



# YL-Harmonics

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## Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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IN MEMORY OF: FROM:  
THERE WERE NO DONATIONS DURING THE TRANSFER OF SCHOLARSHIP  
CHAIR IN TIME FOR THE MARCH/ APRIL ISSUE.

*Please note we have now a NEW Scholarship chairwoman. Please send your donations to Linda, AC5QQ at the information above. Marte will be forwarding any stray donations to Linda for the next report. REMEMBER: Donations don't have to be made in memory of Silent Keys alone. They are always gratefully accepted and go to support the two YLRL scholarships given out EACH and EVERY year. You may notice our Scholarship drives are held around Convention times to help maintain the balance inbetween conventions, but the Scholarship are yearly. Thanks for the generosity of so many YLRL members in donating and thanks to Marte, KØEPE for all her wonderful hard work over the years! -Ed.*

### **FAIR ISLE - SHETLAND**

International Lighthouse Weekend 2012  
An all YL expedition

From **16th to 21st August** a group of YL-operators from Shetland, UK mainland, Netherland, Italy and Norway will be transmitting from the lighthouse "South Light" - also called "Skadan" on Britain's most remote island - Fair Isle.

The YLs will participate in the International Lighthouse Weekend - Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th August.

**The group has been given the call  
GB2YLS**

**More information and news as we go along on the group's web site  
<http://www.radioclubs.net:80/gb2yls/contact.php>**

**We hope to get a lot of radio contacts while on this Special Island and hopefully many of them will be from other YLs.**



## President's Message de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS

It's the changing of the seasons again. A college friend from Guatemala City (high in the mountains, a "city of eternal spring") once told me she didn't understand why the English and American poets wrote entire poems about spring until she spent the winter here.

I know that the east has not had much of winter, and snow has been a little sparse in our neck of the woods, but it here it has been consistently coat (when it wasn't cold, it was windy) weather, and the ground has been hard frozen since November, anyway. Now, as we see the crocus blossoms peak up (and the dandelions, our other harbinger of spring), and daylight savings time is here, (Remember, the Thursday night net is at 1:00 UTC, so an hour earlier on most clocks.) we know that the winter is over, never mind if we get more snow.

The warming weather also brings thunderstorms, and thunderstorms, lightning. I am sure we have all held those who have already suffered from extreme weather in our thoughts. One of the things many ham radio operators do is train with Skywarn.

Skywarn does not require going out to chase severe weather; it means recognizing what you see, with the ability to report it for the safety of all. Another thing to remember, of course is lightning—it's a good time to check the grounds for all your equipment.

Just so you know—your officers are always working on ideas to keep costs down as postage costs rise. DX mailings costs, especially, seem to be rising very fast, and are now greater than the DX membership. Donations to that fund are appreciated.

And last but not least: Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Girl Scouts of the USA. I know I am not the only YL who is or has been a Girl Scout! Boy Scouts have a large Jambo-ree on the Air every year, to which Girl Scouts are always invited but few attend; I wonder what we can do with our local Girl Scouts to encourage them in Amateur Radio?

33,  
Doshia, KB0NAS

**DON'T FORGET  
THE YL FORUM  
FRIDAY, MAY  
18TH FROM  
1:00 - 2:15 PM IN  
ROOM 5  
AND THE YLRL  
TABLE AT  
BOOTH #234**

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**Vice President's Info**  
**De Linda Metz, KC8PKY**

**YL Contests, Nets  
and Hamfest Booths**

Well the YL-OM contest for 2012 is now in the books. At this writing I have received 4 YL logs and 2 OM logs.

Logs Received include:  
KA0BAT, Melba Hoss  
KK7YL, Rita Wilson  
SV2KBS, Victoria Panagiotou  
KA0BHO, Terry Hoss  
TA7AO, Ismail Kakisim  
VE7YL, Elizabeth Anderson

I am still in the log checking process so please bear with me as I am still a beginner and I want to do a good job.

I tried to make some contacts in this contest but unfortunately our antenna system did not work as well as I had hoped. Guess that's the hazards of living on a small city lot.

Dayton will be upon us very soon. I hope to see a lot of YL's there. It's always a good time. Our forums are always fun and a great way to meet other YL's. Don't forget to stop by our table and sign in.

On a personal note I am pleased to say that our son has been discharged from the army and is safely back in the states. He served 2 tours in Iraq and finished his service in Germany.

*Editor's note: remember this was sent in before the log deadline and there may be updates in the next issue. Also please send all 2012/2013 logs to Linda as the Current Vice-President.*

***YLRL BOOTH at Dayton  
Hamvention® is same as last year-  
North Hall #234.***

***YL FORUM  
Room 5 on Friday, May 18  
from 1300 until 1415 (1:00 to 2:15).***



## Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

we4mb@arrl.net or we4mb@yahoo.com

Let's talk about becoming a ham and the steps you have to take to accomplish this. The first thing you need to know is which exam you need to take.

We will assume you do not yet have an Amateur Radio license, so you will begin with a Technician Class License.

You need to pass a multiple-choice exam of 35 questions.

The test covers the basic things you need to know as a licensed of Amateur Radio operator - FCC Rules; station license responsibilities; control operator duties; operating practices; radio and electronic fundamentals; station setup and operation; communications modes and methods; special operations; Emergency and Public Service Communications; radio waves, propagation and antennas; electrical and RF Safety.

After earning your Technician Class License, you can use all amateur VHF and UHF frequencies (frequencies above 50 MHz). You can also operate on the 80, 40, and 15-meter HF bands using Morse code, and on the 10 meter band using Morse code, voice, and digital modes.

WHAT? Yes, that's confusing. Let's put it this way... you know those hams who have hand held radios and mobile rigs in their cars? They talk on 2 meters, which is 144 - 148 MHz 2 meters is FM or VHF (Very High Frequency) and it's mostly used for local communications. The other bands (ranges of frequencies) are where Amateur Radio operators have been authorized to communicate YL Harmonics March/April 2012

with each other.

You may ask yourself "*why would I want a Ham License when I can get on CB without taking a test?*" Amateur Radio is a high-tech hobby that has something fun for everyone.

Hams are people from all walks of life no matter what age, gender or physical ability. Anyone can hold an Amateur License - there's no minimum age. Hams practice courtesy and respect for others.

Most of all, Amateur Radio is fun! Unlike Citizen's Band (CB) radio, there's more than just one way to communicate. Using a small 2-meter hand-held radio you can stay in touch with other hams in your area and operate from almost any vehicle, boat or just about anywhere.

