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President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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Two Thousand Twenty-Three ... or Twenty Twenty-Three

Whatever you call 2023 is up to you. Both usages are acceptable with the latter being the most preferred. It's just one of those things; i.e., Why is 2023 in the 21st Century and not the 20th Century? Or, did the decade start in 2020 or 2021? Things to ponder in the middle of the night which brings me to the League's biennial quest of officers and directors.

The nominating process is simple. Last year, I appointed Nancy, KC4IYD, to be the Chairwoman for the 2024/2025 election. Nancy will select a committee of two current directors to assist in the process. If you have an interest in any of the board of director positions, please contact Nancy. Please also remember that each position becomes open with every election. Just because an individual has held a position for quite a long time, doesn't mean that another individual cannot run for that office. Don't be afraid to put your name in the hat. Candidates for an office should possess two years of YLRL membership; for a director, one year. In addition to the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee, any qualified members may be nominated for office by written petition of five members in good standing. Complete details of this nominating process are in the YLRL By-Laws, Article X, Elections (on the website).

I'm pleased to announce that Judy, KC5BOO, Distributing Treasurer, will also be our Mailchimp Coordinator. Previously, this position was handled by the Receiving DX Treasurer, Anne, KC9YL.

Lastly, here are a few ideas to make your YLRL experience more meaningful.

Read the By-Laws & Constitution,

Visit the website often ... send website articles and pictures to your District Chair or send directly to Michelle, W5MCQ, webmistress, for website insertion. Don't forget to send your bi-monthly news to your DC for the YL Harmonics.

Update your QRZ page regularly; especially, your email address.

Make 2023 the year that you consider becoming an officer, director or volunteering your ideas and talents on a committee with the largest young lady amateur radio club in the world.

33s from Me to You for 2023



Vice President's Message de Carol Laferty, K4SAF vicepresident@ylrl.org

Hello YLRL Members,

Here's wishing a safe and prosperous 2023 for each of you. It is hard to realize it is 2023 and so many years have passed since the year 2000, when civilization, as we know it, was supposed to end!

Our annual YL-OM contest will take place in February. The dates are February 17-19, with it starting at 00:00 UTC, which is 7:00 p.m. EST on Friday, Feb 17, but Saturday, Feb 18 on 00:00 UTC time. Last year we had only one YL entry, and no OM entry. Go to this link to learn more about the contest. [Contests - Young Ladies Radio League \(ylrl.net\)](https://www.ylrl.net) A log sheet/application is there to download for your convenience. Please consider participating this year. You may have to enlighten the OM during the contact as to what the contest is about.

I took over the position of Certificate Custodian in the Fall of 2021. Here is a breakdown of the Certificates that have been earned and issued since I took over:

| Award | Number Issued |
|--------------|---------------|
| Annual Award | 13 |
| DXCC-YL | 1 |
| WAC-YL | 3 |
| WAZ-YL | 2 |
| DX-YL | 1 |
| Grandmothers | 1 |
| WAS-YL | Ø |

As you can see, there isn't much interest in our YLRL Operating Awards. I have records from decades ago and it did NOT used to be that way. Our Annual Award, which is for YLRL members only, is our most popular. To try to regain some interest in our other awards, the Annual Award will be an on-the-air operating one in 2023. Echolink contacts, which are made through means of the Internet, will not be allowed to count. Hopefully, there will be more interest in the YL HF and VHF nets with this change. I hope it will inspire more of you to work toward our other awards, in completing requirements for the Annual Award. Again, go to our website to find out information about this year's certificate. A log/application is ready for download to help you keep track of contacts.

News other than radio from me is that I will be getting married again in the next few weeks. I know! It's surprising to me too! I suppose it is about radio, too, because he is a long-time ham. He is Danny Dantzer, WØJMP. He is Nebraskan by birth and "raising," but has lived in Minnesota for the past three decades. You can learn more about him through qrz.com, if you are curious. His background in the ham radio equipment business is extensive, particularly with Hy-Gain and Telex. Now I will have a resident antenna/radio expert in the house once again. During my 7 years alone, I have learned much more about antennas, radios, digital mode, and just building my station and She-Shack to a higher level. Operating skills and knowledge, especially in propagation area, have been improved and strengthened.

Be proud of being a YL in a male-dominated hobby and let your voice be heard often on the bands, keys, keyboard, whatever mode interests you.

Carol, K4SAF

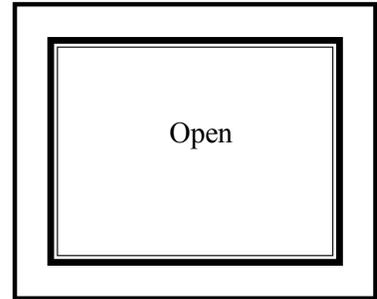
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The Scholarship Recipients for 2022 are

Anna Pike, KD4PCU, receiving the Mary Lou Brown NM7N Memorial Scholarship
Xenia Berger, ZL4YL, receiving the Ethel Smith K4LMB Memorial Scholarship
Samantha Lytch, KM4NSF, receiving the Martha Wessell K0EPE Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to these YL!

