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## **President's Message de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI**

Hello YLRL members, I am Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI, the newly elected president of YLRL. I am so looking forward to the next couple of years and seeing what we can all do to make YLRL more of a success than it is now. I have had a lot of fun learning about YLRL and the way things function by being VP to Bobbie Donahue, W1JX. I learned a lot over the time we served together just by talking and listening. So I feel like I'm coming in with a certain amount of experience already. Bobbie is a great mentor and I really appreciate the time she spent with me. Thank you very much Bobbie!

A little about me now--I got my license in 2008, so compared to some of you I'm a newbie! My father-in-law had his license from 1938 so when he developed Alzheimer's I figured talking on HF was a good way to keep him involved, but no one told me to get from Vancouver, WA, to Joplin, MO, I would need my General. So I got it two months after getting my Tech license. Now I have my Extra and am on to 'bigger and better things'. Like CW and being President of YLRL.

My OM, Dan, KF7BHM, got his license a few months after me and we are both involved in Clark County Amateur Radio Club in Vancouver WA. I'm involved in more of the 'behind the scenes' activities. We're both very happy being a part of something larger than ourselves. We live across the river from Portland, OR, in a town called Battle Ground, WA. Battle Ground is about 20 min from Vancouver, WA. If you remember, that is where the 2014 YLRL Convention was. We have 4 children and 5 grandchildren all of whom live close by and none of whom are Hams, much to my chagrin. Maybe someday we'll get the grandkids involved.

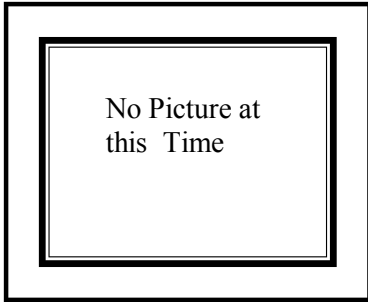
As you probably know we have the 2018 YLRL Convention coming up in Oklahoma City, OK, at the beginning of August. I do hope all of you can come and we can do an 'eyeball QSO'. It would be great to meet as many of you as I can. If you google YLRL Convention 2018 you'll come up with the website. Check it out and try and come. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Thank you for electing me as the President of YLRL. Let's see how we can advance YLRL to be better yet than it is now.

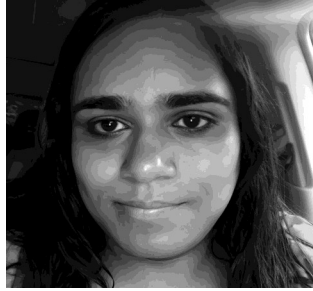


## **Vice President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH**

I've been a YLRL member since 1995 when Marti Brucher, W7AYL/SK, landed in the Pacific Northwest from California. Marti scored several new YLRL members from Washington and Oregon and I agreed to work on the database, which lasted until around the turn of the century. Since then I've earned 20 years continuous membership and enjoyed planning the YLRL 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Vancouver, WA, with the help of many friends. As the new Vice-President I'm looking forward to getting involved again.



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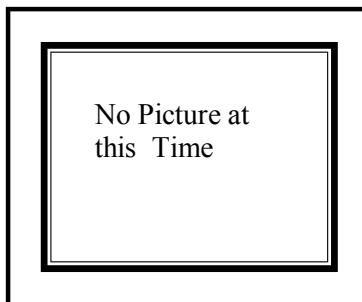
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## New YLRL Members de Anne Manna WB1ARU

### DISTRICT 1

**Brenda Brown, KC1EEO**

Brenda holds a General license and is Retired from US Social Security. She is an enthusiastic ham who is active with several clubs in CT. She is a VE and FEMA certified. Her OM and Elmer is Richard, K1RSU.

**Mikayla Wagner, N1BKR**

Mikayla holds a Technician license and is a high school student. She is active with the rest of her ham family including mom Michelle, KC9BLP; sister Megan, KC1FGH; and dad Wayne, AG1A.

### DISTRICT 2

**Laura Rudin, KB2VDV**

Laura holds a General license and is a Computer Program Analyst. She is a member of Kings County RC and KC2RA. She is studying for her Extra and is active on 2 and 440.

### DISTRICT 4

**Angela Nash, KM4FAI**

Angela holds a General license and is a Banker. She is a member of Valley ARA and ARES and CERT. Her OM is Rob, K3RFP.

**Elizabeth Kin KN4IAB**

Elizabeth holds a General license and is Retired. She is a member of Manatee RC and is active on local 2m nets.

### DISTRICT 6

**Sue Ma off WA6AGP**

Sue holds a General license. She is a member of Ladies of the Net and is active on 40m. Art, AA6AM is her OM.

## More New YLRL Members

### DISTRICT 6 (Continued)

**Elise L. Scher, KI6PUO**

Elise holds a General license and is a Teacher. She is a member of Palo Alto ARA and Foothills ARS. She is the Los Altos CERT Supervisor.