Hams can send live TV in real-time or just still pictures over the air. Technician class Hams can operate FM voice, digital packet (computers), television and more.

You can search for hidden transmitters in a foxhunt and take part in contests. You can even make international radio contacts via Ham Radio satellites and communicate directly to hams aboard the International Space Station. Using the computer and Amateur Radio, you can talk or use your keyboard to communicate with other hams locally or around the world.

And that's just part of what you can do as an Amateur Radio operator-There are also nets and roundtables where you talk in groups, emergency communications and services,

building your own equipment and antennas, weather spotting and Hamfests.

Amateur Radio is a service, which promotes and encourages the honing of technical and operational radio skills in order to have qualified operators to depend on in an emergency. It was created to experiment on cutting edge communications technology and techniques and to promote goodwill and the free exchange of technical knowledge among other Hams throughout the world.

Having to earn the license, Hams treat their privileges with respect. Since an Amateur Radio operator's license is a privilege that can be taken away for misuse, close attention is paid to the FCC's rules.

As I have said many times before. Amateur Radio is a hobby the whole family can enjoy together.

73 & 88,  
Emily, WE4MB

*I know we have a number of YL members who are under 17, so please write in and let Emily know what **YOU** are doing for the Youth Column! As she says it is a hobby the whole family can enjoy together. Let's make the Youth Column shine by focusing on our younger members. Don't forget to send in your news and pictures from Field Day and the Dayton Hamvention® as well.*  
-Ed.

# District One News de Roberta Donohue, W1JX



Hello to all. We continue to experience a very mild winter here in New England. With the exception of the far northern parts of the area, we have very little snow on the ground. What snowfalls we have had have been followed by warming temperatures and rain, which washed away any snow accumulations.

My husband, Tom, W1QU, and I were fortunate to be able to get away from the gloomy winter here in Maine during the first week in January. We flew down to the island of Eleuthera, which is one of the outer islands of the Bahamas. We met our two daughters and their husbands there for a too-short visit. The island of Eleuthera is a fairly

undeveloped island, which makes it very casual and relaxing. There are few tourists there so the beaches, which are beautiful, are practically deserted. The water is the most beautiful shade of blue I have ever seen and we were fortunate on one occasion to see two dolphins nearby to where we were swimming. We hope to be able to go back there someday.

Despite the dreary weather, band conditions have been very good here in Maine, which has allowed for some good DXing. I have recently started checking into the DX YL net on Monday mornings and have enjoyed hearing good signals from Europe.

As I write this, Anne,

WB1ARU, and her OM, Tony, are off to Colorado for their annual ski trip. We hope to be able to give a full report of their adventures in the next issue.

As for Hennie, KA1JVN, she reports that she has been elected a Director in the "Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida". Congratulations, Hennie.

We are sad to report that our friend, Betty Tammany, KA1JKV, became a silent key on February 4, 2012. She was a longtime member of YLRL as well as WRONE and we will miss her.

Until the next issue, when we hope to be enjoying some spring weather, we will wish you all 33.

Bobbie, W1JX

## Corrections & Changes

If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please send corrections to the Carol, K4SAF, our US Receiving Treasurer or for DX send to Rose-Marie, KB4RM, our DX Treasurer (See front cover for info) and let us know which issues were missed. Sometimes the issue comes back with either "Unknown" or "No Forwarding address" and we have no way of knowing how to contact the member. Our best hope is to list someone in "Missing in Action" and hope someone can help with updates. Please update your records and those of any YLs you sponsor each year to stay current.

Also if you send dues or address corrections to the return address on your envelopes, they will be delayed. The permit is held by the Editor who has to then send the information on to the correct parties. *Thank you -The Editor*

Correction for District 10: NØFT, Lafonne J. Taylor is at 1072 N. 22nd St. #319, Laramie, WY 82072





## District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to SPRING! It sure looks and feels like SPRING even here in the Northeast!

My Daffodils are up and ready to bloom, and now the tulips have been fooled by the warm temperatures and are coming up.

The birds have returned and have begun building their nests. The weather forecasts for the next few weeks have indicated that we will continue to experience temperatures in the 50's and 60's. I'm not complaining, but I wonder how the summer will be this year.

As for the conditions on the bands, I certainly have enjoyed working into the Pacific during the RTTY Contests. RTTY is fast becoming one of my most favorite modes of operation. I did try to work the YLs a few weeks ago on a Thursday evening on 20 and 40 meters.

I thought I heard one of the gals, but the band conditions

were not great at 9:00pm on a Thursday. I will continue to try to get on the net and hope that all of you will, as well.

Our YLRL Treasurer reminds us that YLRL Dues are past due at this point. If you haven't renewed, please do so as soon as possible.

Have you checked out the new YLRL website?

**[www.ylrl.hfradio.net](http://www.ylrl.hfradio.net)**

It's a great site and I'm hoping more YLs will check it out.

I have been asked by the ARRL to help for a task group to work on a new design for an ARRL Official Girl Scout Patch.

I need help with this, and am hoping some of you could help me with this. I'm trying to find out if there might be some old patches still available.

If anyone has any connections to Arline Berry's family, I'd like to contact them to find out if there are still patches available. Please drop

me an email at: **[ka3anf@arrl.net](mailto:ka3anf@arrl.net)** if you have information or can help.

DXYL news from Rose-Marie, KB4RM - from a YL I sponsor from 'Down - Under' Barbara, VK3AGU writes: "Thank you for the membership card. Be sure to give my greetings to Joyce Birmingham, and all the other Ham ladies in the area. Andrew (VK3KIS), my OM is still active in our local club (Eastern Mountain District Radio Club). I don't get to meetings much these days as I am Practice Manager for a busy wellness chiropractic centre, but do get on the air in my car. Andrew has managed some really good DX this year. Andrew is doing public speaking and running a computer business. The weather in Melbourne continues to be Melbourne weather - "all 4 seasons, often in one day." Still find Easter during the autumn and colder weather very strange! Happy Spring/Happy Autumn!" 33. Barbara (VK3AGU) - I know all the gals in NNJ are glad to hear from Barbara! We all miss her and Andrew so much!

*Thanks Rose-Marie!*

33,

Joyce KA2ANF



***BARA Action 2008  
Barbara-VK3AGU,  
JOYCE-KA2ANF,  
KATHY-K2YSF AND  
MADDY-NN2J***



## District Three News de Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN

Hey, there gals. Here we are with another edition of Harmonics. Well, this edition starts the Ham-Fest season. The Wash-Fest was February 26<sup>th</sup> in Castle Shannon, PA.

