

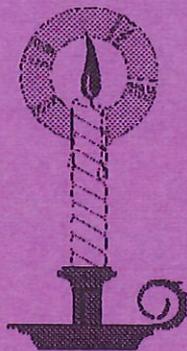
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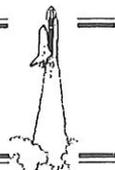
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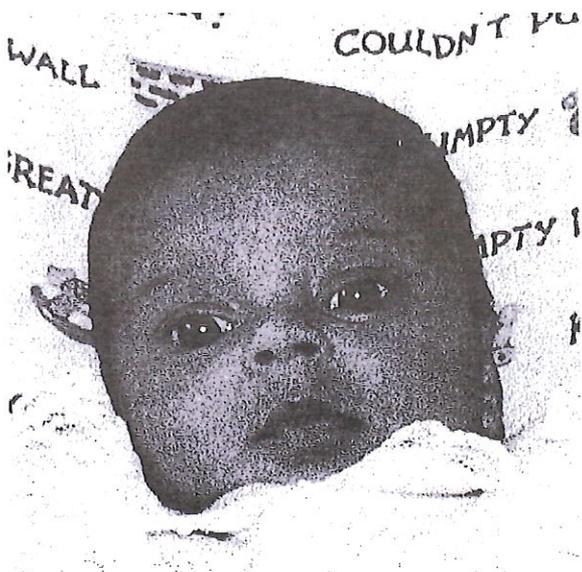
Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD/8



YLRL President Nancy KC4IYD and her OM Steve, W8HF are delighted to announce the birth of their baby girl. Please welcome . . .



Carol Stephanie Hall



Born: 12/20/98
Time: 1:49 AM
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Length: 20-1/2"

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Meet The Novices & Technicians Day

Winner: Bobbie Donohue, W1JX (Extra) 9 points

Runner-up: Becky Day, KS4RX (Extra) 2 points

Congratulations! Thanks for your participation. These were the only logs received. Bobbie will receive YLRL cards as her award. 33, Cleo, K0JFO

half the joy of life is in little things
taken on the run. let us run if we
must—even the sands do that—but let
us keep our hearts young and our eyes
open that nothing worth our while
shall escape us. and everything is
worth its while if we only grasp it
and its significance.

-- VICTOR CHERBULIEZ --

Mary Lou Brown, NM7N — SK

Northwestern Division Director Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, of Anacortes, Washington, died December 3, 1998. She was 71. Brown was just re-elected without opposition to a new two-year term on the ARRL Board. Her husband, Bob, NM7M, reports that Director Brown collapsed and died at Los Angeles International Airport, apparently after suffering a heart attack. She was returning from Australia where she had just taken part in the Lord Howe Island, VK9LX, DXpedition.



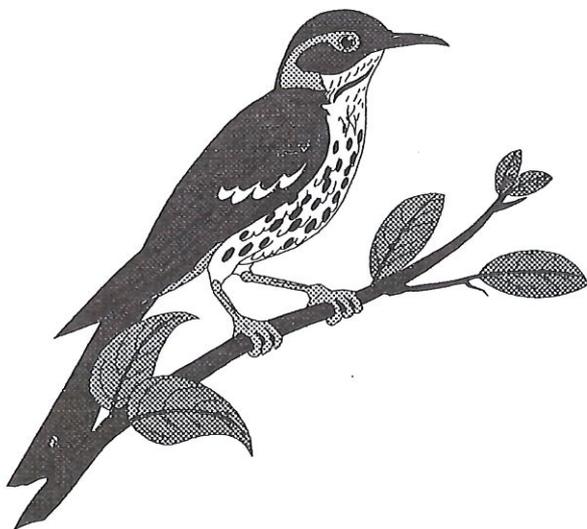
DXpedition member Nick Hacko, VK2ICV, called Brown was "the most-liked person" on the DXpedition. "Although I knew Mary Lou for only a few days, it was very clear to me and to the other Lord Howe operators that she was an exceptional person," he said in an Internet posting after learning of her death. He said Brown helped out with all phases of the operation and deserved "a lot of credit for helping the rest of us get a great lot of enjoyment out of our trip."