**Allie Peet, K6ATP**

Allie holds an Extra license and is in CSR. She is a member of Crescenta Valley RC and ARES (LAX-NE). So far she is only on DMR.

**Jo Strin field, N6NTJ**

Jo holds an Advanced license and is Retired. She is a member of Mountain Top ARA and is active on 2 and 440. Her former call was KB6BWA.

**Denise "Dee" Loxton N6DEE**

Dee holds an Extra license. She is a member of Mountain Top ARA, CRC40, and Ladies of the Net. She is active on 40 and 20m, as well as vhf/uhf. Her bio on QRZ adds more information. Her former call was KF6JPM.

of Eau Claire ARC, Eau Claire Co. ARES/RACES, Red Cedar RA, RASON (Norfolk, VA), and several others. She is very active with many aspects of the hobby including traffic handling and emergency nets and is looking forward to CWOPS class. Her QRZ bio is very interesting. KC9NZZ was her former call.

### DISTRICT 9

**Danica G. Flyte, KC9W**

Danica holds an Extra license. She is a member of Eau Claire ARC, Eau Claire Co. ARES/RACES, Red Cedar RA, RASON (Norfolk, VA), and several others. She is very active with many aspects of the hobby including traffic handling and emergency nets and is looking forward to CWOPS class. Her QRZ bio is very interesting. KC9NZZ was her former call.



Join us for the 2018 YLRL  
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Aug 2-5th, 2018

The 2018 YLRL Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown OKC.

Register by April 30th to be entered in the "Early Bird" drawing.

For more information go to the convention website at [ylrlconvention.org](http://ylrlconvention.org)



## Member News

### District 2 introduction:

Hello everyone! I am honored to be elected as your new chairwoman. I would first like to thank Diane, K2DO, for her past service as district 2 chairwoman and look forward to working with her on many of our endeavors here in the district. I would like to also thank every one of you for your support this past election.

We have new methods of contact – a new district email [district2@ylrl.org](mailto:district2@ylrl.org) and a Facebook group to share ideas. Look for “YLRL- District 2” on Facebook. We do focus on activities in call area 2 which encompasses New Jersey and New York but any YL can join. I would especially like to thank Val, VE5AQ, for setting up the new email address.

33, Ria, N2RJ

### General news:

The year started off very bitterly cold, but bold! Mother nature has driven us into our shacks with the extreme cold, but we still managed to get out and do stuff. In January, Diane, K2DO, along with Caryn, KD2GUT, moderated a YL forum at Ham Radio University 2018 in Long Island, NY. This was the first time in a long time that there has been a YL forum at this particular convention and it was pretty neat to have. It attracted YLs from all around the NLI section, as well as Andrea, K2EZ, and Ria, N2RJ, from New Jersey. We all shared our stories in amateur radio. Diane and Caryn shared a presentation about YLRL as well as Ladies On The Air. It was a good time to be had by all. Diane and her OM, George, N2GA, have actually been very instrumental in making HRU a success. They both will be traveling to Germany in June to take part in the World Radio-sport Team Championship (WRTC) where George was selected as a referee.



Elsewhere in HRU, Ria, N2RJ, assisted by Andrea, K2EZ, and Dave, WO2X, moderated the Software Defined Radio forum. Both she and Andrea made the local paper, operating a Flex-6700 software defined radio remotely over the Internet. They also set up some Flex radios and the new Power Genius XL amplifier for demonstration.

Hearty congratulations are in order for Andrea, K2EZ, who has won the January and June ARRL VHF contests in 2017 in the limited rover category and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the September VHF. Andrea enjoys putting many grids under the wheels of her Ford Explorer which attracts lots of attention (and signals) with its large antennas. Andrea was also at the Orlando Hamcation where she met up with several YLs, some of whom were interviewed on HamRadioNow, a podcast produced by Gary Pearce, KN4AQ. You can see the interview here: <https://youtu.be/VTvkmmNcGV8>



And finally, congratulations are also in order for Fran, KD2CRH, who passed the Element 3 exam and upgraded her license to General class. The upgrade was slightly delayed by the Government shutdown but eventually came through. Way to go Fran! We hope we can see you on the air on HF. We are very proud of you and hope you will try for and pass the Extra exam someday.

**From Salli, K2RYD:**  
**Why YL Operators are so unforgettable**

My name is Salli and I live in Islip Terrace, N.Y. I have been licensed since April 2016. I upgraded to AE (Extra) so I can work DX and contests in the extra portions of the bands. I picked my vanity call sign, K2RYD (ride) since I own and keep my horse on my property.



Back in July 2017 I was a special event operator for Brookhaven National Laboratory, K2BNL, celebrating the laboratory's 70 years of discovery here on Long Island. I operated on and off until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. I spoke to laboratories all over the world. The station made a total of 3,400 contacts.