I wasn't able to go because I had to go to Fort Lauderdale Florida for work. Have any of you gone to any Hamfests yet? If so did you purchase anything good?

I am working on a quilt with my husband's ham radio t-shirts. I've been working on it for a really long

time, and I am determined to finish it soon.

Are any of you ladies working on any projects? If so what are they, and how are they coming along?

So far as a ham I have made a Pico Keyer Plus, and a dipole. I didn't realize how much I like to make solder smoke. It is really a lot of fun creating different things and watching them work.

I am happy that we are nearing spring, and we can stop wearing winter coats and mittens. Today I purchased

a magazine that shows different ways to create small gardens. I have one but I decided that I want to change it up. Do any of you have vegetable or flower gardens? If you do please send pictures to me so that we all can see your beautiful gardens.

Well, this is all I have. Please contact me at **ceciliab39@hotmail.com** with any information or pictures you want to share. Take care and talk with you all soon.

73s

Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN

### District 6 News Continued from Page 16

Russia, India, Chile, Brunei, and Japan, to name a few. The membership grows every day, as Diego and his administrators invite any YLs – as well as a few OMs – to join.

Carine Latger, F5ISY, of France invited me to another Facebook site called "The Days of YLs 21 and 22 May, 2011" [Ed Note. This is the correct Facebook site name, but the info is updated to include the 2012 May 19 & 20 information.]

The group hopes to "gather all women amateurs in the world as they choose one day in the year to be on

the airwaves."

The group has 1,083 [More by the time the Editor verified.] members so far, and are going full blast to get as many YLs as possible on air May 19 and 20, 2012.

[Ed Note. This is the weekend of Dayton Hamvention® and the International YL Meed will be going on at the same time.]

In the meantime, the members announce international QSOs, post photos of their rigs, and rag chew a bit—the same thing we do when we're on-the-air.

If you are on Facebook, I recommend you look these

groups up and interact. I'm still working on getting an antenna and a rig, so it's been a lot of fun chatting with International YLs through another means! And when I do get my radios together, it will be easier to set up rag chews, too.

Have a great rest of your Spring and Summer—don't forget to send me your news and pictures.

33 & 73,

Jennifer, KI6OIL



## District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings 4land YLs:

I hope this issue finds everyone in good health and active on the radio. I did not receive a lot of news from the gals but here is what they've shared.

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH attended the Orlando Hamfest this month and writes: "I set up the YL booth in the Commercial 3 Building on Thursday Feb 9th the day before the Orlando Hamcation. The Hamfest started Friday Feb 10th thru Sunday Feb 12th.



**Myra, K3PGH at the YL Booth at the Orlando Hamfest.**

"I was the only one at the booth except for my OM, Jeff Beals, one of the new Directors of QCWA, who was able to help when I needed some break time.

Some of the visitors to the booth were Lydia, KF4TPW; Joanne, WA2IIE; Nancy, N1NCY; and from Canada, Jean, VE3CBQ.

I was able to hand out quite a few membership applications to possible new members and some OMs who wanted their XYLs to join. Hopefully those

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who picked up the applications will become new members. I enjoyed meeting all the YLs that stopped by and I hope to continue this in the future."

Great job Myra, I know everyone appreciates all your efforts in making the YLRL visible at the Orlando Hamfest.

Mary Moore, WX4MM writes "Not much news down here. I have been invited to speak at the Milton FL ham club meeting on the 21st of Feb about YLs in ham radio. Hope there is a good turnout. May pick up some new members.

Attended the Columbus GA club meeting and Erin King, AK4JG, a 17-year-old YL Extra Class who will be attending MIT in the Fall.

She has a YouTube video on her "tube" project. We were able to see the video at the club meeting and it is very interesting. Good to hear about young people entering the hobby."

Very nice, Mary. Sounds like you are quite busy attending many radio club meetings. Take care and thanks for sharing!

Kelley Johns, KK4DJY writes: "I am finally getting on the air more frequently (local 2m repeaters -- I'm still a Technician). Is there still a HAYLARC group here, and if so, how do I get some information?"

I am aware of at least 2 other newly licensed YLs who are a little bit air-shy, and I wonder if there is a net for us. All of this would be good information to

pass along to Mark, N4BCD to publish in the HARC Vox newsletter."

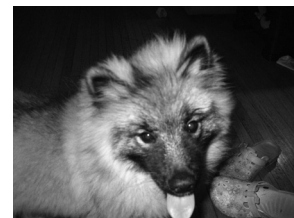
Well Kelley, I do not know about a HAYLARC group near you BUT will do my best to get you some info on the matter. We're glad you are active and encouraging others to be the same. *I know there are a number of HAYLARC members in YLRL, so let Joan know exactly where you are!* -ED

Carol Laferty, K4SAF writes that she checks Facebook's Women in Amateur Radio page frequently and chats with some of our YLRL members. She is trying to talk with a couple of them on radio if she can get frequencies, time of day, and schedules worked out. What another great way to stay connected with other YLs.

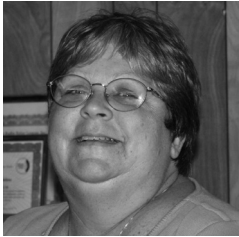
With that dear YLs I will bid you adieu. Please remember to send any news and pictures that you'd like to share. I welcome any correspondence from you all.

73

Joan Jones, W4JMJ



**Joan's Brother, John (VE3WWR) has a new shack puppy-Miss Bailey. Very useful for "keeping LIDS out of the shack." HI HI**



## District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello all,

Hope everyone is doing well?

I have been very busy I feel like Spring has come early and I planted green beans, squash, cucumbers' and egg plant and with the warm weather we have been having here in Mississippi they are up and ready to go to the garden. Sure hope we miss the usual cold snap around Easter this year so I don't lose them all.

Well as you all read last issue our Grandson Brandon, KF5NYQ had received his tech and now has completed 6 weeks of training for his General which he passed on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

He has been enjoying working DX and checking the map to see how far away he can talk. He has logged Tanzania, South Africa, Congo and Malpelo as the furthest. He may have to start selling lemonade at field day to pay for his QSL postage.

Brandon was presented an ARRL First Contact certificate by Mr. Charles Otnott, WD5BJT who was Brandon's first HF contact on 10 meters, one I am sure they both will remember.

