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**President's Message
de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH**
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Welcome to the third decade of the 21st century. Best wishes to all for a peaceful and happy 2020. I am excited about being YLRL president and appreciate your confidence in me to fulfill the office for the next two years. It was good to work with the officers, board, and members as VP for the last two years and am looking forward to working with everyone to keep YLRL moving in the positive direction that we have been going. With everyone's help we can work to make YLRL the best it can be.

Marilyn, AF7MM, has done an excellent job as president and leaves the organization in good shape. Thanks to Marilyn for everything she has done. She will be a hard act to follow.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions. I would enjoy hearing from you.
33,
Barbara AC7UH

Changes and Corrections

Morgan Schoenecker, KG7SEQ
Updated address and email:
Her address is: 4010 E. 6th Ave, Anchorage AK, 99508

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Call Sign in the Directory Issue is incorrect. Should be KJ7EZO not KI7EZO.

Madeline Pepper, AE4YL
Call Sign in the Directory Issue is incorrect. Should be AE4YL not KE4YL.



Vice President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

131 N. Blythe Dr.
Pueblo West, CO 81007

Greetings from the Centennial State of Colorado! As Vice President of YLRL, I wish YLs warm wishes for 2020 and coming years.

Let me introduce myself. Many of you know me, either in person, FB or via QSOs. Originally, born and raised in Indiana, I moved to Boulder, Colorado in 1976 via an IBM transfer. As to how I became an amateur radio operator; my husband Jim, NE0DA, returned from a hamfest and handed me a technician/general book and said: "You know the best birthday present you could give me this year, would be for you to obtain your Technician license." Well, to his amazement, I obtained both Technician and General before his birthday and within a few months received my Extra.

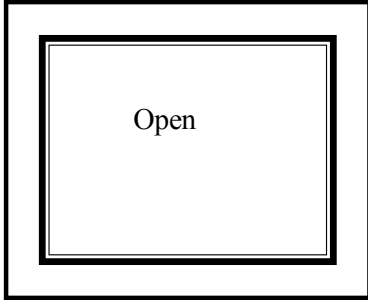
Little did I know at that point that the hobby would flourish beyond my belief. I searched the internet and found a few YL groups ... the first that I joined was the "YLRL FB Group" started by Anne, WB1ARU. I was the 44th member in the group. In fact, Anne, WB1ARU, was my first HF contact on 20M on March 30, 2017.

I hope many participated in the YL/OM 2020 contest and have submitted your logs. Results will be posted in the next issue of YL Harmonics.

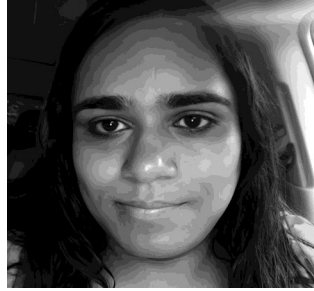
In closing, every YL finds their special interest niche in amateur radio: Technician, General or Extra; thrive in the hobby. Let's reach out in 2020.

33 Rita
NE0DB

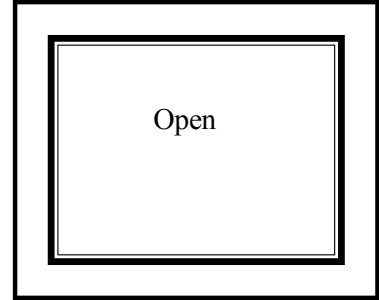




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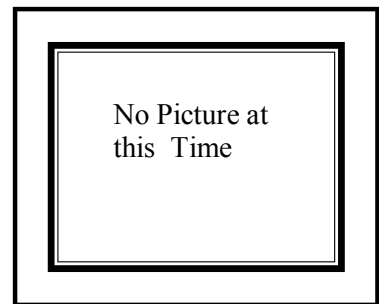
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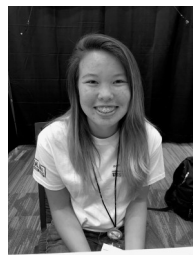
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Joyce holds a General licence.

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Nicole holds an Extra license.

Jeanne Gricci, KN1D
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Jeanne holds an Extra license.

Jane Collins, N1JEC
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Jane holds a General license and enjoys DX and island hunting. John, KN1H, is her OM.

