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The President's Hello

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD/8

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! I am looking forward to the next two years. I had a lot of fun being vice president and overseeing all the YL contests. Now I am looking forward to being your President.

I would really like to see YLRL membership increase. According to the latest estimate, I believe there are about 1500 YLRL members. I think it would be real cool for YLRL to reach the 2000 member mark in time for our 60th Anniversary, with a special prize going to member 2000. Doris, K5BNQ told me she was president when YLRL hit the 1000 member mark and that was in 1961. I believe with more ladies getting into amateur radio we can reach that goal. The ladies would really benefit from joining YLRL.

Now to help us reach the 2000 mark, we need to make it easier for YLs to find about YLRL. One way we can do this is to make sure there is a local YL club (official or unofficial) in each of the 10 US call districts, Alaska, Hawaii and in the DX YL countries to tell them about YLRL. I have received input about YLs clubs in all the US call areas except district 5, 9, Alaska and Hawaii. Internationally, I know of YL clubs or organization in Canada, Germany, England, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Japan and Italy. So ladies, I am asking for your help here. Send me info about your YL club (title and location) along with a contact person. I will try to list as many of the different YL clubs and organization that I get in the next issue of YLH.

Now, in order for YLRL to grow, we need more YLs and to get more YLs, we need to tell them about YLRL. To make that easier to do, we need a flyer. Well, if you go to the last page of the directory issue of YLH . . . TADA! . . . there it is! I would like everyone to make ten copies of this tri-fold flyer and pass it out to newly licensed YLs or those YLs who are not yet a member of YLRL. Be sure to put your name, call sign and phone number for them to contact you, or list the receiving treasurer for your area.

The sunspots are back! Now there is now one less excuse for not participating in the YL contests. I have seen an increase in contest participation and that's great. As was mentioned in the directory issue, the board members were in the process of voting on several proposed changes to the contests. These changes were not included in the directory issue contest listing since we hadn't complete the voting process. The voting is now over and all the proposed changes passed. Several of these changes were based on input I received from those YLs who participated in the contests. Here is summary of what was decided:

1) Allow 6m and RTTY contacts for all contests.
2) Allow 2m SSB, CW and FM simplex for the Novice/Tech contest.
3) Modify the "operation" section of each contest to make them consistent.

4) Remove the penalty for duplicate contact. (Based on the paperwork I have, only the YL-OM contest, lists this penalty.)
5) Modify the "log" section of each contest to correspond to, or be more consistent with, the "exchange" section.
6) Have all the YL contests occur over a weekend period, either Friday through Sudnay or Saturday through Monday 'provided' there is not a major contest occurring that weekend.

Lastly, I have been keeping in contact with people via email and packet. I have created a distribution list of ladies who are on the internet and have been regularly sending out email to them. If you haven't received my emails, email me at any of the addresses listed below. I get on packet about once a month and am trying to get on more often to read the YL messages. I am also active on HF, RTTY and now, CW. I made my first CW contact in December and I am willing to set up a schedule with YLs. So if you need to get a hold of me, you have a lot of options. Well, that is enough for now, and don't forget to let me know what you think of my ideas or drop me a line just to "hello". 33 and 76 for now. Nancy, KC4IYD/8

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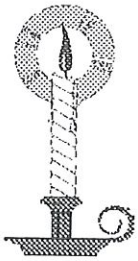

Former QST "YL News and Views" editor Jean Peacor, K1IJV, of Orleans, Massachusetts, died January 10. She was 70. Peacor twice served as editor of the QST YL column, from July 1963 until October 1966 and again from July 1979 through August 1985.

She also was active in the West Mass Net for many years and, until her death, had served as a sorter for the W1 QSL Bureau. Peacor also was an avid bridge player and held the rank of life master. She frequently traveled around the country for bridge tournaments.

Survivors include her husband, Norman, K1IJU, their two sons, Mark and Grant, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held January 14, 11 AM, in the Nickerson Funeral Home, 77 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans, Massachusetts. Burial was in Orleans Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Orleans Council on Aging Building Fund, 150 Rock Harbor Rd, Orleans, MA 02653.

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A Letter to Your XYL

Are you a male ham, eternally wishing your wife or girlfriend would share your exciting hobby? Let a proud female ham who was once in your lady's shoes do the convincing for you.

Roberta S. Rogers, N3IAR

Dear OM,

The following is an open letter to your XYL. It's my experience-still fresh as I write-of becoming a ham after years of disinterest. I'm still not over the surprise! If it encourages just one XYL like me to take a Novice class, it will have served its purpose.

Dear XYL (Ex-Young-Lady),

That's what they call us, you know, these ham-husbands of ours. But before you take offense, be aware that he's your "OM"- Old Man; feel free to call him that. Anyway, if anyone had told me a few months ago that I would (A) be a ham and (B) enjoy being a ham, I'd have suggested a long walk off a short pier.

For seven years, my OM, Bill, N41TE, had suggested wistfully that I ll ought to try it" or that he'd "like it if I were a ham, too." Because he has one of those minds that can joyfully muck around in picofarads and milliamps and 3-element beams, and I need ON-OFF printed on the kitchen light switch to feel comfortable around electricity, I knew that even if I tried, I could never be a ham. I already couldn't understand half the words in the conversations I overheard on his hand-held transceiver (the little radio with the stubby antenna he carries everywhere; you know the one). And I didn't want to understand. I had no interest in ham radio. Zip. Zero. Nada.

Nothing changed, but one day I finally ran out of excuses: "The kids are too young" (the boys are 22, 19, 17 and 13 now, and two of them are hams); "The cost is too high" (the Southern Maryland Amateur Radio Club's course was free); "I'll never understand it!" (So what? The basics can be picked up on faith and memorization, and I can take and retake any test until I pass.) I was out of excuses, and I still had no interest whatsoever in ham radio. But I have a strong interest in my OM, even in our 25th year of marriage. As a former officer in the US Marine Corps, wistfulness doesn't come often from him. Yet, it was there, even after seven years of hitting a blank wall with me (that wistfulness is in *your* OM's voice. I hear it almost everyday: "Oh gosh, I wish my XYL would.... " "I hope your OM knows how lucky he is. . . . " "I've tried for 15 years. . . . ")

So, I decided I'd let him take me to the first session of a 10-week Novice course. There, my worst fears were realized. I'd have to master Morse code and pass a code test. Then I'd have to take a written test. Most of the students were men who already spoke an electronic language I couldn't grasp (and still can't, by and large), even though they weren't hams yet. But

one look at my OM's barely masked joy at having his XYL there prompted me to do my best. I gritted my teeth and plowed into it.

In spite of our cheerful and knowledgeable instructors (Lee, KF3T; Vic, WA3YVV; Mike, K07V), I didn't enjoy those Monday nights-except for the new friends we began to make. I was tense, frustrated and asked dumb questions ("Well, what *is* a radio wave? I still don't see what you mean.. . "). I struggled with Morse code (I kept hearing "A" for "N" and I lost the whole last part of the alphabet somewhere). But one glance at Bin's happy face kept me going. Fortunately, he was almost always able to clarify, at least partly, whatever eluded me in class.