I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Hammond, LA Hamfest and also the Jackson, MS Hamfest both very nice. We enjoyed seeing our friends in Rayne, LA at their Hamfest in the Frog Capital as they call their town.

I send a big **THANK YOU** to KE5RPI, Karen of Carencro, LA who worked the YLRL booth for the 2 day event. She was very busy I even seen Karen walking

thru the table rows at one time with sign in sheet and talking to all the YLs, Great Job.



*Karen, KE5RPI at the  
YLRL booth.*

**Seminole, OK, KC5RWW-  
Beth,**

The first weekend in February I made 16 contacts on 4 bands in about 2 hours in various contests and special events. The second weekend I made 18 contacts on 3 bands. I joined 6M nets on two Tuesday evenings this month so far. On the 9th I managed to participate in the Tangle Net. February 12 I had a QSO with YL2GUV in Latvia on 15M. I could hear 2MØYIO in Scotland but he couldn't hear me. I tried the school round up for 2 days and managed to make only 2 contacts.

33, Beth

**Ravenden, AR, KA5GIS-  
Carol,**

My daughter, Allene lives in Walnut Ridge, AR, just passed her Tech on March 1st her call is KF5OTU. This makes the whole family hams now as my OM, and son are also licensed. My dad was too but is now a SK.

Allene plans on joining YLRL soon, and teaches band and choir at Sloan-Hendrix High School in Imboden, AR. Her

hobbies are playing the saxophone, singing, cycling, playing dance games on the Wii and Xbox, shopping, and traveling.

33, Carol



*Allene, KF5OTU*

**Milan, New Mexico, KC7K-  
PG-Judy,**

We had a great time at the Quartzfest 2012 with 640 hams camped out for the week. There were lots of classes, programs, VE Testing, movies and pot-lucks. We saw lots of friends and made some new friends too. The Special Event station W7Q had over 800 contacts.

We are in Yuma for February to attend the Yuma SW Division Convention/Hamfest February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We are having a great time. 33, Judy

**Port Arthur, Texas, KK5L-  
Carol,**

I have some good news. We've been without an antenna since Hurricane Rita in 2005, but at last we've bought a Hustler vertical antenna. It might take a long time to get it installed, but one of these days I will be back on the air! 33, Carol

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on Page 18**

# New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretary



## New Members for March/April 2012

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

### DISTRICT 4

**K4NRS** Deborah K. Dingfelder

Birthday: June 23

Deborah is a retired nurse with a new General class license, hoping to upgrade soon. She and OM, N4CPT Robert just bought their first radio. She has 2 grandsons and is active in her church.

### DISTRICT 5

**K5CED** Cindy Downes

Birthday: February 22

Cindy holds an Extra license and works as a freelance writer. She is active with local hams on 2 m and hopes to get active soon on HF. She is active with the Pink HAMsters, a YL group. Her OM is KE5VKB, Bill.

**N5IS** Bobette Doerrie (renewal)

Bobette now holds an Extra class license after letting a previous license lapse. Family members are K5IS Jerome and KA5W Jennifer. She is a teacher and does weather balloon launches occasionally. She is also a member of 10-X International.

### DISTRICT 7

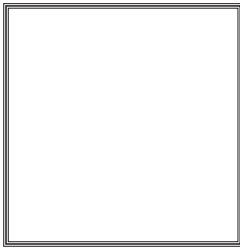
**KF7KVV** June Apedaile

June holds a General license.

### DISTRICT 10

**NØCKS** Cheyenne K. Sterner

Cheyenne is one of our newest youth members and was licensed at age 9.



**Certificate Custodian**  
**WAS-YL , YLCC , YL-DXCC , WAC-YL. DX-YL**  
**de Carolyn Donner, N8ST**

**Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates**

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
3. **DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant .
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-size envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addresses to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of *YL Harmonics*.

**Don't forget this year's special certificate for 2012.**  
**Only contacts January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 will**  
**count towards this year's YL only certificate.**

 <b>Young Ladies Radio League</b> <small>ARRL AFFILIATED</small>	
<b>AWARDS THIS YLRL 2012 FAVORITE ANIMALS CERTIFICATE</b>	
TO	
<b>NAME -- CALLSIGN</b>	
<small>FOR SUBMITTING SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF HAVING CONDUCTED TWO WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH 15 YLS (and collecting 15 different favorite animals)</small>	
CERTIFICATE NUMBER <u>001</u>	
<i>Carolyn Donner</i> <small>YLRL CERTIFICATE MANAGER</small>	_____ <small>DATE</small>

# YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

Class of license held: Extra General Tech Other-if other, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Year first licensed \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address/web page \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsed by (Who signed you up/where did you first hear about YLRL): \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any radio clubs of which you are a member \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month and Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Other hams in family (Name, Call and Relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please list former calls if any \_\_\_\_\_

Are you active in Ham Radio? \_\_\_ On what bands? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you contest? \_\_\_ Which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you DX or go on DXpeditions? \_\_\_\_\_

DXpedition Calls held? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member of ARRL? Yes No Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

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

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

New? \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_ Rejoin? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current dues are as follows:

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 subscriber

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

Rates subject to change as needed.

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

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

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org) for more information

Receiving Treasurers

US Districts 1-10, KH6, KL7, VE

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





## District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Spring greetings DE6 YLs! It's beginning to look a lot like Event season. I know some of you are gearing up for the DX Convention in Visalia in April, and Dayton in May. I hope you keep me posted on all your Ham happenings, so that the rest of us can live vicariously through you!

A big shout out of congratulations to YLRL member and DE 6 YL-Carol Milazzo, KP4MD. She has recently been elected President of the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society in Sacramento! Carol has been an avid Ham since 1970, a member of the Medical Amateur Radio Council, and an ARRL Life Member. In her spare time, she's a pediatrician (HI, HI)!

You can keep up with Carol and her happenings at [www.qsl.net/kp4md/](http://www.qsl.net/kp4md/). The site features her publications, presentations, and ham career. Carol's full bio is in the February issue of the River City ARCS Newsletter at [www.n6na.org](http://www.n6na.org). Check her out, and drop her a note of congratulations—another feather in the cap of an already accomplished woman.



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The OM and I will be helping with communications for the annual Baker-to-Vegas (B2V) Relay race, April 20-22. Joy Matlack is always looking for Ham operators, so if you are interested in taking a weekend jaunt, visit the official communications site [www.b2v.org](http://www.b2v.org) and fill out the form. You can email it to Joy at [rbvcom1@b2v.org](mailto:rbvcom1@b2v.org) or snail mail it.



