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Happy New Year to everyone! Here's to a healthier and safer 2021 than last year.

For YLRL, 2020 was a landmark year. The organization turned 81; the May-June issue of YL Harmonics was the first sent via email to most of the members; the Board approved 1-year and 3-year dues payments with no prorating of dues; the Board approved the Membership Privacy Policy. That was a great deal of activity for one year. Because the dues payments are part of the By-Laws the membership will have an opportunity to vote on that before we implement it; see the information regarding that vote elsewhere in this issue.

For YLRL, 2020, that landmark year, was a busy year. 2021 is the follow-up year that will likewise be busy as we implement what we did in 2020. Here is what we have left to do.

- Continue the implementation of the Membership Privacy Policy. With the publication of the privacy policy in the 2020 November/December YL Harmonics the privacy policy implementation began.
 - The privacy policy is the YLRL effort to inform you as to what personal information we collect from members, and to obtain your consent before we publish your personal information. In the current environment, publication of personal information can take on a life of its own in a negative way. YLRL wants you to know that we are doing what we can to prevent that.
 - The updated membership form was published for members to copy and fill out to accompany membership payments. Right in the middle of that form is the member's consent to the privacy policy. When you renew your membership remember to read the consent statement and check the first box, which indicates your consent to the privacy policy. Without your consent to the policy, you are not a member of YLRL. I'm happy to answer any questions you have about this. Contact your Receiving Treasurer to give consent to the privacy policy; it's never too late.
 - The Photo/Video Model Release form was also published for anyone to use who submits photos of non-members for publication in YLH. The form when filled in and signed constitutes permission from the non-member to publish her picture in YLH. There are reasons in addition to being in a witness protection program that one might not want a picture published. We need to be aware of this. The form helps with that.
- Send the updated By-Laws to the membership for approval.
 - Provided the new By-Laws are approved, we will begin implementation of the 1- and 3-year membership renewals.
 - ◆ We will take a look at our membership and financial records so we can adequately account for the money received for 3-year memberships.

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**Vice President's Message
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My wishes to the YLRL this new year is: ***Have Fun!***

We start the new year with an old year finish ... that being, the winner of the ***2020 DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest***. Unfortunately, there is no winner as there were no logs submitted. However, there were two YLRL members that made contact with one another on opening day: Rita NE0DB and Carol K4SAF ... no score for us, but was thrilled to add Carol's QSL card to my YL scrapbook.

It's right around the corner ... yes, the 71st YLRL's ***YL/OM Contest***. This contest boosts a longevity of popularity; however, participation has diminished throughout the years. What a better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than to get on the air make some QSOs.

Please note the Revised Dates: Starting at 1400 UTC February 13, 2021 and ending at 0200 UTC February 15, 2021.

I encourage you to participate in the League's contests. Besides contesting, there are many other amateur radio venues to explore. Cheers to the new year and remember: ***Have Fun!***

Here are the dates for the 2021 YLRL Contests:

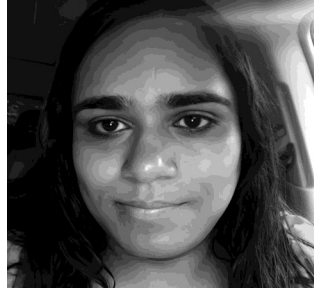
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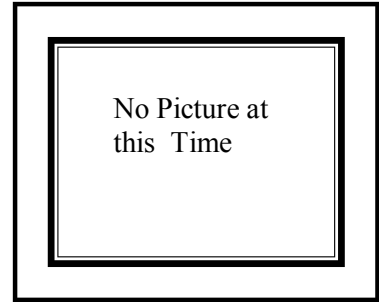
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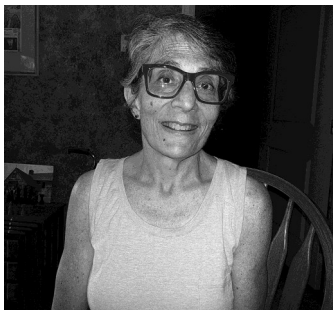
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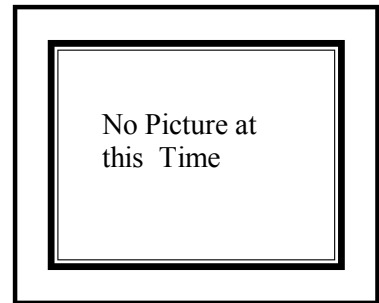
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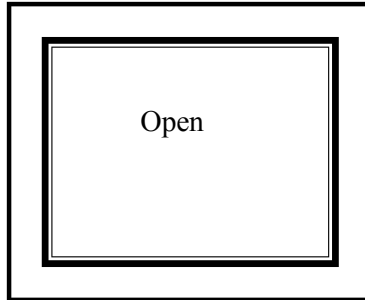
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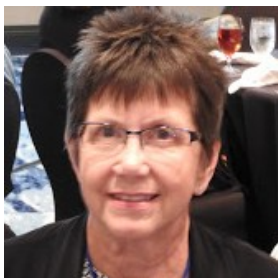
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Hi Ladies,

First of all I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all of you who have written articles for YL Harmonics over the last several years. It's fun and interesting to see all the things our members do and places they go. Keep writing! We love to hear what you are doing!

2021 is bringing you some new formats for the YL Harmonics.

First, this edition and all future editions (at least for 2021) will be coming out a month later than usual. This will give your District Chairwoman time to get and submit your articles without having to work around as many holidays, vacations, and other distractions. Please send her a paragraph or two about what you are doing. While we're most interested in Amateur Radio related news, we love to hear what you are doing in the rest of your life.

Second, the Board of Directors have been working hard behind the scenes to keep us safe. We now have a Privacy Policy, which we encourage you to read and apply. My home email has been inundated with notices from companies telling me about the new privacy policies that they are instituting to keep their members/subscribers/customers/casual readers/vendors updated with what information they collect and how they use it. The YLRL policy is quite simple compared to many vendors, but I believe that it protects us as members from third-party intrusion and use of our images, addresses, and other personal information.

Third, we have attached the revised Constitution and By-Laws to the end of this newsletter. Please read them and be prepared to vote upon them later this year.
33, Margaret, AE7MB

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

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- Set up the Website Committee who will work with Val to implement website ideas.
- The 2020 YL Harmonics Membership Directory issue was postponed until the Board decides if we can continue to publish a Membership Directory. The next Board meeting will include a discussion of that. Depending on the discussion, we could form a committee to study the question prior to the September/October YLH.

If all of the above sounds like a lot of work, it is. This is the necessary follow-up to the actions taken last year. Thanks for your patience with these processes that take time and care to implement, and thanks to the Board for working on these projects. At the end of the road, it will be worth it.

Don't forget the YL-OM Contest in February, starting on 2/12 at 1400 UTC and ending on 2/14 at 0200. Get on the air and have some fun.

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Last year FAR selected 3 YLs for the 2020 scholarships:

Anna Pike (KD4PCU) received the Ethel Smith Memorial Scholarship

Jissell Jose (KM6GKN) received the Mary Lou Brown Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Rosenfeld (W7HER) received the Marte Wessel Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations!

Scholarship application information.

The Federation for Amateur Radio (FAR) will be administrating amateur radio-related scholarships in 2021 including the 3 offered by YLRL. The application is available on the FAR web site (<http://www.farweb.org/>). The applicants do not apply for a specific scholarship, but are considered for all of the scholarships for which they are qualified. The YLRL web page (<http://www.ylrl.org/>) also provides information about the YLRL Scholarship applications. The application deadline is April 30.

Introducing our 2020 Scholarship Winners

From Hanna Rosenfeld

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive the YLRL Marte Wessel Memorial Scholarship. It is an honor to have been chosen. Your scholarship will help relieve my financial burden and give me more time to worry about classes than tuition bills. I am currently in my fall term of my freshman year at the University of Oregon, studying biology with a minor in Spanish, and this has been a very strange year so far. I am living in the dorms but all of my classes are online. In fact even my chemistry lab is over Zoom. I look forward to attending in-person classes someday. This scholarship is especially meaningful to me because I am a member of YLRL. I have also investigated the possibility of starting a ham radio club at the University, and look forward to seeing what comes of it.

