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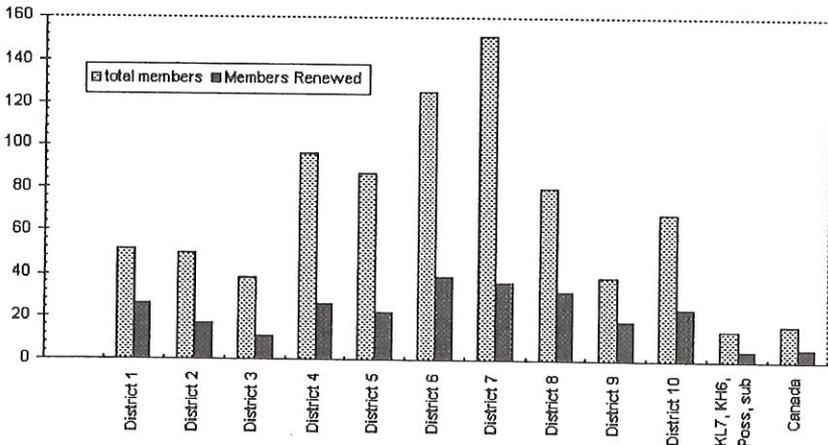
Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD/8



Hello Ladies! I have received a lot of comments on ways to get YLs involved in YLRL and I want to thank all of you who took the time to e-mail me. I am keeping track of the suggestions and will comment on them from time to time. Two YLs, from different areas are in the process of starting YL clubs, so if anyone has ideas or suggestions about this or would like to write about how their YL club got started, please send it to Margaret. She will see that these two ladies receive the information and will prepare an article on the subject to help anyone else thinking of starting a group.

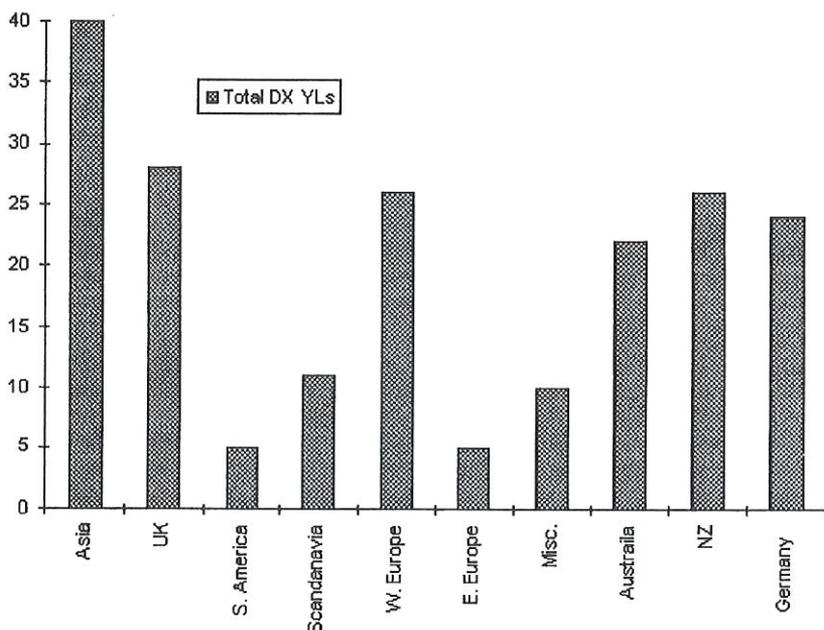
Now I know I promised in my last article to list the different YL clubs that are out there, but I will have to hold off on that until the next issue. Since dues were due March 1st, I would like to concentrate this article on that issue. Being the scientist that I am, I love working with graphs and analyzing things, so I have created a graph which shows where our members are all over the US and the world. The first graph covers, Canada, the 10 US call districts and combines Alaska, Hawaii, VI, along with our subscribers. The taller column shows the total number of members from that area and the shorter column next to it shows the number of members who have renewed as of March 1. I arrived at the number for the taller graph just by adding the YLs from each call district that were listed in the Sept/Oct 1997 issue of YLH. For the number of renewals, I received this information from our receiving treasurers and I would like to thank them for getting this info to me.

In the lead is call area #1 with 51% of their members renewing. Call area #9 is in 2nd place with 46% renewals and call area #8 (my home QTH, yes!)



is in 3rd place with 40% renewals. I will update you on this again next issue, so the more people who get their dues in, the better will be your standing next time.

I was not able to get this type of information for the DX YLs for this month's article, so instead I created a graph which showed the countries our DX YLs come from. We have the most DX YLs from Asia with 35 of them coming from Japan. Western Europe, comprised of eight different countries, has 25 YLs, while the UK has more than that combined—28 YLs. Australia, NZ and Germany each have over 20 YLs and the remaining countries vary from about five to ten YLs.



For those who haven't sent your dues in, please be sure to send them to the receiving treasurer (RT) based on where you LIVE and not based on your call. For example, I have a 4 call (KC4IYD) but I live in 8-Land (Ohio) so my dues goes to the RT for call area 8. For those of you who have DX YLs, dues for the DX YLs go to the DX RT. So if you are renewing for yourself and your DX YL, you have to send your checks to 2 different people. If you have already sent in your dues and have not followed these directions, do not worry—we have corrected it for you but it may cause a delay in either you or your DX YL receiving YLH. Check the inside cover of the YLH to find out who is your RT and your DX RT. Also, be sure to include your callsign on your check. If

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Remembering The OWs Of Early Ham Radio

Donna L. Halper

When we look back on the history of Amateur Radio, certain names come up immediately: Hiram P. Maxim and Clarence Tuska, the founders of the ARRL; "America's Number 1 Ham", Irving Vermilya (and many CQ readers undoubtedly made contact with W1ZE during his long and illustrious career); the great inventor Edwin Howard Armstrong; and of course, Guglielmo Marconi himself. But there were some other pioneers who have seldom gotten the credit they deserve—a small number of women who entered the game at a time when few in society thought they were capable. These women learnt Morse code, built (and sometimes won awards for) their own receivers, and surprised many people who believed radio was a man's hobby. And while most were not inventors, their presence in the family of amateur radio made a positive impact, and inspired other women to follow in their footsteps.

Unfortunately, telling their stories has sometimes been a challenge, as Louisa B. Sando (W5RZJ) found out when she began researching her excellent book "CQ-YL". Although women amateurs absolutely did exist even in the earliest days, they frequently operated stations run by their father or brother or husband, and did not have call letters in their own name. In QST's April 1923 issue, for example, it mentioned that Lillian Hume was an amateur who worked from her brother's station, 9DTI; however, that station was only listed in his name—George Hume. Further, some women who did have a station in their name

subsequently got married and moved to a new city, leaving no information about what their new name was. (And while I am sure most men were very understanding about their wife's hobby, several of the women I interviewed about those 'good old days' told me that when they married, their hus-

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band discouraged them from continuing on with ham radio—supposedly this was not a properly feminine activity for a wife and mother... How times have changed!!!)

Like Ms. Sando, I too encountered the problem of not finding the names of women amateurs: I noticed in my research that some of the younger women who grew up in the late 'teens and early 1920s made use of school stations—but the call books of that time did not list the members of school or

club stations by name. So, unless a young woman was written about somewhere else, there was no way for me to find out who she was, or how many clubs had women participants. I might never have known that 8ME, a high school station in Beaver PA, was where a certain 15 year old named Rena Jane Frew got her start, nor would I have encountered the name of Bertha Hilton, who worked out of the Chester PA Radio Association station, 3ZO, had they not been mentioned in "Popular Radio" and "Radio Digest" as part of articles about the clubs they belonged to.

This lack of information about women is understandable when you consider that compared to their male counterparts, their numbers were small, and many did not know how to—or perhaps they preferred not to—get publicity for themselves. Also, nearly every ham radio columnist back then was male, as were most of the officers of ham radio clubs; since it was usually a club's officers who sent information and pictures to the media, the vast majority of the amateur news was by and about the men of ham radio. Anyone reading the publications from those days could easily have gotten the impression that ham radio was an exclusively male preserve. But as Paul Harvey would say, now you are going to hear "the rest of the story".