DISTRICT 2

Carole Perry WB2MGP
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Carole holds a General license and is a Retired Teacher. She is a member of Radio Club of America, QCWA, ARRL, and DARA. She is currently a Director and Youth Activities Chair for both RCA and QCWA.

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Zogail Smith KB5KBE
125 Contest Lane
Ben Franklin, TX 75415-3850

Zogail holds a Technician license.

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Johnnie holds an Extra license and is a VE. She is a member of Plano ARC, Sachse ARA, and ARRL.

Alice Ramirez KI5ERV
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Alice holds a General license. She is active on 70 cm, 2, 20, 40, and 80 m. Her family includes OM Carter, KI5ERW, and brother John, N0ZNA.

DISTRICT 6

Sylvia Stork KS6WTF
4725 Bowerwood Drive
Charmichael, CA 95608

Sylvia holds a General license.

DISTRICT 7

Venita Brazier KJ7VSB
PO Box 449
Ocean Park, WA 98640

Venita holds a Technician license and is Retired. She is a member of Pacific Co. ARC. She found YLRL at SEA-PAC. Tom, K6UMR, is her OM.

DISTRICT 9

Michaline Przekop KC9ARP

37W475 Schuster Lane
Batavia, IL 60510

Michaline holds a General licence and is a Writer and Paralegal. She is a member of Medical ARCO, Fox River RL, AMSAT, and ARRL. Her OM is Harry, WB9EDP.

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

DISTRICT 10

Jennifer Albright KE0VFG

14336 Richmond Avenue
Grandview, MO 64030

Jennifer holds a Technician license.

If any information is incorrect in this listing, please let Anne, WB1ARU know.

REPORT OF 2020 ELECTION OF OFFICERS ~ YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE

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REPORT OF VOTE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISIONS

All of the proposed changes were overwhelmingly approved and will be published on the YLRL website in the near future.



Anne E. Manna, Secretary, Young Ladies' Radio League, January 15, 2020



Scholarship Information de Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

Scholarship Information Memorial Scholarships Ethel Smith, K4LMB Mary Lou Brown, NM7N Martha (Marte) Wessel, K0EPE

Memorial:

Betty Jo Byrd (KB5CSQ)

Southern Mississippi YL Club (Karen Yordy, KA5EPR)

Donation:

Margaret Hardwick (AE7MB)

Thank you for your generous contributions.

To make a donation

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

Send your donation to:

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ
1312 Western Ridge Dr.
Waco, TX 76712-8709

Scholarship application information.

The Federation for Amateur Radio (FAR) will be administrating amateur radio-related scholarships in 2020 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.



**Webmistress Message
Certificate Custodian Message
WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL, DX-YL
de Val Lemko, VE5AQ
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Webmaster's Report

I hope everyone is happy with the new website. It has been up for a while. I have not heard anything bad about it, so I am guessing that all is well.

Please as I have asked before, if you have anything that you would like to see on the site that is not there, let me know so that I can put it on.

Merry Christmas one and all on behalf of your webmasters, Val, VE5ACJ, and Yvonne, ZR6TBL.

The website is doing great. Had a fair amount of traffic going through during the holidays. I hope I have Exec and District Reps emails all sorted out for now.

Now, some news on the Certificates.:

2020 Favorite Book Certificate Winners Were:

Donna Van Blaricom, WB9TFF; Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB; Michelle Carey, W5MQC; Heather Holmes, VE3HQH; Kathleen Neubauer, KJ7CXY; April Lewis, VE3BHG; and Pat Haertel, VA4YL.
(there may be a few more to come yet).

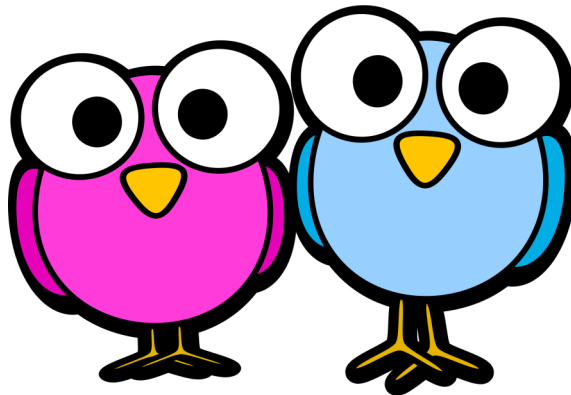
Also, I sent a YL-WAC to Richard Stier, WB2PMC.