Thank you afor your consideration and this honor.

Maybe we will meet sometime on the air.

73, and thank you again.



Sincerely,
Hannah Rosenfeld, W7HER

My name is Hannah Rosenfeld and I'm from Eugene, OR. I am a freshman in the Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon and I'm majoring in either biology or environmental science, and minoring in Spanish. I hold an Extra class license and my call sign is W7HER, and I am an ARRL accredited VE. I attended the International High School at South Eugene High School and I received a full diploma from the Intenational Baccalaureate program. I enjoy being outside and exploring the beauty of my home state, going on walk, playing basketball, rollerskating, and spending time with friends. I come from a ham family (my dad is N7JI, my mom is K3LUX, and my younger brother is K7NAR). I was also privileged tomeet the original holder of my call sign—a 95-year-old YL named Marjory, who happens to live in Eugene and actually attended and worked at the University of Oregon.



My name is Jissell Jose (KM6GKN)and I want to thank you for awarding me with the Mary Lou Brown NM7N Memorial Scholarship award. I am extremely appreciative for this scholarship especially amidst the current situation we are facing. I know it will help me significantly for the upcoming school year. I am also very grateful for receiving the support and recognition of the YLRL as it is an organization whose mission I have always admired ever since I first got licensed in 2016.

I am currently a college student at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO) where I am studying electrical engineering. I will be graduating with my Bachelors degree in December 2020 and will begin my Masters degree in January 2021 through a 4+1 program at my

university. This scholarship will be going towards tuition for may masters degree. My current interest areas include RF/Communications and Power systems.

I received my Technician license in 2016 and my Extra license in 2018, primarily to help with the many licensing exams we do at Cal Poly SLO. I have been involved with the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club (W6BHZ) since my freshman year at Cal Poly. I have held several leadership positions and served as President during the 2019-2020 school year. I hope to continue to be involved with

CPARC and to continue to learn more about and participate in amateur radio as the years go on. Once again thank you very much for your support. I am honored to receive this scholarship and assistance in completing my studies.

Sincerely,
Jissell Jose KM6GKN

My name is Jissell Jose (KM6GKN). I am a student at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO) where I am studying electrical engineering. I will be graduating with my Bachelors degree in December 2020 and will begin my Masters degree in January 2021 through a 4+1 program at my university. My main interests include RF/Communications, power systems and power electronics. My most significant college accomplishment thus far was representing the Electrical Engineering Department as a Outstanding Women in Engineering 2020 Award winner for my involvement in academic and social organizations on campus.

I was first introduced to Ham Radio during my first year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO). I got my Technician license in 2016 and upgraded to an Extra license in 2018. I have been an officer in the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club W6BHZ (VPARC) for the past three years, and served as the President of the club for the 2019-2020 school year. This year I have passed down the responsibilities to other eager Hams who have been doing a great job. I hope to expose and teach more college students about the hobby and grow the membership of our club by being an active member.

One of my favorite activities to do as a ham is to volunteer on communications teams at local events as both a radio operator and net control. I am a Laurel VE and in the past I have helped organize and host a yearly ham cram where CPARC members teach the material for the technician exam and license about 50 people in an entire day. Currently I have been helping administer exams virtually through the GLAARG-VEC organization. I have also helped with some of the social events the club puts on including transmitter hunts, BBQ's and club showcases at Cal Poly. Through the hobby I have met a lot of new friends as well as gained more confidence in myself.

Aside from CPARC, I have also been involved in several other organizations on campus including the EE/CPE Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Project, Multicultural Engineering Program, and I have assisted in developing a Mentorship Program for the Electrical Engineering Department at Cal Poly SLO.

My name is Anna Pike, KD4PCU. I became an amateur radio operator twenty-six years ago. Since then, I have enjoyed talking to people worldwide, including as far away as Japan and Australia. I have volunteered at many hamfests, including the biggest one at Dayton, Ohio, as a golf cart driver. I have been a chairman for three years at our local hamfest in LaGrange, Ga. I have served my local club as being treasurer of the LaGrange Amateur Radio Club.

I work over fifty hours a week at Arby's in Alexander City, AL, and drive an hour and a half to work five days a week. Years ago, I decided to change careers, and the first requirement they ask, "is what degree do you have?" That's when I decided to go back to college to get my degree in Human Resource Management. I graduated from Auburn this year with my bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. In August, I decided to attend Troy University to gain my Master's degree in Human Resource Management.



2021 Friendship Award



The 2021 YLRL certificate will be called the 2021 YLRL NATIONAL PARK CERTIFICATE! This one should be a lot of fun! In 2021, let's find out what everyone's favorite NATIONAL PARK is. Here are the rules for this new award:

1. Talk to YL's and exchange favorite NATIONAL PARK. If you don't have a favorite NATIONAL PARK just choose a NATIONAL PARK to give out.
2. You will need to collect 15 different National Parks.
3. You will need one YL for each NATIONAL PARK. You can only use a NATIONAL PARK once. You can only use a YL once.
4. All contacts must be made during the 2021 year (January 1 - December 31, 2021).
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 NATIONAL PARK must be exchanged over the air. You cannot e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite NATIONAL PARK.
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 NATIONAL PARK.
9. Send your list, in NATIONAL PARK alphabetical order, to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2022 to receive your certificate.
10. This certificate is available ONLY to YL's.

A few hints on the NATIONAL PARKs ...

1. Be specific in your choice of your favorite NATIONAL PARK. For example, please don't say, "Any NATIONAL PARK" Make sure you give the name of the NATIONAL PARK i.e. Yellowstone.
2. If you don't have a favorite NATIONAL PARK, go to a website and look at all the different national parks, then choose one that is unusual.

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See page 26 for Application Form

District News

District 1

Not a whole lot to report here. I have been trying to promote activity by YLs on HF by scheduling a time every Wednesday evening for YLs to get on 20 or 40m. During the colder months, 20 seems to be a lost cause, so mainly it has been 40m around 7.19Z. I start calling "CQ YL" about 9pm ET (0200 UTC). I hope that other YLs will try calling also. We may not all hear each other, but that's OK. If you haven't tried it, give it a chance!

For the past 13 years, my OM Tony, WA1ENO, and I have spent the month of February in Colorado, skiing and hanging out with the Ski Country ARC. This year, we have reluctantly cancelled those plans. The COVID pandemic is a big part of our decision, although there are some other factors as well. I will miss the trip very much. An upside to that, however, is that I should be able to participate in the YL-OM Contest February 12 - 14. When we have been in CO, it has been difficult, although I tried last year using our Flex 6600 remotely!

Anne, WB1ARU

Hi from CT. I just received notification from QCWA National that I have been awarded my 70 year certificate. I was also one of the first 10 Novices to WAS in 1951 in the Hallicrafters contest. I was awarded a Hallicrafters S76 receiver. Still have it on a shelf. Also, I was the first female ham operator in South Eastern CT. How I loved the good old days. Still have my station but not active at the moment. I do keep my membership current in both WRONE and YLRL. Ham Radio has been my hobby since the age of 17 yrs and will until the key goes silent.

33's

Norma Guile Kornacki, W1UBM

Welcome to Winter 2021---

Hope everyone is keeping warm by their radio.

Met up with hams from several local clubs at Hopkinton State Park, MA, for fellowship and radio in November 2020.

Weekly Zoom sessions with our radio club, STARS—including speakers, roundtable discussion and "shop talk"

Proctoring online VE sessions regularly.

Getting back to the Yankee Lassies Wednesday morning net after not being able to participate in the fall due to work.

Waiting for the arrival of some headphones that I hope will augment my radio experience.

Wishing you all the best in these challenging times...