B2V Stage 9 in 2011

The other Event the OM and I look forward to is the Military Radio Collector's Group Retreat. This is the 17th annual meeting, to be held at the NCO Club, Camp San Luis Obispo, California from May 3-5. The drive to SLO is beautiful, and we get to not only mingle with other collector Hams, enjoy good food, and collect quality military gear, but the OMs family is there, so we get in a visit with them as well.

Mercedes Prado in 2011 at stage 9 of B2V.

The official festivities begin at 0800 Friday morning, and they welcome early arrivals on Thursday afternoon, May 3rd.

If you would like to attend, contact Lynn Fielding, KE6JCD at [lfielding@elcamino.edu](mailto:lfielding@elcamino.edu) or call (310) 533-8627.

To see past events, and learn more about the MRCG-West, visit [mrcgwest.org](http://mrcgwest.org).

This YL is a computer geek and a fan of social media, and last year I got the opportunity to accept invitations to two international YL groups that I otherwise would not have known about had I not been active on social media.

One of those groups is "YLs in the World." Diego Sirtori, IZ2OAR, of Carate Brianza, near Milan, Italy started this group on Facebook with the purpose of being "a tribute to all the YLs of the World."



The group has 273 members hailing from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Indonesia,

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# District Seven News

## de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN



Hello to all you YLs. And also to your OMs who read this newsletter. I'm now sitting in my family room with my OM-Dan, KF7BHM. It's Thursday and it's his day off. So we've really done very little apart from some cleaning and laundry that I've done. His birthday is tomorrow and seeing he has to work we decided to celebrate today. He turns 60, so it's a key birthday for him.

But get this; we also have a son that turned 30 on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and a daughter that turned 30 on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. You see, Dan and I have 4 children- 2-birth sons and 2 adopted daughters. Our youngest son and daughter are only 24 days apart in age. Then with my husband turning 60 on Feb 17 we had three parties to plan. And three parties to try and keep a surprise! But we did it. And they were all successful.

The weather here in the northwest has sure been mild for winter. We've had rain, but nothing like we normally get; also only one snowfall. And it wasn't much either! It's been interesting though, when we moved here to the northwest 26 yrs ago from San Diego, CA I told my husband if I didn't see the sun in 10 yrs I'd be happy. Well, it's been 26 years and I just told him recently I was looking forward to spring. I want the sun.

I'm still learning what I need to do in being the District Chairwoman for YLRL and who to contact for information of what is

going on in the NW. I do have some information for you that I think you will find interesting though.

One is that in the Clark Co Amateur Radio Club in Vancouver, WA there is a new class starting. It's a Technician class for women being taught by YLs. Isn't that interesting? It's being headed up by Barbara Yasson, AC7UH and Lisa Bloomquist, KE7HPW, (who also happens to be the newly elected VP of the club). Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB and I, KE7WEN are the other two teachers. It runs the first 3 weekends in March. The last I heard there were nine women signed up. It appears that this class will be a big success.

Don't forget about SEAPAC coming up this June 1, 2 and 3. If you've never heard of it it's the northwest's largest ham convention. It's held in the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside, OR. It is well worth going to. I went for the first time last year and my OM and I already have plans to go this year. There will be a YL table, so come sign in and sit and talk for a while. There will also be a YL luncheon. You'll be able to meet other YLs from the northwest. It's a good time. I don't have all the information on it yet but keep tuned! I'll be sure and let you know, as we get closer to the date.

I am in the process of learn-

ing CW and I need to get practicing. It's something I've wanted to learn for a while now. I found some good websites that give good practice and information so I'm going online daily to do the lessons.

I hope your month is a good one, and you get lots of time on the air! Hopefully we'll be able to connect sometime. Have a good month to all you northwest YLs.

33, Marilyn, KE7WEN

**Cont. from DC 5**

**DeSoto, Texas, W5MWK-Joyce,**

Not much news here. I have been getting on the TYLRUN Net, just before going to the Kidney Dr. on Thursdays. Granddaughter Mickey is teaching school at College Station. Has her B.S. Working on her Masters now at night at A& M. She will be getting married 16 Mar 13. Everyone is doing fine.

33, Joyce

Thanks to all that sent in your news, also please make sure you have paid your dues for this year they were due in January remember you have to remain current to be eligible for the continuous YLRL membership certificate. Hope to hear you on the nets now let's get on the air more this year!!

Hope to see some of you at the next Hamfest -Mobile, AL, New Orleans, LA, and Pineville, LA.

Wish everyone a Happy Easter!

33, BJ KB5CSQ



## District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

Hello from North Rid-  
geville, Ohio  
Not much is happening up  
here this time of year. The  
Buckeye Belles have been dis-  
banded but Susie Scott is still  
publishing a newsletter to keep  
us all in touch with each other.

Today, February 15<sup>th</sup> is my  
birthday and my radio friends,  
Byrness, W8LE; Dawn, KC-  
8SQN and Nancy, KC4IYD,  
along with our family will be  
celebrating my birthday this  
Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see everyone at  
the Dayton Hamfest.

33 & 73

Annette, KC8SQM

Greetings from SE Ohio!  
Hamfest season has started in  
OH and I've been busy.

There were 2 Hamfests in  
January, SCARF in Nelsonville  
and TUSCO in Strausburg. I

think everyone likes to get  
out and these were well at-  
tended. There was about the  
same attendance as last year  
for both. The picture is from  
the latter fest of the ARRL ASM  
attendees. (I'm the one with  
the smile) Smile!

Upcoming: Mansfield Mid-  
Winter Hamfest is Feb 12 and  
Mar 10 is the MOVARC Ham-  
fest in Gallipolis. I'm planning  
on both of those.

April 11 is the date of my  
back surgery so I'll be cutting  
back for a while. That will take  
place at Mount Caramel New  
Albany Surgical Hospital in the  
Columbus area.

I am hoping that I'll be able  
to attend Dayton Hamvention®  
in May but will have to see what  
the Dr says.

33 and Teddy Bear Hugs,  
Connie Hamilton, N8IO

ASM – OH

My chorus (in Champion-  
ship div) & Vy Lg Quartet (in  
Open division) both going to  
compete in World Choir Games  
here in July. Barbershop  
category competes on Thurs-  
day, July 12. Viewer tickets  
may be ordered starting March  
1, [www.cincinnati-sound.org](http://www.cincinnati-sound.org)  
is my chorus's public website,  
which provides a link to order  
viewer tickets.