I practiced code at home for about 30 minutes every day. I recorded the code sessions at class and used the ARRL training tapes. After all, I wanted to give Mr Morse a fair chance at my middle-aged brain. I read chapter after chapter in the manual and I understood about every 20th word, usually "and," "the" or "when."

Suddenly, one Monday night after the code practice session, I was informed that I had passed my 5 WPM requirement (in Morse code, a combination of 25 letters and numbers in 60 seconds works out to just about five words per minute)-that part of my Novice test was behind me! I was stunned. Only then did I understand what the instructors had meant about the code requirements: I had two chances to pass. After copying code for five minutes or more (a made-up "QSO," or conversation between two hams), I could then have correctly answered seven out of 10 questions based on my copying ("Who is sending this?" "How high is his antenna?" "What is the weather there?") or-and this was my ticket to a ticket-the examiners could go over my paper and count the correct letters and numbers I'd copied. If I had 25 characters in a row correct anywhere on the paper, it meant I'd 4 1 copied solid" for one minute and I would pass. I'd done it! Somewhere in my spastic code copying, I had written down-or filled in the blanks correctly afterward on partially copied words (that's perfectly legal)-25 characters in a row correctly. The worst was over. I had passed the code test. I was floored.

The author checks out the 10-meter novice band. The basket of laundry in the background will have to wait! (N4ITE photo)

A few weeks later, I had memorized enough of the information (or actual answers-the whole current question-and answer pool is in the study manual) to answer 22 of 30 multiple-choice radio-rules and basic electronics questions correctly. Suddenly, it was all over. I was a Novice Amateur Radio

operator. It was unbelievable-I was in shock. My husband was as proud as a fan-tailed peacock.

During the six-week wait for my "ticket" (an FCC license with my call sign on it) to arrive, I still had no overriding interest in using it. As a Novice, I would not be permitted to talk to my OM via the 2-meter FM repeater (a station that receives radio waves and sends them back out so hams everywhere in the area can talk as they inch to and from work). To use 2-meter FM repeaters, I'd have to have a Technician class (next step up) license. No way. I'd survived my Novice class and that was enough. Alas, we had no other radio I could use and the budget was strapped, to say the least. On the way back from my first hamfest, when my husband asked how I felt about being a ham (and here's a ham radio joke-get your OM to "plain it), I told him that my whole ham experience so far seemed to be "all pain and no gain!"

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When the license came, informing me that I was KA3VNK, it was just a nice token of a way to please my husband. But a couple of weeks later, Bill saw an ad for a used 10-meter transceiver (the radio is not that big: 10 meters refers to the length of the radio-frequency waves it sends and receives). It was only a bit more than $ 1 00, so he sold an old receiver and we bought it. For $20 more and a ball of string, he and our son flung a dipole antenna (a measured length of wire) up 20 feet and stretched it between two trees beside the garage. Then they ran -a length Qrf coaxial cable (heavy round wire) from the center of the antenna wire (attaching the coaxial cable at its center divided it into two halfsections, thus it became a dipole-get it?) in through the family-room window and attached it to the radio. He hooked up a Morse code key and a microphone.

Now, according to our class instructor, I could "work the world." This is called DXing (talking over great distances to other hams in foreign countries).

Because we'd had no HF (high frequency, 1.6 to 30 MHz) radio in years, Bill had not done much DXing. Besides, as he's service-oriented (he's applied to be our county's Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator, or EC) he enjoyed his 2-meter (tinier antenna!) rig in the car and had not missed the opportunity to get into 10-meter DXing. (There! You understood exactly what I meant by that now-see how fast it can come?)

One dreary Saturday afternoon we turned on our newly acquired 10-meter transceiver and began tuning up and down through the band where Novices are allowed to use "phone" (talking by microphone, rather than sending Morse code). Bill disappeared after listening for a bit and I was alone. It

was all garble and Greek to me, and besides, who would'ever hear the' tiny 25 watts (like a light bulb) of power I put out over the 200 + watts I could hear the big, booming male hams reporting as output power. Not only that, but it was a contest weekend and most hams were spitting out contacts (QSOs) at the rate of one about every five seconds. But I sat and listened.

I heard what they wanted to have a ham they made contact with say, and because the first attempts this way wouldn't involve a lot of technical ham talk I wasn't quite ready for, I rehearsed my responses in my head, waited for a "QRZed?" ("Who is calling me?") took a deep breath and quavered into my mike "KA3VNK." To my utter amazement and horror, I heard a voice say, "KA3VNK, this is WB5BIR. You are 5 by 9, 59 into Houston, Texas. My name is Al and my 10-10 number is. . . . " I sat stunned in my Maryland family room. A piece of wire in the trees and I was talking to someone in Texas! I was honest-he was my very first contact and I had no "10-10 number," whatever it was (helpful hams later told me and now I have one, too!), but I said he was "5 by 9" (I guessed!) in Maryland and my name was Bobbi. He thanked me, wished me "73" and was gone. (73 means "best regards." 88 means "hugs and kisses." Send it to your OM or close friends. Or grandchildren. The Latin Americans tend to send them to all XYLs. I ignore that, but off-air, I giggle.) My logbook shows that I waited two minutes to understand what had happened, found another frequency and plunged in.

Seventeen days later, I "hit" Puerto Rico, the next day Canada and Alaska... and one month later, I'd made friends in Europe, Africa, Central and South America. One night I had a gentleman repeat his call sign and I discovered that my tiny rig had taken me to Japan! I was hooked! Overjoyed! Thrilled and delighted to be a ham! After surviving an onslaught of reallife 88s for getting me into ham radio, my OM was flabbergasted when I worked 89 non-US stations in 44 different countries in the next 30 days-between loads of laundry, carting kids and part-time work. I talked to lots of US hams, too-and heard over and over in every country the wistfulness in your OM's voice. So that's why I'm writing to you.

All this DX activity took place in the last month as I'm writing this down. Yes, I caved in and took the radio club's upgrade course to become a Technician (no more code, just more memorization-and a wee bit more understanding; it'll come. Give me a decade!). I passed that, too! So now I can chat with my OM all the way to his office, 30 miles away.

> "I still don't muck around in picofarads and I still don't understand exactly how a 3-element beam antenna works, but at least I know now what one is!"

I went into ham radio with

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Deadline Reminder

When you submit news to your District Chairwoman, please remember that she has a deadline of the 1st of January, March, May, July and November. Please give her enough time to get her work done so she can send her column to the Editor on time. We are looking at some changes in ***YLH*** production and it is most important that the Chairwomen are no later than the 1st of the earlier mentioned months. Thanks, the Editor.

A Letter To Your XYL ---------- *continued from page 7*
only an intent to please my husband by getting involved in a part of his life that's important to him. I had no interest and the course was frustrating. But weeks after it was over and I had passed, I found a sudden joy in an area of ham radio that my OM hadn't yet tried. And I renewed my childhood interest in collecting stamps and postcards as QSL cards (special postcards hams use to verify QSOs) began arriving from all over the US and abroad. Mail time is exciting every day now!