*Brookhaven National Laboratory*

For the NY QSO Party, I parked myself on a 40m frequency and called CQ for about 10 hours. During that time, I was asked by several contacts if I was the K2BNL operator. They said they could tell my voice anywhere. (Must be my Brooklyn accent). Now you know when doing a QSO Party, you want to make as many contacts as possible. However, when the NY QSO Party coincides with JOTA weekend you can expect to talk to a scout or two.

I was transformed into a Scout Magnet. I was called by 29 JOTA stations and spoke to about 70 scouts. Being a mother, I couldn't say no. I even had JOTA stations on standby. To relieve some of my JOTA pileups, other hams offered to take them up 5 or down 5 from my frequency. I did manage to make 703 QSOs.

Then came Ham Radio University in early January. I offered to be a special event operator for a few days prior to the event. Again, several contacts asked if I operated as K2BNL. They too recognized my "Brooklyn Accent."

Are you wondering where this story is going?

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Now I am sitting at a lunch table at HRU with other hams – some of them are hams I do not know. As the conversations were going along, one of the hams mentioned he was the district manager for the scouts in Connecticut. I told him the story of how I spoke to so many scouts during the NYQSO party / JOTA weekend. With that, he banged on the table and shouted, “That was you?” He told me I was the only YL he had spoken to that weekend and that my voice and Brooklyn accent were unmistakable. (He also said I sounded 32 years old, bless his soul). He also plans to look for me during the next JOTA event.

So you see, people don't forget you when you are a YL operator!! Especially one with a Brooklyn accent.

Look for “The 12 Days of Christmas” Special Event that I am organizing for this coming December.

33, Salli, K2RYD

### **From Andrea, K2EZ**

Due to a combination of vehicle issues, bitter cold weather, and being out of town I missed roving in the January VHF Contest. Being down in Texas I opted to exercise an open invite to operate at the big K5QE multi-op station. It was an interesting experience and my first time operating a fixed station and multi-op during the VHF contest.

Being right on the Texas and Louisiana border there are very few hams nearby. Dallas and Houston are the two big nearby cities but both are over 100 miles away. Because of this, unless 6m has an E skip opening, K5QE focuses almost entirely on Earth Moon Earth (EME) and Meteor Scatter (MSK) digital modes.

First hour or so of the contest was very much like what I have experienced in the past. We were mostly on SSB working what stations we could with one station handing off to another as stations QSYed thru the four bands K5QE runs. I was at the 70cm station and felt a bit like a fish out of water. 70cm just didn't seem to be hearing stations we heard on other bands and I didn't know if it was me, the antennas or what. I later heard some of the other ops think it wasn't hearing well either.

After the first hour or so, all the nearby stations were worked and we largely switched over to digital modes. I sat down with Marshall, K5QE, at the 2m EME station and he showed me how JT-65 worked with moon bounce. It really made moon bounce seem easy although it was easy to forget we were transmitting at 1500 watts into a big array of 16 long yagis. With an antenna system that big K5QE can work stations with single long yagi.

A bit later I ended up in the 6m station operating FT8, since I was the only one who had any experience with FT8. I would then occasionally switch back to SSB, make some calls, and then back to digital modes. After contacts on FT8 waned I was mostly operating meteor scatter using MSK144. This was all good experience as I have wanted to bring meteor scatter operation into my rover. It is a very interesting mode for sure. Part of the operating is working the ping jockey chat page looking for others to sked with and advertising where we were transmitting. I tried to sked with Ria, N2RJ, but she never heard us. We did get a couple decodes from her in Texas however.

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As time went on and I learned the station setup I fell into the role of answering the telephone. Telephone calls were mostly from rovers calling in wanting to make contacts. Since I am usually one of the rovers calling in, being there to help out the rovers was great. Calls were infrequent but when we got one I would hop into whatever open station there was to work them. Sometimes this meant waiting for the digital mode operator to take a break. Often I found myself hopping from station to station going through the bands with a Rover. I really felt productive doing this.

My perspective handling the rovers taught me that persistence pays off. I sort of knew this already as I always have been persistent, but being at the fixed station side, I noticed most rovers weren't so persistent. Only two of the rovers seemed to call back if we had a missed contact or another band to work and signals weren't good enough on air to communicate the new frequency. That probably translated to lots of missed contacts for the rovers and K5QE.



*K2EZ Rover*

## District 3 News

Well here we are again. First of all congratulations to all of the newly elected officers and all those who are willing to serve to keep YLRL running smoothly. It is very refreshing to see new names and faces who have accepted leadership roles in this organization. Change is what keeps groups like ours moving and growing.

Now for District 3, I'm sorry to say that I have very little to report. It has been a typical Pennsylvania winter with snow and ice and very cold weather. The only thing to do is stay indoors and quilt or read. I have read several very good books lately which are pertinent to today's political climate. The books by Steve Berry really make you wonder what is real and what is fiction.

I have two trips planned in the coming months. In March I will go to the AQS quilt show in Lancaster, PA, always very interesting with lots to see and drool over. Then in April I am organizing a trip for our church to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see the new production of Jesus.