2023 Scholarship application information.

The Federation for Amateur Radio (FAR) will be administrating amateur radio-related scholarships in 2023 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.

District News

District 1

Hi Barbara and all YL's. I have not had time to keep up with the YL Echolink nets and chats and still have not set up HF but know that some YL's who have met me might be interested in what I am doing in radio.

My radio life consists of being net control for three UHF and/or VHF nets, two weekly and one monthly, and being Facilitator for Radio and Outreach at a maker space, MakeHaven, located in downtown New Haven. On Tuesday nights I am at MakeHaven showing the Radio Bench to people who are on scheduled tours of the maker space. As Facilitator, I offer training sessions to prepare for the FCC exam.

Since I am also a VE, I set up VE sessions for them at MakeHaven when they are ready. Also I am responsible for giving MakeHaven Members the MakeHaven Radio badge, which authorizes them to use the radio bench equipment when I am not there. The badge requirements, which I initiated in 2022, are to be an FCC licensed radio operator as well as a MakeHaven member and to have an interview with me to go over radio bench procedures.

After they are badged, I invite them to join the MakeHaven Underground Radio Group (MURG), which I successfully affiliated with ARRL in 2022. The name is derived from the fact that the antennas (currently VHF/UHF) are on the roof 6 stories up, and MakeHaven is "underground" in the basement! One of my nets is the weekly MURG net, done from MakeHaven on 147505 on Tuesdays at 6pm.

Finally, on Dec 6, 2022 while at MakeHaven I attempted to reach the International Space Station's repeater while the Space Station was directly over New Haven from 5:18-5:25. I transmitted my call and location heard some parts of call signs which I acknowledged, so I think it's possible that others heard me or maybe part of my transmission as well. Signals were very weak but, as a first try, I consider it successful. So those are my highlights.

Brenda Brown KW1YL

From Kathy, N1MKA:

I got my Technician license last year in 2022 and was quickly dissatisfied that my husband's Extra license allowed him the use of many more bands. It didn't take me but a few months to know I had to have my General license too. I must admit that the mathematical and physics studies went beyond what I had learned. Neither high school nor college required those advanced courses for someone studying to be a classical singer and voice teacher. Never thought about where electricity came from except the light switch.

While there can be no question that all the learning and memorizing was good for my old, retired brain, I wanted to tell you what I learned most. I ended my career as a librarian, and we do lots of research, don't we? Not enough obviously. I had no idea so many women had "conquered" the air waves. The number of varied backgrounds was wonderful to discover. I was proud of the amount of women that used their license for fun, the ones who used it for communicating in a rural or other business setting, and the number of women with engineering skills. Being on the air is fun, but the ability to be in touch with so many people of so many backgrounds from anywhere in the world is amazing.

73, Kathy, N1MKA

From, Barbara KC1KGS

Happy New Year to all!

As mentioned in the September/October issue of YLH, there was a ham radio booth staffed every day of the 17 days of The BIG E (Eastern States Exposition) in W. Springfield, MA in September. I helped with publicity and was a member of our ham club (Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society) who staffed the booth on one day. It was a fun adventure-talking to interested people and hams who came by the booth.

Other YLs who covered the booth during the exposition included YLRL Secretary Anne Manna, WB1ARU

During the exposition, the BIG E “Space Chat” (an ARISS conversation with Bob Hines KI5RQT on the International Space Station E) took place on September 27. Thirteen local students were able to talk briefly to Bob during the 10-minute pass that was facilitated by radio link with a Belgian ground station. This project was coordinated by Fred Kemmerer AB1OC, ARRL New England Director. Other members of the team included YLRL member Anita Kemmerer AB1QB, ARRL New England Assistant Director for Mentoring and Ham Development, and me. In October I coordinated a group trip for 2 radio clubs (the Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society and the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society) to the Chatham Marconi Maritime Museum in North Chatham, MA. About 17 people participated--the leadership/volunteers at the museum were very accommodating and gave us a wonderful tour and shared stories of their experiences.

We also had a fun time at our in-person joint Holiday Party (STARS and WARS-see above) hosted by the STARS Club in Natick MA. Information, stories, food and fun were all enjoyed in early December.

73, KC1KGS

From Deena KC1QMM:

I e-attended the Ham Radio University forums on January 7th. They are based in Long Island, NY. They had an excellent program presenting 17 sessions. As in most seminars, there were several presented at the same time. These will be on their YouTube site next week [now available]. Here is the link to those sessions on their website.