Society's attitude about women has certainly shifted since the days when Marconi barred a highly qualified and experienced marine operator, Mabelle Kelso, from working aboard any of his ships just because she was female. Technology has certainly changed too—how many of you have seen (or heard!) those incredibly noisy spark sets the early hams operated? And then, there are the changes in terminology—back in the late 'teens and early 20s, radio was called "wireless" or "radio-telephone", and broadcasting was often called "sending". Some columnists referred to ham radio as "citizen wireless", and a female ham of any age was not a YL but an "OW" (just as a male of any age was called an OM). That leads me to discuss one of the best known women pioneers, who was dubbed by the writers "the OW of 1XE". Her name was Eunice Randall (later, Eunice Randall Thompson), and at the age of 19, she was broadcasting on a Boston area commercial station owned

by AMRAD, a company which made receivers and various types of ham equipment. The year was 1920, and she was perhaps the first woman announcer/engineer in radio anywhere—she was certainly the first in New England. Eunice had come to radio by accident, having been



Eunice Randall at the 1922 New York Radio Show.

raised on a farm and intending to go to art school. But needing extra money, she got a job in AMRAD's factory, where she was introduced to the growing wireless industry. It wasn't long before she was deeply involved with both commercial and amateur radio. To my knowledge, she had no role models for any of this—I have had the privilege of meeting several of her relatives, and as far as they recall, none of the Randalls was a "radio bug". Yet, Eunice soon learned how to build her own station—which was called ER, and was operated by remote control; her parents' farm did not have electricity, but her brother's mill did. Eunice put up her own antenna (I saw the remnants of it—it was hit by lightning a number of years ago, but a portion of it still stands, 75 years later, on a dirt road, near her childhood home in Mattapoissett, Mass.), and she made a very fortuitous CW contact with a man who became her mentor and life-long friend—Irving Vermilya, a highly respected ham with strong ties to the ARRL. He encouraged her involvement with ham radio, even going so far as to write a very positive article about her in QST (CQ did not exist in 1921!). Eunice took courses and worked hard, improved her code skills, and got her first class license, as 1CDP. In the early 1920s, her announcing for 1XE (which was re-named WGI in February of 1922) won her fans all over the United States, and her technical skills (she was a draftsman and an engineer) gradually earned her the respect of her colleagues at AMRAD. She demonstrated AMRAD equipment at ARRL conventions (the only woman to do so), and her voice was used on a Dictaphone disk that was played at the conventions she could not attend. From 1921 through 1923, Eunice Randall was the Story Lady, reading bedtime stories to the kids; she also sent out code practice and read the police reports. And of course, she was a visible presence at radio shows and hamfests.

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Had AMRAD not run into financial problems that ultimately took WGI off the air in mid-1925, she might have continued on in professional radio, but instead, she ended up working as one of the few women engineers at the New England Power Company, while remaining very actively involved as a ham—her call letters became W1MPP in 1938. For those who collect back issues of CQ, in April of 1948, she was named YL of the Month... Later that year, Eunice married Ken Thompson (W1PS), also a devoted ham, and after they both had retired, they divided their time between homes in Maine and Florida. But since this is a story about the early years, I will save for another time some of the stories of Eunice's achievements in her later years—during World War II, for example, she was active in the WERS, and some of you may recall those famous foot-sending contests she and Irving Vermilya used to put on at hamfests. To this day, friends and relatives tell me they still miss her.



Edith Rotch, W1ZR. U.S. Army photo from "CQ-YL".

Another pioneer OW was Edith Rotch, a District One colleague of both Eunice and Irving. Though Edith was a few years older than Eunice, both women were very much ahead of their time. Like Eunice, Edith had never planned to get involved with radio. After graduating from college with highest honors, she distinguished herself in an area that was unusual for women in the early 1900s—athletics. She won several trophies in ice skating, and she and Hazel Wightman earned the National Women's Doubles tennis championship in 1909. But it was World War 1 that helped her

to discover radio—the military was training women to be radio operators, thus freeing men for combat. A number of women who wanted to serve their country took this training, and Edith was among them. She too fell in love with radio, and while she never did get into the commercial side, she became a fan of the amateur game. Her proficiency earned her the position of radio inspector for the Signal Corps, and when the war ended, by 1919 she had her ham call letters—1RO. (Later, she would be 1ZR.) She was so expert at code that when the first Boston Radio Show took place in 1922, it was she, along with District One Radio Inspector Charles Kolster (1RI), who judged the code-sending events. Edith was also an examiner for the old Postal Telegraph Company, known for her high speed sending, and in her spare time, she was a member of the Greater Boston Spark Coil Club. Like Eunice, Edith Rotch was also active in ham radio throughout her entire life. At some future point, I want to tell you more about the many contributions this popular OW made to the hobby she loved, but she certainly proved that neither one's gender nor one's age (she was still involved with amateur radio well into her 80's), has to be a barrier in ham radio.

To be continued in May/June 1998 issue of YLH.

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To read more about these YLs, see Chapter Eight "LONG-TIME YLs—1915-1925" in CQ YL.

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1999 Convention Update

Martha Barron, KA6TYO

The convention committee had their third meeting in January. We feel we are making progress on the plans to make the 1999 Convention a memorable one. How fitting to hold it on the "greatest YL of them all, the Queen Mary." Response to the survey as published in the Nov/Dec Harmonics has been very good. Out of 75 received, forty-six have said yes, definitely, some still unknown. Many are going to bring their OMs so we are planning things for them to do. At this writing I have only received two from outside of the country, so I'm hoping for more.

If possible, hold your questions to see if they are answered by the regular updates in *Harmonics*. Room rates were published in the November/December issue of *Harmonics*. The meals are tentatively priced at \$22 for Saturday lunch, \$35 for Saturday banquet and \$15 for Sunday breakfast. Registration will be about \$15 which will include a keepsake pin or a badge.

There are four places to eat on the Queen, from fine dining to deli/bakery and snack bars. Also there is a free runabout bus that runs every 20 minutes and stops at various restaurants and points of interest. A guided trip to a restaurant is being planned for Thursday or Friday night, maybe both.

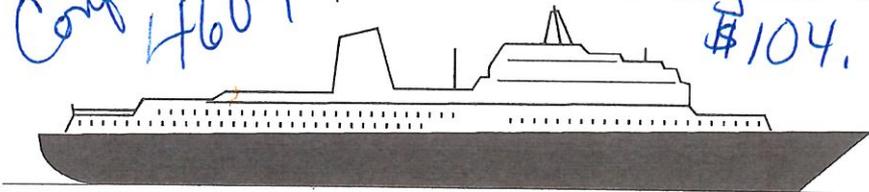
Although I feel it is pretty early to make reservations, I have had inquiries as to how to do so. You must make your own by calling (800) 437-2934 or, locally (562) 432-6964. To get the special rate you must tell them you are with the YLRL Convention, July 30, 31st and August 1st, '99. Rates are good for two days before and two days after. Or you may write, Hotel Queen Mary, Attn. Reservations, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, Ca. 90802-6390. Have a credit card number for one night's room deposit. You must also give name of anyone sharing a room with you, and only one of you should call. Please indicate any special needs, such as wheelchair accessible room.

For those of you driving in, parking is \$5 per day. RV parking is \$7. We were told one could stay in the RV, but it might be "don't ask, don't tell", policy. More on this later.