I still don't muck around in picofarads and I still don't understand exactly how a 3-element beam antenna works, but at least I know now what one is! If your husband has given you this letter to read, you can be sure that he's one of the wistful voices I've been hearing. Whether you find your own special niche in ham radio-and I hope the blessing comes for you as it has for me-I can tell you that the joy and pride in your OM's eyes and voice will be worth every moment of those few weeks of class. And the feeling you'll have when you hear another OM's voice when he says to your husband, "Boy, are you lucky. I sure wish my XYL..." is incomparable.

Sincerely, Roberta Stoddard Rogers, N3IAR

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Editor's Note: My OM found this in an old QST. Seems like just the article to have copies of at the next hamfest!

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Do you remember the Ray Stevens song "Don't Look Ethel"? Well, Ethel is looking and she knows we are about to "Get Ready, Get Set And Go!!"

I have permission to do the scholarship drive in conjunction with the 1999 YLRL Convention. We will have the same monetary prizes as the 1996 fund drive. As soon as I have the tickets printed, I'll start mailing them out. I've kept all the names and records from '96, so "look out"–I'll be needing your help again!

I'll be sending most of the money now in the Liberal acount to Ginger, so we can have a fresh start for the drive.

What fun we will have and how pleased Ethel will be!

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YL Howdy Days Results

We had a great turnout! Last year–only 2 logs; this year we had 16 and all were YLRL members.

Here are the results:

AB7PX, 64 – First Place
KJ7RF, 53 pts
W06X, 40 pts
N8UOO, 37 pts
WA2NFY, 36 pts
AB7PS, 36 pts
KC1MX, 34 pts
K6KCI, 34 pts
K0EPE, 26 pts
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YL Anniversary Party Results

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AB7PS	255
KB1BMO	253.5
KL7FJW*	240
WB1EHS	225
KOEPE*	168
WA1JYO	67.5
WA0TIZ	40

SSB Winner

1st place YL-AP cup
2nd place
3rd place

DX/YL

DJ1TE*	464
DL2FCA	346.5

The Corcoran plaque is awarded to the NAYL having the highest combined CW/SSB score. The Hager plaque is awarded to the DXYL having the highest combined CW/SSB score.

*denotes certificate winner

NAYL

CW Winner

1st place YL-AP cup
2nd place

DX/YL

GM4YMM*	27
DL2FCA*	18

Plaque Awards

Corcoran: ——

Hager: DL2FCA

THE "15TH" BYLARA CONTEST

Thursday, February 12, 1998 @ 19.00 to 22.00 GMT
Saturday, February 14 1998 @ 10.00 to 13.00 GMT

All licensed operators and SWLs are invited to participate.

80m:	3.72	to	3.775		**40m:**	7.05	to	7.90
20m:	14.250	to	14.280		**15m:**	21.350	to	21.40
10m:	28.350	to	28.410		and	28.650	to	28.700
2m:	**NOT** 144.750	to	145.175		**OR**	145.600	to	146.000
70cms:	**NOT** 432.800	to	433.375		**OR**	434.600	to	434.976

HF Phone VHFPhone Mixed HF and VHF Phone

At least one third of the operating time must be operated either on HF or VHF. Only one period of operation (either Thursday or Saturday) counts for each entry, but more than one section may be entered.

Call CQ BYLARA contest.

YLs to work YLs and OMs. Oms to work YLs only.

Call signs, RS, Serial Number (starting with 001 for both Thrusday and Saturday), name and whether you are a BYLARA member for the year 1997-1998.

5 points per YL BYLARA Member.
3 points per YL Non-member.
2 points per OM Associate member.
1 point per other OM contact.

Each day is a separate entry total.

5 points per each different YL BYLARA member heard.
3 points per each different YL Non-member heard.
2 points per each different OM Associate member heard.

Logs must show the station being worked.
Entries for the non-scoring day are welcome as check logs.

National Society log sheets showing claimed score and including declaration that the entrant has abided by her/his license regulations, IARU band plans and the above rules, **to be received by April 4, 1998.**

Send to: **Ella Tugwell, G0FIP; 67 Upper Kingston Lane, Shoreham by Sea, Sussex BN43 6TG, England**

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CLARA And Family HF Contest

Open to all licensed Amateurs

CW March 17 1700Z to 1700Z March 18, 1998
suggested frequencies: 14.033, 21.033, 7.033, 3.688

PHONE March 17 1700Z to 1700Z March 18, 1998
suggested frequencies: 14.120, 14.285, 21.300, 7.200, 3.775, 3.900

CALL CQ CLARA

LOGS must include Date, Time (GMT), Frequency, Mode, Call Sign of contact, contact name, contact QTH, and whether a CALARA member or Family member.

SCORING:
Each station may be contacted twice per band, once in each mode. Cross band contacts will count as a SSB contact for both stations.

1. Contact with CLARA member (includes CLARA TO CLARA) .... 5 points
2. Contact with CLARA family member OMs, Sons, In-laws, etc. ..... 2 points
3. Contact with a YL non CLARA member ..... 3 points
4. Contact with an OM (includes OM to OM) ..... 1 point

MULTIPLIERS: 1 for each CANADIAN PROVINCE or TERRITORY (13 possible) and 1 for each ARRL DX country contacted.

POINTS CLAIMED: (contact points) x multiplier

Logs are to be received by the Contest Manager no later than **April 17, 1998** and should include call sign, address and claimed score. Please enclose an SASE (Canada only) if logs are to be returned.

Contest Manager: Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX; 478 Donegal Dr, Burlington, Ontario L7L 2M7

PRIZES: A Mini prize draw from all logs submitted will be made.

Trophy:	Highest scoring CLARA member
Certificate:	Highest scoring Family member
Certificate:	Highest scoring DX YL
Certificate:	Highest scoring OM
Certificate:	Highest scoring CLARA Member in each Province

WOMEN IN AMATEUR RADIO

PART THREE

Linda Reeder, N7HVF

Editor's Note: This is the third of several parts of the serialization of a documentary that Linda Reeder wrote and recorded several years ago.

Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, WA0SGJ: "Handi-Hams provides tapes for individuals who are blind and adaptive equipment for people that happen to have disabilities that do not render them able to use equipment with ease. We have a newsletter which is called *The Handi-Ham World* and this keeps members in touch with one another. We have two radio camps a year, one in California in January and one in August in Minnesota. We draw volunteers from all over the United States. We had two from the east coast and two from the west coast; one of them from the south and three of them from Ohio, plus people from the local area who have expertise in teaching. They teach all levels of licensing. Amateurs have incentive licensing. Novice, tech, general, advanced and amateur extra class."

Louella Hapster KE0RF is one of many recipients who have benefited from Handi-Hams.