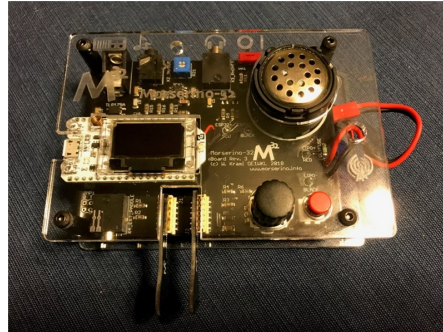
Barbara, KC1KGS

Greetings YLs

My favorite build during the year of Covid-19 was my Morserino-32 kit which I ordered from Austria. I became familiar with the Morserino when it became quite popular with the members of the Long Island CW Club. The Morserino-32 was developed and is sold by Willi Krami, OE1WKL. <http://www.morserino.info/>.

The Morserino is a multifunction device that can be used as an external keyer, CW training generator with several modes including Koch training, training via random word/abbreviations/call signs/, CW decoder via audio input, and my favorite the echo trainer in which a word/phrase/sentence etc. It is an interactive training device to learn and send CW correctly with proper spacing. Characters are displayed on the screen. It has Wi-Fi so one can upload a text file for practice or connect to the internet Morserino server which hams are using for practice qso's with their Morserinos. Lately I have been

using the newest Morserino tool created by John, M0STQ, to do QSOs with a Bot.
Building the kit is easy as it consists of just adding the larger components to an already completed surface mount pcb and the instructions are great. Here is a picture of my Morserino-32 with battery cable to lipo battery on bottom shelf:



Kit building, nets, contests, and classes like CWA or LICW offer are just a few ways to be involved with Amateur Radio while the Pandemic is keeping us home. The link for LICW is <https://longislandcwclub.org/> and CWA is <https://cwops.org/cw-academy/>. LICW also functions as a great club. Happy New Year!
33 de N1YL

District 4

The Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club has resumed their in-person monthly meetings and there has been some talk of maybe making the meeting available on Zoom or some other program for at-home members.

My husband and I had Zoom meetings with out-of-town relatives both at Thanksgiving and Christmas and enjoyed seeing them again even though not in person. In addition, I was able to attend a Zoom meeting with the YL Ops Holiday Hangout on Christmas Eve.

As a reminder, we have an active YL net in our area called the TAG YL Net. That stands for Tennessee-Alabama-Georgia YL net because Chattanooga is close to both Alabama and Georgia. It meets at 8:00 pm Eastern time on Monday evenings.

It is on the 145.350 repeater, negative offset, and Tone of 100.0

This is linked to two other repeaters, one on Lookout Mountain and one on Signal Mountain. YLs may also join the net on EchoLink Node 387904 aka "SELINK" and on two Allstar nodes: 46530 and 510130. All YLs from anywhere are invited to join in the fun. (OMs are welcome to listen but not to check in!)

The Dalton, Georgia, Hamfest is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at the North Georgia AG Fairgrounds. Gates open at 8:00 am EST, with a \$5.00 fee with free parking. Talk-in will be at: 145.230, offset of -600, and tone 141.3.

73 & 33 – Dot, AC4HH, District 4 Chairwoman

We can all agree that 2020 was a hard year, but as we go into 2021 I am happy to announce that during 2020 the Bledsoe County Amateur Radio Club grew and so did our YL Group. We began a Facebook group for HAM education, BCARC YL Group. We began a Sunday afternoon net on Zello, YL Group (BCARC). We were able to host our first annual field day in June and then host our first annual chili cook off in October with a special event station W4C. We have been able to keep up our monthly meetings even though we have had to host a few meetings via the radio. We have also continued to hold test sessions. Several of our members went from either no license or a Tech license to Extra and we have

had a lot of interest in our test sessions to the point of having a wait list. We also had a gentleman who received his original ticket in 1937 in England. He had allowed his ticket to expire. He came to visit us during field day and decided to not only join our little club but to retest. He is now an Extra again! Our club has truly been blessed throughout this past year and we are looking forward to an even better new year.

Melissa Albertson, Secretary for BCARCKN4CTH

I now have my ICOM IC-700 set up and running thanks to my OM's help (John, KB4DU). I check into the local CCARS simplex and repeater nets regularly. Lately, I have been participating in Parks On The Air on 40 meters, listening and responding to various activations. Also, I've gotten back into practicing CW...working to increase my memory skills with Morse code practice via the Internet

Barbara Willis, N4EWI

District 5

Both the YL NTX net (based out of North Texas) and the Ladies On the Air net based out of Kansas have been very active. A newer net World YL Friendship Net is picking up. All YLs should join us in the fun!!

Information on the YL NTX:

Check us out at www.weeklynet.org/YLNTX!

The YLNTX net meets weekly on Mondays at 8pm on 145.39 - 167.9 tone. ECHOLINK node - 432882 or search for KG5BHY-L. Please come join us, all are welcome.

Information on the Ladies On the Air Net:

The purpose of Ladies On The Air is to encourage Lady Ham Radio Operators to have fun getting out on the air each week talking to other Lady Hams.

Tuesdays 8 PM Central KanOkla Intertie System

Echolink Node: KD0WAU-L

Information on the YL Friendship Net:

World Friendship Net

5 PM PST/8 PM EST

WORLD Conference on Echolink

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Michelle, W5MQC

District 6

Debbie Johnson/WB6LVC:

Hello to all the YL's in District 6! In case you were not aware, District 6 covers the entire state of California. That means we have YL's participating in nets, contesting, emergency training and club activities up and down the state. I am a member of two groups: one is The Ladies of The Net, which has been reported on in previous *Harmonics*, and the other is *MTARA*-Mountain Top Amateur Radio Association. *MTARA* is in the Lake Arrowhead area. We have members from all over the region. I, myself, am in Rancho Cucamonga. Some members come from Big Bear, Fontana, the desert areas and further out in the valley. We are a club with a total of 154 members. Of that number, 58 are Ladies of whom 49 are licensed amateurs. At the last Pacificon, at the YL meeting, many YL's shared about their clubs. At that time, I found out that we have a high number of YL members. In fact, looking at the math, 38% of our members are ladies with 32% licensed, making the total of YLs license in just the YL portion, 84%! I began to wonder why our club has such a high number of YLs. Sure, some are spouses or partners of other members. But many are not. I honestly believe it is due to the openness of the members and their willingness to "Elmer" anyone, members, guests, students, etc. We recently had some classes for testing/upgrades, and 3 of us (YLs) upgraded to EXTRA!! That was a very exciting day. The ladies hold all levels of license: 28 are Techs, 9 are generals and 12, yes, I said 12, are Extras.

During these past months when we have not had "Eyeball" QSOs, monthly meetings and community events in which we could participate and visit at the same time. A few of the ladies of our club decided it would be fun to set up a net where we could do just that. Catch up, offer support, and just connect through conversation. So, the *YL Happy Hour* was formed. We meet on our club's 220 private repeater on Friday nights from 5-6pm. We touch base on how everyone is doing, discuss finding groceries (and toilet paper at the beginning of the pandemic!), going out in public, and even fun topics such as "Did you ever have a Pen Pal?" or "What would you make for a crowd of 6 if you only had \$20 to spend and 2 hours to prepare the meal?". You get the idea. These topics allow everyone to be open and share. And sometimes there is an issue of real concern that the other YLs can offer advice or personal help to another member. And isn't that the reason for our activity in this hobby? To communicate, to assist others and support our community.

I hope you have enjoyed a look into one of the groups in District 6. It would be fantastic to hear from another YL group. Please consider contacting Carol, KP4MD, our district coordinator, and sharing your stories with her. Till later...73 all!