I had a nice chat with Barb, KA3VXR, and her travel plans includes a trip to the Holy Lands in May, to Oklahoma for the convention in August, then on to Texas for a visit with one of her daughters and finally to Rome and Assisi in October. She doesn't let any grass grow under her feet. You might be impressed to know that their 2017 family reunion was attended by 75 and of them she had 34 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren to spoil.

As always, I would love to get news from the rest of the girls in District 3 and if any one has the inclination to take over the responsibility for this district, please let me know.

33 Lois, WB3EFQ

## District 5 News

### Judith Nurenberg, KC7KPG

Tom and Judith are once again camped off the girls in the CA/AZ desert for the winter. Radio works great and seeing all our ham friends camped near them. They'll return back to the NM mountain home in April. 33

### Susan Moody, K5YNC



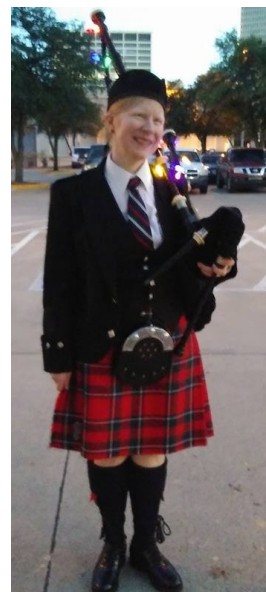
Well, the old adage, "The higher, the better!" Really holds true! Her son, Navy Ensign Christopher Moody, took a cross country training flight from Corpus Christie to Kansas City, MO, via Bowie, Texas, and Oklahoma City. They listened to him on 122.8 MHz as he made the approach to Bowie Municipal Airport and then scanned the Aircraft frequencies and caught him on 122.825 MHz as he flew overhead at our QTH and transmitted birthday wishes to his daddy, KG5UBD. They heard Chris on frequency all the way into Oklahoma. He will be getting his Navy "wings of gold" soon, and has promised me a ride...and I can't wait to have the call sign K5YNC/AM for a day!!!

Susan and her OM Denis, KG5UBD, spent a week in Key West the first week in December. My favorite spot to visit is Truman Annex where The United States Weather Bureau (former) is located. This building housed the precursor to the National Weather Service. This station used local measurements and telegraph reports to predict oncoming storms. The station was often the front line in forecasting the power and path of tropical hurricanes. I really enjoyed seeing this because of my two favorite ham activities—weather spotting and CW. Tropical storm prediction has not changed much through the years, even with computer models. A degree change in storm tracks is not known even up to the very last moment. Storm damage in Key West was minimal, but the Middle Keys, 30 miles north, did not fair as well. We also visited the Shipwreck Museum. We always speak of "when technology fails"...back then "what technology?" 33 K5YNC

### Ginny Smith, NV5F

She worked communications at the Jingle Bell Run at Fort Worth. Though unseasonably warm, it was a nice afternoon. It was just fun to be on the radio helping people out.

She also participated in the Fort Worth Parade of Lights! A fun time with light up bagpipes!



**Leah Ohse, W3LEO**

Santa On The Air at our local Walmart was a success! They set up in front of the registers and had a fellow club member in the parking lot (truck) on the radio as Santa..

They had over 50 kids talk to Santa via amateur radio! Kids asked for bikes, Barbies, TMNT, video games, one kid asked for a kidney, another kid just got out of the hospital after being there 3 days...talking to Santa made his day. We passed out ARRL info flyers and had a color sheet for the kids. An AM of the frontend had fun with it. She started recruiting kids to come and talk to Santa..



She had a great time with W5DRO, K5ATG, KF5VBU and Faith as we greeted cars into the Holiday Spectacular Lights in Midwest City. They passed out 100 flyers about our club; we saw easily 300 cars, so more flyers! We will be doing this again!

Leah and a team of Amateur Radio Operators came together to put the Veterans Day Parade in play! They teamed up with the FD and other City officials.

Leah and her husband also took time to visit the botanical gardens right across the street from the Sheridan hotel; the hotel for the 2018 YLRL Convention.

**Susan King, K5DU**

Starting to practice for the January RTTY Roundup..

**Sylvia Cox, KG5PJG**

The Amateur's Code is read on the 3916 nets at 02:25 UTC, each weekday. I am currently the reader on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tune up and join her!

**Michelle Carey, W5MQC**



Eva Knapple, N5EVA, and her team invited two of my grandsons (both unlicensed) and me to activate the radios on board the USS Batfish for the Pearl Harbor Tribute. I can not begin to tell you how much fun it was. Eva and her friend Macy (unlicensed, but probably not for long), handled pile ups like champs!!! This team of young adults took my grandsons, 6 and 10 year olds, by the hand and had them on the air making contacts. They are all great ambassadors for HAM Radio.