Louella Hapster KE0RF: "I obtained a book on Amateur Radio. I think it was *Tune in the World*. I started studying it. I had a lot of trouble with that, understanding it, 'cause it was all kind of Greek but I was able to learn the code at home and was tested for that and I past my test after I did get study tools from the Handi-Hams system which were very helpful."

She has attended several of the camps and has her Extra Class license.

Some women are interested in the electronics aspect of ham radio. Janet, K0JE and Janice, K0JA Robadeau own their own repeaters.

Janice, K0JA & Janet, K0JE Robadeau: "We were active on the repeater that we currently own. It was privately owned by four amateur radio operators who were nearing retirement age and, gradually, one by one they left the area. The one person left as owner was looking for new owners to take over. It was too much for one person and he also wanted to retire and maybe leave the area. So he just let it be known among the users. It's a very informal group that uses Amateur Radio repeaters. It's free to use as in all other aspects of the Amateur Radio hobby. You cannot charge for any of the services that are provided. You may pay a club's due if there's a club involved, but if there's private people involved, it's free. So he told us what he would like to sell the repeater for and we bought it."

"We actually own two repeaters. On is on two meters and one is on 220 mhz. Janet is the trustee of the K0JE repeater on two meters and I am trustee of the K0JA repeater on 220. I should clarify that actually there are three people who own these two repeaters, Janet and I and a friend, WB0IAT, a male friend who really is our technical expertise and we couldn't do without

him. As repeater trustee, you are supposed to monitor the activities on the repeater and make sure that things occur in a legal and proper way and chastise those people who do not operate properly and actually shut down the repeater if you really feel things get abusive. We have never shut down either repeater because of abuse of that sort. We just ask our users to observe proper and courteous Amateur Radio conduct as any ham should."

Janice and Janet give advantages of being Amateur Radio operators.

"For many years, I drove right across the twin cities, 25 miles to and from work and in the worst kinds of weather here in Minnesota. Very often it was just good to be in contact with other people during that trip. If anything happened, I could expect them to get help for me and sometimes I actually had them get help for me. Even when you're alone at night in the car, it's not like cellular phone, but there are people out there who can help you and generally hams can be counted on to be friendly and helpful. Then, also we have an RV and when we go outside the twin city area it's nice to know that we can ask people for directions and get help on the road in an emergency."

"Even when you're alone at night in the car, it's not like cellular phone, but there are people out there who can help you and generally hams can be counted on to be friendly and helpful."

"(I think this is true of all hams, not just YLs.) We were very shy when we were in high school and we found that being a ham helped us get away from being shy and reach out to people. Socially, it was very advantageous to talk to other people with your same interests. We were kind of eggheads and there weren't too many other women that we knew who had the same interests, but we found a common bond through Amateur Radio."

Diane Skalsy, W9AK from Michigan is totally blind and is involved in another faucet of Ham Radio: packet, communicating by way of computers.

Diane Skalsy, W9AK: "I do enjoy packet. My experience with it is kind of limited at this point but I find it very enjoyable just to get on the bulletin boards and look and see what kind of messages people are sending. I do enjoy keyboard to keyboard contacts when I can get them. We do have a system in our area that's hooked into the internet and I have had conversations on a couple of occasions with people in Australia through my computer. Yes, it is a talking computer. Fortunately, every time something comes across the screen through the TNC interface, it speaks to me. I love to joke about that. I like to say things like "Nice hearing you, HI HI!" People that know me of course know what I'm talking about. People that don't might really wonder!"

To be continued in March/April 1998 issue.

District 1

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Welcome to 1998! Happy New Year! Today is a beautiful, sunny and cold day here in 1-land. This is the kind of day that makes all of us remember why we love New England. No doubt there will be many stormy days before the winter is over, but we will take them in stride!

I was able to check in to the Yankee Lassies Net three times in December. That was a real treat. I was also able to check into the Maine YL Net on New Year's Day. It was great to hear all the gals and what they were up to over the holidays.

Barb - WB1EHS told about hearing a strange awful noise outside her house recently. She got up and looked out the window and discovered that a hawk had chased a mourning dove for a meal. The hawk was sitting right outside her window enjoying dinner. She had never seen one quite so close to the house. Barb had surgery on December 29, but is recovering well. She will be back on the net soon.

Everyone in 1-land wished Blanche - W4GZB a very happy birthday on December 28. Hopefully she was the recipient of a card shower that kept her busy for days. We miss having her around during the winter while she enjoys her Tampa home.

Arline - W1LIO is a regular check-in on the net. She keeps busy with her local club and reaching out to new hams. She spread the word about YLRL and WRONE at many ham gatherings throughout 1997.

Marion - KA2ZKM keeps busy with the nets. She is frequently a net control station for both Yankee Lassies and Maine YLs. She and OM Joe enjoyed the traditional herring for New Year's Eve.

Vera - WA1JYO checks in faithfully to the nets. She always has a cheery word for all. It's wonderful that so many long-time hams are still on the air regularly.

Judi - KA1YAK had a busy fall with her husband's successful campaign for city council. Both Judi and Vinnie will have hectic schedules throughout 1998.

Please send news for the next YLH to me before March! Remember you can write, call, or e-mail! Please note my new area code if you call: (781) 878-9235 evenings 8 - 10 PM. E-mail me at: wb1aru@juno.com

I hope that everyone has a blessed and healthy new year.

33, Anne, WB1ARU

Life's Little Instructions

contributed by Terrie Tenney, AB7PX

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Memorize your favorite poem.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you", mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry", look the person right in the eye.
6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slow but think quick.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
15. Call your mom.
16. Say "Bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
17. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
18. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
19. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
20. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
21. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
22. Marry a man you love to talk to. As you get older, his conversational skills will be as important as any other.
23. Spend some time alone.

District 2

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

Santa is back home at the North Pole and in just a few days, 1997 will become history. I certainly hope, as the bells ring and horns blow to welcome the New Year, that all your wishes and dreams come true. Most of all, I hope that 1998 is a healthy and happy year for you all.

Golly, it seems like only yesterday that Glenn and I were headed to Myrtle Beach during the last week of October for our Yearly get-together with Rooster friends. We decided to take a side trip to Williamsburg VA to visit Miriam, AA2DX and Bob. What a beautiful home they have, in quite a picturesque setting called Patriot's Colony. We were their guests for lunch in an elegant dining room in their complex and, needless to say, we talked about everything and everyone, all of it good. HI HI! Miriam and Bob are beaming and happy living there, and send regards to all. Oh yes, there most certainly is an outside antenna.

Carli, N1CD had been quite ill with gallbladder problems, however she had an operation and is now recovering. We hope all is well now, Carli!

Marion, KA3ZKM and OM Joe, K2ZLF are fine after having their family over for Thanksgiving dinner, a task they hadn't undertaken for quite some time. All went well, and they are now sleeping in late again.

Jan, KJ4N had her back surgery and is now spending the holidays recovering in New Jersey with her daughter.

Marge, WB3JUT is also now at home recovering from major heart surgery.

I received mail from Marcy, WA2URE saying she is now back at work for the state of New York full time and is unable to check into the SAYLARC nets. However, she is still involved with taking and sending messages for the Navy and Marines, and runs the net on Sunday evenings.