Personally, I've just finally  
signed up for & been accepted  
for EchoLinks, which will let  
me do some non-actual-radio  
net-like DX (I think of Aussie  
YL net), as we \*still\* don't have  
a radio set up to work on HF.

33, Susie, N8CGM

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### In Our Thoughts

Please keep Carole, WB9RUS-our 9<sup>th</sup> District Chairwoman-in your  
thoughts as she undergoes treatments for Meniere's.

Good luck, Carole and we hope the shots worked!

Condolences to Nancy, KC4IYD/8 on the passing of her father in  
March.

Val, VE5AQ had major eye surgery on March 20<sup>th</sup>. She has been  
doing an AMAZING job with Marianne and Yvonne on the new  
YLRL website. While she recovers, stop by the website and check it  
out! [www.ylrl.hfradio.net](http://www.ylrl.hfradio.net) There are new changes and more ad-  
ditions to see. Help us out with identifying members and adding  
news!

Arno, HB9AJL reports long time DX Member-Greta, HB9ARC  
became a Silent Key on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your  
thoughts.

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*Greta, HB9ARC Now a  
Silent Key.*



## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

*For those of you in District 9 who haven't heard from Carole recently, here is an update. Keep sending news (and positive thoughts!) and you can always copy the editor on news while Carole is under the weather. Hope those shots worked, Carole!!! –Ed.*

Hi everybody,

I'm writing this evening, while I still have a few wits about me. :) I'm still wobbly when I walk, but my balance is a bit better than it was 3 weeks ago. I have to take my time about getting up from sitting and especially from bed, where I have spent the last three weeks, and believe me, it get very boring very quickly!!

Tomorrow I start my treatment, which is a series of 5 shots in my ear. I am told these are VERY painful and WILL make me dizzy. I can handle dizzy after all the Meniere's attacks over the past 30 years. These shots are 90% effective for this disease, so I'm very confident going into them. In fact, I'm looking forward to them, even though they are painful, but because they are the beginning of the end of this episode.

I can't thank everyone enough for your friendship, prayers, e-mails, notes, Masses and cards. They have meant so much to me.

Thank you.

Carole

**Don't Forget Field Day is coming up at the end of June!  
Send your District Chairwoman lots of news and pictures  
about what you are doing for Field Day!**

**To get Dayton information in the May/June issue, please  
send your Dayton news and pictures ASAP after the event  
to your District Chairwoman. We need to hear from you!**

**If you don't want blank spots in place of columns, send in  
news and pictures on what you are doing in Ham Radio.  
YL news is always needed and be sure to send informa-  
tion on events in time to promote them.**

# District Ten News de Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



Well as of printing, it is almost time for the summer run of Ham Radio events. Dayton Hamvention® is in May with a YL forum on Friday and the usual YLRL table in the North Hall- #234.

In June is Field Day and I am already hearing a lot of YLs say they plan on having booths and information on YLRL at their Field Day sites. Don't forget to let the Publicity Chair know if you need materials well in advance!

May and June also start a round of Hamfests and Regional events. Over the summer you can find events from Coast to Coast, so make sure you check your local areas! Colorado for instance will be holding the ARRL Rocky Mt Regional meeting next year and they are already talking to the YLs about an information table and YL forum.

Please let me know what YOU are doing this summer and don't forget to send in pictures of you and all the other YLs who operate at Field Day in District 10!

Marte, KØEPE says she is recovering nicely. She thinks she may be free of the walker soon (by printing, it may be back in the corner for whom ever needs it at the time) and is glad to be up on both feet again.

She can still get on the air even with injuries, so look for YL Harmonics March/April 2012

her in the usual haunts such as the Tangle Net.

Plus she is already thinking ahead to the next convention's Scholarship raffle, but wants to remind everyone that both Scholarships are issued every year and you don't have to make a donation in remembrance of someone, so please don't hesitate to help keep the Scholarships going even in the off raffle years!

Marte is also the last Charter Member of the Colorado-YLs who celebrated 50 years of being a club in 2011.

Current YLRL President-Doshia, KBØNAS will be the YL Forum moderator at Dayton and will be at the YLRL table as well. Make sure you stop by and say hello.

The YL forum is a great place to find out where YLRL is headed and what YLs are doing. It is also a perfect place to ask questions on YLs and Ham Radio.

I plan on being there as well and I find it much easier to stay at the YL table (YL Forum excepted) as if I go looking for YLs we always seem to miss each other. As one of my other YLRL jobs is also Publicity Chair, make sure you stop so I can get some great pictures of all of you YLs representing us at the Hamvention®.

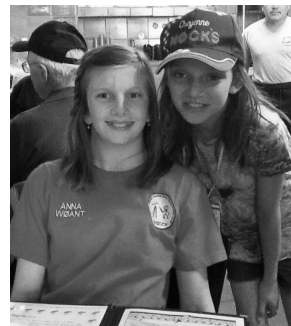
This is also the place where I find (corner, badger, pounce on) YLs and get them on the air

for a parking lot net so we can work on the current Friendship Award. Many times, this is the first time a new YL operator has spoken on the air to another YL.

I can't wait to see everyone there for an eyeball QSO!

Another District 10 YL planning on attending Dayton is Anna, WØANT. She plans on attending the YL forum, but you might also find her at the ARRL Youth area as well.

Anna and new YLRL member, Cheyenne, NØCKS also recently attended a number of local Hamfests as well as the Mile High DX Association meeting.



*Anna, WØANT and Cheyenne, NØCKS at the MHDXA meeting.*

Again, send news and photos so I don't have to drag out the cat stories. Yes, she is named Ariel and yes she likes talking into the mic, but she doesn't have her license and really doesn't count as a YL operator. HI HI

33 & see you on the bands.  
Cheryl, N0WBV



## VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

Well, spring is in the air on the west coast of Canada. It has been a very mild winter this year. There have been heavy snowfalls on the ski hills (where it belongs) but hardly a dusting in the Valley.

I have snowdrops blooming in the garden with daffodils and crocus pushing their way up through the soil. Looking forward to working on both my Favourite Animal and Grandmother Awards this year.

I have both logs printed off and waiting for an opportunity to make contact with many YLs. I hope you are all going to do the same.

Fran and I are off to Cuba for a 10-day stay at the beginning of March.