<https://hamradiouniversity.org/>

<https://hamradiouniversity.org/forums/>

This was my first time accessing Ham Radio University and I encourage you (collectively) to list this, so others can access it if they wish. It is a very rich website listing their history, current and past programs, contact information, etc. I learned a lot from these programs and am glad they will be available on YouTube and other social media. I watched the following:

Introduction to Ham Radio University (HRU) for Newcomers - Diane Ortz

Basics of Grounding in the Ham Shack - Donald Kane

QRP Low Power Fun - John Meade

Building Your First HF Station -Neil Heft

Parks on the Air - Dennis Boye

Software Defined Radio - Ria Jairam

Overview of Ham Radio Logging Programs - Tom Carruba

Again, there were a total of 17 programs and all of these programs will be on their YouTube website next week [now available].

<https://duckduckgo.com/?t=ffab&q=ham+radio+youtube&ia=web>

The presenters were very thorough and informative. They also had Q&A time at the end of these sessions. Although viewing these on YouTube won't have Q&A available, the presenters listed their contact information. They will welcome any questions via their email links.

Take care and Happy New Year!

Deena Segal

KC1QMM

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Barbara, KC1KGS at the “Big E”

I again operated November Sweepstakes, my favorite event. I did well considering the only antenna was an EFHW. My son and daughter-in-law observed and were so impressed that upon returning home, they studied for and passed their Technician License exams! Carle and Stacy are already looking forward to participating in our club's Field Day exercise next June.

Maine's Section Manager, Phil Duggan, N1EP, and I are hosting a Zoom YL Session on January 20.

Our focus of discussion will be:

What can we do to encourage/help existing YL hams to get on the air and attend clubs/events in Maine?

- 1) What can we do to promote ham radio to non-ham YLs?
- 2) What can we do to promote ham radio to non-ham YLs?
- 3) What specifically can clubs do to make YLs feel welcome?

73 to All,

Joan, W1DLC

From Anne, WB1ARU:

I get on the air nearly every Wednesday evening at 9:00 PM ET (0100 UTC summer, 0200 UTC winter) and call "CQ YL". The official name is YL Meet-up but it is not really a net. My hope is that it will be a time that YLs will get on HF on 20m or 40m and look for other YLs. Throughout the warmer months, I was on 20m but now with the earlier sunsets, I have switched to 40m. The frequency on 20 is usually around 14.288 and the 40m around 7.21. It depends on how much activity there is. I usually post a reminder and the frequency on Facebook—"Young Ladies Radio League" and "YL Op Net" the day and time are also listed on the YLRL webpage. If anyone has an idea of where I could post the frequency besides Facebook, please let me know. An email blast is a possibility if YLs want to send me their email to wblaru@gmail.com.

Due to our upcoming trip to Colorado, I will not be on for all of February and part of March. However, I hope that others will get on and make contacts with other YLs. The new Friendship Award for 2023 is for activity on the air.—I look forward to working my 12 YLs on Wednesdays! Tony, WA1ENO and I will be on the road and on the air, driving from Massachusetts to Colorado during the last week of January and also the first week of March; I'd love to work YLs along the way!

District 4

Kelly Loyd, KI4JAV, a member of the Big South Fork Armature Radio Club, recently participated in several events within the amateur radio community. On December 2nd, Loyd took part in SkyWarn Recognition Day, an event that recognizes the contributions of amateur radio operators during severe weather events.

On December 9th, Loyd completed and received her certificate for her first FEMA Class IS-100.c. She is also currently working on leveling up in ARES.

In addition to her work in emergency communications, Loyd also participated in her first 10 meter contest on December 10th and 11th. Reaching 12 countries using her club's call sign, W4BSF.

Loyd is also working to help organize events for her club and community. She was able to help set up an in-person SkyWarn class for the Big South Fork Armature Radio Club, which will take place on February 28th. Additionally, she is co-coordinating the Museum Ship Weekend 2023, which will take place on June 2-4 for the USS Tennessee Museum in Scott County, Tennessee.

In addition to her involvement in these events, Loyd is also still studying for her General License, is the Net Control for a local Monthly YL Net, and is holding the position of Scott County ARES Emergency Coordinator. Loyd continues to be an active and dedicated member of the amateur radio community.

