateur Radio Association SHRAK, which has recently become a new member of IARU Regl, for what we are very proud.

We have been taking part in several worldwide amateur radio contests, and a group of young amateur radios have been selected to participate in YOTA 2016 program in Austria this summer, on the occasion of 90 Anniversary of the establishment of IARU.

We are all very happy and exiting for these new opportunities now that we became member of IARU, as we have been isolated for more than 25 years due to the previous regime.

Given that we have to start from the scratch and face many difficulties in re-establishing our structures and HAM activities, we are still pleased that positive movements and progress have been made in the recent time, and hope that it will become better in future

I am sending you as well our best wishes to all of you for the New Year 2016, good health and lots of success with DX... RS. Please visit our web site at: 5vww.shrak.org

From Tuulikki, OH7XX: Thank You very much for the membership card you sent to me. Couple of days ago I saw a small envelope and looked inside of it. There was a note sent by Lois WB3EFQ, in February 2015, she had sent me a Continuous Membership diamond for my membership Certificate. She had written: "Your 30 years of continuous membership in YLRL is very much appreciated ...." When I read it I suddenly stopped to think how fast time goes. It was amazing to realize that 30 years I had been lucky to be a member, so long time. For me it has been such a lovely time. Now Susie, N8C-GM has been my sponsor already many years and my very good friend, too.

This year started with very cold weather. Last autumn was warmer that normally much warmer and when we started this year 2016 suddenly weather changed. We have had even minus 30 degrees Celsius and in northern part of Finland near minus 40. When I was young it always was like that in January that we had very cold and we got permanent snow in October but that has not happened for a long time.

Thank You, I appreciate very much to be member of YLRL. I wish to you all the very best and of course also to your loved ones.

Shirley, VK5YL sends this: Fli to our friends around the world who share our hobby of amateur radio. I've only had my license since 2002 so am somewhat of a newbie compared to some of you other ladies. It all started when my OM showed me an article in our Australia-wide radio magazine "Amateur Radio" where a lady had decided to go for her amateur radio license. As one who has worked with engineers all her life I felt maybe I could have a go. So my journey started into this wonderful hobby we all share.

It took me a couple of tries at the exam but finally passed, along with my fellow student who was 82 at the time. We were both elated. My teacher's wife was active in ALARA so naturally I was enrolled as a member shortly after I received my call sign VK5TRE. That was my novice license. I later achieved the Morse code section and became VK5JSH.

Time passed and I was becoming more involved in radio then the ACMA (our governing radio body) issued an instruction that if you had gained a certain license level (Intermediate for me at that stage) then one could apply for a two letter call sign. I didn't think much of it until I was 'helped' along the way by other YLs. So with my new call sign of VK5YL, I am having a great time contacting like-minded people around the world and making some fantastic friends.

A plug at the end of this; ladies, if anyone would like to sponsor an Australian YL into their organization you can contact me via e-mail (endsodds@internode.on.net)

Mariana,CXI JJ, Uruguay writes: Very happy to receive your news and thanks once again for this renewal! Anne is a good friend and I am very proud for being part of YLRL. Weather here is VERY

HOT!!!!... Close 42C really hot in the north of Uruguay. About your last question I am very QRT of the radio because I am ending my studies and I don't have so much leisure time, also I am working so when I want to make radio other things are before hi, hi, but I have to find the time to play on this hobby that I LOVE.

Is very nice to have a friend as you and as all the YLRL!

From Susan, G3EYL: All the very best to everyone for a prosperous 2016

Please pass on my grateful thanks to Anne, WB1ARU with my very best wishes to her and her family

I really must get myself organized and join in on the air; however since retiring and moving house time flies with my son and his young family in Dubai. I tend to spend September through April with them enjoying the gorgeous sunshine and my fabulous grandchildren

Then in the English summer (ha ha) I usually crew for a friend on his motor boat In May we hope to leave York sailing up the north east coast of England to Scotland.