The 2020 Annual Award will be Favorite Bird. The certificate is on the website as are the rules. I am sure that Margaret has included them in this issue of the YLH.

That's it for now folks, if there is a problem with the website, or if you have anything you wish to see on the site, please send me the information and all photos as .jpg please.

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Val, VE5AQ



2020 Friendship Award



The 2020 YLRL certificate will be called the 2020 YLRL BIRD CERTIFICATE! This one should be a lot of fun! In 2020, let's find out what everyone's favorite BIRD is. Here are the rules for this new award:

1. Talk to YL's and exchange favorite bird. If you don't have a favorite BIRD just choose a bird to give out.
2. You will need to collect 15 different birds.
3. You will need one YL for each bird. You can only use a BIRD once. You can only use a YL once.
4. All contacts must be made during the 2020 year (January 1 - December 31, 2020).
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 bird must be exchanged over the air. You cannot e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite bird.
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 BIRD.
9. Send your list, in BIRD alphabetical order, to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2020 to receive your certificate.
10. This certificate is available ONLY to YL's.

A few hints on the BIRDS ...

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

Applications may be submitted by: e-mail to: ve5aq@sasktel.net or mail to:

Val Lemko

1125 Iroquois St. W.

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Canada, S6H 5C1

See page 23 for Application Form

District News

District 4

Karin Anne Johnson, K3UU, writes: November brings the cool weather to Florida. I'm especially glad, as it gives me more time to get out in the yard and do some gardening. Wishing the tractor had the style and horsepower the Corvette has, but the tractor is still the main helper in yard work. My hibiscus is busy making blooms as can be seen in the pictures and the mail man appreciates the colorful blooms. On the radio front, my recent addition of the 40 Meter vertical is working nicely. I built a homebrew matching network that lets me finally to get on 80 meter CW. This is being written the week before Thanksgiving. I wish all YLRL members a joyous and happy holiday season. Good DX to all. 73 and 33 from Palm Harbor, Florida.



District 5

Please keep **Judi, N5KUO**, and her family in your prayers. Her husband, Rob, passed away just before Thanksgiving.

Saturday February 1, district 5 YL's will get together in Arlington, TX. **Virginia, NV5F**, will lead us through building a Murania, Broadcast Band Receiver. If you plan to be in the area, join us.

Mary, AE6Q, was selected to win the 2019 Arlington Amateur Radio Club Ham of the Year award! She was Vice President and Program Director for the club in 2019. Way to go Mary!

Leah, W3LEO, is keeping busy!!! She is currently planning field day and a special event March for the C-47 Skytrain.

Virginia, NV5F, was one lucky YL! She spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Missouri with family and spent some time in the Emcomm-1 van!!

Sandi Teel, KI5CHP, is working with the middle school she teaches in to start an after-school radio club!



Mary, AE6Q with her Ham of the Year award

Heidi, KG5ZAU, let us know about a new YL net. The DCARA club (Denton County Amateur Radio club) located in Denton, TX has started a Women's net (The YL Net) on the first Thursday of the month at 8PM on the 146.92 Mhz repeater. Shortly after that once a month we host a Ladies brunch on Saturday at 11am at a location that is mentioned on the net and on the DCARA.net calendar. We are encouraging all ladies to participate in both or one of the events from any and all clubs within our area. Also, we have been encouraging the OM's to get their other halves to either participate on the net or just listen. This net started in Oct 2019.

District 5 would like to wish all YLs a Happy New Year!



Virginia, NV5F in front of the Emcomm-1 van

District 7

From Jessica, W7EMF: I actually have news this time! In the last few months, I finally upgraded to Extra and then immediately filled out my test to become an ARRL VE. I got my card two weeks ago, hooked up with the Seattle Laurel VE Team and will be helping them out with their monthly exam sessions. If anyone in the Seattle area is looking for a test session the SVET offers a test every third Monday of the month at 7pm at Ada's Technical Books. Cheers!