District 7

Ingrid, W7SIG/DO7ISG: My husband, Reinhard, DL1UF, and I traveled to Germany earlier this year as we were looking forward to celebrating our Silver Wedding Anniversary in the church where we married in the mountain village of Schellerhau 25 years ago. Reinhard was born very close to this 400-year old Lutheran church. It has been the church of his maternal ancestors over many generations and the place where relatives are buried nearby. The village of Schellerhau is located in the Erzgebirge, the Ore Mountains, south of Dresden and only about four miles north of the Czech border. On March 11th, the spread of the infectious disease Covid-19 was classified as a pandemic and a few days later a law to protect the German population in the event of an epidemic came into force and we had no other choice but to call off our plans. We remained mainly at our place in Schmiedeberg, in the Ore Mountains of Saxony. Understanding the situation, our friends, Norbert, DL4DTU, and his YL Sylve, DL3DTS, offered us an amateur radio satellite ground station to sweeten our stay at home. Dieter, DM5CF, loaned us a laptop, and Siegfried, DL3VZL, quickly came to install Logger32, the logging program that is favored at the nearby club station, DL0ERZ. Norbert, DL4DTU, is the regional VHF/UHF/EME guru and provided us in Arizona with great 24 GHz equipment in the past, which gave me the chance for my first 24 GHz QSO with Charlie, W7GBI, several years ago in the mountains west of Flagstaff. It was a new and fascinating experience for me to be able to have very interesting conversations via the geostationary satellite Oscar-100. Not only did I make my first contact using contacts in over 50 countries. Hams were simply delighted to work a YL and I was just thrilled to have a YL to YL contact with Marion, OE25YSC, (OE3YSC) who was using a special-event call-sign in recognition of Austria's 25 years EU membership. Oscar-100 was launched two years ago and orbits 35,786 km (**22,236 miles**) above the Equator over Central Africa. The satellite appears to be stationary, which allows the antenna to be permanently pointed to a fixed location in the sky. We used a 90 cm dish for the 2.4 GHz up-link and 10 GHz down link and just a few watts were sufficient to produce a good signal. The footprint of the satellite makes contacts from Brazil to China possible, but, unfortunately, doesn't reach North America. However, one can listen to Oscar-100 via WebSDR sites, such as <https://eshail.batc.org.uk/nb/> On April 27, we had a Church service with a maximum of 15 people present anyway. The Free State of Saxony opened up a little, just in time to celebrate in a small group. Restaurants, hotels, and businesses were still closed, though.



Robin, KJ7BI: Season's Greetings YLs! I bet that you are pretty excited about the new addition to your shack that you have been expecting or about that special amateur gear that you purchased for a loved one. I hope that each of you had a lovely holy day no matter what religion you celebrate! On a much more solemn note, those of us who were privy to know her, mourn the death of Claudia Doyle, KL0HI. Claudia lived part-time in Brookings, OR, and Council, AK. Alaska was Claudia's true home, having been born and raised there, married to Doug, KL0HH, then she and Doug raised their own clan of native Alaskans (some of whom are amateurs, including a granddaughter!).

District 8

I want to welcome 4 new YLs to District 8:

Bonnie, N8BEK
Lois, KE8PIC
Victoria K8VSY
Karen, K8ZC

YL News has been sparse so I am sharing the following news:

While the Buckeye Bells, the Ohio Ladies Amateur Radio Club, is no longer active, Susie, N8CGM, maintains their newsletter, the Buckeye Burr, and collects news from the YLs and emails it to those who are interested. If you would like to be on that distribution list, let me know. There is a “YLRL-District 8” Facebook page so free to join if you are on Facebook.

Finally, I would love to say “Hope to hear you on the air”, but I just moved to a new home and don’t have any HF equipment on the air yet—only a 2M vertical in the garage. Our new home is on 4.64 acres, so we will be putting up a new tower and some antennas by late Spring or early Summer.

Nancy, kc4iyd@yahoo.com

District 9

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Here’s to a better year 2021. Welcome to our newest District 9 members: Kelley, KD9LQW; Meghan, KD9ODP; and Alexandra, AC9XK. A new rig has been added to the shack a Yaesu 991A. We are really enjoying it. We gave it a good test during phone sweeps in November. It performed flawlessly. We made 200 contacts, not bad for 100 watts and a wire. Usually, PAC has been hard to get but this year we made 2 contacts. When the 10-meter contest rolled around, conditions were not as good. I did make 35 contacts and had fun doing it. I worked several YLs in both contests.

That’s all I have for now.

Linda Metz, KC8PKY

In Our Thoughts

Claudia Doyle, KL0HI

Claudia Doyle died from acute lung infection on October 24, 2020 in Springfield, OR.

Claudia was a native of Council, AK, and spent her childhood and part of her adulthood there. In 2001 she and her husband, Doug, KL0HH, acquired a home in Brookings, OR, where they spent their winters. They still spent their summers in Council.

Claudia was a member of Seward Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Ragchew Amateur Magic Club, Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club, YLRL, and MINOW Ladies Amateur Club.

Youth

Hello everyone!

This past year has been very historical, to say the least, so in this article, I would like to reflect on a couple of uplifting moments in the past year for youth in Amateur Radio.

Most recently, you've probably heard about YOTA month this past December. I personally participated in the month-long special event coordinated by Carole Perry Educator of the Year award winner Neil Rapp and Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO. The total contacts for Region Two totaled to be 14,600! Overall, it was a great experience, being able to make contacts all over the globe, it gives a great experience to young operators in working big pile-ups! Also, stay tuned for information for the Region 2 YOTA Camp if you are an interested youth!

Back in Fall, I had the opportunity to meet Linda Mison, DC1CDY/W4LRM, from Buford, GA. She told me all about an all Girl Scout amateur radio group in Manila, Philippines, that she had helped to found and still contributes to today. I became very interested in them, so I've been in contact with one of their members, Danica Brillantes, to ask about their group and to learn more.

The Manila Girl Scout Council Amateur Radio Club (MGSC ARC), DX1MGS, was founded by Linda Mison, DC1CDY/W4LRM, along with the Philippines Ham Radio Training Society (now the Philippines Scouts Ham Amateur Radio Enthusiasts for Service) in 1979. The membership consists mainly of upper-level Girl Scouts from ages 14-18 who work under the supervision of a licensed amateur radio operator. The main purpose of the group is to bring together the teachings and morals of the Girl Scouts into ham radio to help serve a purpose to their community as well as help the girls become educated in this STEM activity. Danica also informed me that they help girls to overcome their insecurities with ham radio, stating that "A hobby cannot be easily learned overnight. It requires constant practice of communication. With our constant support, teaching, and training programs we are able to help these Girl Scouts overcome the insecurities and problems they face, allowing personality development, and self-growth." This is important and should be a lesson to the rest of the world on how to involve and attract more women and youth into amateur radio!

Continually supporting new members of ham radio will allow them to built an interest that lasts a lifetime, rather than fading a few months after passing their test. One of the Girl Scouts, Micah Magusib, explains that she became initially interested in Amateur Radio when she attended the Girl Scout of the Philippines "International Friendship Exchange and DX Contest" (INFEX) in 2017, had to unexpectedly jump in due to limited participants and became hooked! She states that " I became more active and devoted in learning many things about Amateur Radio such as how to handle radio equipment and how to [call a net]."

The other girls also had some interesting stories on how they became interested in ham radio, Girl Scout Raphaelle Sereña explained that she " enjoyed the adrenaline rush during competitions and it was fun getting to talk with people located in other countries." and Girl Scout Judessa Baldia, 4G1DES, said that " I overcame the challenges and struggles that I experienced when I was a newbie in amateur radio, where I met new friends." Overall, the girls seem to be loving ham radio, and I hope that Amateur radio groups here in the US will see that what youth want in ham radio is to have fun, find friends, and become a part of something bigger than themselves.

Contests, conferences, etc. The license also comes with a lot of benefits, the first being you're allowed to operate a radio. If you won't pursue it now, then when? Follow your dreams!"



I would like to end with a quote from one of the other Girl Scouts, Sophia Santos, 4G1CEO, about encouraging other young girls “ Pursue your interest for it will be your skill someday. Amateur Radio has a lot of advantages and you would benefit from everything you do related to it. You will learn things that would help you survive. There are a lot of opportunities to come! Contests, conferences, etc. The license also comes with a lot of benefits, the first being you’re allowed to operate a radio. If you won’t pursue it now, then when? Follow your dreams!”