A Report from Linda Mison DV1CDY / W4LRM:

As the new normal began settling in the Philippines, the Manila Girl Scout Council Amateur Radio Club (MGSC ARC; DX1MGS) moved forward with its mission towards helping Philippine Girl Scouts learn and explore more about Amateur Radio through digital activities this 2022. The Club started the year with the first virtual International Friendship Exchange (INFEX), an Amateur Radio celebration conducted by DX1MGS with GSP SHARES (Girl Scouts of the Philippines Scouts Ham Radio Enthusiasts for Service), DX1GSP. This activity was designed by Linda Mison (DV1CDY / W4LRM) during the eighties (1980s) for the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) World Thinking Day yearly celebration. In succession was the March 05 Club briefing for our year-round digital mock Club Netcall, held briefly on DVSwitch then now mainly online for all Girl Scouts nationwide to keep in touch amidst the unavailability of physical radio equipment.

Regardless of the past-year's pandemic limitation of no face-to-face trainings, many Philippine Girl Scouts have continued to show interest and initiative in Amateur Radio, motivating MGSC ARC in the hopeful possibility of finally holding a face-to-face camp and hybrid activities as we go into 2023. It is our Club's goal this year to continue our assistance in the Philippine Girl Scouts' Amateur Radio skills development especially in becoming licensed operators.

Wishing you all a blessed New Year ahead!

DE - Natasha Mison 4H1BAT, MGSC ARC Club President

Linda Mison DV1CDY / W4LRM, MSGC ARC Club Founder

District 5

Since the last ham fest I attended, I have been trying to interest more YLs in YLRL and my local Texas Young Ladies Radio Net. I have not been too successful but I hope the new year will bring more opportunities to meet YLs.

Judi Jaksa, W0JJ

5th District Chair

I worked my first FT8WW QSO on 20 meters. What an interesting mode. This QSO was actually my first DX contact ever.

Sheila, KA9KUI

In late September I had the opportunity to put a face to the voice I've been hearing the last year and a half. In July of 2021 I began listening the YL net on the India Conference on Echolink. This net was started by VU2RBI, Bharathi Devulapalli, a YLRL member and a well-known and influential YL ham radio operator in India. The net meets Monday through Saturday at 12:30 UTC and has checkins from India, London, Canada, and the US.

It doesn't take long to build friendships when you spend time together every morning (or evening in India) and many have been made through this net. Please join us sometime, we'd love to have you.

For a while travel was not possible because of Covid but once the all clear was given Bharathi began making plans to visit family here in the US. Fortunately for me, Bharathi's travels included visiting family in Dallas, close enough that I could arrange a visit with her.

I was thrilled to meet Bharathi, her husband, and her sister. We had an enjoyable visit and it's a memory I will treasure forever. It truly is a small world when ham radio is in the mix.



*Judy Cox, KC5B00 and
Bharathi, VUR2RBI*

District 7

From Barbara, KI7BR: We had a lovely "Chris-mukkah" at our home with a few family members. I feel deeply fortunate that we were able to gather at all. Both Grandma and I caught COVID at the end of October. It took about ten days for me to recover, Grandma took about a month. I'm continually amazed and grateful for her resilience at the age of 100! We are now in the final stages of planning for a "bucket list" trip for Grandma: a cruise to the Panama Canal! She has spoken of her desire to see the Panama Canal for some time, and now we have a balcony view set up for her. We'll be on the cruise the latter part of January. We'll make stops along the way in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. Of these, we've both been only to Mexico, so I'll be excited to have several stops in Central America. Given our recent experience with COVID, we're taking greater care to not get sick before the cruise, and plan to mask up in enclosed spaces along the way so we don't bring anything home except souvenirs and happy memories! I wish everyone a happy, healthy 2023!
33 de Barbara, KI7BR

From Sky, KA7SKY: I have been taking American Sign Language classes with a friend that is an interpreter, and really enjoy it! I haven't been on the radio much and just this weekend I hooked up my 2 meter in the house. I check in to most nets up here.
Skye, KA7SKY

We are spending the winter camped off the grid at our usual venue in the AZ/CA desert along with thousands of other campers. We have a ham radio camping group, "The Desert Ratt Pack", with a nightly net, campfires and lots of gatherings together. Unfortunately, we haven't participated in many since Covid began. We just completed the annual 5 night Imperial Dam LTVA (camping area) Christmas Light Parade. Each night we drive to a different part of the desert camping area wishing the campers a Very Merry Christmas. We had 20 decorated vehicles in the parade. Parade participants have grown over the years. You can see the parade on YouTube. Our weather has been the coldest for the longest period since we have been camping here. It has been in the 30s and 40s at night and 50s and 60s during the day. We've had a few days in the 70s which is the usual temps for here. However, our hearts go out to the people that are in the miserable cold and snowy weather. We are looking forward to 2023 knowing it will be a very good year. We wish for a peaceful world and love in everyones' hearts.
33, Judy, KC7KPG

District 8

Hello District 8 YLs. I want to welcome the following new members: Sandra, KE8UTX; Gretchen, KE8OKA; Teresa, KC1PVD; and Denise, N8DBI. I have emails for Sandra and Gretchen but not for Teresa and Denise – if you will send me your email, I will add you to the District 8 Distribution list for when I am asking for news. Same for the YLs reading this. If you are not getting my request for news, please email me your email address at kc4iyd@yahoo.com

The start of 2023 is very exciting because I received lots of news for the start of the new year. I hope this continues.