It will be a nice little jaunt for us at this time of the year. We are looking forward to exploring Havana and our plan is to see everything possible including the ordering of a drink or two in the grand old Hotel Nacional just as Ernest Hemmingway and Winston Churchill once did.

We are hoping to arrange a trip to Trinidad, an ancient, perfectly preserved city that was founded in 1514 and declared a World Heritage

Site by UNESCO in 1988.

I doubt we will have much beach time as our lists of "Must See and Do" are growing by the day. I hope you are all well and preparing for that first real day of spring and your Easter celebrations with family and friends. Take care and stay safe. 33 de Suzanne – VE7IM

**Ann, VE3HAI, writes:** She is counting the days until the flea markets start in 2012. She enjoyed hosting recruiting drives for CLARA at several of the larger events in 2011, and looks forward to them again this year.

It is great to have Rose-Marie KB4RM check in to the CLARA 80 metre Net occasionally.

Perhaps some of you others could check in too. We would welcome you.

Ann wants to remind everyone that the CLARA and family Contest happened on March 20 and 24, this year. Only 24 hours can be claimed for your score. Details are on the CLARA website [www.claranet.ca](http://www.claranet.ca).

Until next time, stay safe and keep smiling. 33 de Ann, VE3HAI

**Val, VE5AQ writes:** Moose Jaw has had an

absolutely wonderful winter.

Don't think I have ever seen one this nice in all the years we have been here. 30something.

Anyway, will not complain. I will keep my above Zero temps and no snow and will not chuckle at the weather the girls in the States have been having.

As most of you may know, I am one of 3 new webmasters for the YLRL site.

Oh, I have been having a ball putting it together for you.

Now on saying that, I need all of you YLs who are members of YLRL to send me your photos, your stories, your Silent Keys, your whatever you want to see on the site.

I cannot keep your site updated if you do not send me information to put on it. We have the YLRL Officers, History of YLRL, Silent Keys, What's the Latest--which is what is happening right now with the gals.

If you know of YLs who have had a baby, or grandchild or great grandchild, or one who is in

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hospital etc....send it to Lois, WB3EFQ, or myself now and it will get put on the site.

We have photos, but hey, one can never have enough photos.

So if you have not gone to check out the website, please do. Here is the URL: **www.ylrl.hfradio.net**

So, OK, guess that is my two cents worth...Hope everyone is keeping well, and hey, summer is not that far away. 33 Val VE5AQ

**Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes:** It has been a busy week and I tried yesterday to take part in the BCQP and now trying to figure how to score what I did.

Next week is the YLRL YL/OM contest and I am planning on taking part CW.

Haven't taken part in a number of years and feel I should as I really enjoy it.

I got my last ARRL entity STØR accepted so am back to having worked them all.

Still working on the CW contacts and have that up to 304. A long way to go!

Can't believe the mild winter we have had so far with only one short spell of really cold weather - down one night to -10c or around 14f.

Nothing compared to the awful winter that Eastern Europe is suffering.

No definite plans for the Easter break but might go down to Portland, Oregon to visit my sister or organize a family reunion here.

Have listened to and admired the operators on Malpello, HK0NA. Under adverse conditions they have done a wonderful job - also provided me with a new CW entity!!

It took me more than a few days to get through those pile-ups!

Have a great spring everyone.

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

**Jeanne, VA3WX, writes:**

They had their first touch of winter on Feb. 10 with a snowfall of a few inches; this was the first of the winter and the temp. was 13-degrees F. to start off the day.

Jeanne will be joining other CLARA members and YLs doing the ONTARS net on Valentine's Day.

This is a yearly event for the YLs and really enjoyable. Lobsters and strawberry shortcake will be served at Jeanne's for supper on Valentine's Day.

Looking forward to making lots of contacts in the CLARA contest on March 20 and 24th.

Happy Easter to everyone.  
33s Jeanne

### **So many YL Events and Places to check out in 2012!**

**There will be a YLRL Booth #234 in the North Hall at the Dayton Hamvention® also there is the YL forum Friday, May 18 from 1:00 - 2:15 pm in Forum Room #5.**

**And check out all the new updates and changes for the YLRL website at:  
[www.ylrl.hfradio.net](http://www.ylrl.hfradio.net)**



## DX News & DX Treasurer de Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM

**Dear YL friends,**

I hope winter is over for most of us when you read this. We had a mild winter here in Virginia and we got our first snow today Feb 20, 12cm, made the landscape into a winter land that lasted only five hours as the sun melted it all, in plus 9c degree. That is a short winter. Days are longer and on March 20<sup>th</sup> it will be equal twelve hours day and night.

When it comes to DXing, I did work HKØNA on four bands. From here it was easy to get, and a new for me. You probably had to work harder and I hope you got them too.

I am enjoying the DX-YL net every Monday 15:00utc at 14.289 or 21.400. We start on 20m and move, if we need to 15m, due to conditions. I am glad so many of you check in and new ones come aboard almost every Monday. We have fun as we now exchange favorite animal and grandchildren between each other.

We have the two certificates to work towards and you can read about them on our website.

I am sending your membership card as soon as I get payment from your sponsor or from yourself. I have asked for news and I thank you for responding and here are from some of you.

Candy, SP5XAB, writes

Thank you for the 2012 YLRL membership card. Amateur Radio is a wonderful hobby, and

it is one of the ways in which you can make long distance and long lasting friendship with people all over the world.

I shall try to participate in the Monday DX-YL net more often in the New Year. I don't have a lot of time, being professionally engaged in teaching English for Specific Purposes which is not only medical English in my case, as well as being a busy housewife.

I would like to reminisce of my exploits regarding this fantastic hobby. 1992 VE2.VE3 and FP; 1998 C6; 2001 GM; 2002 I8 & IT9; 2003 W6 and W7 took part in the events of 2 Rivers YL & ARRL NW SEPAC; 2004 G; 2005 EA6 & W4; 2007 W7; 2010 EA8; 2011 SU. During my pile-ups from FP, if you heard a Polish voice calling you, it would stick out like a sore thumb, one of the hams reported.

In 2010 I received Bylara Pearl Award certificate together with memoir photo albums as a keepsake of Bylara 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in 2009

Best wishes for the New Year to all.

Robyn, VK3WX, writes

Thank you for YLRL membership card and to my sponsor.