Steps to New Membership and Membership Renewal

1. Find the YLRL Membership Application form
 - a. Current form is on one page with space for your personal information and the Privacy Policy consent check box in the middle
 - i. Form is on p.17 of November/December 2020 YL Harmonics
 - ii. Form can also be found on YLRL.org website under Join our YLRL Enroll/Renew
2. Fill in form, answer as many questions as apply to you
 - a. Fill in all requested information
 - b. Check the box to consent to the Privacy Policy
 - c. Send filled in form to your Receiving Treasurer via email or local postal service
 - d. DX members must also fill in a form this year, check Privacy Policy consent box, and send to DX RT
 - i. Good to have your membership information updated with YLRL
 - ii. Check the box to consent to the Privacy Policy
 - iii. Send filled in form to DX Receiving Treasurer via email or local postal service
3. Send membership payment
 - a. Pay by PayPal and email membership form to your Receiving Treasurer
 - b. Pay by check or money order and send payment along with filled in membership form to your Receiving Treasurer via local postal service

The YLRL Membership Privacy Policy was approved by the YLRL Board and published in the November/December YL Harmonics. It can be found on the YLRL.org website by scrolling just below the membership information at Join our YLRL Enroll/Renew. In an online environment that does not encourage you to take charge of your personal information or want you to understand what digital pieces of you might be found in unexpected locations, YLRL’s privacy policy encourages you to stay in the know about where your personal data is. The policy is short and readable and lists the information we collect and why we do it, then explains what we do with it. When you check the consent box on the membership application, you are agreeing to what the Board decided by approving the Membership Privacy Policy.

Thanks for being YLRL members! We are a ham radio organization for all women and enjoy getting to know each other and helping each other in the hobby.

VE News

Ann, VE3HAI, writes that she is surviving the current Covid-19 isolation in fine style with neighbours and relatives visiting-at-a -distance. Ann even bought an electric lap blanket so she and her friends can actually enjoy sitting on the patio in zero weather. She has a selection of padded chairs and washable blankets to help everyone stay warm. Being a "people person" the electric blanket has enhanced her life immeasurably.

Thanks to Roberta, VA3RMW, the CLARA Monday Night Net on Echolink (VE3TTT-R) continued through the summer. Every Monday, Roberta is there to connect us. It has been a bright point in everyone's week.

Now that we are in 2021, Ann wishes everyone a belated Happy New Year. She hopes everyone stays safe and healthy throughout the year and continues to wear their masks. 33 Ann VE3HAI

Carole, VA3WHU, writes I am happy to announce that I have completed the advanced course on CWOPS and have also got my membership to CWOPS with a membership number of 2773. So happy to achieve this status in my life.



Staying home as much as possible. Like to chat on DMR. I used the 955 WWYL channel on Saturday mornings. Sadly only 4 or 5 YL's are on but anyway just gives us all a chance to say "Hi".

Attached is a picture of my Certificate and my HF Station.

Happy New Year Carole King VA3WHU



Merle, VE1VCI, writes: I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays despite the insane times. I piled my own fire wood, this year. Did 2 cords in 2 weeks!! Made 700 pints of pickles for Barb's shop. With the vaccine in sight we may get through this by next Christmas.

33 Merle.

Merle sent me a photo of herself wearing a red jacket and a Santa's hat. Ho Ho Ho !!! :o) She was standing beside her very large winter woodpile. Good for you, Merle. We all admire you for your energy and zest for life ! Take care and stay safe

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: To one and all my very best wishes for a Happy New Year. May the year 2021 be so much better than 2020 !! What a year !!! It has certainly taught me to realize what is important and what is not.

My family are all well and safe, thank goodness. We could not spend Christmas together due to Covid 19 travel restrictions. We do, however, chat on the phone and on Skype almost every day.

Regular Nets on EchoLink and Skype has helped to fill empty spaces in my days.

I am just starting a traditional Christmas gift of a jigsaw puzzle. I opened my gift to see that it was a 2,000 piece puzzle and almost fell over !! 2,000 pieces ?? To my great relief it turned out to be 4 puzzles of 500 pieces each !! Now, that, I think, I can handle!...

I hope by this time next year things will be a bit safer and the spread of this dreadful virus will be stopped or, at the very least, slowed down... Keep well and stay safe everyone...

33 Suzanne – VE7IM

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Happy New Year.

News from here has been both happy and sad. In July, Helen, my mother in law had her 100th birthday and we were able to take her out to a niece's house for a birthday party with 10 family members. She's still happy, active and has a great memory. I've sent along her picture.



Now the sad news, on Sept 10th our son-in-law Scott passed away from a brain tumour, he was 54yrs old, he leaves his wife Corinne and 2 children; Brad (19yr) and Sarah(17yr). This was hard on all of us as he'd always been very healthy until January 2020.

We had a nice but different Christmas this year, as I'm sure everyone did. This Covid-19 sure has made a big difference in all our lives. We've been lucky that we were still able to have a busy season at the flower shop, as all our orders came in on-line or by phone. There were 2 or 3 of us doing deliveries most of the time, even busy between Christmas and New Year. We're still in lock-down with no in-store customers but orders still have to be delivered.

All the family are keeping well and hoping for a better 2021. Please keep well and stay safe and spend as much time as possible on the airwaves. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Helen, VA1YL, writes: Hello. We could not get our daughter Anne, VE2WHO, from the United Kingdom and so we talked to her on Zoom on Christmas day. Our daughter Margaret, VE2ZOO, was on her boat from Ecuador. She took her boat "The Drummer" through the Panama Canal last week. She is going to the Dominican Republic. Too bad we can't go to see our daughters until we get our shots.

Here in Nova Scotia we have thirty with Corona virus and none are in the hospital. We can go out to restaurants and have medical appointments. Hope we can get our shots.

I am glad that I can talk on CLARA nets to YLs across Canada.

I am quilting things at home but until we were outside till the Fall. I do charity quilts. 33 Helen Archibald VA1YL

VE5Land

Hello one and all. Well here we are in 2021 and all we can do is pray long and hard for the world. Everything everywhere seems to be in a huge mess. Hopefully 2021 will be getting better than last year.

Here in lovely Moose Jaw, we are lucky if we have 2 inches of snow, maybe in the small shon banks that my hubby shovel earlier this winter. What we do have is some very lovely ice everywhere. One takes their life in their hands if they try to walk down the stree to the mailbox and the back alleys are not much better. Needless to say it is NOT me that must go and check the mail. My sweetie does that for me.

I am still waiting for a Total Knee Replacement that maybe if I hold my tongue in the right position it might be Aug of 2021. This Covid virus has put all elective surgeries on hold as the hospitals are filled with other sick people. So we wait. We are trying to have patience, but I am slowly getting run down on patience. Then about 2 weeks before Christmas, I had to go to the Ophthalmologist and found out that the macular degeneration has moved over from the left eye to the right, and so the vision is somewhat impaired with about only 15% of vision left. I still have another 6 injections over the next 3 months and we are hoping that I will be able to retain even a small part of vision. So in saying that ladies, please make sure you get your eyes checked sooner rather than later. But don't worry, I have strong Scotland blood in me, and I shall perceive.

Looking forward to spring, as I have preordered some perennial spring bulbs which can only go in the pots in the spring, and must be removed in the fall. Also ordered some Arizona SunBlanket perennial flowers so looking forward to getting them in also.

Thank for reading this, and sending lots of prayers to those who want and or need them. Take care everyone and please stay safe.

Val Lemko, VE5AQ

DX News

Christine, GM4YMM (Scotland)

This year, 2020, started with good intensions. Ken, OM, and I were in Dunblane in Feb. to sign off the accounts for the GMDX group and looking forward to the annual DX meeting with interesting talks etc. But then came lockdown and everything was cancelled. No radio meetings, no patchwork classes and worst of all no new bathroom installation. I had stripped 30-year-old wallpaper by then and now looked at bare walls. We just had to wait 6 months.