Don't forget to send in your completed surveys.
33, Martha Barron KA6TYO

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| Beverly Jean Welker, W7HPT | 40 | Ruth Rickett, W8LGY | 45 |
| Miriam F. Yelch, K9ILK | 40 | | |

The following received certificates for 50 years of continuous membership:
Vada Gipson, W6CEE and Edith Caldwell, W7LIZ

YLRL On The World Wide Web

If you haven't visited YLRL's website recently, it's moved... Its URL is

<http://home.earthlink.net/~thedunns/ylrl/>

As I write this, the old site, which has only a link to the new, is still operational, but since I cancelled the account some two weeks ago, it is hard to say how long it will be available.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, there will be some changes to the website. Most importantly, I am in the process of putting up an application for new members to be able to print and use, something that wasn't permitted at the old url. It is probably the number one suggestion that I have received e-mail about. I have nearly completed redesigning the basic page and should have that up soon, although the page content will not change appreciably, with the exception of the addition of other pages—the upcoming 1999 YLRL Convention, YL Nets, links, and supplies.

I must say how delighted I am with the count of visitors I've seen at the new site. We have achieved in one month much more than what we had at the old site in four months. I suspect that part of this was due to ARRL mentioning us in *The ARRL Letter* (Vol 17, No 6). You could have knocked me over with a feather! (Diane, did you have anything to do with this?)

YL CONTEST CORNER

Vice President Cleo Bracket, K0JFO

YL Anniversary Party Results Update

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD writes that there is a correction to the results to the YL Anniversary Party. Due to a misreading of the date format for the CW portion, DL2FCA should be listed as the first place winner and GM4YMM's result should have been listed in the SSB portion of the contest.

Meet The Novices & Technicians Day Results

This year we had two entries who exchanged contacts with each other, resulting in a tie!! Both YLs are Extra class operators. They were:

| <u>Operator</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Fay Jacobson, N9FA | 1 |
| Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD | 1 |

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you can include an SASE, that would also make it easier on the RTs who send out the membership cards.

The YL-OM phone contest appeared to be have a very good amount of participation. I hope you all have sent your logs (no matter how small) to Cleo, K0JFO. I've forwarded those I received to her. I know that some of you were very disappointed to see it occur on the same weekend as the ARRL CW DX contest. For the last 3 years, we have held this contest the last weekend in February, while the ARRL CW DX contest occurred on the second weekend of February. Unfortunately, this year the ARRL CW DX contest also occurred during the last weekend in Feb. Cleo will be looking into this and if this is a permanent change, the YL-OM CW contest may end up being moving to Thursday-Saturday.

Well that is all for now. Again, I would like to thank those of you who renewed or brought in new members. I recently sponsored two new YLs and would like to say welcome to YLRL to them and to all the new members who have joined us this year. 33, 76 de Nancy, KC4IYD

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Arline Berry, W1LIO

Christie Aponte, WP4MTI is an 11 year old YL from Puerto Rico. Her mom Laura, WP4MSO and her grandfather Earle Blizzard, OZ1LHH originally hail from the New England area and are well known to the 146.640 repeater community.

Four years ago, Christie, her mom and dad were injured in a horrible car accident. Although her parents escaped with broken bones. Christie was nearly killed. Her condition was so perilous that she was airlifted to Boston Children's Hospital for surgery. She is confined to a wheelchair. Doctors are unsure whether she will ever walk again. She has had 13 operations to date.

During her initial visit to Boston, Kathy Pate, KA1IYR and Dave Crocker, W1TMO befriended her and did an admirable job of making her feel welcome in a strange city far from home. During this first visit, despite all the stress and distractions associated with her medical rehabilitation, she passed her novice license and began working on a technician class upgrade. She attempted the technician exam with one of the Boston-area ham clubs, but missed her goal by a couple of questions.

If all of these problems weren't enough, a number of other events added to her already heavy burden. Her three closest friends in this country, her grandfather, Dave, W1TMO, and Kathy, KA1IYR, all passed away within a short period of time. Her favorite dog that had stood by her side during her first rehab period, died while she was undergoing further surgery. Finally, the family home was burglarized while her mom and dad were visiting her at Children's. The thieves stole all of the radio equipment that she had inherited from her grandfather. This took Christy off the air and isolated her from all of her radio friends.

This past December, Christy was back at Children's for painful spinal surgery and remained in the hospital over the Holidays. In spite of all this adversity, she still has a great attitude and is dedicated to getting well again.

In early January 1998, Christy was interviewed by Channel 7 evening news. Unbeknownst to Christy, on the same date, the Waltham and the Boston ARA threw a surprise party for her at the Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge. Santa came and told Christy that he could not deliver her gifts because she was not home. With donations from all over the world, the two clubs were able to replace the stolen equipment. The money left over will be used to start a scholarship fund for Christy's education.



The family will return to Boston in March and during the summer for Christy's further surgeries. She hopes to upgrade her license during her next visit. She is a Girl Scout and has earned her "Girl Scout and Ham Radio" patch.

(Christy and her mother are new YLRL members, sponsored by Arline.)

1998 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's That Time Again!!

Dues were due and payable March 1. If you haven't already renewed your membership, won't you please take a moment and do so now? The renewal form is on the next page. The DX YL renewal form is at the bottom of this page. If you have moved recently or changed your call sign, please make a note of this when you renew. **Our Constitution, By-Laws and Procedure Policy state that only one year's dues can be paid at a time.** (Dues for new and reinstated members joining in the second half of the year are pro-rated by half. See inside the front cover for details.)

Donations to the scholarship fund
may also be included with your dues check.

Have YOU renewed?
If not, this is your last issue of Harmonics!

1998 YLRL DX YL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please use this form if you are a DX YL paying your own dues or if you sponsor a DX YL. Make check (U.S. only) or International Postal Money Order (in U.S. Funds) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. A separate form is needed for each DX YL renewal.

Check one: Paying your own dues
 New
 Same adoptee/sponsor as last year

DX YL's Name _____ Call _____

DX YL'S Address _____

Province/District _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Call _____

Sponsor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check one: \$16.00 for Air Mail \$2.00 for family member
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Send to: Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH; 17630 Point Comfort Lane; Webster TX 77598-3223; USA

1998 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call: _____ Recent Prior Call: _____

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What ham activities do you enjoy &/or participate in? Include nets, modes, contests, clubs or ? _____

DOB: _____ Anniversary: _____ OM, Call: _____

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Other Hams in Family: _____

Occupation: _____

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Make your check (US only) or International Postal Money Order (in US funds) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., and send to the Receiving Treasurer for your District.

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Districts 8-10, KH6, KL7, VE: Carol Schmitkons, KB8VYB; 43530 Middle Ridge Rd; Lorain OH 44053-3902

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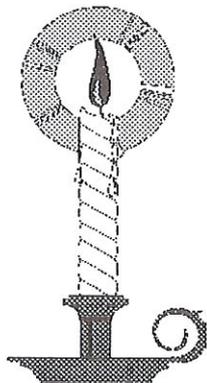
DX Renewal Reminder

If you are sending dues in for a DX YL, please make sure they go to our DX Receiving Treasurer Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH. Send your own dues to the Receiving Treasurer for your district. Do not send them together to one or the other. :)

William van de Kamp, WYCKV, SK

Elizabeth James, KA6NZK

In November of last year, William van de Kamp, W6CKV, husband of Jackie van de Kamp, W6YKU, became a Silent Key. She called him Van, most of his friends knew him as Willie, but all of us knew him as one of the really great ham radio operators—knowledgeable, very active, and always willing to spend his time without stint to introduce others to Amateur Radio.



Early in their marriage, Jackie realized that their lives together would be richer if she shared the hobby he love, so she got her license and became very active on the air and in YLRL as well. Over the years, she held many of the offices in YLRL, attended most of the conventions and was a great booster for the organization. Often, Willie was at her side at these times. I'm sure many members in our organization would want to know that he has gone, and would share her loss.

Errata . . .

Remembering Field Day '97, *YLH*, Nov/Dec 1997, page 17, top: Debbie Hiraki, KB7QMQ was mistakenly reported as being in charge of the 10 meter station. Actually, it was her high school daughter Missy, KB7SDC who handled it. Way to go, Missy!