Then transit the Caledonian & Crinan canals crossing to Ireland before coming down the side of Wales and round Penzance & along the south coast of England.

Quite a lifetime trip for both of us.

Meanwhile I'm with my family in Dubai enjoying better weather than York.

Bambi, VK4AY writes: Here it is our summer and it has been warmish with 36°C (96.8°F) days and humid nights.

I was successful in receiving SSTV pictures from the International Space Station when it passed near my location last year. And they even sent me a certificate - so that was nice.

My station build - well nothing has happened for 2 years which is sad. The antenna mast is half up, but the rest has become complex and it will need scaffolding to complete it and some help. So it has been placed on the back burner - but when the temperatures reduce I will try and get my antenna up.

I intend to continue with my publication "Cooee!" as a free pdf that anyone can download -1 will keep you informed.

Akiyo, JH1JMZ sends this: I spent almost all year, 2015 with studying Psychotherapy, both theory and practical skill at a small school once a week since last April. It is interesting, but very hard to understand and memorize everything for a 77 years old person. I'm now waiting for the last day of the program in February. I would not become a therapist, because I realized I'm not suitable for it.

I had a very nice summer vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii with my daughter-in-law and two grandsons, one is Taiga, 6 years old and another is Daichi, 2 years and 8 months old at that time, for three weeks in July and

August again. Taiga went to schools there, first the summer adventure school and next the Zoo adventure school. We enjoyed visiting farmer's markets, the other sides of Oahu Island from Honolulu, and homes of Taiga's friends and pools.

My son, Masaki returned to Tokyo Office now, but other three will stay in Fukuoka, Kyushu until Taiga will finish his first grade of Fukuoka International School in June.



I hope you all have a happy and prosperous New Year, 2016.

I'm now hosting a foreign student from Iran (on the left) at the CE Dept, of Tokyo University.

With warm wishes, Akiyo Nishino, JH1GMZ

I wish you a wonderful Spring and Autumn, good DX. 33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

# Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



#### **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.

The following have achieved milestones in their continuous membership in YLRL since January 2016

#### **40 Year Stickers**

Carole Burke, WB9RUS; Terrezinha Cardosa, PT2TF; Lorraine Deschenes, W1LRD; Nozomi Gohara, JH3SN; Irene Oseas, KS6I; Lois Smith, KA4LBD

#### 35 Year Stickers

Carol Dewar, ZL1AJL; Carol Hall. WA8DQG; Jasmine Marshall, G4KFP; Ann Santos, WAIS; Susan Scott, N8CGM

#### 30 Year Stickers

Karen Blisard, N5IMW; Margaret Box, VK5YG; Rosemarie Ditze, DL4NAN; Masako Kato. JA0CYL; Karen Kuehn, DL3YBV; Gillian Lindsay, GM0BEL; Kyoko Miyoshi, JR3MYF; Nobuko Uchiyama, JR8XIX; Chizue Yamada, JA1EYL

#### 25 year Stickers

Liz White, KO4CK; Ruth Geering, IT9ESZ; Kazuko Nukaya, JA8DYM; Pat Reiner, KM6QF

#### 20 Year Stickers

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ; Sandra Kimberly, KA1TLP; Nancy Morris, K4JD; Susan Perralt, KC7IFT; Carol Schmitkons, ICI8IM

#### 15 Year Stickers

Claudia Doyle, KL0HI; Iwona Okulicz, 3Z5YL; Yvonne Vandijk, ZR6TBL; Elisabeth Jones, M0ACL

#### 10 Year Stickers

Carol Laferty, K4SAF; Helen Goncharskaya UR5WA; Waltraud Jaeger-Ketterer, DJ6US; Heather Pike, VK2HD; Devulapalli Prasad, VU2RBI; Dunia Rivero, EA8MT; Isolde Unger, DF4ZX

#### **5 Year Certificate**

Lori Yount, KD0EPN #3654 (2015); Marilyn Melhorne, AF7BI # 3665 (2015); Karen Marshall, KE5RPI, #3666; Sylvia Rickett, N8AKI # 3667; Adriana Sambolin, WP4OCZ, #3667; Amelia Smith, KC8VRT, #3669; Cathy Wilford, K8IYO, #3670

Note: It is nice to see so many of our DX members receive the continuous membership awards. That means we are faithful in renewing their memberships.