Brown has been the ARRL Northwestern Division Director since 1995 and was a vice director from 1990 through 1994. She also served as a member of the ARRL Executive Committee.

ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, said Brown was held "in the highest possible esteem" by her peers on the ARRL Board. He noted that Brown was elected to the Executive Committee after just one year as a director, and was re-elected twice. "Her enthusiasm for Amateur Radio extended beyond organizational affairs to on-the-air operating, especially

operating with friends," he said. "Anyone who was fortunate enough to be able to call Mary Lou their friend—and their numbers are legion, all over the world—knows the true meaning of friendship."

—from *The ARRL Letter Online* Volume 17, Number 48 (December 4, 1998) and The American Radio Relay League



A Few Words About Mary Lou Brown, NM7N

Bob Brown, NM7M

She started life at a disadvantage, born with a vision impairment and lost her mother before she was 4 years old. But with surgery, a strong family and the unique environment found in Hawaii, she went on to enjoy swimming, sailing and all the outdoor sports that come so naturally in that part of the world.

Her family moved to the Mainland and she soon showed other fine qualities, a competitive spirit in sports and leadership in academic work, being the valedictorian of her class in high school. She went on to the University of California in Berkeley where she was one of the leaders in women's sports and graduated with an AB in the field of Physical Education. After a few years of teaching, she went on to Columbia University, earned a Ph.D. in Psychology and specialized in the field of kinesiology, the study of movement and its relationship to physiological processes and the anatomy.

After a brief career teaching at the University of Pittsburgh, she was called back to Berkeley and rose to Professor of Physical Education, Department Chairman and served as the Ombudsman on the Berkeley Campus. She was always facing challenges and enjoyed meeting them all head-on, without flinching.

She ventured into amateur radio when I decided to return to my childhood hobby. After a 40-year absence, I re-entered the hobby at the bottom, as a Novice, and Mary Lou said she would "tag along". Now, 18 years later, I have to say that she gave real meaning to that phrase - rising from Novice to Extra Class, then serving in a number of leadership positions involving emergency services, and Director of the Northwest Division of the ARRL.

In all this, a competitive twinkle was always in her eye and she tried the challenge of QRP, working DXCC at solar minimum with just 5 watts as well as entering QRP contests. But she soon found DXpeditions were more to her liking, their organization, operation and even contesting. Later, the challenges became greater as she was losing her hearing but she found RTTY and I enjoyed watching her in RTTY contests, "running silent and running deep" as the submariners say. So whenever she went on a DXpedition, like Lord Howe Island, she'd have a laptop and TNC in her luggage or was leading a group of YL friends.

She was fortunate in that her family had resources and she used her share of them to endow a number of college scholarships. It was her feeling that it was important to "put money on people" and I'm sure her motivation was to make it possible for others to rise above disadvantages, whatever they might be, and become more competitive, as she had, to meet the challenges of life. She was a dear lady and I miss her terribly.

Editor's Note: The National Contest Journal will have an article about the Lord Howe Island operation. Mary Lou's husband Bob, NM7M was asked to add a few words at the end. He very kindly sent them to me as well.

YLRL Remembers Mary Lou

Thank you so much for letting me know about the service for Mary Lou. I only wish I could be in attendance, but I hope you will tell Bob that I will definitely be there in spirit. I cannot think about her death without tears in my eyes, and I so fondly remember the time we spent together preparing for our Niue Island trip and actually going on the DXpedition. — Jan Scheuerman, KJ4N (x-WB2JCE)

. . . though I only knew Mary Lou for the past three years, she had come to be a good friend and I so looked forward to each hamfest knowing that I would see her and that we would get a chance to talk. I talked with Mary Lou by phone many times in my first year in office and getting to know her was a privilege. I will miss her so much and I know that you will too. — Marti Brutcher, W7AYL

I had the opportunity to meet Mary Lou and I can tell you that we have lost a wonderful person who did much for amateur radio and for YLRL. She was bright, organized, and dynamic. Keep her OM and family and friends in your prayers. — Anne Manna, WB1ARU