From Claudia, KL0HI: Hello YLs. Been forever since I've been in touch and so much has happened especially in Anchorage, AK where they had a major earthquake and still getting aftershocks of 5.2. My one friend's house has major structure and sewer problems that can't be fixed until all of the snow is gone so she is very nervous with every aftershock that rolls in. Says they are lucky because some folks have yet to move back into their homes. Prayers for all those who experienced damage from the quake... Down here in Brookings we had snow the other day, stayed about 30 minutes and that was great... looked pretty coming down and even prettier melting... Had a wonderful Christmas with grandson KL2MD and great-granddaughter (6 years old) who has enough energy I could live for a year! Made me tired just watching her as at that age they don't walk, just run, dance, jump, skip, etc. She did love the Dollar Tree Store... so does Great Grandma. Not much radio news. Still can't hear Alaska Preparedness Net on 20m. Two meters is the only radio we have that works. hihi We will be heading north early this year as our granddaughter, KL4DG, graduates from UAA (University of Alaska Anchorage) on May 5th and another granddaughter graduates from high school at the end of May. Hope everyone has a great summer and stays healthy.

From Barbara, KI7BR: It has been an enjoyable, productive season. I'm back on HF with a new antenna, studying CW, and preparing to serve as one of the instructors for two classes (tech and general) for people studying for their amateur radio licensing exams soon. Otherwise, keeping busy with work and serving as net control on a small community net as well as on our OTVARC club net and the World-wide Friendship Net. 33 to all!

From Robin, KJ7BI: Good afternoon, YLs. I know that many of you are experiencing a genuine "cold snap." (Today is February 2.) Some of us, I refer to those of us that live in America's NW region, are getting ready for our share of the cold which will arrive at the beginning of the week. I keep waiting for something adverse and weather related to happen to my antennae, but I suppose that I am extremely favored by the Amateur Radio Gods. This past Thursday evening, I joined the MINOW (Montana, Idaho,

Nevada, Oregon and Washington) EchoLink Net for the first time in quite a long while. I was excited to meet a new YL on the net, at least new to me, and to catch up with the others. I used to be on this net quite often, but currently the net conflicts with other interests. This past Thursday evening, however, I was free as a bird so onto Echolink I went! I had been feeling a tad lonely, with Stephen back in rehab, so popping onto this particular net was just what I needed. The general size of this net lends itself to intimacy. All YLs are welcome and you will find acceptance among other things! (Portland, OR, along with the entire NW, is experiencing its share of COLD. The nights have been in the high teens and low 20s and my pond froze solid! Some of you are feeling conditions far more severe than ours, but “glacial” is not in a Portlander’s vocabulary.)

District 8

Verline Ferris, KI8V, writes: Just wishing all the YLRL members a very Happy New Year. I am blessed with my 7 great-grandchildren and 7 grandchildren and my daughter. Thanks to them they help me out to be able to live in my own home with my two dogs. I am very thankful since I am now a widow of a year and have health issues. from, Verline, 33.

As it is not always easy to get news from everyone, I have decided to give the DC 8 YLs a challenge for 2020. YLs in other are welcomed to participate. The challenge is that I would like you all to try to take on 6 new challenges in the new year. Then as you try them, I would like you to report to me so I could put it into YLH. Here are the 6 challenges.

#1 - Use amateur radio and social media to promote the hobby. To help you out, I will be creating a YLRL- District 8 facebook page. Michelle Carey in DC 5 land did something similar as a way to get YL news from DC 5 as well as create a YL meet up. This page will be a way for those of us in 8-land to chat with each other. I will invite everyone in DC 8, but feel free to send this to other YLs you know, even if they are not in YLRL. Also, don’t forget that YLRL has a twitter account. If you have news you want me to promote, just email me. Or use #YLRLhamradio when you tweet.

#2 - Attend a ham club meeting or hamfest. If you have never been to a ham club meeting this is a great way to meet other hams. Also, hamfests are a great way to also learn about ham radio. Several hamfests now have YL Forums too. On March 14, I will be giving a YLRL talk at the Toledo Hamfest and Great Lakes Division Convention in Toledo, OH. I hope you can attend. The Dayton Hamvention in Xenia, OH. is the biggest hamfest in the US. The 2020 Dayton Hamfest will be May 15,16, and 17. If you will be attending the hamvention in 2020 be sure to stop by the YLRL booth and attend the YL Forum.

#3 - Try one of the many digital modes out there which include APRS, PSK-31, JT65, FT8, RTTY and much more. If you are already using a digital mode, try a new one. RTTY was my favorite digital mode, although I haven’t operated it in a while, but this year I plan to start operating it again.

#4 - Try a new band or mode. If you are a regular operator on FM, try getting on HF. If you don’t have an HF rig, make a new friend and see if they will show you their station so you can operate. If you operate HF on voice, try listening to CW or a digital mode.