Lia, WA2NFY writes that the YLAP 'test was much better than last year and she is hopeful that 1998's will be even more successful. Hopefully, new rules will attract more YLs. After having a Pontiac for 20 years, they have a new car. Now they're trying to find space for the dual-bander as they can't live without Ham Radio! HI HI!

The Saturday SAYLARC net with Roberta, KA2AFL as net control is still going strong despite QRM and bad band conditions. You'll find Vera, WA1JYO; Lia, WA2NFY; Minerva, WB2JNL and a few other gals in there chit-chatting, so plan to join them.

On that happy note, I'm sending a bit THANK YOU for the news. Once again, remember, "It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice!" Happy New Year! 33, Bye Now, Myrtle, N2AKC

District 3

Barbara Bender, KA3VXR

Greetings and Happy New Year from SW PA. Just finished taking down our 12 Christmas trees and things are back to "normal". My name is Barb–KA3VXR and I will be happy to report all the news from 3-Land that you gals will send me. First, thanks to–Ruthanna WB3CQN, for the fine job she did as 3rd District Chairwoman these past years. Relax now, Ruthanna, and enjoy that new house of yours.

A few facts about myself: I earned my Novice license in 1990 and my Extra Class in 1991. I first got interested in Amateur Radio when I worked for the Voice Of America in DC YEARS ago. But then I got married, started a family and had no access to ham radio anymore. Twenty-two years and nine children later I found myself divorced. Met a man (Richard W3SYY) who was also raising HIS nine children alone, and to make a long story short, we joined forces and created chaos!!! One of the perks of this union was that he has been a ham since the early '50s and had a fully equipped ham shack!! Time flies when you're having fun. We've been married 15 years and the kids are all gone–two in Seattle WA, one in Casper WY, one in Carlsbad NM, two in Dallas TX, one in Louisville KY, one in Charlottsville VA, one in Minot ND, one in Baltimore MD, one in Harrisburg PA (med school), one in Pittsburgh PA and the rest are fairly local. January 6 we had our 14th grandchild! They all call me "Bubba" (so does our new Prez, Nancy KC4IYD.) We're retired and busier than we've ever been! Last fall we got a motorcycle and are enjoying our second childhood!

<u>IMPORTANT!!</u>
Barbara's
correct address is:
533 Bovine Rd
Ebensburg PA 15931

I am ARES Emergency Coordinator for Cambria County, member of Dividing Ridge ARC (OM W3SYY is Prez), Horseshoe ARC, and do lots of volunteer work for the church, and community. My hobbies are sewing, art, crafts, crocheting, photography, hiking, camping, biking, gardening (especially flowers) and ham radio. I love packet; HF; tracking satellites, MIR and the Shuttles; and the wonderful people you meet through ham radio. I sponsor Robyn VK3ENX and Toshiko JP3DPU into YLRL and am making arrangements to sponsor two gals from Toronto as well.

<u>I warn you</u>: if you don't send me any news, you will hear about my kids and grandkids!! HI HI!! You can reach me by E-Mail: rick@vms.cis.pitt.edu; packet: KA3VXR@W3SYY.#WPA.PA.USA.NOAM; phone: (814)472-9465;

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District 4

Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO

A most Happy, Happy New Year to all of you fine folks!!! My family and I hope you had a great Holiday Season and are now looking forward to a fantastic 1998. A big thanks to Mary KL7P for all the great work she has done as District Four Chairwoman. As your new District Four Chairwoman for 1998-1999, I am looking forward to hearing from all of you. My mailbox is sittin' on ready awaiting letters from you. Let me hear from ya'll and fill me in on what you YLs are doing out there in 4-Land. We would love to share it here in ***YLH***.

I must admit, I really enjoy writing. (Just ask my husband Scott–N4YYQ! Hi Hi!!) So don't be surprised to find a letter from me in your mailbox from time to time, okay?

This year should provide us all with oodles and oodles of great ham activities to participate in like contests, eatin' meetin's, Hamfests, Nets, and Field Day. I'm planning to attend some of the Hamfests and will be looking forward to meeting and visiting with YOU in person. I can hardly wait. Till then, 33 de Roseann, N4ZNO

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or mail: Barb Bender, KA3VXR, 533 Bovine Rd, Ebensburg PA 15931.

Several YLRL members live near me and also are members of the Horseshoe ARC in Altoona PA. Lois–WB3EFQ, YLRL supplies chairwoman, is President of the club and is back in the area after spending the last few months in Erie PA working as Interim-Administrator of a Nursing Home. Lois enjoys DXing and Contesting. She recently had her first HF contact in a year with Gwen–VK3DYL on 14.185 at 2200Z with a beam heading over Africa.

Tina–N3SSG (Silly Silly Girl) is still busy with her many jobs interpreting for the deaf and trying to stay out of trouble! She burns up the local 2 M bands. It's worth a trip to 3-Land just to meet her on the air!!

Kathy–WY3R and her OM Carmen–WO3T visited W1AW and operated the station for 3 hrs. Included in their trip was a visit to Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill CT. They were able to make a plaster cast of the foot print of the Dilophosaurus dinosaur that existed 185 million years ago! Kathy enjoys working contests and looks forward to many in the future.

Jeannie–KA3CEO is recovering from her December 10 knee surgery and seems to be doing quite well. Hopefully she is having time to get on the air while convalescing.

Hope all you interesting YLs in the 3rd District will SEND ME YOUR EXCITING AND INTERESTING NEWS by the end of February so we can share it with all the other YLs. 33, Barb–KA3VXR

District 5

Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

Greetings in this brand new year of 1998. I hope your holiday season was full of joy and good health. We received no new radio gear for Christmas, but the OM did acquire a few items of intrinsic value from the estate of his former boss and good friend W5DFU who was tragically killed in October. These items have real meaning to us.

The YLs of the Bosque County Amateur Radio Club and Repeater Society (Texas) have a net that is gaining much participation. They meet on 147.180 at 2100 on Thursday with different members alternating as net control. Two of them who are new members to YLRL are 12 year old Myranda, KD5BSM and her mother Kim, KD5BSO. Kim will be the first to tell you how much her training as net control came into use recently when an emergency search was activated for two 11 year old girls who were missing after school. This was a big effort by volunteers from several fire and police departments, the Texas Guard and BCARC. The search lasted all night, and Kim was on hand to act as net control to relieve the more experienced hams. Happily, the girls showed up the next morning near an area that had been searched at least twice. They were cold, wet and hungry but otherwise safe.

This story just underscores how important it is to get on the air, learn emergency procedures and forget your timidity and just talking to family members and people you know. When a need arises, you will be ready just as Kim was.

Harryette, W6QGX/5 flew out to California to visit her daughter and be there for the Christmas party of the Los Angeles YL Club. It's great to see Harryette feeling much better than she has in a long time. It was a pleasant surprise recently to have W5ZXE, Jean, check into TYLRUN following a long absence. She has moved to Alma, Arkansas from her native Fort Smith. Julie, K5JFJ, has been having rig trouble at the last of her term as NCS for TYLRUN. Hope she gets it cured soon. Julie's daughter Cynthia is now living with her.