I have sent e-mail back and forth to Mary Lou several times and she was always quick with a response and very helpful. Even though I did not know her as well as some of the other ladies who I have emailed me, it's obvious that she made a great impact on the YLs and will be sorely missed. — Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

I met Mary Lou many years ago when we had a Saylarc luncheon in southern New Jersey. We met at YLRL President Bills' home and went to the meeting from there—in fact, we spent two nights there before she went back to the West Coast and I came back north to Long Island. We had a great time together—she hadn't become an officer in YLRL yet, and was so excited about the whole YLRL world. Her excitement rubbed off on anyone around her, and it was a joy just to know her. She formed several DXpeditions with just gals over the years, and I am sure the gals who accompanied her on those occasions are devastated. She was a live wire!! I have been an officer for 14 years, and I have served under several presidents, and I must admit I don't remember the names of all of them—(guess they didn't make waves) but Mary Lou was always bubbling over with ideas and everyone was aware that she was a gifted leader. She went on to become a Director in ARRL and I doubt they ever had a more vigorous, devoted director. She will be missed by the entire Ham Radio Spectrum. I bet she is whipping those Angel Hams into a Heavenly DXpedition already! God Bless Her. — Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE

I am saddened and shocked to learn of Mary Lou's passing. So unexpected. I found her to be a warm and caring person, always taking time to



Mary Lou & Lucky.

say hi, even when she was inundated by her duties as our ARRL Director. She was truly a YL's YL—a very proficient Amateur—knowledgeable and passionate about Amateur Radio—always involved. We have lost one of our greatest assets. — Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS

What a lovely gal she was and yes, I did know her. She visited with me a couple of times and stayed a few days. She also had her dog. She will be greatly missed. — Phyllis Davis, KA1JC

We were saddened to hear that Mary Lou Brown NM7N died suddenly of a heart attack in the airport in LA while returning from the Dxexpedition on Lord Howe Island off Australia. She will be greatly missed by all of us. — Sara Lyon, AB7PS, Secretary-Treasurer for the MINOW Net

I had the opportunity to hang out with Mary Lou for more than a few years. I had her as a professor, she was my surrogate Mom, she was my Elmer, the aunt to our dogs, and one of my best friends. I can't believe she's not stopping by on the way to the DX convention in Visailia. — Sue Ludemann, KA6SOC

What can one say of a person that comes into your life and brings you happiness. Mary Lou was a person that made you feel as if you could accomplish almost anything if you made up your mind to do so . . . her own confidence in living seemed to rub off on you. — Marte Wessel, K0EPE

I will always treasure my memories of Mary Lou and Fred visiting with us. She was so ebullient and enjoyed sharing her experiences on DXpeditions with our Cactus Keys. Another bright light has gone out. — Phyllis Shanks, W2GLB

Addendum: Mary Lou's faithful companion Lucky (pictured above) has moved and is now living near Marysville WA with Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS. He has settled in wonderfully—living with two active boys and another big dog, with five acres to romp on. But Mary Lou will always be in his heart.

Remembering NM7N

Audrey White, N7HAT

Mary Lou was involved in Amateur Radio for only seventeen years yet her call, NM7N, is one of the most recognized in the world. She embarked on her radio career determined to log into her call book contacts from every state and county in the US. Before long, she had worked every continent, many islands and astronauts in outer space. Always looking for a challenge, she began to take DXing seriously. She traveled to remote sites, set up her station and DXers around the world responded to her signal.

YLRL was celebrating its 50 years in Amateur Radio in 1989 in Hawaii. Mary Lou, retiring president of YLRL, decided it would be most fitting to honor the occasion by launching an all YL DXpedition from Honolulu to tiny Wallis Island in the Western Samoan Group of French Polynesia.