#5 - Try operating a contest or working DX. If you have never worked an amateur radio contest, they can be a lot of fun. Similar to working DX. YLRL has 2 contest each year.-The YL-OM Contest is Feb 8-10, 2020, and the DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest is in Oct. I don’t have the 2020 dates yet.

#6 – Become an Elmira by introducing a family member or friend to amateur radio. I have several YL friends, who I have introduced to the hobby, who have gotten licensed and upgraded. I even had a

young lady who was interning at NASA several summers ago, who I invited to Field Day and she enjoyed operating so much she got her ham license. Right now I'm working to get my Girl Scout troop to get the Girl Scout Radio Patch and hope some of them will get their license too.

The above can be done in any order, but I hope when I ask for news every other month, you will be able to report on something new you have done. Thanks again and looking forward to seeing which one of the above challenges you have completed and what you have to say about it.

Nancy, KC4IYD/8
DC 8 YL Chair

Notes:

VE News

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Wow, here we are already in December. I really don't know where the time has gone. Seems like yesterday that it was summertime, now I am preparing for Christmas.

Weather in Moose Jaw has been up and down. We got snow in late September, it melted, got a bit more at the end of October, it disappeared. Since then our temperatures have been up and down. Down to 9F and all the way up to 50F for the month of November. We now have a "dusting" of snow. Mind you I really don't mind this year, as I have a bum knee and am waiting to find out what the specialist is going to do. That is a wait and see project.

I am now working on another website and trying desperately to get it finished for the 1st week in December. But it is quite a large site and to be honest as long as it is finished before Christmas I will be a very happy camper.

I have not been on the Tangle Net, due to doctors appointments which always seem to be set for a Thursday. Hopefully in the New Year, I can get those changes.

Our prayers go out to all the girls in Australia and their families. Hopefully you are all ok. To any other girls in danger, be it floods, snowstorms, tornadoes etc, all of our prayers are being sent to you with love.

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas to our Christian girls, Happy Hanukah to our Jewish girls, Happy Kwanzaa to our African Canadian girls, Happy Winter Solstice to those who celebrate, Happy Las Posadas to our Hispanic families, Happy Diwali to our Hindu girls, and finally Happy Chinese New Year to our Chinese families. I may be off on dates for some of you, for which I apologize. No matter what your religion is, I wish that everyone is safe, healthy and happy during this season.

Merle, VE1VCI, news: We haven't had news from Merle for a very long time. She has lost her antenna and is no longer on the air. Hopefully, if conditions improve, she will have a replacing antenna raised and get back on the air. Merle loves CW !!

My sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Bob, from Campbell River, B.C. visited Merle when they were in Nova Scotia this past year. Merle welcomed them to her home by serving tea, slices of her freshly-made bread and delicious plum jam. They had a lovely chat and visit. Bob found Merle's piano and played some tunes she liked. She sent them on their way with a jar of her famous pickle relish and another of her delicious plum jam. She also gave them the same to deliver to me which was most welcome and thank you so much, Merle !!



Merle and I chatted on the phone and she told me she had done up 800 pints of pickles for the store along with many, many jars of her plum jam and was just in the process of doing up beets. Merle's energy and vitality puts us all to shame !!

At last count, Merle, is the proud great-grandmother to 27 children and reports, at this time, there are none on the way but that could change and often does !!

This year the strawberry harvest was about 1/2 of what it should have been because of weather conditions. Hot sunny days and then a deluge of rain !! Their low bush blueberry crop was very successful, though.

Merle has been interviewed by a young man by the name of Eric Brunt. He is making a documentary and interviewing as many WWII Veterans as he can find. Their numbers are dwindling fast and most are now in their 90s, as is Merle. It is titled "Last Ones Standing" and I understand it will be shown on the CBC or CTV in 2020 on the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII. Now that could be May 8, 1945, for VE Day or August 15, 1945, for VJ Day. I am not sure, at the present time, but mark your calendars

And check your TV listings as it will be a most interesting documentary.
Merle wants me to send her very best wishes to one and all...

-Suzanne, VE7IM—

Helen, VA1YL, writes: I was trying to remember what happened this fall! We had our 1901 garage lifted up & put a concrete foundation under it. There were gardens along both sides of it and they are gone! But the garage is looking good. They dug up the soil to put the foundation in and left subsoil on the lawn. I finally got that off the lawn.