I hope among your New Year's resolutions is one to remember to send news of your area's activities when something interesting happens. Deadlines are near the end of each even numbered month—Feb. will be the next! I'll be hoping to hear from you. E-mail is fine.
33, Doris

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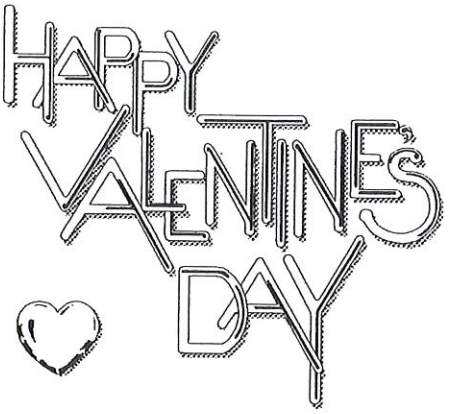

District 6

Jeri Haines, KA6USX

Happy New Year to all the 6-Land YLs. I hope it's turning out to be everything you want.

I'm Jeri Haines, KA6USX, the new District Chairwoman for District Six. I'm looking forward to the next two years, working with you to let everyone know what's going on in the State of California! Keep me updated on what's going on with you. I don't have e-mail but you can reach me by snail mail at 17139 Ocaso Ave, La Mirada CA 90738 or by telephone (714) 521-3864. I can also be found on the LARA Net Wednesday nights at 7p on the WARA repeater. So fill my mailbox! I would especially be interested in hearing from other 6-Land YL clubs.

I thought that I'd tell you a little bit about myself. I've been a ham since 1987. My then boyfriend (now OM) was a ham and though it would be a good idea for me to get my ticket. Our primary concern was my safety. I had an old car that was prone to breakdowns. From the time I got my license, every time I have needed a helping hand on the road, Amateurs have been quick to respond.

Surprisingly, I became fairly active in Amatuer Radio. I've been a member of LARA since 1988 and have served them in a variety of positions, including President and Secretary. I am now currently their Treasurer. I am a member of YLRC of LA, and a member of YLRL for seven years. I am also involved in several areas of public service, including disaster communications, public event communications, and Ham Watch where interested hams work in conjunction with the police/sheriff to help deter crime.

My OM Vern, W7KKU have been married for ten years now. He was the boyfriend that started all this Amateur Radio stuff! I have four grown children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson who is, I must say, sharp as a tack! I'm an RN, working full time as an occupational health nurse. Since I'm 70 years young, it's been suggested that I retire. I can't imagine that. I'm just not ready!

I've got plenty of other activities to fill my spare time. (Do I really have any *spare* time?) I sing with two local choirs, one of which sings monthly in LA's prison system. I'm the first vice president of Friends of the Theater in La Mirada, and refreshment chair for the Whittier Choralaires, a barbershop quartet. A very special time for me is the one week a year I spend volunteering for the rose parade, helping with float decoration. I also sew and crochet and enjoy crossword puzzles and photography.

That's enough from me. Now it's your turn. I'm looking forward to hearing from you! 33, Jeri–KA6USX

District 7

Sara Lyon, AB7PS

By the time you read this, 1998 will be well underway. I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season! Here are a few November and December highlights from our 7th district YL organizations and members!

MINOWS: Recipes are being collected from all members for a cookbook to be published sometime in the coming months. Ruth–K1IIF and her OM Jack–W1PRT returned from "the trip of a lifetime"–a 77 day cruise around the Pacific Rim and the Caribbean. Mary Lou–NM7N has been getting her radio ready for her DXpedition to Auguilla in the Leeward Islands in January where she plans to participate in the RITTY contest, make some contacts and enjoy the island. I hope some of you were able to contact her! Congratulations to Caroll–KC7TCK who upgraded to Advanced in December. Condolences to Lucile Banks–WA7JFC/6 whose OM Edward–W7FHQ became a silent key in November, and to Norma Grothe–K7UTT whose OM Ed became a silent key on December 15.

A special note about MINOW nets: The Monday evening net meets at 1930 PST local time at 3.916 rather than 3.912 as listed in the YLH directory. (Lately conditions have been rather poor, with lots of QRM. We keep hoping they will improve so don't give up.) The information is correct for the Friday morning net–0800 local on 3.912, with the Tuesday net at 1000 local on 14.309.

The members of CACTUS KEYS had a table for YLRL and Cactus Keys at the Superstition Swapmeet on December 6 at the Mesa Community College. They met for lunch afterward, at which time there was a short meeting and the incoming officers were introduced. They are: President - Ruby–W7JZA; Vice. President - Beth–KA7AKK; Secretary - Linda–N7LR; Treasurer - Phyllis–K7SEC; Directors - Jo–KF7BY and Maria–KB7INH. Phyllis–W2GLB is going to do the newsletter. Congratulations and good luck to all of you!

A few notes from their newsletter - CACTUS KEYS KEYNOTES:

"Margaret, WA0KVP has returned to Apache Junction for the winter. Reports are that she is looking 10 years younger since her replacement surgery."

"Minerva, KB7INH and husband Jim have returned from a fantastic trip to Greece."

The news from the 2 RIVERS YL Club is that they are planning to have their holiday get-together on January 17 at the home of Donna K6DNG so more about that in the next issue. Congratulations to Barb KC7KQI on passing her 5 wpm code and upgrading to Tech Plus. Now on to General! And congratulations to Marti N6XDS on a job well done as she ends her two

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District 8

Terri Berchak, WD8LQH

Hello ladies! This is Nancy KC4IYD filling in for Terri for the January/February issue. Terri's grandmother, who is also Ann's (WB8RYH) mother, passed away on Christmas Day. So this holiday season was very solemn one for the new District 8 Chairwoman and her family. Also, Lilo Hermann, KA8IWD lost her husband, Jack, W8TSF in October. Jack and Lilo had hosted the 1997 Annual Buckeye Belle meeting in Lancanster, OH. Please remember Lilo, Terri and their family in your prayers.

The Northeast Ohio Buckeye Belles participated in ARRL November Sweepstakes for the second year in a row at the QTH of Nancy, KC4IYD. Although the snow kept some of the YLs away, those that did attend were able to make more contacts than last year and we had a lot of fun. The Belles will also be sponsoring the 1998 Ohio QSO party. It will be on September 12-13, 1998 and will coincide with the Belles' 3rd Annual mini YL DXpedition to Kelleys Island, Ohio. What will make this unique is that in addition to the 90 multipliers, the 88 Ohio counties + 2 Ohio island counties, there will be 10 additional multipliers for working 10 Ohio YLs. The Belles are still working out the details for this but feel free to stop by the Buckeye Belles web page at http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/3376. There should be info about this by the time this issue goes to press.