Recently, I purchased a new ergonomic style keyboard. Unfortunately, the '6' was on the left hand instead of the right, and though I struggled with it, several of you fell victim to it, most notably Mady Langdon, KP3YL/W6 and Jeri Haines, KB6USX. My apologies to you and anybody else who was singed. I have since obtained a similar keyboard, but with the '6' on the right Now if it would only proofread for me!!



WOMEN IN AMATEUR RADIO

PART FOUR

Linda Reeder, N7HVF

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

Anne Wright, N6BOP from Pomona CA makes hats, shirts and mugs for Hams with their names and call signs on them.

Anne Wright, N6BOP: "My husband died in 1981 and I had a motorhome and wanted to do something with it. In 1982, a friend suggested that I make hats so I started in making hats, t-shirts and cups and putting call signs and names on them for Amateurs. I did it strictly for Amateur Radio. I started going to ham fests, to conventions, to swap meets—strictly ham stuff. That's how I got going. I've had a lot of fun especially since I go to all the conventions here on the west coast and to a lot of swap meets and a lot of ham fests."

"I've had my license a total of 30 years. I started off as WA6MHW. In 1978 I let it expire just a little bit too long, so I got a new license, N6BOP, which I have enjoyed ever since. I have had my ad in Worldradio and I have had people come from all different parts of the world to visit me when they come to the states. Between talking to them on the air and them responding to my ads, I've met so many people. Now I just continue to enjoy it more and more."

Cindy Peters, KB7OUT is from Salt Lake City and is the editor of our club newsletter.

"The neatest thing about Amateur Radio is the spirit of adventure and getting involved."

Cindy Peters, KB7OUT: "I am on the UARC board, I'm the editor of the *MicroVolt* and I'm the past president of the '94 hamfest, so I'm still on the committee for one more year. I help with Sunday night net, with other club information as well, and I seem to be the editor in charge of keeping the script. We're updating the script right now."

"I think there's a spirit of adventure that seems to go into every aspect—whether it's helping out at the Wasach 100s or hanging out in the parade or even just listening in as other people do some of the activities. There's always people there who want to do something. They're not content to sit back and let the world go by. They want to be a part of it and get involved a little bit. The neatest thing about Amateur Radio is the spirit of adventure and getting involved."

There are even young women in the hobby.

Cathy Gilawend, KB0SCU: "My name is Cathy Gilawend, I'm 17 years old. My call is KB0SCU. I got involved in Amateur Radio by my dad. I got my novice license when I was 12. I got my technician when I was 13. So far, for Amateur Radio, I've just been going to the local middle school and giving presentations to the sixth graders and then closer to the end of that same year, I go back and speak at hobby and career day. I know that younger girls than me have their extra at like six and seven years old, and maybe younger—I don't know."

"Any woman that's interested in meeting a lot of nice people across the country and are interested in radio, become an Amateur Radio operator. It's great!"

"I find that the friends you make through Ham radio seem to be the best friends in the world. They're just wonderful, wonderful people."

"I think it's a fabulous hobby, no matter what your age is. I believe there's something in the hobby for everybody. It has led to very exciting adventures and experiences on my part. I've gotten to go to the Pentagon, to West Point Military Academy, to the Johnson Space Center, all via invitations from the Ham Radio people that I've met. I think it opens up extraordinary worlds for the open minded person. Most of all, it's fun. It's an interesting way to meet people and to learn about the world around us. I can't think of a hobby that has quite that much to offer, plus the challenge of technical expertise, if that's where your tendencies are. There's so much in the hobby."

"We've all got an area we can contribute, whether it's being brilliant technically or being a good supporting cast member. It's worthwhile."

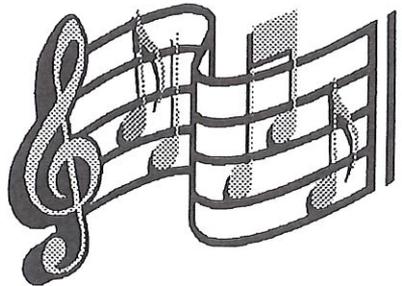
As stated by these women, Amateur Radio is a diverse hobby. It is a fantastic way of making contacts and making friends.

The other day, while at my shack,
I called CQ, no one came back.

And so I tried my favorite net,
But no check-ins did I get.

I tried the code, it was the pits.
There were no dahs, there were no dits.

And to my shame and my chagrin
I saw the rig was not plugged in!



Those were the words of Maureen Pranghofer, KF0I from Golden Valley MN.

Women In Amateur Radio was produced by Linda Reeder, N7HVF in Salt Lake City Utah. Technical assistance was provided by Michael Thurman, KB7NLA.



Well, so far we have had a most unusual winter, as has most of the US. The major ice storm that swept across northern New England in January seriously affected a number of YLs, especially in Maine.

Marion - KA2ZKM and OM Joe were without commercial power for 15 days! Fortunately, when they retired from western NY to their summer home in Maine, they planned their renovations well. The key ingredient to their comfort, and contact with the outside world, was their generator. It kept them warm, kept and cooked their food, and kept their radios running. Marion checked into the nets faithfully during the ordeal and kept everyone posted on their situation.

Dot - W1TGY and OM Phil spent 4 nights in the last available room at the local Comfort Inn. The first morning's continental breakfast was excellent, but then they ran out of bread and pastries. They feel fortunate to only have lost their 75m antenna and some frozen food. Many families had a much more difficult time.

Linda - KK1C (KA1BMO) wrote from Vermont that she was net control for Skywam and then for the Red Cross on the 146.61 repeater in Burlington. They coordinated for the rest of the state, especially the Champlain Islands, which were very hard hit by the storm.

Marge - N1VCX sent me a little note. She is a fairly new member from Weymouth, MA. She recently returned from a trip to Belgium where she had a wonderful time. Her hobbies are packet radio, crocheting, gardening and bird watching. She has 4 children and 9 grandchildren and, sadly, became a widow last June.

Barb - WB1EHS wrote to give me her new email address (jabamur@downeast.net) and to tell about the many birds that they have been able to see this winter. She feels that the count is lower, probably due to the ice storm. They had a visit from a Pileated Woodpecker who landed at eye-level outside the kitchen window - a beautiful treat.

Dot - KA1LDS just shipped me a beautiful new YLRL Banner that she made. She makes banners to order and does an excellent job. Now I-land has its own banner for use at hamfests and meetings. If you want to borrow it, contact me ahead of time so I can ship it to you. The day that she sent it they had 9 inches of new snow and high winds.

Dawn - K1TQY, Roberta - N1YTW, and Roberta's son Gregory - N1XZE were recently honored with commendations from Gov. Jeanne Shaheen of N.H. for their "outstanding act of heroism" in saving the lives of three hikers in November. The hikers were lost in the evening, on Mount Monadnock, in snow. One hiker carried a radio, and through the Keene repeater, his call for help was heard. Sincere congratulations to all three for demonstrating the

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No doubt you all know the feeling of arriving home from vacation and finding yourself bogged down with heaps of dirty wash and greeted with piles of mail. Needless to say, the majority of the mail was the old reliable 'junk mail.' However, our vacation to Florida was really everything we hoped it would be. By the way, we did get to see 'Mickey' one day at the Magic Kingdom. We left there worn out after a long day of long lines everywhere. We also spent time in Ft. Pierce with a group of our 'Rooster' friends. Carol-AD1P was also there with us. She is doing fine, keeping busy with her computer, designing cards. She is also still out there on the golf course whenever the weather permits. Carol sends her regards to all her YLRL friends.

We traveled on to Lakeland to visit Marge-WB3JUT and her OM Gerry., Marge is still recovering from heart surgery, but doing fine, as she can now go out and walk alone. We were there with Marge and Gerry right smack in the middle of the tornado area. We did have really loud thunder, lightening, pouring rain and howling wind. It was really scary being in a tornado area. Our prayers certainly go out to all who lost family members and loved ones, or homes.