We also just finished teaching our first ARRL's Girl Scout Radio and Wireless Technology class to a great group of 14/15 year old Girl Scouts. They all learned a lot. I think we will get a few new YL HAMS in district 5!!

**2018 YLRL Convention**

Registration for the 2018 YLRL Convention should go live in January. Look for more details soon! Remember to mark your calendar Aug 2-5!

## **District 6 News**

I send a heartfelt welcome to all our new and returning YLRL members! Our District 6 Membership continues strong and growing!

We all enjoy reading about our events and activities and we need your input to keep this column going. Please take a few minutes to write about your activities and experiences and send them with any photos (jpg format preferred) to me at [district6@yrl.org](mailto:district6@yrl.org)  
33, Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

### **Reach Out to Youth at Girl Scouts STEM Events**

Wouldn't you enjoy sharing your passion for amateur radio with girls who are curious about the fascinating world of communications and electronics? Girls of all ages love hands-on activities and the opportunity to experience contacts over amateur radio. You can provide the learning experiences that can lead to an amateur radio license of their own and to fulfilling careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Check the event calendar on your local Girl Scout council website and apply to participate in upcoming STEM events. Offer to set up an amateur radio station at STEM events, give demonstrations to local scout troops, answer questions about your interest in amateur radio, demonstrate operating procedures and let them talk on the air!

Last year we conducted a very well received amateur radio booth at the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California STEM Expo in Sacramento. We plan another hands-on operational amateur radio station at the March 3 Placer County STEM Expo in Rocklin with youth oriented literature about amateur radio, the YLRL, Radio Scouting, and the Girl Scouts Radio and Wireless Technology Patch Program. Please contact Carol, KP4MD, at [district6@yrl.org](mailto:district6@yrl.org) if you wish to participate or need assistance, literature or resources for a local event.

### **Ladies of the Net Outing on March 30**

KM6CIR Ladies of the Net will meet on March 30th at the Hometown Buffet, 1315 Gateway Blvd, Fairfield, CA 94533 for lunch between 11am to 1pm. Then go to the Jelly Belly Factory, 1 Jelly Belly Ln, Fairfield, CA 94533 for a tour. Those of you with hats please wear them! After we could talk more on our experiences! Any updates will be posted as needed!

73, Janet Fisher, KK6RXO

### **YL Forum Saturday April 21 at Visalia International DX Convention**

Women amateur radio operators of all ages are invited to attend a YL Forum to be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the International DX Convention in Visalia, California. If you're a DXer or interested in any aspect of Ham radio, then IDXC is the place to be. Top DX operators from around the world will be there. You'll match those familiar call signs with new faces, and shake hands with the person you have had a sked with for the past 10 years but never met. For more information about the Visalia YL Forum, please contact YL Forum Chair Gayle Olson, K6GO, at [k6go@arrl.net](mailto:k6go@arrl.net).

## Update from returning YLRL member Janet Lutus, WB6WGN

I was a member in the late 60s and early 70s and checked in to the MINOW and Snowflake nets and one with Marte, KOEPE, as net control. Was that the Tangle net?

Then, for a variety of reasons, I wasn't very active for some years.

Then I discovered an Amateur Radio group affiliated with the city of San Bruno that specializes in Emergency Preparedness and disaster communications. We meet in the EOC and operate in the radio room on mostly 2 meters. In addition, I've taken CPR classes and also the Cert program. Now, I'm taking some FEMA classes. Since this is an earthquake zone, these seem like a good idea.

I also joined the QCWA group, Quarter Century Wireless Assoc.

I usually check in to 3 or 4 nets a week now and having a blast. Now that I'm retired, I have the time.

I'm happy to be back in the YLRL fold.

33 and 73, Janet Lutus. WB6WGN

## District 7 News

### Robin Resnik, KJ7BI

Bringing to all the Readers of Harmonics Cheer, Gaiety and Love! These seasonal salutations are brought to you from Portland, OR, where it is an unusual 29°F. Another strange weather fact is that it snowed on December 15<sup>th</sup>, then because of the below freezing temperatures, many Portlanders (most of my neighbors anyway) are clearing their driveways! I have had some material that I believe you could find interesting and now feels like the perfect time to share it.

I belong to an emergency response group called NETs (Neighborhood Emergency Teams). NETs are Portland residents trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members are trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting themselves in harm's way. NET members are:

- Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency;
- Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors;
- Able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhood;
- Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

NETs are strongly encouraged to obtain their Ham licenses. The sole point which I dislike is that most of these people get their licenses then never upgrade! A NET Amateur Radio Operator (ARO) is a volunteer who has received basic training on radio principles, has a valid FCC amateur radio license, and has completed radio operations training. Once a NET volunteer has completed those steps, they receive a NET ID with the ARO designation.

### Marietjie Coetzee, ZS6CEZ

It was very hot here by us and we could not sleep. It looks like our Christmas is going to be very hot. Rain is very scarce and we are restricted to water just in the houses. The dams and rivers are nearly empty. Abra and I will be alone for Christmas because the family dogs want to eat Abra, so I rather stay home. They keep lots of dogs because of all the crime and murders on the farms. I wish everybody A Merry Christmas and a great 2018.