The Chix YL club met in December for their annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange. A good time was had by all who attended. Well that is all the news I have for now. Ladies, please send your news, latest activities, achievement, or ideas to Terri at berchak@ibm.net or to her home address.

33 for now. Nancy, KC4IYD for Terri, WD8LQH.

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year term as president of YLRL. But she won't be resting - she has found a part-time job to fill in the time.

I was pleased to receive an E-mail message from Donna–KB8YS, another snowbird member who is wintering in Sun City, AZ.

I look forward to hearing from more of you. Please let me know what is going on your world. Send your comments and information to me at:

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District 9

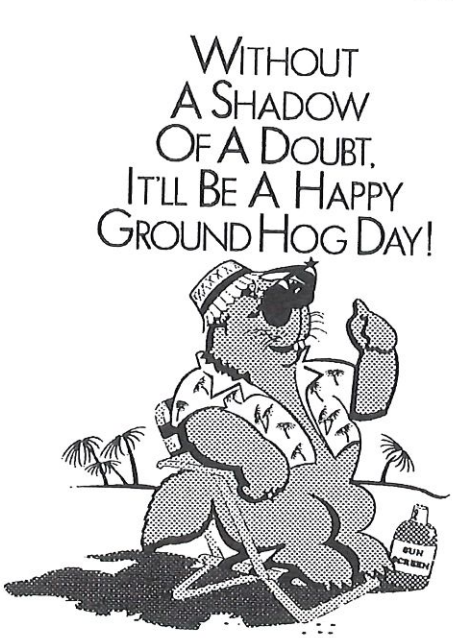
Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy 1998 everyone. I suppose by now that everyone has made their New Year's resolutions . . . again. How many are still in existence? I guess that we have all made the usual, lose weight, exercise, and, I hope, keep in touch with your District Chairmen, whoever they are. For me, I started my exercise regime this morning and I'm also back on the straight and narrow as far as eating goes.

December started out sadly for us. We lost our 11-year-old Dalmatian, Penny, on December 2 after an eight month battle with cancer. Since our children are grown, she was our baby. We miss her greatly. A bright spot (no pun intended) is that we are going to get a Dalmatian puppy in the spring. We now have a name pool going for the puppy. I will let you all know when we get her and what her name will be.

Christmas at our house this year was truly pandemonium. All five grandchildren were here. Evan, 9 months old just enjoyed eating the wrapping paper and any cardboard. Elizabeth, 2, wanted to help open every package, her's or anyone's. Tyler, 4, kept looking for anything with T-Y-L-E-R- on it. Sean 7, and Mackenzie, 12, were just great helpers. We had Mom here for a few hours, but her strength is really ebbing. It was almost too much for her. Her birthday was January 2 and we took her to dinner. That exhausted her too.

Our radio club had their annual Christmas party on December 19, with Santa arriving and distributing gifts, singing songs with the children and teaching them a new dance—the Santa Shuffle. The next day was the ATV Santa's visit to the State School. It is so rewarding to bring a little cheer to those who wouldn't get to see Santa otherwise.



Well, it is about time for me to get all the decorations down, do laundry—all those mundane things. I hope that 1998 is a wonderful year for all of us. I wish I knew what to do to get you 9-Land folks to e-mail me or drop me a line by "snail-mail". It really gets to be a challenge to crank out a column every two months with no input. Sorry about the sermon. 33, Carole—WB9RUS

District 10

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

Hello again Zeroland. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to connect with you for another term. I really enjoy hearing from everyone and boy is the District hopping!

Sherry Weir, KB0SQQ, writes that Kansas has been keeping busy, especially the Sunflower YLs. In October there was a YL booth at the State ARRL Convention. The Vest with the Sunflower print received a lot of comment. Here are just of few of the Hams who stopped by the booth: KB0SQQ, Sherry Weir; KB0VHI, Barbara Foster; KC5IQP, Mary Keith; KB0PHS, Linda Davis; KC0BYH, Judy Banks; KB0ZQV, Julie Roberts; KD5AYN, Nancy Myers; WA0WOF, Kay Eyman; KG0WQ, Lynn Grimes; KB0SHB, Stan Weir; W0AYL, Ella Koons; NS0Z, Terry Gordon; WA6KHD, Helen Stevens; KF0WS, Ione McBride; and KB0SGI, Sandy Hayes. Thanks to everyone supporting the booth. If you were there let me know! Everyone's participation counts. Future activities are being planned, so stay on the lookout.

Cleo Bracket, K0JFO, will help keep the Nebraska YLs on their toes, and maybe a few OMs. She was just elected as the Vice President of the YLRL for the new term. In addition she is also Vice President for the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club (PARC) and Vice President of the Genealogy Club. Some of you in Colorado may have even managed an eyeball with her as she came through visiting family. She also traveled through Detroit, Michigan and Lincoln, Nebraska. On a more global note, she managed to tour Great Britain and Ireland as well. How much DX did you work, Cleo? Congratulate Cleo on her Vice Presidency next time you see her! She is a welcome addition, along with all our new and returning officers.

In Colorado, Virginia Buckhaults, WD0BSB and her husband, Joe have been recovering from the October blizzard. Part of their cattle herd drifted 17 miles from their ranch during the storm. The cattle had to be located and rescued by truck.

K0IQ, Margaret Koemer, celebrated her 90th birthday November 13, 1997. You may hear her on "Ladies Only" where she sounds as bright and chipper as ever.

Don't forget you can join the Ladies Only net on Wednesdays at 07:30 on 3945 in the Denver area, maybe even further. Just look at how the bands are opening!

My OM John, and I had fun tracking the Solo Sprint on APRS. Steven Foster is a part-time resident of Colorado and we were certainly rooting for him. Oh, the things you can see and hear on the radio! Please let me know what is going on in your area. I would love to hear from you and pictures are definitely welcome. I am current at the front of ***Harmonics*** and in the directory. Have a great start to the new year. I look forward to meeting you on the bands. 73 and 33, Cheryl Muhr—N0WBV

KL7 District

Betty Marsh, KL7FJW

Greetings from Alaska!

By the time you read this, our holidays will be long gone and maybe even Valentine's Day, too! We may have, in all probability, had a green Christmas, which is very strange for up here. We did have snow for almost 24 hours before El Niño rains melted it all away again. It makes our Pelton Wheel charge the batteries, so the diesel generator sets were not getting worn out during hte past six weeks! We mainly use 12 volts with inverters for our AC needs.

I have not heard from a single gal during this last period. I did hear Cheri, WL7MA on the AK-Pac Net in the morning, but not well enough to even have a QSO. The Bush Net, a 40 meter evening net has been a bust ever since the time change back to standard time, but maybe all will improve as the sun returns.

Gals, please drop me a line. 33, Betty, KL7FJW

TV Show Promotes Amateur Radio

QST YL column editor Diane Ortiz, K2DO, will moderate Tech Talk, a half-hour program about Amateur Radio that's currently in production in New York City. The program will be broadcast on Manhattan Neighborhood Network on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 5:00 PM on TCI cable channel 17. Upcoming programs will include some basics on station operation, contesting, public service, and other aspects of Amateur Radio. The program has a potential audience of more than 10,000.