Brenda, KB8IUP, wrote: On Dec. 16 our grandchildren Coraline (6) and Chasen (3) were visiting from the Columbus, OH, area and were able to talk to Santa on the CQ Santa net on 3.916 Mhz SSB. They had a great time and were excited to talk to Santa. He knew their names and ages which surprised each of them. Thanks to the crew who made my grandchildren very happy.

I will be working Winter Field Day on Jan. 28 with the Toledo Radio Amateur Club. My OM Chuck, KB8FXJ, and I will be working 40 meters. If any of you will be on I hope to talk to you.

Sandra, KE8UTX, wrote: My radio story is still being written. I belong to a family of Ham radio operators, my dad is a General, and a brother and 2 sisters are Techs. I stood back on the wayside never thinking I would have succeeded in passing the tests. For years I read the Ham Radio magazines. Finally, a huge nudge from a friend to take the Tech Exam, and down the rabbit hole, I went. On April 30th I passed my Tech, (the BEST birthday present ever!!) 3 weeks later I passed my General, and in July I became a VE and in November I passed my Extra. What an exciting journey this has been! I have met the most remarkable and outstanding people. They are my new radio family. I have bought 3 radios and a few antennas and learning how to use them. Reading and YouTube can be very helpful along with my Elmer. I belong to the local Fulton County Amateur Radio Club where I help with VE Testing and other club events. I am excited to spread the radio cheer with all my friends! My best friend is studying for her Tech right now!

Ai, AI8AI, sent me an article that stated: The Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) was pleased to announce the fifteenth SKCC Marathon Award was presented to Ai Nguyen, AI8AI, #23084. Ai made her first marathon QSO on Aug 27, 2022 and confirmed her 100th on Dec 31, 2022. She is the first YL to complete this endeavor. Ai joined the SKCC on Sept. 23, 2020. The Marathon Award was established in 2008 to recognize SKCC members who demonstrate their skill, talent, and love for rag chewing by completing 100 QSOs each with a separate SKCC member lasting 60 minutes or more. The first award occurred in 2014, and now has a total of fifteen awardees. Consider joining in the fun and developing your rag chewing skills. Here is the link for the SKCC group: <https://www.skccgroup.com>

Sylvia, K8SYL, wrote: Our YL Net on Thursdays at 9 AM EST on 3940 MHz has been growing lately! We have had up to 7 people on the net, but one flew off to Florida for a couple of months, one, who is an artist had to go back to art classes that meet at 9:30 that day, and our oldest and dearest member, Myriam Gregg, K8ILN, passed away on Christmas Day 2022 at the age of 99 years and 9 months. She will be sorely missed. Myriam was a long-time member of YLRL, so we will be sending in a donation to the Scholarship Fund very soon. We hope others will take her place on the net, since we are down to 4 now. Here is the link to the TASYLs site: <http://www.tasyl.k8ch.net>

Finally, your district 8 YL, Nancy, KC4IYD, continues to meet one weekend a month on zoom with several friends including Dawn, KC8SQN, and Annette, KC8SQM, for a weekend of scrapbooking and quilting. We have called our little the Space Crafter's. It's a lot of fun and ensures we are making progress on our UFOs (UnFinished Objects) whether it be quilts, scrapbooks, cards, etc. The radio room in our new home is finally operational and I hope to hear some of you on the air.

Elizabeth, KE8FMJ, wrote: I was appointed to be OHIO Section PIC (Public Information Coordinator) on Jan 1 along with my current position of Greene County EC (Emergency Coordinator). ARRL ARES

District KL and KH

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that everyone had a good holiday season. One of the things we like to do here in December is Slow Scan TV. Probably about four or five of us from our local club have a dedicated station for monitoring. Since the program has a memory you don't need to be at your station to see all of the slow scan pictures you have received. It's kind of fun and festive and it feels right to do this around Christmas.

Now that it's January I'm pretty engrossed in hunting K3Y stations. Propagation hasn't been very good thus far so I'm behind where I was at this time last year. I feel like I'm also a lot busier this year than I was last year, but isn't that always the way?

My daughter, Audrey KL5IX is studying for her general class license. I'm also helping her get more proficient in CW. She's learning fast, but she doesn't feel quite ready for her first contact. My younger daughter, Meara has also started showing an interest in radio so we've been teaching her a little bit—just basic stuff since she's only five.