I believe I got invited not for my radio expertise, but for my muscle. Four* of us carried a beam antenna in two ski bags, two transmitters, a power pack and a 40 meter dipole in and out of airports and at the mercy of suspicious custom official, but we made it:

Fourth of July on Fijii Island and Mary Lou is busy checking out her equipment as we wait for the weekly Air Caledonia flight to Wallis-Futuna Islands. She forgot her birthday. The Fijians helped us surprise her with a cake, special meal and "Happy Birthday" sung in their language.

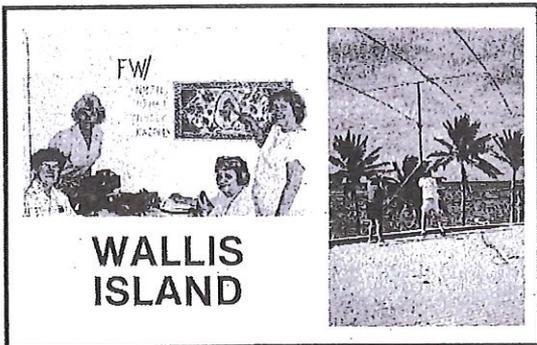
Off to Wallis for a week. Winter in the jungle. We checked into a sparse cement block, tin roofed home owned by a Wallisian family who made up for a lack of amenities by serving us dinner, fresh clams on the half-shell, reef fish with curry sauce and rice and fresh papaya.

The wind is blowing right at us, maybe at 20 knots, but with help from the children of the family, we get the beam up on the roof and point it across the reef toward Japan. Next, the 40 meter dipole is strung between the roof and a palm tree. Hands shaking with excitement, Mary Lou checks the signal at 9:15, puts out her CQ, and bingo, first contact is logged in at 9:34. The four of us worked two hour shifts around the clock and the world came to us.

I'm on 2-4AM, last night with a pile-up of OMs . . .reception is good and

they're shouting to one another. Desperately, I call to Mary Lou, "They won't take turns!" Without raising her head from the pillow she said, "Pull the plug." After 3000+ contacts, she was satisfied.

* *FW/NM7N, Mary Lou Brown; N4DDK, Alice King (AI4K); N7HAT, Audrey White; KA0OMX, Mary Ketzler (WO9R)*



PROPOSED SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Mary Lou Brown—NM7N Memorial Scholarship

It has been proposed that YLRL sponsor a second memorial scholarship fund, this one in honor of Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, SK. In order to establish the fund, Article XIV, Sec. 1 of the YLRL By-Laws must be changed, and that change must be voted on by the membership.

YLRL BY-LAWS: ARTICLE XIV — SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As it reads now:

Sec. 1. The Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. shall establish a scholarship fund to provide scholarships or other grants to worthy Young Ladies for continuing their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.

Proposed change: *(in italics)*

Sec. 1. The Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. shall establish *two* scholarship funds to provide scholarships or other grants to worthy Young Ladies for continuing their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.

The membership is being asked to vote on the change shown above so that the fund can be established. **Please read the rules for voting on** page 41 of the Directory—the September/October 1998 issue of YL Harmonics.

**Please complete your ballot and return it
IN AN ENVELOPE SIGNED BY YOU to:**

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DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 1999

_____ **YES**, I support the proposed changes to Article XIV, Sec. 1 of the YLRL By-Laws as published in the January/February 1999 issue of *YL Harmonics*.

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Ethel Smith—K4LMB Memorial Scholarship



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MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

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Mary Lou Brown, NM7N

By:

Edward & Jan Johnson
Margaret Oros, WA0KVP
Irma Weber, K6KCI
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YLRC of LA
Marte Wessel, KOEPE

Dear YLs:

What can one say when a dear friend is no longer with us. The memories that we shared will always give us comfort and we thank God for them.

I still can see Mary Lou in her motor home parked in the driveway . . . with her dog Fred. How we enjoyed the times she spent with us and how we laughed when, as we were having our "margarita", I asked, "What does Fred want?" He just kept staring at Mary Lou!

She answered, "Well, Fred always has a piece of cheese when we have our drinks". Believe me, the next time that she came, I had cheese for Fred!

Mary Lou, NM7N was a special person. She was not only known by YLs, she made her mark in the DX world and with her work in ARRL. How proud we all are to have had her a part of YLRL and to have been able to call her friend.