I heard that Bgetty-W2PVS was also in Florida. She attended the hamfest in Miami, where she met Blanche-W4GZX and Mary Helen.

As I mentioned, we had mail when we got back from vacation, but not much from you gals in 2-Land. Of course, Lia-WA2MFY always comes through with news. According to Lia, the big event, the YL/OM contest, was better than ever, with more OM participation. She made contacts from up north in Newfoundland to Honduras in the south, and all through Europe! Her OM Lee is still working on the car radio, and she can't wait to get back in touch with all the boys! HI HI!

We couldn't agree with Lia more as she extends thanks to Marti-N6XDS (now W7AYL) for doing a great job as our 1996/1997 President. She offers continued support to Nancy-KC4IYD, our President, who will also be a perfect leader.

I received e-mail from Minerva-WB2JNL who, along with Miriam-AA2DX, has decided to get a 40 meter net going on Friday mornings. The time is 8:30 and the frequency is 7.245. So tune up, ladies, give a listen, and join in!

Saturday morning at 9:00 Roberta-KA2AFL is still holding down the fort on 3.945. Vera-WA1JYO is a steady checker-in-er, along with Minerva and Lia. Come on, gals—Roberta would love to hear from you, so check in and enjoy the net.

Remember—it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. Bye now. 33, Myrtle-N2AKC



Here it is March already and time for another article! Spring birds and buds are beginning to appear in between snow showers. Had 12 inches of snow last week which was gone in two days and we are expecting another snow fall over the next few days. Between that crazy groundhog in Punxsutawney and El Nino, what a mild and crazy winter we've been having!

I had the good fortune to go to Coppell, TX for several weeks in February to visit with my daughter's family and new grandson. Had a grand and glorious time and am having "grandbaby withdrawal symptoms" the major symptom being wanting to call DX on the telephone 2-3 times a day!

Received the following news from Kay Craige WT3P, ARRL Atlantic Division Director: "My OM Carter N3AO and I enjoyed a Florida vacation in February that just happened to coincide with the Miami Tropical Hamboree. Evelyn Gauzens W4WYR and her many volunteer helpers put on a great hamfest that is a wonderful excuse to go to Florida in February ... as if anybody needed one!

I'm going to be busier than ever with ARRL work this year. I was re-elected by my fellow Directors to serve on the Executive Committee. In addition to that, President Stafford appointed me to chair the 1998 Election Committee and to serve on the Enforcement Task Force. The Election Committee monitors the administration of the year's ARRL elections. The Enforcement Task Force is seeking ways to improve FCC enforcement of the rules. This is all on top of the usual round of hamfests and club meetings!

Kay WT3P writes, "I hope all YLs will stop by the ARRL booth for a handshake when they see me at a hamfest. I also hope they'll be active in their local radio clubs (maybe run for office) and in the ARRL Field Organization. The best way to feel included is to GET INVOLVED! Ham radio needs the leadership skills that YLs possess. It does not matter what your license class is or how long you have been licensed. Go for it! 73 / 33" Thanks for the news, Kay.

Lois WB3EFQ visited Ruthanna WB3CQN recently and reports that her new house is beautiful and her ham shack is "to die for"! Ruthanna is very active in her local WAVE organization and will be president this coming year. While in York Haven, Lois also contacted Mary Ann WA3HUP and heard her computer "tales of woe"! I think a lot of us can sympathize with her.

Lois was excited that she worked a new country - Libya - and a YL to boot! The bands are opening up so there will be a lot more opportunity to contact that rare station.

Make sure you have stamped 4X7 envelopes on file with your call area bureau for incoming QSL cards. Extra postage on the envelopes won't hurt.

Hope to be able to pass along more news next time. 'Til then, 33/73 de Barb, KA3VXR



Hi ladies and gents! Hope all is well at your place. Scott, the kids, and I are fine. They send howdy to all.

If you are like us, you're looking forward to springtime and all its splendor. I saw some robins in the yard earlier, so, spring isn't too far off. I can hardly wait to get out in the yard and work in the garden, getting it ready for an abundance of tomatoes (look out 'mater sandwich!), bushels of butterbeans, peas, corn, okra, and other mouthwatering veggies. Until I can get outside in the garden, I stay busy inside with the usual Household Executive duties. I'm sure you know how long that list is! HI HI! Also, from here, I've been working on piecing some quilt blocks. I'm using the pattern "Grandma's Star". It makes a 12-inch block and I'll need 48 for a quilt top. I only need 43 more blocks! During the evenings, I've had the opportunity to go outside with my telescope and do some star-gazing. Absolutely spectacular! Back during the fall, I was able to see Saturn and four of its moons.

So what's new with you? I must admit, my mailbox is a tad under the weather. The reason? It needs a healthy, helping dose of letters from you. It needs to hear what you're up to. What YL activities are going on in your area? Are you planning a garden with a new variety of veggie or flower? Have you found a neat new craft project?

I was looking through our directory issue a bit ago, and I counted some ninety-plus YLs in District 4. I am in the process of e-mailing, snail-mailing, and/or sending a piece of formal written traffic to our District 4 YLs. If you have a new e-mail, and/or, a new regular mailing address, please drop me a line to let me know so I will have it on hand, okay?

Did you work the YL-OM contest in February? This was the first time I had, and it was loads of fun. April 18-19, 1998 will be the Birmingham Hamfest in Birmingham AL. It will be held at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center. Please make plans to attend as this will be the Southeastern Division Convention. And by all means, be sure to stop by the YLRL table!! I'll be glad for you to stop by and visit. We can sit awhile, rest our "tootsies" and visit.

I'd like to say a hello to the ladies on the TYLRUN Net on 3942 on Thursday mornings. I enjoy checking into the Net when band conditions are favorable. Hi ladies! For Mary KL7P, hope the remodeling job is going okay!

Well, that's about it from here in Vincent, Al. for now. 'Til next issue, I bid you a fond 33 and from our family, Happy Easter to all!!
33 de Roseann-N4ZNO



March has come roaring in like the proverbial lion, windy and cold. At least it is not raining and storming like on both coasts. We really feel for all the weather related tragedies. Some of those things are incomprehensible.

Hamfest season is upon us. The Green Country Hamfest is at Tulsa Convention Center March 13-14, and I imagine many more will be following in close succession. All you 5-Land gals let me know what is happening in your area.

I received a message that Pat-KC5SNB had a bad stroke on September 8. She is partially paralyzed but improving, according to her OM C.J.-AC5NG. I know Pat would appreciate some cheery "get well" cards. They live in Livingston, Louisiana.

Sincere condolences go to Jane-WB5NLM, whose OM August-WA5BTO, became a Silent Key on January 1. He was affectionately known as "Pop Huge" by the members of the Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Klub and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy also goes to the family of Mary Jo-K5DJS, who passed away on February 12. She also was a member of GAYLARK and is survived by two sons, a sister and a brother.

On a happier note Burnette-K5JGC, and her OM T.P.-K5EYN, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 20 at a gala celebration at the Houston Engineering and Scientific Society, surrounded by their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Congratulations to them! T.P. and son Thomas worked together for 4 1/2 years on a Ultravia Pelican Airplane. It was built from a kit in the garage of the son's home. A test pilot was commissioned to take it on its maiden flight in September. Thomas flew it solo the following month. Burnette asks how many father-son combinations can be privileged and fortunate enough to work together compatibly that long on a favorite hobby?! I can only say, "Wow! What an accomplishment!"

I heard from Kay-KB5VJR, that she and Marie-KC5HKB, are interested in starting a YL Net and/or club in the Oklahoma City area, or possibly in the state. She asks that any YL interested contact her. She is open to any suggestions. Kay's packet address is kb5vjr@k2gkk.#okc.ok.usa.noam. E-mail is kb5vjr@juno.com. Good luck!