I've already ordered my seeds for this coming spring. I spend a lot of my time in the winter thinking about my garden and what changes I might make. Gardening is such a satisfying hobby and it's not all that difficult. I would like to encourage anyone who used to garden or never has to take up the hobby. I also like to encourage people to learn a new "old" skill—canning or sewing or anything to be more flexible and resilient. For us younger people, do you have grandparents or older people in your community that you could learn from? I grew up without grandparents and maybe that is why I have always sought out older people to learn from. They have a wealth of knowledge that should be passed on. For myself, I am working on learning to drive and work with draft horses. I'm wishing you all well in this coming year and hope to hear you on the waves.

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Meghan
KL5AF

Youth

Happy new year! I hope that all of you had a nice holiday! I'd like to talk a little bit about the YOTA (Youth On The Air) program a bit since applications for YOTA camp 2023 will be due soon.

While the YOTA program doesn't focus on young YLs, YOTA activities and events are an amazing way to meet other young YLs in the hobby. Last year, I attended the YOTA camp in Cincinnati, Ohio, and I met many young YLs with interests similar to mine.

At the camp, young amateur radio operators engage in a variety of activities- some ham radio related and some non-ham radio related. Last year, some of the activities included a High Altitude balloon launch, a crash course of satellites, a day at Kings Island amusement park, an antenna build, a foxhunt, and a mini contest at Kings Island. All of the activities help campers learn about new fields in amateur radio that they may be interested in, and they provide resources to find mentors in these fields.

I would encourage any young ham in YOTA Region 2 (North, central, and south America) interested in attending YOTA camp 2023 (In Ottawa, Canada) to apply!

To apply or get more information, visit <https://youthontheair.org/ottawa2023/>



(Pictured to the left: Ruth, KM4LAO; Myself; and Abby Kimi, KK7CFJ making a satellite contact)

VE News

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She has been busy lately. She is entertaining again and really enjoying family hugs. Her daughter, Jean, who lives in Canmore, Alberta and Janet, N9ZKU, from Ft Wayne, Indiana have been home for visits.

Both girls Skype regularly, so Ann hears all the family situations as they happen. Last week, Neil, her grandson; Neil's Dad, Kevin and Nick, a friend of Neil's, suited up and went hunting for deer. Deer are a serious problem in their area and so an annual cull happens every November. Ann thinks the deer are smarter than the people. The guys in their camo garb and rifles drove off. No sooner had they driven off, than a herd of five large deer walked up to the end of their driveway and hung around for quite a while. Jean did not take a photo, but if she had, the cut line would have read "deer hide until hunters leave". No, the hunters did not see an animal and could not find a single track to follow. Meanwhile, back at home you know what happened. Smart deer!

33 Ann, VE3HAI

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Here we are nearing the end of another year, where has the time gone ? We've had a good summer and fall with lots of activities going on, but not much radio work. Got the yard work all completed before the snow came.

Doug and I both came down with Covid but all is fine now and we're back to our dancing twice a week. It's so nice to get some exercise again. I've been meeting every Monday morning with a group of ladies, to do some hand quilting on a large quilt. For me it's been a challenge (I'm not a hand quilter) but I'm enjoying it. I'm not sure if it's the quilting or the social activity that I'm enjoying the most. I've also started another quilt: "The Double Friendship Star Quilt", which I'm doing in Blue and Silver. I'm doing this as a "quilt as you go" project by quilting blocks together with no sashing in between. I just got started but so far so good. I did a sample of the blocks and they went together nicely.

I'm looking forward to the YLRL challenge for 2023, hope they'll have a new one.

Merry Christmas and all the best for health and happiness in 2023.

33, Heather VE3HQH

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: We, on the west coast, have had an unusually long, warm, dry autumn. Winter is finally closing in and bringing with it lots of rain, fog and very damp days. Everything that needs winterizing has been done so that is good.

Our little theatre is in full swing again and a friend and I have tickets to several productions. We usually meet at a nearby Pub for an early supper. Usually the evening's special and a pint of Guinness !!! Good food, good service, friendly people and a short walk to the theatre.

It is good to have EchoLink and Skype and to be able to connect with friends on both. Keeping in touch with family and friends is so very important.

All my very best wishes to one and all... I hope your Christmas was Merry and the New Year bring you good Health and much Happiness...

33 Suzanne VE7IM

DX News

Maya OH1MK (Finland)

I have not been very active last year and have now problems with my old transceiver. My dear husband Ted OH1BV OH2EX passed away one year ago, so there is no technician at the radio station. I must ask other OMs for help and they seem to be very busy - hi.

I wish you and the Young Ladies Radio League a Happy New Year and all the best for 2023!
73&33 de Maya OH1MK

Perviz VU2PJM (India)

Perviz and her brother Vispi have been advocates of ham radio for 25 years. She was employed at the Union Bank of India and received the "Best Handicapped Employee" award in 1986. She is one of the oldest and most active members of the Mumbai and Udwada radio networks. She and her brother were honored for their work during the 2002 Kutch earthquake where they assisted in guiding hams to safety and sharing information with victims who were trapped.