I would like to announce at this time that YLRL will be sponsoring a second scholarship: The Mary Lou Brown—NM7N Memorial Scholarship. It will be administered by FAR. I will keep you informed of the progress in establishing it and the donations it receives.

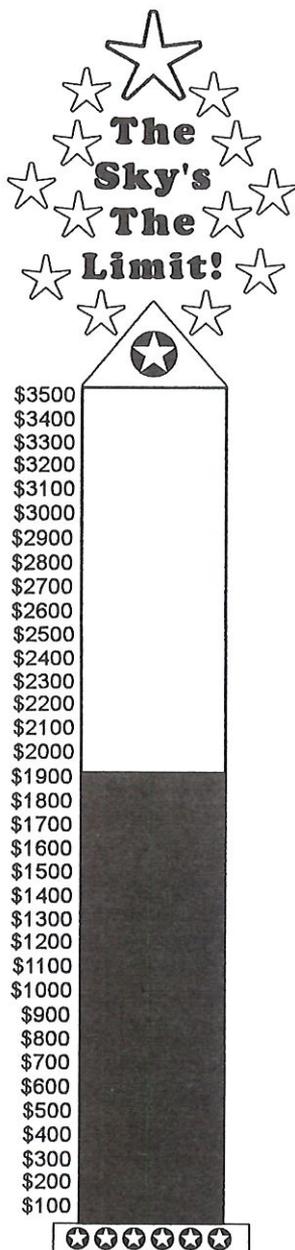
Currently:

Ethel Smith Fund-\$1,944.20 (less prize money)

Mary Lou Fund-\$110.00

Total in bank including the prize money-\$2704.20

Thanks for all your help. 33, Marte, KOEPE



YLRL Scholarship Recipients



Since 1978, there have been 22 scholarships given by the YLRL, for a total of \$17,150 awarded. The first scholarship awarded was for \$300. Our scholarships are now worth \$1500!

I have written to YLRL Scholarship recipients for updates on their lives. This is from another of our recipients, Diane Johnson, KE8DJ. Diane's scholarship was \$500. She received her award in 1984 and 1985.

Diane Johnson, KE8DJ—1984-85

Dear Marte:

Thanks for the opportunity to send an update to all the YLs who helped me get through college by sponsoring the YLRL scholarship that I received. I can't believe how quickly time has passed since I filled out the application! Here is a brief synopsis of happenings since that time. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN May '88 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. During my senior year I interviewed for a variety of jobs and, in fact, initially accepted a job with IBM in New York but had to change my plans when I was offered a fellowship to attend Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. and got a Master's degree. I was really excited because it was a chance to concentrate on an advanced degree full time and be close to ray family, too. (I'm from Ohio).

I chose the Biomedical Engineering department with emphasis in controls and did my research at the Cleveland VA Medical Center Gait Lab. It's a program that is researching the use of electrical stimulation and feedback controllers to restore gait in paraplegics. I spent 3 years there and graduated with an MS in Biomedical Engineering in 1991.

.After graduation, I continued working at the VA for a few months while interviewing for other jobs. I interviewed at a variety of companies, mostly medical device related, but my first choice was Cardiac Pacemakers in St. Paul, MN. I had never been to MN but liked the Midwest and had heard very good things about Eli Lilly who owned them at the time. I watched the famous Halloween snowstorm on TV from a conference in Orlando and everyone kept asking me if I was sure I wanted to be here. I was thrilled when I got the offer and started working in Feb '92 after few weeks of vacation. I have never regretted that decision. Luckily we've never had that much snow in a single week since!

In my spare time, I have enjoyed running, skiing and travelling. In the summer of '94, I registered for a marathon-training clinic where I met my husband, Dave. We both completed the Twin Cities Marathon (26.2 miles) and still run on and off to keep in shape. In 1997, we planned our wedding and built our dream home. The funny thing is I kept my call sign (KE8DJ) when I moved to Minnesota because I liked it and now that I'm married, I

inadvertently have my initials as my call sign! Initial call signs are rare when your name is "Johnson" in the state of Minnesota. Currently, we have two beautiful German Shepherds named Yuri and Vika. They have been our babies for the last 3 years and have given us the confidence to start our family for real. We are expecting our first baby in June. There's never a dull moment around here!