Ken had hurt his back and I managed to dig over the veg. patch and even planted 3 rows of potatoes!

Our flowers did well this year, but nobody came for coffee to admire them!

I managed to take part in a few YL activities.....YL- OM contest, World Women's Day, Day of the YL, in commemorations for Corine, and Florence Nightingale Activity. Had to take part in that one as I had trained as Nurse in 1963-1966.

We could not take the motorhome out either, all campsites were closed for 6 months.

Then came the good news, the parts for the new shower room were delivered end of August and the plumber could start work inside the house again.

We had cabin fever by then, a small campsite had opened and we were away for 3 days only, as everywhere was booked up. Ken had to get up a SOTA hill and we managed to even get 2 summit-to-summit contacts, it made our day! Had to walk 3 miles back to the parked m/home.

We were holding the GMDX club call for October, but Ken's old computer gave up the ghost and we had no logging program to access, so not many QSOs were logged.

Tried to concentrate on the next Corine YL activity in Oct., but conditions were very dismal and I gave up, did not feel like struggling.

In between doing not a lot I managed to sew myself a dress, finish two lap quilts and a baby quilt, now sewing a big bed quilt, it will take me longer, as there is lots of hand sewing as well. In March came a request to sew facemasks and they went to 2 local nursing homes. A box of folded stars and a dozen knitted socks destined for the Christmas bazaars have to wait now for next year too.

Only saw daughter and granddaughter briefly in April on a flying visit for my 75th birthday, have to celebrate later on. Our family in Caerphilly, Wales, have been under very stringent lockdown and we have not seen them for 10 months now. Thank goodness for Messenger and Zoom, we have been able to see and hear them.

We are not going anywhere and staying safely at home, the freezer is full!

W1JX, Bobbie has been on every Monday on 14.288, and we have sorted out the world!!

I wish you a peaceful start for 2021 and hope to hear you all again soon.

Take care and stay safe in your bubbles!

Help Wanted

YLRL is looking for a Database Manager to help with implementation of the Membership Privacy Policy by working with the YL Harmonics Editor to verify that the names and call signs of people mentioned in the issue have consented to our publishing their information or picture.

If you are detail-oriented, able to work with computer files, word processing and spreadsheet software, and are interested in helping us get the Membership Privacy Policy off to a positive start please contact Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, via email at president@ylrl.org.

Annual Award Application

Year _____

Favorite: _____

Name: _____ YLRL Member (circle)? Yes No Call Sign: _____
Address, City, Zip: _____ Country: _____

YL QSO Name	QTH	Call Sign	Favorite -	Date (mm/dd)	Time Z	Freq	Mode

(15 per page) Mail to: Val Lemko - 1125 Iroquois St. W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada S6H 5C1 or email to ve5aq@sasktel.net

Must be sent by Dec 31st but no later than Jan 31st of the following year

Rules for All YLRL Contests

1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.
2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.
3. Scoring:
4. Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
5. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OMs and OMs count YLs.
6. Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
7. Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.
Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

Logs

1. All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
2. Please type or print. If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information.
3. Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.

Exchange

Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.

Entry categories

Single operator and YL clubs/groups.

2021 YL/OM Contest - SSB/CW/Digital
1400 UTC February 13 to 0200 UTC February 15

ELIGIBILITY

All licensed men and women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

PROCEDURE

OMs call "CQ-YL" and YLs call "CQ-OM."

OPERATION

All bands may be used except WARC bands. Net contacts and repeater contacts do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks should be indicated in the log.

EXCHANGE

Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section, VE province, or country. Entries in the log should indicate time, band and date.

SCORING

(1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests. Digital contacts count as CW. Score each band separately.

One point is earned for each different station worked on each band; YLs count only OMs and OMs count only YLs. Add together the QSO points earned for each band.

Multiply the number of QSOs by the total number of different ARRL sections/VE provinces/countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in each mode (ie SSB, CW).

Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3.

Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.

LOGS

All logs must show your ARRL section, province, or country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, the ARRL section, VE province, or country of the station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used and the operating breaks taken. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each contest. Logs must show claimed score. All logs go to the current YLRL Vice President and must be submitted within 30 days of contest ends.

Please send manual logs to:
Rita McConnell, **NEØDB**
131 N. Blythe Dr.
Pueblo West, CO 81007

In accordance with **Article XV Amendments Section 1,**

An amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws may be proposed at any time by written request of five or more members. Such proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Directors who shall give it consideration, and if approved, shall cause the proposed amendment together with appropriate ballot and reasons for the proposal to be published in the next regular issue of YL Harmonics, or by special bulletin. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE IX of the By-Laws. Approved amendments shall be recorded by the Secretary.

The Board of Directors proposes the attached amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Young Ladies Radio League.

Some of the changes are edits of grammar or syntax. Some are word choices more appropriate to today. The most significant is the change to dues payment.

The title of any Article or Section with a change is printed in **blue**. Any removed wording is lined out. Any new language is printed in **red**.

Thank you for your consideration of these changes.

The ballot will be **mailed as a postcard** to all members and will need to be returned to the Secretary in a signed envelope in accordance with the current by-laws.

33, Anne, WB1ARU

YLRL CONSTITUTION As amended January 2020 **new date**

ARTICLE I - NAME

This Corporation shall be known as the YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE, INC., **hereafter referred to as the League or as YLRL.**

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Corporation shall be:

- A. To encourage and assist Young Ladies (YLs) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Radio Service.
- B. To sponsor, and otherwise carry out programs to promote YL interest, appreciation, and understanding of radio communications and electronics, and to encourage them to advance and improve their skills as Amateur Radio operators.
- C. To carry out a program of specialized service ~~to blind and otherwise handicapped Young Ladies.~~ **to Young Ladies with disabilities.**
- D. To provide Scholarship funds or other grants to ~~worthy~~ **eligible** Young Ladies to continue their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.
- E. To host ~~foreign~~ **international** YLs during their visits to the United States and to sponsor their participation in YLRL activities.
- F. To encourage Amateur Radio competition between YLs by offering ~~certificates, trophies, etc., for demonstrated excellence in such operating competitions.~~ **certificates and awards for demonstrated excellence in operating competitions.**

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 For the purposes of this Corporation, the term Young Lady (YL) is defined as meaning a woman of any age who holds an Amateur Radio license.

Section 2 Membership in the YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE, INC. shall be open to any woman who submits satisfactory proof that she holds an Amateur Radio license issued by the U. S. Federal Communications Commission or the equivalent foreign authority. Continued membership in the League is determined by this license.

Section 3 Membership in the League shall consist of the following:

- A. FULL MEMBERS who shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the League.

- B. FAMILY MEMBERS who shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the League except for receiving the official publications.
- C. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the League except the right to hold office.
- D. LIFE MEMBERS who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the League.
- E. HONORARY MEMBERS who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the League except the right to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV - OBJECTIVES

Section 1 The YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE, INC. shall operate exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, entitling it to exemption under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

Section 2 No part of the income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member, officer, or director of the Corporation (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its stated purposes set forth in ARTICLE II), and no member, officer or director of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporation's assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

Section 3 The private property of the incorporators, members, officers or directors of the Corporation shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.

Section 4 Nothing herein shall authorize this Corporation, directly or indirectly, to engage in, or include among its purposes any of the activities mentioned in Not-for-profit Corporation Law, Section 404 (b) - (p) of Executive Law, Section 757.

Section 5 No part of the activities of the Corporation shall include participation in or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements for) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or engaging in any substantial way, directly or indirectly in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 6 In the furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in Section 202 N-PCL, together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for corporate purposes.

Section 7 The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the Corporation shall not:

- A. Engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Code;
- B. Retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code;
- C. Make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; or
- D. Make any taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Code.