We welcome our newest YLRL member from the Heart of Texas. She is Elaine Ault-KC5WQE. Elaine is very active with the YL Net on 2 meters. She makes sure there is an NCS for each week. If someone can't make it, she is there to fill in. Elaine works full time for a large mortgage company in Waco. Her OM is Ronnie-KC5PIE. Elaine and Linda-KC5KNJ, have both started helping with ARES/RACES Nets. Alma-AB5BA, really appreciates having other YLs that can operate as Net Control. Alma's OM Jim is preparing for

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Hello from District Six, from LARA and LYRC of LA. (I haven't heard from anyone else thus far. PLEASE, ladies, send me some news!)

CONGRATULATIONS to Vi Barrett, W6CBA who, on February 14 celebrated her 50th anniversary in Amateur Radio. You remember Vi—she was Sixth District Chairwoman for the last two years. She has so many awards for her contributions to our hobby that we would need a whole book to list them! HI HI! Her most recent was being voted President of QCWA Chapter 7 for 1998-1999. On February 24, she was guest speaker at the Buena Park ARC meeting and spoke about them.

Martha Barron, KA6TYO reports that we're getting wonderful responses for our 60th Anniversary Convention aboard the Queen Mary in 1999. She is chairwoman for the upcoming event. She has received over 75 responses already, including some from overseas. She has some top-notch speakers set up for the YL forum and promises some surprises in the months to come. As you know, YLCR of LA will be hosting the hospitality room and will be working with LARA to host the convention.

YLRC of LA had their annual YL/OM luncheon on February 21 at Coco's Restaurant in Arcadia CA. A good time was had by all. Martha Edwards, W6QYL and her OM traveled approximately two hours from Twentynine Palms CA to attend. Another YL, Val Von Holt, KH6QI/7 arrived late because of her long drive from Pahrump NV. It was nice seeing her again. It was the first time Irma, K6KCI had seen her since the YLRL Convention in Kauai HI in 1989, which was chaired by Val for the 50th Anniversary of YLRL.

YLCR will meet again on April 18 at the home of President Midge, K6BUS in Calimesa CA. Members will provide the desserts while Midge plans the rest of the menu. It's always a meeting we look forward to.

We have two silent keys to report. Sadly, Jeanette DeLong, KD6GA lost her battle a few months ago, as did Maxine Reams, N6GGR, both long time members of YLRL.

I'm looking for your mail. My mailbox is lonely!! 33, Jeri, KB6USX

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back surgery (after the gardening season is over-hi!) First things first, you know!

I've been pretty distraught the last week. My niece had a massive cerebral hemorrhage, was on life support for three days and passed away. So sudden and unexpected.

Don't forget it's dues paying time-our 5th District dues go to another Doris, KJ7RF, not to me! So get them in soon. 33, Doris, K5BNQ



Spring is just around the corner and it's time to catch up on what's been happening in the 7th District since the beginning of the year.

From Barb-KC7KQI comes news of The Two Rivers YL Net: "Donna-K6DNG hosted the potluck luncheon at her house, complete with Christmas decorations. Those in attendance: Patsy Barmore-W7PAT, Marti Brutcher-W7AYL, Donna Deyoe-K6DNG, Sue Jepson-KC7ZHD, Barbara Mills-KC7KVT, Lucretia Stinson-KB7TSQ, and Barbara Yasson-KC7KQI. The main event was getting to meet Sue-KC7ZHD face-to-face, and re-acquainting ourselves with Marti and Patsy who have new call signs. Food was delightful as usual. We conducted only minimal business." They made plans for future activities and are continuing to collect items for the Women's Shelter, which particularly needs clothes for small children in addition to the usual items.

Phyllis-W2GLB, new editor of the Cactus Keys Key Notes, reports that the Cactus Keys have begun the new year with a new president: Ruby-W7JZA. They are looking forward to the Scottsdale Hamfest on March 14th, where they will have a table and a YL Luncheon.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net is making plans for March 7th when they will have a table at the Mike and Key ARC Electronics Show and Fleamarket. It's the one time when we have an opportunity for an eye ball. Each Monday evening whoever is Net Control must come up with a question for everyone to answer. Last Monday the question was, "If you were going on a DXpedition, where would you like to go?"

Audrey White-N7HAT, President of the MINOW Net, and her OM have just returned from a leisurely two months trip in their RV across the southern states to Florida and back. Ruth Bennett-WA7RVA had knee replacement surgery the end of January and we are pleased that it is healing well and she is back on the net! The Friday morning net has been meeting on 3.910 recently as there seems to be less QRM and interference from the foreign broadcast. Look for us there if you can't find us on 3.912. Our Monday evening net is doing better. We had eight check-ins one Monday during February. Conditions for the Tuesday morning (1800 UTC) 20 meter net have been rather poor lately but Lucie-WB6RFE does a great job of relaying. We welcome Melissa Flanagan-KK7AA of Nevada as a new member. Congratulations Melissa on your upgrade to Extra!

What has been happening in your life? Please let me know about upgrades and other activities.

Send your comments and information to me at:

E-mail – jean@halcyon.com

Packet – AB7PS@KB6LE.#WWA.WA.USA.NOAM

Snail mail – 7734 Nottingham Ct. SE. Olympia, WA 98503

33 Sara, AB7PS



Hello ladies! This is Nancy, KC4IYD and Carol Schmitkons, KB8VYB reporting for 8-Land YLs.

The Chix YL Club meeting will be at the QTH of May, N8MZJ on March 28th at 12noon. The Buckeye Belles Annual Meeting will be on April 26 at the Lennox Inn in Columbus. A continental breakfast will be served and lunch will consist of a choice of chicken or broiled cod. If you will be attending the meeting, send a check for \$18 to May, N8MZJ.

Receiving Treasurer Carol Schmitkons, KB8VYB informed me that several YLs from 8-Land did not list the Buckeye Belles in the YLRL affiliated section of their renewal form. She would like to invite these ladies, who might like to know more about what is going on in Ohio, to join the Belles or contact her for more info.

Nancy, KC4IYD would like to welcome the two new members she sponsored to YLRL—Nancy Jane, KC8DFO and her daughter Sarah, KC8FOK. Welcome to the other new District 8 members as well.

WHERE ARE YOU?

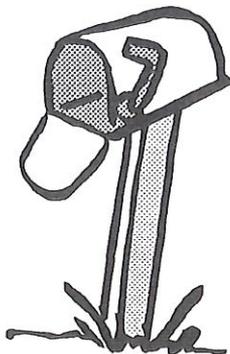
We've lost track of the following members. They are listed below with their last known addresses. If you know where they are, pass the information to our database manager Barbara Yasson, KC7KQI.

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It isn't spring yet, but it certainly feels like it. The crocus, daffodils, and tulips are already up. What a joy. I love this weather. On the other hand, my heart goes out to everyone who isn't being treated as well by El Nino. I see homes and properties sliding away with mud slides and floods or blown away by tornadoes. I can only imagine the horror that these people are feeling. I know that everyone's thoughts and prayers are with those who are devastated by these events.

I am now recovering from a bout with the current flu virus. This one wasn't covered by the flu shot. It was the thanks I got for caring for our granddaughter the week before when she was sick. At least I got to stay in bed for a week to rest up, right? You have to find some bright spots.

One of our radio club public service projects is working on the PBS telethon phone bank next month. I always like doing that. I know, it's just another excuse to talk.

I received a couple of nice letters since last issue. I truly appreciate them and now I will update you on YLs other than myself.

Barb-KD9DU says that she meets every Saturday on the ITN. Adah-W9RTH, and Ann-K9RXK are net control while regular net control, Fran-K9ILK, is wintering in Florida. Lou Ann-KA9NBK from central Indiana reports no snow (at the time of Barb's letter in January they had five inches). Donna-W8QOY is unable to check in because someone in the apartment building said she is getting into their VCR—a very unfortunate situation for Donna. I would love to join the ladies on Saturday morning, but we are experiencing radio problems here. We took a lighting hit last year and problems are still surfacing. It started in our computers, and it took out three transceivers and the rotor. The radios are up and running (almost) but Al has to find the time to get up on the tower and bring the rotor down. For the time being, we aren't on the air AT ALL!