If you feel you have been missed please contact me so I can check the records. I realize I got messed up last year with my illness but am trying hard to correct that.



#### **DISTRICT 2**

Andrea Slack IC2EZ

Andrea holds an Extra license. She is very active on all bands and several modes. The ARRLVHF Contests in January, June and September are favorites. Check out her QRZ page to see photos of her "Rover" set-up.

#### **DISTRICT 3**

Jane Hewitt KC3FSR

Jane holds a Technician license and is an Artist. She is a member of Pottstown Area ARC and is active on 2 meters.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

**Ruth Willet KM4LAO** 

Ruth holds a General license and is a student. She is a member of SKCC (#14766), Gwinnett ARS and North Fulton ARL. She loves CW and SSB. Check out Ruth's QRZ page for more information.

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

Gail Massara N2ART

Gail holds a Technician license and is a Graphic Designer. She is a member of Alford Memorial RC and is the Chairman of the Stone Mtn Hamfest / GA State Convention. She and OM Jim, N2EST provide Red Cross support for U-GA home football games.

#### **DISTRICT 5**

**Tonya Geater KE5SNS** 

Tonya holds an Extra license and is a nurse. She loves chasing DX, is working on DXCC and likes working special event stations. She is a member of Grand Prairie ARC. Randy, K5NDX is her OM.

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

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#### First Class CW Operator's Club Welcomes a CLARA Member

The First Class CW Operator's Club:" has just welcomed Summer **VE5SDH** into their special group. Summer says: yes, it is really an honor to be accepted to the FOC. Their website **is g4foc.org**They started in 1938 and got more organized after World War 2 (some of that is on the history page).

I had heard of them not to long after I got on the air in CW and was copying at a reasonable speed. From reading the site I knew not to ask about being nominated but last July I worked Alan, **VE3HX**, in Ottawa and he then emailed me and asked if I knew about FOC and would I be interested if he nominated me.

Well yes I would! So he did after we'd had another QSO or two. Once you're nominated you need a minimum of 5 sponsors including the first one (VE3HX for me) and one HAS to come from the UK and one has to be from a DX country (I got 2 UK sponsors which is fine too) the rest of my sponsors were from North America.

You're not allowed to ask others to sponsor you and members shouldn't ask others to sponsor you either. Basically, it's up to each member if they think you would fit with the club.

I think the reason the membership is kept to a limit is so the members have a chance of getting to know each other. There aren't any other Canadian YLs. A couple of US YLs, one I've had some QSOs with and she's super happy, another YL is in the club.

I'm the first VE5 member and may be the newest Ham to be accepted. Not sure about that. I was a Ham for 2 years and 7 months when I was accepted.

FOC promotes CW activity. Members are supposed to be active on the CW bands. A few of those guys actually heard me stumbling and fumbling around with my indoor dipole and my cautious code and slowed down and had real chats with me. They're good CW operators and friendly people. I'm glad they decided I fit in with them.

Any more questions? Ask away, there's nothing like CW if you want to pick that up again. 33 Summer

# DX Janet Poole, 7Q7YL has moved from Malawi to England. Her new address is: Roxanne Baxter, AA7RX has an address change to report: PSC 2 Box 12694 District 4 District Four Chairwoman Catherine Todd, AC4YL has new information with her upgrade! Her address is: Melanie A. Glemser, KW4MU has new information and an upgraded call and call sign! Her new address is:

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# Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

# **Scholarship Information**

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