My granddaughter Madeleine, who lives in Canberra, passed her Foundation Amateur Radio License just before Christmas, but did not receive her call sign,

VK1FISH until after Christmas break. She will turn 13 years on March the 15<sup>th</sup>, and we are so proud of her achievement at her young age. Her Dad Michael is also a Ham, VK5MC and he is setting up some HF equipment for Madeleine. She made her first HF contact on the ALARA net two weeks ago. She was staying with us in Melbourne and operating as portable VK3. Unfortunately the conditions for radio were not good. Madeleine also received a Scout badge for her interest in Amateur radio.

I am not sure whether I will be able to attend the ALARAMEET, but will keep in touch in hope I can make it.

Carol, ZL1AJL, writes

Electronic membership card received thanks.

Last week my surgeon said he was pleased how my recovery from the decompression and fusion surgery to my lumbar spine early last year has progressed. Unfortunately looks like I will have some permanent nerve damage to my left foot and some weakness at the ankle. I am still not able to walk a straight line, but at least I did not end up being wheelchair bound... a possibility if elected not to have surgery.

I am not very active these days with Amateur radio, as I cannot erect a suitable HF aerial system in the subdivision I live in. My main interest these days is teddy bear making and knitting garments for



the less fortunate babies and young children of NZ. Last year our craft group sent a lot of knitted goods down to the needy children of Christchurch following the devastating earthquakes.

Next month I will take Mum, Aola, ZL1ALE, and Dad, Dave ZL1AMN, down to Rotorua to attend WARO's 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee celebrations.

Sabina, ZL2AZY, writes

I have had a long association with YLRL and it would be a tragedy if I were not part of the sisterhood. Being way down at the opposite ends of the pole so to speak, Betty in Alaska, my sponsor and I in New Zealand, is quite extraordinary but that is what amateur radio is all about. Having been to Betty's QTH on Thorne Bay and enjoyed her company; I can visualize many things she talks about when she sends me an e-mail. Conversely she has been to New Zealand but not to this location.

Not much joy as yet on the bands but we can always hope. The OM and I will be attending the International YL Meet in Adelaide in May.

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Biny!!!!

Nicky, MM5YLO writes

I will be on Monday DX-YL net.

Tony and I moved to Shetland last October from South of the UK. We have had lots of gales this winter up to gale force 10. We look out across the sea the waves were wonderful to see. My friend Unni, LA6RHA has got some of us together for the Lighthouse weekend of August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. It is on Fair Isle, which is one of the small

islands in the Shetland group. It will be all YLs and the call will be GB2YLS. We have got Ruth, IT9ESZ; Chantal, PA5YL; Unni, LA6RHA; Elaine, 2E1BVS; Denise MM6ZDW; and Nicky, MM5YLO. There is a website go to LA6RHA on Google. (*Check out strays for more information on the GB2YLS DXpedition! -Ed.*)

Bev, VK6DE, writes

Here in Geraldton, in VK6, we are having a heat wave with temperature up to 44c. Geraldton is approximately 400km north of Perth on the Indian Ocean coast with a population of about 30,000.

I will be going to Adelaide for the International meeting and look forward to meet the YLs. There are a lot I have met over the years at different YL meets.

I got my Novice license in 1979 and upgraded in 1984. I find it hard to keep radios and antennas maintained, so now I have my contacts via Echolink.

Magda, ZS6MVW, writes

I wish everyone a happy new year; hope this year will be better for all of us.

Suzette, ZS6SZ, passed grade 12 and end her school years on a high note-she got 5 distinctions.

She is starting at Belgium IT University on the 24<sup>th</sup> to study IT. We are so proud of her as she broke the record for the school with five, possible seven distinctions. Suzette and I are active on the radio, mostly on 2 meters and then I love 6-meter band. I will look up frequency and times the nets are on and see if I can call in as well. Time is a big problem, when we are awake other countries are asleep and so on.

I thank Martha for sponsoring us and sending greetings to all.

Bianca, DF7BS, writes

Thanks for the membership.

I am surprised but honored to be a member in your YLRL, and thank Grace, K5YTT, for the sponsorship. I am such a lucky girl.

My first sponsor was Dora, WD5DQF a wonderful friend of mine. I met her in 1976 when we both joined the amateur radio class in El Paso at the Sun City Radio Club studying for our license. As long as I lived in El Paso, I worked under the call sign WD5DQI

Dora taught me a lot about American people and lifestyles in the 80's, we had regular very good DX-contacts. Since back to work and a child I had no time for DXing only local European contacts.

I am working with my husband Klaus, DK7XL, who is the European Representative for Flex radio Systems. I am mostly at the computer these days sending mail.

Best regards to everyone.

Theresa, PT2TF, writes

Look up <http://brasilyl.blogspot.com/> and find out about BRYLA AWARD.

I am on PBSK afternoons and evenings.

33, Theresa

I wish you all a beautiful spring and autumn and please keep sending me news to fill my column here in Harmonics.

Remember to send any change in e-mail address or post address, so you don't miss getting Harmonics.

Good DXing

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

# Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



## Continuous Membership Certificate

The certificate for continuous membership is awarded only to YLRL members who have maintained continuous membership in the organization for five (5) years. Diamond-shaped stickers are then awarded for each additional five (5) years of **continuous** membership. Certificates are issued for 50 years and more. *Please note the NEW Chairwoman and information.-ED.*

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Barbara Taylor, N9DZX; Ann Fanelli, WI2G

### 5 Year Certificate

Barbara Reid, KR4SJ

Dear Lois, today I received my Continuous Membership Award for 55 years and an honorable letter from Mary Moore, many thanks to her and YLRL.

It's was always a big pleasure to be with the YLs in QSO, contest and meeting. Many of my old friends in YLRL visited me during this 55 years and I was guest in many families during my 3 visits to USA.

Close friends are in the meantime SK but I will never forget them. For example: when I met the first YL from YLRL in Heidelberg, it was K4LMB, Ethel Smith.

I was a young woman. Now, I am 77 and hope to have many more years on radio! I remember the time when we where so active in YLRL-contest.

Some time in YLAP I had 150 QSO. And that time had fulltime job and babies. Now we have time to be on radio but there is not much activity of YLs. Only we have this beautiful sked Mondays!!!

I would like to say many thanks to all the YL who worked for ylrl, spend her time and spirit to our YLRL.

Please give my best regards to WX4MM (I did not find her e-mail address). Ps. The homepage is great!

33 and 73 to Tom from Christa DJ1TE

**Monday DX YL SKED: 1500 UTC at 14.280-14.290**



*Christine, KG1TE and  
Founding Mother-  
Ethel Smith, K4LMB.*

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