Section 8 In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, and after payment of all necessary expenses and obligations thereof, any remaining assets shall be distributed to such organizations having an exempt purpose similar or analogous to that of this Corporation and which shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 For the purposes of organization and Corporation activities, there shall be a division of the organization according to the United States amateur call sign areas and such additional districts as are deemed desirable by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 The fiscal year and membership year shall begin on January 1.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers of the Corporation, hereafter referred to as "the League", shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Receiving Treasurers, and Disbursing Treasurer.

Section 2 At the time of election of officers, there shall be elected one District Chairwoman from each of the YLRL Districts.

Section 3 Only full, family, or life members who have been members in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to taking office shall be eligible to hold office as defined in Sec. 1 of this Article, or one year in the case of District Chairwomen.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 All officers and District Chairwomen shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years. They shall take office at the beginning of the membership year following their election and each shall hold office until her successor has assumed the duties of office.

Section 2 Election of all officers and Chairwomen shall be in accordance with the regulations prescribed in ARTICLE X of the By-Laws.

Section 3 Simple plurality vote shall govern in all elections of officers.

ARTICLE VIII- MEETINGS

~~**Section 1** All "meetings" will normally be conducted by mail or email.~~

Section 1 All meetings will normally be conducted by mail, email, or other electronic means.

Section 2 No regular membership meetings are specified.

Section 3 Action of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President at least twice a year; one meeting being near the end of the membership year.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

The Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by membership vote, with a two-thirds majority of the total votes cast being required.

YLRL BY-LAWS *As amended January 2020 new date*

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Pursuant to ARTICLE III of the Constitution, the following membership requirements are established:

A. FULL MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all women who possess a valid renewable Amateur Radio license issued by the U.S. A. or Canada.

B. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP shall be open to Full Members residing at the same address.

C. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all women who meet the general membership qualifications but who reside outside the U.S.A. and its possessions or Canada.

D. LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be granted to licensed women Amateur Radio operators who may be elected thereto by formal action of the League.

E. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be granted to those individuals who may be elected thereto by formal action of the League.

Section 2 Application for membership shall be submitted in writing by mail, email, or other electronic means to a Receiving Treasurer. Each applicant must express her willingness to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and such rules as may from time to time be promulgated.

Section 3 Expiration of amateur license or equivalent foreign authorization shall automatically disqualify a person from membership. However, the YL shall be entitled to receive YL Harmonics as a subscriber for the remainder of the membership year for which her dues were paid.

Section 4 Expulsion from membership shall be in accordance with the provisions of Roberts' Rules of Order. Such action may be taken if a member fails to renew her license. or for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE II - DUES

Section 1 The annual dues shall be as follows:

A. FULL MEMBER	\$15.00
B. FAMILY MEMBER	3.00
C. ASSOCIATE MEMBER	15.00
D. LIFE MEMBER	0.00
E. HONORARY MEMBER	0.00

All dues are payable in U.S.A. funds or their equivalent amount based on the current rate of exchange.

~~**Section 2** Members and subscribers not eligible or not desiring to receive YLH by bulk mail shall be charged an additional amount to cover first class or air mail postage for mailing the League publications.~~ **Members and subscribers wishing to receive the official YLRL publication known as YL-Harmonics (YLH) by mail may be charged an additional amount to cover first class or air mail postage.** This additional amount shall be determined by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Disbursing Treasurer, Budget & Finance Committee, and the Publications Committee. Majority of the votes cast shall be required.

Section 3 Dues for renewal of continuous membership shall be paid in advance, shall be due and payable on January 1st of each year and shall become delinquent if not paid by March 31st of that year.

~~**Section 4** For new and reinstating members joining after June 30th, the dues may be prorated by half the annual dues for that fiscal year.~~

~~**Section 5-4** Members who fail to pay their dues by March 31st shall be considered delinquent, and shall be dropped from the rolls. The Receiving Treasurers shall notify said delinquent member of this action by first class mail or email sent to the delinquent member's last address of record or current call-book call sign listing.~~

~~**Section 6 5** A former member whose name has been dropped from the rolls for a period of less than one membership year shall have the balance of that membership year as a grace period. If, before the end of her grace period, the lapsed member pays dues for that full year, her name shall be restored to the rolls, there shall be no break in her membership continuity, and she shall regain her good standing. If she pays the prorated amount of the dues, she shall forfeit her membership continuity.~~

~~**Section 7 6** A former member who has been dropped from the rolls for a period exceeding one membership year may rejoin on the same basis as a new member. Her membership continuity shall be considered broken for the year(s) or portions thereof in which her dues were unpaid and she was not a member. She shall be called a reinstated member.~~

~~**Section 8** Dues may not be paid for more than one year in advance, except when a reinstatement or a new member's application is accepted on a prorated basis, and then she may include dues for the following year. In the event the membership year is changed, dues may be paid to cover through the period of the next full membership year.~~

Section 7 Dues may be paid either for one year or for three years.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1 The officers of the League shall be elected for a term of two years. They shall assume office on January 1st of the year following their election.

Section 2 The President and Vice-President shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. (This does not mean that they cannot run for ANOTHER office - only that they cannot hold the office of President or Vice-President for more than two consecutive years.)

Section 3 No member shall hold more than one elective office at any one time.

Section 4 A vacancy in the President's office before the expiration of term shall be filled by the Vice-President. Should both the President and Vice-President be unable to act, the Secretary shall notify the Board of Directors who shall then designate an Acting President. Vacancies other than that of President occurring between elections shall be filled by appointment of the President under whom that officer shall serve.

Section 5 All officers shall serve without compensation in any form. This shall not preclude reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of their respective offices and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 6 Should an officer or District Chairwoman fail to carry out their duties adequately, the person holding that position may be removed from that position by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - DISTRICT CHAIRWOMEN

Section 1 Election of District Chairwomen shall be made at the same time and on the same ballot as the election of primary officers.

Section 2 All regulations regarding eligibility (ARTICLE VI, Sec. 3 of Constitution) and election of officers shall apply, except that members shall vote for only one District Chairwoman to represent the district in which the member resides, and except that Receiving Treasurer DX shall be elected by all members except Honorary Members.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Receiving Treasurers, Disbursing Treasurer, District Chairwomen, Chairwomen of each of the Standing Committees, all appointed positions, and the immediate Past President of YLRL.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Receiving Treasurers, and Disbursing Treasurer, who shall have all the powers of the Board of Directors between the meetings of that Board. The Board of Directors shall define in broad terms the duties and authority of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 The President shall preside at all official meetings and/or conventions of the League and shall act as Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. She shall call meetings of the Board by mail, email, or other electronic means at least twice a year. She shall make all appointments whenever vacancies occur in offices. She shall retain the corporate seal and shall affix it to all Certificates and/or Awards she signs. The President shall appoint one of the District Chairwomen to serve as Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee during her first year in office and no later than July of that year.

Section 2

A. The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter. She will work with the Receiving Treasurer US to receive electronic funds and forward the money to the Disbursing Treasurer and Scholarship Chairwoman as appropriate. She shall have charge of all League station activities, contests, rules of same, nets, etc., with the exception of the League Club call sign K4LMB. In this work she will be assisted by a committee of at least three members, preferably Past Vice Presidents, of her choice, each from a different district. She shall appoint a custodian for awards such as WAS/YL, YLCC, WAC/YL, DX/YL, and DX/YLCC and Continuous Membership Certificate. She may appoint committees or assistants to aid her in specific branches of activities under her jurisdiction. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

B. Rules governing the issuance of YLCC, WAS/YL, WAC/YL, DX/YL and the DX/YLCC certificates may only be changed or amended by following the procedures for Constitution and By-Laws changes set forth in ARTICLE XV, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

C. Major changes relating to YLRL contests shall be handled as follows: The proposed change shall be first sent to the current Vice-President of YLRL and the current Vice-President's Advisory Committee for discussion and opinion. If their approval is forthcoming, the proposal shall be sent to the Board of Directors for vote. A majority vote by this Board shall make the change effective immediately.