## **Rose Rybachek, KL7FQQ**

I had a very busy year last year. My oldest Granddaughter got married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, in January and I was able to go. A great time. Then, I drove my car to Montana, where a son-in-law flew in from Fairbanks, and drove it to Alaska. I attended the YLISSB Convention in North Dakota and then flew to Anchorage, Alaska, where I was able to go to the wedding of my second oldest granddaughter. Then on to Fairbanks where I had my first (and hopefully last) kidney stone, 2 major operations, found a delightful house to buy, and got the antenna up, all before leaving in mid-October to come back to Texas for the winter. Been enjoying our 80 degree weather and have all my Christmas decorations up. Merry Christmas to all MINOWs... Love, Rose

## **VE**

**Suzanne, VE7IM, writes:** Well, 2017 was quite a year for me and now it is full steam ahead into 2018. Wonderful gathering to celebrate CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Winnipeg last July. Val, VE5AQ, and her intrepid group of helpers are to be congratulated for a job so very well done. Great hotel, great food, great tours and great to have the opportunity to meet old friends; YLs we had chatted with on the air but had never met in person. A most enjoyable time for us all. In September, I was most fortunate to be able to travel to Thailand, a place I never thought I would be able to visit. Enjoyed a whole month exploring the country with family and made many Thai friends. From the bustle and hustle and muscle of Bangkok to the peace of a small village in the north. Palaces, temples, markets selling super veggies and fruit. Orchids, silk, tea, coffee, jungle, trains, ferryboats and elephants !! Enjoyed every moment. Tested and enjoyed their exotic cuisine, which I have tried to replicate upon returning home without much success, I might add. Although I do not have HF capabilities any longer, I am happily keeping in touch with friends by way of EchoLink and Skype. Also looking forward to making contact with many of you and logging your Favourite Song !! All my best wishes to each and every one of you. I hope your Christmas was merry and the New Year will bring you good health and much happiness.  
33 Suzanne, VE7IM

**Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes:** The west coast winter rains have arrived along, this year, with a couple of wind storms which cleared the trees of leaves - unfortunately now have a slippery mess on the ground and have to very careful how I walk through the orchard. Was glad to see the Ham club meetings start in September and one I went to 2 weeks ago showed a video of the last DXpedition to Heard Island. Lovely pictures but such a cold, isolated island. I remembered the book that Kirsti Jenkins-Smith, VK9NL, wrote about the trip she and her OM Jim Smith, VK9NS, made to the island around 1983 . I did get a copy and will now read it again. If you are looking for something interesting to read you might want to check your local library or ask them to bring it in. Heard Island Odyssey by Kirsti Jenkins-Smith.

The Christmas craft sales have started and the local ones are well worth going to if you are interested in things for stocking stuffers. I just Googled 'stocking stuffers' and found one suggestion - a drone - don't think any of my family will wake up Christmas morning to a drone in their Stocking!

Wish everyone Seasons Greetings and I look forward to one day in late January walking out into the orchard and looking at a small warm spot at the base of my Red Beach for the first Snow Drops –  
SPRING !! 33 VE7YL

**Ann, VE3HAI writes:** She hopes everyone had a great Christmas and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year. Memories of the CLARA 50th in Winnipeg are still causing Ann to smile. She is looking forward to the YLRL Convention in the summer. Ann hopes you will all consider coming; she hopes to meet you there. It's a great way to reaffirm old friendships and make new ones. 33 Ann VE3HAI

**Helen, VA1YL, writes:** The OM and I have been issued VE1RAC for the Canada's 150th Birthday special event. So far we are just short of 1200 QSLs. It has been fun. There are 13 RAC calls and I worked an OM the other day and it was his 13th! He was over the moon.

We will also be using it in the Canada Winter Contest.

The other thing that is keeping us busy is the Special Call CK100VDA for the 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion on Dec 6, 1917. It was the biggest man-made explosion in the world until the atomic bomb. Two ships collided in Halifax Harbour. One of them, Mont Blanc, was a munitions ship and it caught fire and exploded. Over 2000 people died and many more were injured.

My Mother was 9 years old at the time. My grandmother sent Mum and her sister walking towards the damage looking for their grandfather. They were turned back by soldiers. Their grandfather turned up several days later in a hospital ship in the harbour. My grandfather took his family out to the country and let a restoration committee use their house. When the committee turned the house back to them, they wanted to install central heating but granddad would not allow them to make him benefit from the tragedy.

My aunt was in medical school at the time. She rushed to an emergency clinic to help the doctors. The doctor she agreed to help asked her if she knew about anaesthesia. She had had one lecture and she knew that you watched the patient's eyes. Many of the victims of the explosion rushed to the windows when they heard the bang - the explosion broke many windows and shot the glass into the houses. Over 500 people had their eyes damaged. Aunt Florence's first patient was a toddler with no eyes to watch.