We are hoping to go see our daughter Margaret, VE2ZOO, in January in Ecuador. Our daughter, Anne VE2WHO, moved to Newcastle, UK in October. She will be teaching an Astrophysics course this winter so she doesn't want us to come to visit her. She will be coming to Nova Scotia for Christmas.

33 Helen VA1YL

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Toronto the Good is in the past. Not only do we have nightly knifing and shootings, you don't want to know what happened in our university libraries recently. Fortunately, the police caught the kook. We do have an excellent police service.

Now, we seem to have maddened Mother Nature. Returning from my trip West, I brought the snow. Imagine 10cms of snow in early November. As if that wasn't bad enough, as I write, we are expecting freezing rain and a measurable snow fall. After raking 50 bags of leaves, I realize that the rest will have to be done in April.

Jean and Kevin were home for a long weekend. It was great, Jean fixed most of my computer problems and Kevin fixed everything in the house that needed fixing and installed a second oak banister. It has been a great help already. Janet and Steve will be home some time in December, so I am preparing for an early Christmas. I do hope everyone has a wonderful, safe and healthy holiday. Enjoy every single day and be sure to tell your loved ones how much you love them. 33 Ann, VE3HAI

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Not a lot of news from here. Our winter came early with lots of snow in November but it has since all disappeared and we're back to green grass and dirty roads.

Doug and I activated another Island in September. We had a beautiful fall day with sunshine and lots of colour. Conditions were good and we made our 25 contacts in no time at all. Roberta, VA3RMW, and I manned the CLARA booth at our YRARC Hamfest, good turn out but not a lot of YLs. I finished the "Favorite Book Challenge" and got my certificate, hope you'll have a new one in 2020, they're fun.

Christmas and the holiday season is upon us now and things are getting very busy. These last two weeks are very busy at the shop and I'm delivering flowers every day. It's such a hard job bringing happiness to everyone. HiHi. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Health and happiness in 2020.

Val, VE5AQ writes: Hello everyone.

I do hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year has started well for you. Here in Moose Jaw, we had/have maybe a ½ inch of snow, which really is nothing. Our temperatures here have been between 1F and 36F (for US girls) and -17C- +2C (for those with the metric system. I will take it. We have robbed Old Man Winter out of quite a few days. Mind you, we still have January to end of April to contend with.

Harv and I stayed home this Christmas as per usual, would have been nice to go and visit our youngest in California, but then the oldest would have been left on his own. So I cooked up enough food for about 20 people (really don't know how to cook small casseroles). Our son likes it as he gets to take home several containers of TV dinners. Also I have quite a few extra meals also in the freezer which come in very handy when you have doctor's appointments that end up being late into the afternoon, then you come home and throw the food into the microwave. Sure saves on cooking.

I am on the waiting list to see an orthopedic surgeon to see if he will do a knee replacement. Sure hope that happens soon. In the meantime, me and my pink cane will just keep hobbling along.

I am now looking forward, way forward, to summer so that I can get back into the garden. I really do miss playing in the dirt. Remember girls, you are only required to get older, nobody says you have to grow up.

That's it for now. Prayers to those who need them, and who want them.

33 Val, VE5AQ

The Editor really messed up the Canadian address table in the September/October 2019 Issue. Below is the correct information.

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DX News

Threeza, DW3TRZ (Phillipines)

[The January 2020 QST Magazine featured Threeza on the Member Spotlight.]

As much as I would like to mention all the Amazing YLs I have met along the way, there wasn't much space in the magazine article. So I would like to thank them here.

I am very fortunate that Niece, KA1ULN, found me on Facebook and introduced me to the YL group page. I am blessed that Anne E. Manna, WB1ARU, found me a very supportive sponsor, Anne Dirksman, KC9YL, to be associated with the league. I am grateful that the YLs I first bumped into the group including Jenni, M0HZT; Ria, N2RJ and Andrea, K2EZ, have been very encouraging and inspiring. You were my FIRST SIX(6) AMAZING YL MABUHAY calls.

From Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL), in the same Group page volunteered a sponsor from the Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc. (CLARA) in the name of Val Lemko, VE5AQ, and she adopted me as a DX member. Also Jennifer Eileen Jones, M0HZT, helped me to be associated with the British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc (BYLARA) through Carol Ann Hodges, 2E1RBH; Judith Brooks, G4IAQ; and Sharon J. Lewis, 2I0SHZ as my sponsors. I met Joana Van Eckert-Schoof, DJ5YL through Web Contact on QRZ.com and we became friends (through email). She connected me to the Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs (SYLRA). While DXing and contesting, I met on the air Nobuko Komatsu, JH1ACA, who then referred me to my Japan Ladies Radio Society (JLRS) sponsor Yukiko Maki, 7K4TKB. Through Anza/DX Net on 15M that I learned of the Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc. with Net Control Lyn Battle, VK4SWE and introduced me to the then ALARA President Shirley Tregellas, VK5YL Down Under. Six (6) Amazing Young Ladies YLs clubs/leagues affiliations from around the globe.

To ALL of the Amazing YLs who share their Ham Radio shacks/activities/adventures through Mabuhay calls.. Thank you very much indeed.

If not from YOU my Amazing Young Ladies...I wouldn't be as active and vibrant as I am today in promoting Ham Radio and Friendship around the world.

Very 33 Mabuhay De **Threeza, DW3TRZ, PHILIPPINES**

Christa, DJ1TE (Germany) - Christa wrote that she has been QRV on shortwave for 65 years and a member of the YLRL for 60. Since they sold their QTH, she now lives in the penthouse of a multi-family house - no more antennas, just her 2m handy-talkie. She shared that she has many memories of QSO, skeds, contests, meeting YL friends and that she still corresponds with some of them via email.

Rosel, DL3KWR (Germany)

My successful year 2019

I finished this year with a total result of 7254 QSOs (4280 as DL3KWR, 1468 as CT9/DL3KWR, 289 as DL0SOP, 1217 as OZ6SYL). I have participated in 27 Contests. The last in 2019 was the Pro CW Contest of the Professional CW Club - my number 800 now!

On the occasion of my 80th birthday in the month of June I got two trophies: one for the participation of 750 Contests and the other for 1000 DXCC points. This was a big surprise for me. In 2020 Hardy, DL3KWF, and I will go again to Madeira CT9. We will attend again the HAM Radio in Friedrichshafen and have also booked two weeks holiday in Denmark.

I wish all YLs of YLRL and their families a happy and active year and hopefully many nice contacts in nature and on the air.



Marietjie, ZS6CEZ (South Africa)

We are keeping well and had lovely rain. Our government is cutting our power three times a day and we are battling without power. We hope to have power for Christmas. I like to wish you A Merry Christmas and all the best for 2020.

73, 88, 33 Marietjie and Abra

Hiromi, JJ1CAS (Japan)

Hiromi writes that she is not active on radio at present. However, [she] wrote about many powerful FB DX-YLs in *The Shotokan Times* - Women of Shotokan series. She feels very sorry that she could not lay out their laudable achievements in detail, owing to a limited space. Read all about her Karatedo accomplishments and check out her QSL card!!!

<https://bit.ly/2sv93ku>

Editor's Message de Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB

Another year has passed since I first wrote to you. Thanks to all of you who have sent articles. Without them this publication would not be as interesting as it is.

We have some new ladies in officer and support positions. They are volunteering their time and we should support them as best we can. One of the ways that we can support all of our officers is to respond to them in a timely manner. If your District Chair asks for articles by the first of the month, please send something to her by that time. You don't have to write a 500 word essay - a few sentences telling the rest of us what you've been doing works just as well.

You may want to know why this issue is so late. The election of officers occurred on January 15 and I thought it would be best if we held the publication until that time, so that all of us would know who our leaders for the next two years are.

You may or may not know that we have a team of ladies working on posting this publication on a secure area of the internet. It takes a while to get "all of our ducks in a row", but I have confidence that the team will have a procedure later this year or sometime next year (remember these ladies are volunteers and getting YLH on the internet is not their first priority, but it is a high priority).

I apologize to our Canadian members for the major error in the 2019 Directory issue. I know what happened and will make sure it doesn't happen again. The corrected information is on page 19.

I look forward to a busy and exciting 2020.

33, Margaret, AE7MB

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.

Favorite Bird Application Form

Annual Award Application

Year _____

Favorite:

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| Address, City, Zip: | | | Country: | |

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| 25 sheets 8 " x 11 " , with 25 #10 envelopes | \$5.00 |

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