Evelyne F5RPB (France)

I am 85 years old and my radioactivité is going down

We have a little club: YL de France and some YLs are télégraphistes. every Friday evening on 20:00 UTC we have a QSO: 2 French YLs, (F5JER and myself) DL5YL, HB9EPE and 3A2MD.

My second activité us in the CW club UFT: every second Monday in the month: CVP: Club des vieilles pioches with old manips: I have a J44 américaine from the last war
That is all

I wish you all the best
88 Évelyne F5RPB



Teresa PT2TF (Brazil)

It's great to hear from YLRL. Unfortunately, my OM PT2TG (95) has been in bed the last year and I have been with my hands full as you can well imagine. My radio activity has been sole on FT8 as it does not require my 100% presence on line as PHONE. I was also present at the CVA Contest as it is sponsored by the Brazilian Army Signal School, Communication Branch. It was first carried on by my OM Coronel Walter Felix in the years of 73...while in command of the Signal School, in Rio... If and when things clear out, I will be back on the air.

Best 73, 88

PT2TF TERESA

Marietjie ZS6CEZ (South Africa)

Abra (guide dog) and I are well and she is starting to get cataracts on her eyes and she is going in for nine years. We are getting plenty of rain and we got a very mild summer. I am talking to a few YL's on e-mail and hope to get on Echolink this year.

73,33 Marietjie and Abra ZS6CEZ

Rosel DL3KWR (Germany)

let's hope you had a good start in the new year. I wish you and all YLRL members for 2023 a PEACEFUL, HEALTHY and HAPPY YEAR!

OM Hardy and I, we are well and very happy, that all our planned travels are realized. Now we could visit again really the HAM Radio in Friedrichshafen. It was great, to see so many radio friends in person from around the world!

About the SYLRA Meet in the August in Finland's oldest city Turku and the following optional YLpedition OH1SYL in the Bothnian Sea National Park I have reported already. With that I was QRV from all five Scandinavian countries and altogether from 19 countries on the air.

In our Denmark holidays in the September, we had again nice meets with our friends

Inger OZ7AGR and Bjarne OZ2UV. Inger allowed me again OZ6SYL to activate. So, I could represent again SYLRA in the CW part of Scandinavian Activity Contest. But big disappointment: the contest would cancel how other before also in Europe. Nevertheless, I was on that weekend on the air and made 127 QSOs on 30 meters in CW; altogether was it 484 QSOs in these two weeks. In 2013 would celebrate SYLRA's 10th birthday with an international YL meet in Roskilde.

I had the big honour to bring at first OZ6SYL on the air. Since them I could activate in all our Denmark stays this callsign again. As result of this are now 6500 QSO's in CW with all continents including Antarctic in the log. In 2023 is planning to celebrate the 20th birthday on the 19th August in Copenhagen.

So, we will make afterwards holiday till 5th September.

Our last great activity in 2022 was again in November the WWDX Contest in CW from Madeira.

In this year we will be already between 23th February and 28th March on Madeira.

We will hope, that we can realize all our planned travels and activities also in 2023.

Let's keep in touch with the world and enjoy the ham life.

33 Rosel DL3KWR

Nori 7K3EOP (Japan)

Happy New Year 2023!

I will send just new year Japanese flower arrangement and narcissus.

7K3EOP Nori7KEOP

Natasha, 4I1BAT (Philippines)

As the new normal began settling in the Philippines, the Manila Girl Scout Council Amateur Radio Club (MGSC ARC; DX1MGS) moved forward with its mission towards helping Philippine Girl Scouts learn and explore more about Amateur Radio through digital activities this 2022.

The Club started the year with the first virtual International Friendship Exchange (INFEX), an Amateur Radio celebration conducted by DX1MGS with GSP SHARES (Girl Scouts of the Philippines Scouts Ham Radio Enthusiasts for Service), DX1GSP.

This activity was designed by Linda Mison (DV1CDY / W4LRM) during the eighties (1980s) for the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) World Thinking Day yearly celebration. In succession was the March 05 Club briefing for our year-round digital mock Club Netcall, held briefly on DVSwitch then now mainly online for all Girl Scouts nationwide to keep in touch amidst the unavailability of physical radio equipment.

Regardless of the past-year's pandemic limitation of no face-to-face trainings, many Philippine Girl Scouts have continued to show interest and initiative in Amateur Radio, motivating MGSC ARC in the hopeful possibility of finally holding a face-to-face camp and hybrid activities as we go into 2023. It is our Club's goal this year to continue our assistance in the Philippine Girl Scouts' Amateur Radio skills development especially in becoming licensed operators.