Apart from ham radio I have been busy quilting. Have a wonderful 2018, ladies!

33 Helen, VA1YL

**Val, VE5AQ, writes:** Welcome 2018, My goodness, where did 2017 go? One minute I was planning a birthday party for CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup>, and then it came and poof, it was all over. I think I am still on a high-who needs "Wacky Tabacy" just have a great party.

I met so many wonderful people in Winnipeg in July, and I do promise I will try much harder to be on the air more in this new year. I also plan to put EchoLink on the laptop with hopes that it will actually work this time. Last time it didn't and I had to type all my questions and answers. It was so frustrating! So, will try once again and if propagation is no good on HF, then I will have EchoLink to fall back on.

I was in a conundrum as to what the new YL Annual Award should be. I had a list up on the PC, I use sticky notes; it's the only way to keep track and the program is free with Microsoft. Anyways, I had the list down to four and used every trick I know to decide which one to use. So, I contacted the editor, as we are both snowed under, but we persevere. I gave her the list and said, "Please help me decide" Cheryl gave me her answer and low and behold "Great minds think alike"

So, without further frustration for you, 2018 annual certificate will be: "My Favourite Song". The rules will be the same as every year, 15 different songs, 15 different YLs, all bands, all modes. We just need you to participate. Please see the rules further on in this publication and on the webpage.

So far, I have sent out 7 certificates for My Favourite Flower, hopefully by the time you read this issue, I will have sent out a whole lot more.

It really isn't about getting another piece of paper, it's about the participation of YLs on the air. You don't have to be a YLRL members, you just must be a YL who loves contacting other YLs.

Please remember that YLRL is having the convention in Oklahoma City, August 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. 33, Val, VE5AQ

**Heather, VE3HQH, writes:** Seasons greetings to everyone. Here we are into winter already, our Fall was lovely but windy, so far winter weather has been on an up and down ride. We've had a couple of light snows but nothing has stayed for long. At present, green grass and very mild temperatures but the forecast is for cooler weather for the rest of the month.

I'd like to thank you for all the support you gave us at our 50th Birthday Bash, it was so nice to meet you all. Also to the gals that helped me get my 15 flowers for the "Favourite Flower Certificate" I couldn't have done it without you. I've managed to get every certificate except the 1st one since I didn't know about it back then. Hope you'll have another challenge next year.

Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness to all. 33, Heather VE3HQH

### Website Report

Well finally got the pictures from the CLARA Birthday Party on the website. It took forever and for that I apologize. When you have over 500 pictures to choose from, you have to pick this one over that one, etc. So, I thank you everyone who sent me pictures and hopefully I did choose at least 1 of your pictures.

If you have any stories, or events that you want on the website, please don't hesitate to send them to me and I will get them put on asap. We need to keep the website fresh. Yes, the old articles, pictures, and other things are great, but you do get tired of reading the same things over and over. I have taken some things off the site, but did not throw them away, just keeping them in a file to go back on at another time.

Please keep me informed of things that are important.

33, Val, VE5AQ



## **Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ**

### **Continuous Membership for January/February**

We are proud to send the certificate for 65 years of continuous membership in YLRL to **Ruth Rickett, W8LGY**. She joins the few members who have achieved over 50 years and we thank her for her support as a member.

Ruth lives in Ohio



## Webmistress Message de Val Lemko, VE5AQ

Hello

I was asked to write about either the website or the certificates. So, I am going to write about both.

The YLRL website is only as good as you the members want it to be. If you want more articles about events or activities that you have done, then you must send them to the webmaster at

I will then get them ready and if I have questions, I will email you and ask. Any pictures that you want to send me, must be in jpg format and please do not resize. I can do that very easily. Please include name, call sign, and the event.

I really enjoy doing the website, as I don't get on the air much. Not that I don't want to, but with band conditions the way they are right now, it seems sort of like trying to swim a marathon in the snow. I am trying to get EchoLink up on the laptop and maybe then I will be able to get on some of the nets. I used to love chatting with folks and yes, I really must get back to cw.

Please keep checking the website, if you find a mistake PLEASE let me know ASAP. There is nothing worse than looking at a website with errors on it...but I am human and occasionally have been known to make some big booboos!. Please tell me what page, what paragraph and what the mistake is. Thanks.

Now for CERTIFICATES: Ladies!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have so many wonderful certificates to work towards. We have: the WAS-YL, WAC-YL, LYCC, DX-YL, YL-DXCC, YL-Digital, as well as the YL-OM Contest, the DX/NA-YL Contest, the Grandmother Award, the Great Grandmother Award, the Annual YLRL Friendship Award (this year is My Favorite Song), and the CLARA Annual Award. I await your emails or snail mail to let me know what you have completed or updated as the case may be. I would love to send out more certificates, but I can't do it if you don't work on the certificates. All the information for completing the certificate can be found on the YLRL website under "Awards and Certificates to work for". All the rules are there. Now just don't decide to say, oh hey I've finished these 6 and everyone sends at once...but please do go and start working towards some of these wonderful awards. I mean, you could have some very nice wallpaper to show everyone and if you don't want to print them out or frame them, then put them on your computer and show people how proud you are to be a YL Radio Operator.