I heard from Dot-N9ALG. They have had a busy and exciting time. One of her granddaughters was married during the Christmas holidays. Another granddaughter had a 16th birthday in January and she also had a visit from another granddaughter and her husband for a week. She also says that they are expecting two new grandchildren in April. That will be a total of 20 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren! She says that "writing the numbers makes me feel like 100. Otherwise I feel great." I can't imagine keeping track of that many grandchildren!

Thank you ladies for letting me know what is going on. This month's column was a joy to write. I hope that when we meet again in two months the weather will be wonderful for all YLs everywhere. 33, Carole-WB9RUS



I am finding out that ham radio is really a family hobby! Patty Phillips, formerly N0XVQ, upgraded to Advanced last year. Her new call is K10HF. Is that a neat call or what?!? Her 11 year old daughter has joined the family by passing her no-code tech. Allison's call is KC0AVX. Say "Hi" if you hear her on the radio. She can often be found talking to her mom or dad, K10AY. Great job Allison.

Patty also brought up another great possibility for hams. If you have time, find out what local clubs and classes you can speak at about our great hobby. We really need to get more YLs and Hamronics involved. Here's the way she fired up a few potential hams.

Patty has a son, CJ, in the second grade. His class was studying geography when she had a chance to speak with his teacher about talking to other "Hams" around the world. The teacher asked if she would make a presentation to the class and Patty accepted. She brought an HT, Bencher keyer, straight key, a headset/microphone, log sheet, test books and cards. Imagine holding the attention of a class of second graders for 1½ hours! They were a very interested audience.

They heard hams talking on the HT. At the beginning of the presentation very few of the kids new what Morse code was, but that soon changed. The class got to try out the straight key and the keyer. Patty also wrote out the alphabet on the blackboard with both phonetics and the Morse code equivalent. The class spelled out their names phonetically and also in Morse code. She also showed them some DX cards and they found the countries on a world map to show where the cards came from and where Patty had talked to. They learned a lot without realizing it and had a great time. Each child received a QSL card to take home.

Patty was later told by the teacher that the class had copied down the information on the board and talked about it for days. She also had some good feed back from parents of the students in that class. The kids came home and talked to their families about everything they had learned. Patty said this may even become a yearly occurrence when geography comes up. Not only did the class have fun, but we may even get a future ham or two out of it!

Patty added she had a great time participating in the Kansas QSO Party and was looking forward to the YL-OM contest. Maybe you heard her in there.

Thanks to everyone writing and e-mailing! The more information, the better. 73 & 33, Cheryl, N0WBV



Hello from Spring Time in Alaska. It seems so strange that we have the nice temperatures, though the wind and rains are still with us. At least the water runs down the hill into the bay and out to the ocean without all the problems you folks in the lower 49 are having. We had a basement full of water in the 1967 flood in Fairbanks, so know what problems you are facing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

CONGRATULATIONS! Hazel, AL7OT did studying this fall and passed her Extra Class license. She comments it is good for six years. Looked up my last renewal and it is for ten years. Another change? She and her OM spent six weeks helping her daughter and hubby in Gallup NM build a straw bale house. They got the outside done before winter set in and got home December 4. They are leaving February 27 for a month to help their youngest daughter who is having a third baby. So nice to have a Granny to help with the other two. They may be going back to the Congo next summer. They will let us know if they do so maybe we can make contact with them over there. Good luck with all your plans and journeys, Hazel.

Lil, NL7DL writes that Parka has a new member. Her name is Ethel Lynn, KL0EO. Her hubby and son are hams, too, and she is hoping to upgrade her tech-plus license. Parkas still meet on the second Saturday of the month at 11 AM at the various restaurants in Anchorage and Eagle River. I wish I was close enough to share, Lil. ARES is still active in Anchorage. Lil is Emergency Coordinator for the area. She is working with John Bury, KL7QZ whom I've known since he was a teacher in the bush many years ago. He is very active with the Red Cross. The city will hold its annual emergency drill on April 30 and Parka will be very much involved. Great gals! She and OM Rick, KL7YF plan to run some radio classes at the Red Cross, since they and the VA office have expressed the desire to see some of their people become hams. Sure hope it happens, Lil.

Thank you to AL7OT and NL7DL for your news!

Not much going on here. We did have snow all of ten days this winter, in early January. Our bay was iced for five days, but never thick enough to delay us if need be to get out. What a change from last year. Even the blueberry bush buds are starting to swell and show green, though it's not even the 1st of March yet! Crocus are up and the honeysuckle bush is green, much too early I think.

Happy Spring to All! 33, Betty, KL7FJW





Tess VE3HIR is walking around with a lighter cast now, than at the beginning. She suffered a broken ankle in February. Tess will be retiring from the Nursing profession at the end of this year.

Ann VE3HAI attended the St Catherine's Fleamarket iwith her OM Barc. She met quite a few YLs that belong to CLARA, and that was nice. She is busy with a volunteer job at the Etobicoke Community Care Access Centre.

Bobby Kelly VE7CBK became a Silent Key on Dec 4th, 1997. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bobby's family.

Vicki VE7DKS no longer has her own computer, so must depend upon OM Jim giving her time to use his!! Vicki is taking piano lessons and is thoroughly enjoying them.

Jeanne VA3WX always keeps very busy. She had her house decorated for Valentine's Day and invited seven ladies for dessert and coffee. Jeanne was net control for an hour on Valentine's Day for the TransProvincial net. Every year, on Valentine's Day, the Net is run by YLs, and the net goes from 8am until 5pm. Guides On the Air was February 21 and 22. Jeanne had eight Guide Groups in to participate at her QTH and it was lively.

Pauline VE3LQA has enjoyed the mild winter in the Near North, the temperature hasn't been below -10°F very often. Pauline keeps busy dealing with a retired husband, Eastern Star activities and anything else that pops up. She has a new engagement ring and a new family ring, these were replaced by the insurance company as the originals were stolen last summer during a break-in. The best part is that the rings are very similar to the original rings, after all these years!!

See you all next issue!! 33, Pauline,



Check out CLARA's
new website:

<http://www.durham.net/~mjeffery/clara/>



Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the YL-DX members and the DX sponsors for their timely membership renewals. I've had to do extensive updating of the DX membership database, but I think that I'm well on my way to having an accurate and useful database. I would also like to thank everyone for their patience during this prolonged transition period.

I would like to extend an invitation to all YLRL members to become YL-DX sponsors. The YL-DX members usually reciprocate with sponsoring you into their radio club/organization. Also, I would like to have all of our YL-DX members to talk with their amateur radio lady friends to determine if there are some DX radio ladies who would like to become a member of YLRL. They can either be sponsored by a YLRL member or sponsor themselves. From the mail I have been receiving, both the DX sponsors and their adoptees really enjoy the fellowship!

I have really enjoyed reading the letters that I have received from our DX members! Please keep the letters and photos coming!! Remember, you can contact me by US Mail or via e-mail.

NEWS FROM OUR YL-DX MEMBERS:



Standing in the precincts of the Zenko Temple with members of the foreign press are: WB2QCM (Gil), JF1IZM, JA1HLZ, JA1TQC, JA1EYL, Murata, JE1NWB, JL1XWR, and JJ1SAI.

Just before the Olympics were held in Nagano, Japan, I received a letter and photos from Chizue Yamada, JA1EYL. Several members of the Japan Ladies Radio Society (area 1) visited Nagano just before the beginning of the Olympics for the "first worship". (I'm sorry that I don't know the meaning of this worship.) Chizue and her friends prayed for the success of the

Olympics and for "every happiness there". YLRL DX members are Chizue Yamada, JA1EYL (sponsor: Lois Smith, KA4LBD), Yumiko Inoue, JE1NWB (sponsor: Minnie Connelly, NA0V), and Yasuko Tanaka, JF1IZM (sponsor: Marion Dixon, WA7TLL).