Says Ortiz, "We hope to reach many viewers in Manhattan who may never have heard of ham radio." The program is scheduled to continue in production through 1998. For more information, contact Ortiz at hamyl@aol.com. *–from The ARRL Letter, Vol. 17, No. 3; January 16, 1998*

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keep on going and chances are
you will stumble on something,
perhaps when you are least expecting it.
I have never heard of anyone
stumbling on something sitting down.
~~charles f. dettering ~~

VE District

Pauline Burt, VE3LQH

The new editor for VE/VA members is Pauline Burt–VE3LQA, 1511 Pinewood Crescent, North Bay, Ont P1B 4P5. Her packet address is VE3LQA@VE3KOI.#NE.ON.CAN.NOAM. At the moment, an E-mail address is not operational.

The CLARA GALA was a success, and there were some great pictures taken. There were also lots of opportunities to meet old friends and make lots of new ones.

Marge–VE1VCH and OM Russ are now living in an apartment. They have their ham station in operation, using whips attached to the balcony. Russ was scheduled to have back surgery the end of November. We hope all went well.

Thelma–VE3CLT had a nice time at the GALA. She presented a cheque, on behalf of the Ontario Trilliums for $1500 to Kate–VE1VAO, treasurer for CLARA. The Trilliums were a group of licensed women in the province of Ontario. They eventually folded.

Devere–VE3AJN and OM have moved into a new QTH in Coldwater, Ont. We wish them well. Devere has terminated her job as the Ontario traffic manager.

Elizabeth–VE7YL returned from the GALA accompanied by Gwen–VK3DYL. They had a short visit before Gwen carried on to her home.

Dianne–VA3SJF and OM Alan were at the GALA. While there, Dianne passed her code. Congratulations to her!!

Jeanne–VA3WX has had the opportunity in the pass several months to meet many CLARA members. It was a real pleasure as well to meet some of the YLs from the U.S. at the GALA in Sept. She attended the New Market fleamarket in Nov. Ann–VE3HAI brought along a photo album of the pictures from the GALA which were really great and made nice souvenirs. Hope the Jeanne is Contest Manager hopes some of the logs for the CLARA Family and HF contest will be coming from some of our U.S. friends. Happy New Year to one and all and thanks to those who have sent me news for the column. 33, Pauline

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how long has it been since you've stretched out on the grass to look at the clouds, imagining you see the shapes of bears, and old men with big noses, and castles for kings? how long has it been since you've walked barefoot down the beach and felt the sand and water squish between your toes? let yourself become childlike again, just for today.

~~ gwen weising ~~

DX YL News

Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

Happy New Year to all YLRL members. I have recently been appointed to serve as DX Receiving Treasurer. I would like to take the opportunity of my first column to tell you a little about myself and why I volunteered for this position.

I was licensed as a Technician-no code in November, 1991. Unfortunately, because I have dyslexia, I have not succeeded in learning Morse code. But I'm still trying! In 1992, I met my future husband, Bill—W5DNE, via amateur radio. We celebrated our fourth wedding anniversary this past August. I am the president of the Gulf Area Young Ladies Radio Klub (sic) in Houston. The GAYLARKs currently have 19 members, with some of our ladies being YLRL members for 35+ years.

I am a master's prepared registered nurse (I have only to complete my dissertation for my Ph.D. degree). I have worked in a variety of hospital settings (most recently in a nurse practitioner-type position at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center) as well as teaching in university-based baccalaureate nursing programs. Due to health problems (arthritis), I have had to change my nursing focus. I have just recently completed qualifications for certification as a Legal Nurse Consultant.

I volunteered to be the DX Receiving Treasurer because I would like to get to know our International YLRL members and learn about their countries and their lifestyles. I look forward to hearing from all the DX members (and their sponsors) via e-mail or snail mail (U.S. mail).

Although I did not officially assume the duties of DX Receiving Treasurer until January 1, 1998, I did receive two holiday greetings/letters from DX sponsors in December welcoming me to my new position (Thanks for the welcome greetings!). Elfy Griffiths,N6DOC, of Castro Valley, California wrote to say that she will be sponsoring a new YLRL member, June Sims, VK4SJ, who lives in Australia, but as of Dec. 31st. she will no longer be sponsoring Joy Vincent, VK4AT, also from Australia. Cecilia Zwack, WA2NFY, of Rochester, NY, will be "adopting" Adriana Parducci, IK5MEQ, who lives in Italy. Cecilia's other "adoptees" are: Roswithe Otto—DL6KCR, IT9ESQ, Nozomi Gohara—JH3SQN, of Japan, and Taeko Shirasu—JR3HII, also of Japan.

So, fill my mailbox for me. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. 33 unitl next time. Christina, N5YCH

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SILENT KEYS

Our condolences to the families of

K1IJV	Jean Peacor on January 10, 1998
K7UTT	Norma Grothe, on the passing of her OM Ed on December 15, 1997
WA7JFC/6	Lucile Banks, on the passing of her OM Edward, W7FHQ in November 1997
WD8LQH	Terri Berchek, on the passing of her Grandmother on December 25, 1997

NEW VANITY CALLS

K2ZQ	Ruthie, ex-AA2IO
W7AYL	Marti Brutcher, ex-N6XDS
W7MIP	Millie Pilotte, ex-KC7HSZ
W7PAT	Patsy Barmore, ex-KA7MZZ

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The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer 66 scholarships for the academic year 1998-99 to assisted licensed radio amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over 75 local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds nine of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual hamfest. The remaining 57 are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

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MILESTONES

Congratulations to

K0IQ	Margaret Koemeer on her 90th birthday on November 13, 1997
K5MXO	Margaret Pearre and OM Bill, K5MMP on their Golden Anniversary
N2QJZ	Audrey and OM Fran on their Golden Anniversary

From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS

Well, it appears that changes are afoot. For starters, please note that my e-mail address is changing:

tenmtryl@earthlink.net

The old address (thedunns@sprynet.com) will be good until early March. Part of the reason I have changed ISP have to do with YLRL's website. There are some restrictions at Sprynet that I won't have to deal with at Earthlink, allowing me some important changes. So, the website will be moving. At this point, I do not have the site address, but will pass it on as soon as possible. There will also be links to the site at the old site, again only through early March.

The convention is still a year and a half away, but it will be here sooner than you think. Please respond to the survey that was in the last issue. It is a huge job planning this extravaganza and the LA gals need all the help they can get.

Once again, it is renewal time. Please get your renewals in as soon as possible. This is the busy time of year for our Receiving Treasurers and Database Manager. Your timeliness helps them and ensures that you do not miss any issues of ***YLH***. This is especially true for our DX YLs because it takes longer for YLH to reach them. So don't forget to renew your adoptees.

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If God simply handed us everything we want,
he'd be taking from us our greatest prize
~the joy of accomplishment.
~~ Frank A. Clark ~~

♥ ♥

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