Section 3 The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the League. She shall keep a complete and accurate record of amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. She shall maintain a file of all new applications for membership for one year and shall handle all matters pertaining to membership and voting in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and Procedure Policy. She shall mail or email to each new member a letter of welcome. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

A. The Receiving Treasurers shall receive all money for dues and forward this money to the Disbursing Treasurer. They shall send a dues receipt to each member. They shall forward all new applications for membership to the Secretary for her files and shall keep the Secretary, Continuous Membership Chairwoman, Database Manager and Editor advised of dues payment and of all changes in the membership records. The Receiving Treasurer US will work with the Vice-President to receive electronic funds and forward this money to the Disbursing Treasurer and Scholarship Chairwoman as appropriate. They shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 Each District Chairwoman, the Youth Chairwoman and Receiving Treasurer DX shall be responsible for gathering news for *YL Harmonics* and forwarding same to the Editor at appropriate intervals. She shall assist the Vice-President in ~~organizing contests, traffic schedules, nets, and~~ all League activities. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 6 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for all matters of League policy. The Board shall be called to meet at least twice a year, one meeting being near the close of the club year. Additional meetings may be called by the President at her discretion or by a written request of three or more members of the Board. All business of the Board will normally be handled by mail or email.

Section 7 The Executive Board shall act for the Board of Directors when necessary between meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1 The Standing Committees of the League shall consist of the following: PUBLICATIONS, PUBLICITY, BUDGET & FINANCE, AFFILIATED CLUBS, ~~and SUPPLIES~~ , and **WEBSITE**.

Section 2 The Publications Committee shall edit a publication to be known as *YL Harmonics*. The policy of the publication shall be determined by the board of Directors and the Editor. The general management of this publication shall be in the hands of the Editor who shall be Chairwoman of this Committee.

Section 3 The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for publicizing the League in every way possible. It shall provide news items concerning the League and/or its members to newspapers, magazines, and social media. The Publicity Committee shall maintain the accounts for the various YLRL social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. It shall cooperate with the District Chairwomen in all publicity work and aid them whenever requested. The Publicity Committee shall maintain a League Scrapbook and a Photo Album which shall be sent upon request to Affiliated Clubs or conventions.

Section 4 The Budget & Finance Committee shall act as advisor to the Board of Directors. It shall advise the Board in regard to investing League funds. It shall act as advisor to the Disbursing Treasurer. The Budget & Finance Committee shall appoint two members who shall be approved by the Executive Board to serve as auditors for an annual audit. These members should have some experience with finances.

Section 5 The Affiliated Clubs Committee shall act as liaison between YLRL and affiliated YL radio clubs. See ARTICLE XIII Affiliated Clubs.

~~**Section 6** The Supplies Chairwoman will work closely with the Disbursing Treasurer since she will handle funds from the sale of pins, charms, etc. She will maintain other supplies for distribution to the officers in the conduct of their respective offices.~~

Section 6 The Supplies Chairwoman will work closely with the Disbursing Treasurer since she will handle funds from the sale of YLRL merchandise.

Section 7 The Website Committee will be in charge of the YLRL website, working with the webmistress to ensure that all information is up-to-date and in line with all club policies.

ARTICLE IX - VOTING

Section 1 On questions involving the entire membership, the Secretary shall provide each member with a ballot and information concerning the question or candidate to be voted on. This may be done through publication in YL Harmonics, provided each Family Member shall also receive a copy of the ballot. A closing date for voting shall be stated in the notice and shall be not less than six weeks from the date the notice is mailed.

Section 2 ~~Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary in an envelope signed by the voting member.~~ Ballots shall be signed by the voting member and returned to the Secretary by mail, email, or other electronic means. The Secretary shall verify the eligibility of each voter, shall count and tabulate the votes, and submit them to an auditor designated by the Board of Directors. After auditing, if there are no discrepancies, the votes shall be returned to the Secretary for retention. If there is a discrepancy between the count of the Secretary and that of the auditor, the ballots shall be forwarded to the President for final decision. The Board of Directors shall direct the Secretary to send written notice of election results to all candidates and shall cause the results of the balloting to be published in the next regular issue of YL Harmonics.

Section 3 On ballots involving the entire membership, a simple plurality of votes cast shall govern in all matters except amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, which shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Section 4 On ballots of the Board of Directors, a majority of the votes cast shall govern in all matters.

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS

Section 1 During her first year in office, and no later than July of that year, the President shall appoint one of the District Chairwomen to serve as Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee. The Chairwoman shall then appoint two more District Chairwomen to assist her in selecting qualified candidates for each of the offices stipulated in ARTICLE VI of the Constitution.

Section 2 In addition to the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee, any qualified member may be nominated for office by written petition of five members in good standing.

Section 3 No member may be nominated to office without her written consent. Write-in votes will not be allowed.

Section 4 The Nominating Committee shall check on the eligibility of each candidate and shall cause to be published in YL Harmonics, or in a special bulletin, a slate of candidates for office together with a brief review of each candidate's qualifications.

Section 5 If there is any office for which there is no candidate, the President under whom she is to serve will appoint a member who qualifies under ARTICLE VI, Sec. 3 of the Constitution.

Section 6 Prior to July 15, ballots for the general election shall be provided for each member. Ballots may be included in YL Harmonics if desired, provided each family member shall also receive a copy of the ballot.

Section 7 Voting shall be conducted in accordance with ARTICLE IX of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - QUORUM

The members participating in any meetings of voting shall be considered a quorum, providing all members have been notified of the activity by mail or email sent to the last address of record. Such notice shall be mailed at least six weeks prior to the closing date of the ballot.

ARTICLE XII - LEAGUE PAPER

Section 1 There shall be an official publication of the YLRL to be known as YL Harmonics which shall be published by the Publications Committee in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VIII, Sec. 2. A copy of YL Harmonics shall be supplied to every member of the League in good standing with the exception of Family Members.

Section 2 The expenses of YL Harmonics shall be governed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Subscription to YL Harmonics may be obtained by any interested persons upon payment of a subscription fee of \$15.00 per year, plus any additional postage required. Subscriptions shall run from January 1st to January 1st. ~~December 31st.~~

ARTICLE XIII - AFFILIATED CLUBS

Section 1 Local clubs of women radio amateurs shall be eligible for YLRL Affiliated Club Membership when 50% of the licensed members of such club are YLRL members in good standing. Written application for affiliation shall be made to the Affiliated Clubs Chairwoman, accompanied by a designation of the geographical area covered. A certificate of affiliation shall be issued by the YLRL Secretary.

Section 2 Affiliation of the YLRL Affiliated Clubs shall be renewable at the beginning of the YLRL membership year and shall require submission of an affirmation of eligibility.

Section 3 YLRL Affiliated Clubs shall be independent organizations and shall pursue no course of action in the name of YLRL without first obtaining written permission of the Executive Board. If the name "Young Ladies' Radio League" or "YLRL" is incorporated in the name of the club, it shall be qualified as to location or territory served by the local club.

Section 4 Any action or policy pursued by an Affiliated Club which is in opposition to the Constitution or policy of YLRL shall be cause for cancellation of affiliation within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV - SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. shall establish a scholarship fund to provide scholarships or other grants to ~~worthy~~ **eligible** Young Ladies for continuing their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 An amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws may be proposed at any time by written request of five or more members. Such proposal shall be submitted to the Board of Directors who shall give it consideration, and if approved, shall cause the proposed amendment together with appropriate ballot and reasons for the proposal to be published in the next regular issue of YL Harmonics, or by special bulletin. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE IX of the By-Laws. Approved amendments shall be recorded by the Secretary.

Section 2 On questions of order and procedure not otherwise determined by these By-Laws, the provision of the current editions of Roberts' Rules of Order shall prevail.

Section 3 The present By-Laws shall become effective ~~January 2020~~. **new date.**