Janice Scheureman, KJ4N, forwarded to me an e-mail from her DX adoptee, Lois Wollin, DJ0GI, of Germany. Lois and her husband have moved from the center of Germany to the "very southwestern-most corner of Germany, right across the border from Basel, Switzerland. We live in Loerrach and our house is actually about 100 yards from the border." Lois's new address is Hammerstr. 7B, Loerrach, Germany. She adds that the dialects are different, as well as the customs and the geography; she's enjoying learning all about her new surroundings.



*Nozomi Gohara, JH3SQN &
OM Ken, JH3WQM.*

I received an e-mail letter from Nozomi Gohara, JH3SQN. Nozomi said she met many members of the YLRL at the CLARA's meeting in Toronto last September, including our YLRL president, Nancy, KC4IYD. Nozomi says she hopes to see her many friends on the Queen Mary in 1999! Nozomi and her OM also visited Niagara Falls (they're quite impressed with our "great continental sights", and the Hamond Radio Museum be-

fore the CLARA convention. Nozomi's sponsor is Lia Zwack, WA2FNY.

Ursula Buerger, DL3LS, of Germany, who is sponsored by WRONE, wrote to her sponsors about the various vacation trips that she and her husband took throughout Germany last year. They visited Mosel, Germany in October to attend "a convention of an 80 meter net of German YLs and a few YLs of neighboring countries". She also added in her letter, that with the "conditions on DX bands going up they hope to make more contacts state-side.

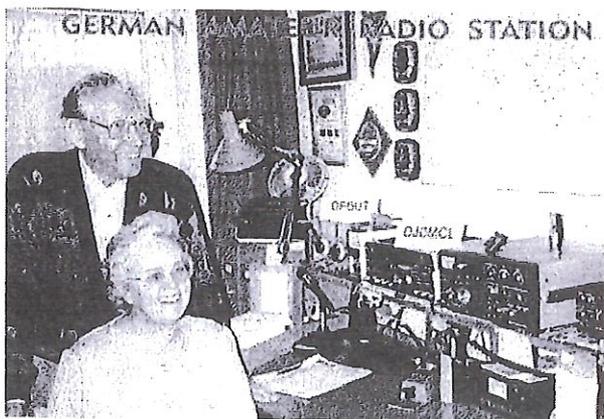
Edith Gillrath, DF7WU, (sponsor: Helen Lubenow, NM0E) sent me a nice letter which I really enjoyed—she told me about getting her license in 1987, and following some difficulty with code (which I can relate to) upgraded her license and is how very happy with her "great license". Last May, Edith and her OM went to a YL/OM meeting in North Germany. The meeting was well attended, but apparently the highlight of the meeting for Edith was winning a balloon-trip over the country! Edith said "It was very nice!" (Edith, I'm green with envy!) In September, Edith's family and friends (including her radio club



Edith Gillrath, DF7WU

buddies) celebrated her 75th birthday. She said, "It was a wonderful day!). Edith, from your picture, I'd say you don't look a day over 55!

Olga Schumacher, DJ0MCL, who sponsors herself in YLRL, sent me this QSL card which pictures both Olga and her OM, Toni, DF5UT. Sadly, Toni, a ham radio operator for about 20 years became a Silent Key on October 7th, 1997. Our condolences to you, Olga.



Olga Schumacher, DJ0MCL & OM Toni, DF5UT, SK.

Following the death of a very good friend of hers in May 1997, Olga took over the care of her friend's dog, "Gerdi", a 6 ½ year old German Boxer. Olga says it's good to have Gerdi with her now. Olga plans to be at the Sivalbard Polar YL 1998 meeting.

Lesley Lewis, N3TIA/SV0LN/ex-S92YL writes that she left for Greece at the beginning of August after a Home Leave in NC since May. Lesley and her OM Charles, SV0LM are living on the Aegean Sea just below the town of Xanthi. They are living on the site of the largest Voice of America radio station in Europe. They set up their rigs right away, but had to wait two months for their Greek licenses.

Lesley writes that the Greek people are very warm and hospitable. The hardest thing is the language which is "all Greek to us", but their efforts are appreciated by the natives. If you need a bed in Greece for a night or two, Lesley can be reached at charles_lewis@beng.voa.gov—in advance please!

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for my OM Bill, W5DNE, following his recent heart attack. He surprised everyone with his rapid recovery! Unfortunately, on the same day that Bill had his heart attack, my brother's home burned, and my parents were in a car accident on their way to lend aid to my brother! Fortunately my parents did not sustain serious injury and my brother and his family are safe and sound. To make matters worse, my mother has been undergoing work-up for a possible malignancy. I ask for your thoughts and prayers for her during this trying period.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you all soon. 33 de Christina, N5YCH



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SILENT KEYS

Our condolences to the families of

- DJ0MCL Olga Schumacher, on the passing of her OM Toni, DF5UT on October 7, 1997
- K5BNQ Doris Anderson on the passing of her niece Denise Kindy on February 27, 1998
- K5DJS Mary Jo Turner, SK on February 12, 1998
- KD6GA Jeanette DeLong, SK
- N6GGR L. Maxine Reams, SK
- VE7CBK Bobby Kelly, SK on December 4, 1997
- VE7CBK Margaret Kelly, SK on December 4, 1997
- W1VPF Gladys Chase, SK on February 7, 1998
- W6BDE Esther Given, SK
- W6YKU Jackie van de Kamp on the passing of her OM William, W6CKV In Nov. 1997
- WA3RFW/2 Elizabeth Banks, SK
- WA7LOQ Adrienne Statler, SK
- WB5NLM Jane Huges, on the passing of her OM August-WA5BTO

NEW CALL SIGNS

- K5GAY/0 Gay Chaffin ,ex-WB5SKQ/0
- KB6RM Rose-Marie Battig, ex-KM6VJ
- KP3YLW6 Mady Langdon, correction to call sign
- NN7XN Joyce Medlen, ex-KE4KGB
- SV0LN Lesley Lewis, ex-S92YL
- VK4GTX Barbara O'Connor, ex-V85BJ & ex-VK2GTX

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Congratulations to

- K5JGC Burnette Boyett & OM TP-K5EYN on their Golden Anniversary on December 20, 1997

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value of amateur radio, and the values of hams, to the community.

CO for 6 days of skiing during February vacation. We had a great time on beautiful packed powder. It will probably be the last major trip for the three of us, since Robert will be a freshman at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, School of Architecture, Troy, NY in the fall. I know that will come as a shock to some of you who remember the little baby that I toted to my first WRONE meetings!

This note didn't make the last issue - my fault. Jean - K1TVT is wintering in Reddick, FL in an RV park. She hopes to look up some of the Florida YLs before she leaves there in April.

All of us are saddened by the news that Gladys - W1VPF became a Silent Key on February 7. She was an active member of many ham groups including WRONE, QCWA, and QCWW. She will be missed.

I hope that everyone has nice spring weather by the time you read this, or at least soon after! Remember that the next deadline for news is the middle of April so I can make my deadline and Margaret can make hers! Check the front cover for my address, phone, and email. 33, Anne WB1ARU



Happy
Easter!

Changes & Corrections ----- *continued from page 35*

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From The Editor's Desk



Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS

It looks like the hamfest season is upon us again. We've started here in the Puget Sound area and there are many more scheduled. Marti, W7AYL and I are getting ready for SeaPac in Oregon, ARRL's Northwest Division Convention. Then there's the biggie, Dayton's Hamvention, and scores of smaller ones around the nation. Hopefully, YLRL will be represented at all of them, either by sharing a table with another YL group or with a table of their own. It's a great way to find new members (or let new members find us!) and visit with YLs you've met on the air or only see once a year.

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