Wishing you all a blessed New Year ahead!

DE - Natasha Mison 4I1BAT, MGSC ARC Club President

Linda Mison DV1CDY / W4LRM, MSGC ARC Club Founder

Pictures from the Past



YL Forum at Hamvention, 2019

Pictures



Barbara KCIKGS at CMMC



Nori 7K3EOP (Japan)

Scholarship Winners



Xenia Berger

Ethel M Smith K4LMB Memorial Scholarship recipient

To the Young Ladies Radio League,

My name is Xenia Berger, ZL4YL, and I am the proud recipient of the Ethel Smith K4LMB Memorial Scholarship. Thank you very much for your generosity, it is an honour to be chosen!

I live in New Zealand and am currently studying Medicine at the University of Auckland. Next year I plan to do an extra honours year where I will do a research project about chronic rhinosinusitis.

While I was only licensed in 2015, I have been involved in ham radio for all of my life. Everyone in my immediate family is a ham radio operator; both of my parents (ZL3IO and ZL2YL) and my sister (ZL2GQ). Hence, I grew up helping build antennas and playing with radio equipment. My favourite parts of ham radio are contesting and DXing (worked 261 DXCC and enough for 5B DXCC). Over the years, I have participated in many contests either with the ZM4T contest team or as ZL4YL. CW is my preferred mode of operation. In 2018, I was fortunate enough to be able to compete in the WRTC (World Radiosport Team Championships) in Germany as part of the team Oceania 2. It was an incredible experience where I met many amazing people. In 2019, I became the Youth Coordinator for NZART (our national organisation, like the ARRL). As youth coordinator, I organised and managed our youngsters as part of the YOTA (Youth on the air) movement. This included creating groups on social media to exchange information and prepare events. I also organised youth contest participations from the ZM4T contest station, youth radio activities like the December YOTA month, wrote a youth column for our national club magazine and fundraised for a NZ youth team to attend the 2019 international YOTA camp in Bulgaria. Currently my focus is on studying and therefore radio time is limited. But from time to time I remotely access our station at home.

In addition to ham radio, I enjoy singing (having been part of several choirs in high school), reading, painting and cooking. I also enjoy hiking and spending time with my friends and family.

Thank you again for your generous scholarship!

73 and hope to see on the bands soon

Xenia, ZL4YL

Anna Pike, KD4PCU, received the Mary Lou Brown NM7N Memorial Scholarship
(Anna did not submit an article by the publication deadline)



Samantha Lytch

Martha Wessel Memorial Scholarship
recipient

Mrs. Hynan,

I would like to take this time to extend my gratitude to you and the ladies in the Young Ladies Radio League for awarding me the Martha “Martie” Wessel Memorial Scholarship. I am really appreciative of this scholarship as I am returning back to school for the second time. My grandfather pushed me into the hobby as a senior in high school and once I got my footing I eventually fell in love with the hobby and have come to realize how helpful it has been in my life. I attended Augusta University straight out of high school and graduated with a Bachelors in Middle Grades Education with a focus on math and science. After three years in the field, I have now decided to return to school to gain a degree in Cybersecurity as I enjoy the challenge of solving puzzles and coding. The scholarship you have provided me will help me to attain my goal of graduating with a degree without the stress of how I will be able to still be the main provider for myself and husband. I also still remain very active in the ham radio community even with my busy schedule. I am mainly active in my local club where I am finishing my second term as secretary. I have participated on the outreach committee, field day committee, and the school mentorship program where I helped to lay out a plan for a local school to engage students in the hobby. You will mainly find me in the General bands of HF and sometimes on satellites. The main part of the hobby I enjoy is the people that are involved and collecting QSL cards from various places I contact. I again want to thank you for the scholarship and in helping me to continue my education!

Thank you,
Samantha Lytch
KM4NSF

Short bio:

Hi! I am Samantha Lytch. I married my husband, Christopher, almost a year ago on March 27, 2022, after years of dating and being best friends since elementary school. We currently live in the Augusta area with our four cats and our dog. We love to travel the world and discover new places together. As far as my journey in the hobby, I began by getting my license my senior year of high school after a deal with my grandfather so I could leave home for college. Since then, I decided to stay local for school and get my first degree in Middle Grades Education as a math and science teacher. I am currently teaching in the 8th grade and have loved every minute of it. After much consideration, my husband and I decided that I should follow another passion and go back to school to pursue a degree in Cyber Security. I found a love for programming after helping him graduate from college and get a job. Currently, I am excited to be able to get on the air when possible with my local club, Field Day, and when possible on satellites. I am looking forward to the future where I can get on the air more and expand the hobby into more students throughout the club's school outreach program!

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.