Ok, that's it for now, please take care, enjoy the hobby, and get on the air as much as is possible.

## 2018 Friendship Award



The 2018 YLRL certificate will be called the 2018 YLRL FAVORITE SONG CERTIFICATE! This one should be a lot of fun! In 2018, let's find out what everyone's favorite song is. Here are the rules for this new award

1. Talk to YLs and exchange favorite song. If you don't have a favorite song just choose a song to give out.
2. You will need to collect 15 songs. All 15 songs must be different.
3. You will need one YL for each song. You can only use a song once. You can only use a YL once.
4. All contacts must be made during the 2018 year (January 1 - December 31, 2018).
5. Contacts may be made on any band the YL is licensed to be on and any mode including SSB, all digital modes, Echo-link, and repeaters.
6. Favorite song must be exchanged over the air. You cannot e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite song
7. Contacts may be made during nets only if the net control allows it.
8. Report the following for each contact:  
Date, time, band, first name, QTH, FAVORITE SONG.
9. Send your list, to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2019 to receive your certificate.
10. This certificate is available ONLY to YL's.

A few hints on the songs ...

1. Be specific in your choice of your favorite song.
2. A song is a song. If they give you "Rose of Texas", that's all right, BUT you can't ask them for a specific name of the song.
3. If you don't have a favorite song, go to a website and look at all the different songs. Then choose one that is unusual.

Applications may be submitted by:

# International YL-Activity to mark the World Women's Day 2018

For the fifth time, the DARC's YL group and Sophie F4DHO are organizing an international YL-Activity at the International Women's Day on:

**Thursday, March 8th, 2018 from 18:00 until 22:00 Z (19:00 until 23:00 UTC)**

**on 20m, 40m and 80m in SSB & CW**



The scope of this activity is to make as many as possible contacts with YLs. The points per QSO are allocated according to the scheme below. All participants who submit their log will receive a participant's award in "pdf" format free of charge.

## International YL-Activity to mark the World Women's Day 2018—Continued

**Point :**

There are **two** participant categories: OM and YL. Points awarded per QSO:

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| YL | OM | 1 point  |
| YL | YL | 3 points |

**Scope of activity:**

We would like to encourage a large number of YLs to be active and on the air during the 4 hours of this activity.

Participants from Germany shall send their log to Heike, [DL3HD \(dl3hd@dark.de\)](mailto:dl3hd@dark.de) while participants from other countries shall send their log to Sophie, [F4DHQ \(f4dhq@orange.fr\)](mailto:f4dhq@orange.fr).

The logs shall be in chronological order and must contain QSO date, -time (in UTC), band, mode, call of QSO partner, name of the YL, RST and the points claimed.

**Submission deadline is: May 1st, 2018**

The requests for award must be sent before May 1st 2018. The log may be emailed as an **excel file** under following form (use your callsign as filename):

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| Name:      |
| Callsign : |
| Email :    |

**QSO :**

| DATE | Time UTC | Band | Mode | Callsign | Name | Report | Points |
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The awards will be mailed by Sophie, F4DHQ after the evaluation of the submitted logs. The award ranking list will be published in the CQ DL and on [www.darc.de/yl](http://www.darc.de/yl) as well as in the respective amateur radio media in France.

We wish all participants good luck and many successful contacts!

**33 + 73 + 55 de  
Sophie, F4DHQ, and Heike, DL3HD.**

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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 |
| 50 sheets 5 "x8 " ( note size ) w/o envelopes | \$3.50 |
| 25 sheets 5 "x8 " ( note size ) w/o envelopes | \$2.00 |

### YLRL PATCHES AND DECALS: Girl on the World Logo

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| Patch: 4 " circle, gray with blue logo                         | \$3.50                   |
| Decals: 3 " circle, silver and blue ( indoor use )             | 3 for \$1.00             |
| 3 " circle, silver and blue Mylar                              | 0.75 ea. or 3 for \$2.00 |
| ( for window or windshield: logo faces out )                   |                          |
| Girl on the World Stickers Silver with blue girl, 1 " diameter | 1 0 for \$10.00          |

### YLRL JEWELRY:

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| Pins: Silver and Blue enamel or Gold and Blue enamel             | \$5.00  |
| 60th Anniversary pin   | \$3.00  |
| 75th Anniversary pin   | \$5.00  |
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| YLRL Blue Logo on White Bottle | \$5.00 |
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Available in sizes Small ( S ) to Extra-Extra-Large ( XXL ). Please print first name and call sign to be embroidered on front. Add \$2.00 for shirt sizes XXL.

### While they last

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