Thanks again for all of the good wishes and financial support that the YLRL organization provided to me. I would never have been able to afford the education I received without the financial aid and I know first hand the value of that of that education in the career opportunities I have been given.

Happy New Year! Diane Johnson, KE8DJ



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Thank you Margaret, KC7LXS and Marti, W7AYL for attending the memorial service for Mary Lou Brown, NM7N. Special thanks to Marti, W7AYL. We are honored that you were a part of the memorial program representing YLRL. Marte, K0EPE

THE GIRL THAT I USED TO BE

contributed by Terrie Tenney, AB7PX

She came tonight as I sat alone,
The girl that I used to be.
She gazed at me with her earnest eyes
And questioned me reproachfully.

Have you forgotten the many plans,
The hopes that were held for you;
the great career, the splendid fame,
And the wonderful things to do?

"Where is your mansion of stately height,
With it's gardens surpassing fair?
The silken robe that was planned for you
And the jewels for your hair?"

And as she talked, I was very sad
For I wanted her pleased with me,
This slender girl from the shadowy past,
The girl that I used to be.

Then gently arising I took her hand
And guided her up the stair,
Where peacefully sleeping my babies lay.
Innocent, sweet, and fair.

I told her that they were my only gems,
And precious they are to me:
That my silken robe is motherhood
Of happy simplicity.

That my mansion of stately height is love,
And the only career I know
Is serving each day within sheltering walls
The dear ones who need me so.

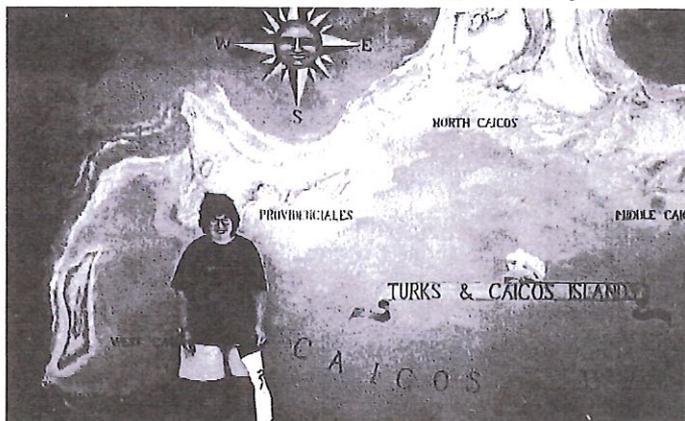
And I spoke to my shadowy guest,
She smiled through her tears at me,
For I saw that the women that I am now
Pleased the girl that I used to be.

Author Unknown



DX Paradise

Diane Ortiz, K2DO; photos by N2GA



My husband (George N2GA) and I just (mid-July 1998!) came back from a mini DX-pedition to Providenciales in the Turks and Caicos Islands. We had a great time

and worked the IARU contest multi-mode (George worked mostly CW and I worked mostly SSB) and we had a great time. Here's a little bit of info about our trip.

We love Providenciales and were surprised by the lack of people - even tourists. We enjoyed the solitude and being able to snorkel and swim on a deserted beach and not see anyone all day. It was like paradise. The "Hamlet" where we stayed is about 100 ft. from the water up on a hill. It is a one-bedroom house with living room/kitchen with all appliances and a bathroom - and one special separate room for the fully-equipped shack. We only had to bring our laptop computer for logging (and sending CW), a foot switch, headphones and adapters. Everything else was there, including charts and paper/pencils.

There were lots of windows and ceiling fans to help us cope with the heat (over 90 degrees and sunny every day), but because it was so dry it wasn't hard to deal with. (My OM wasn't too happy with the heat, unless he was on the radio - then he forgot it was hot!) The country is very arid and there were lots of different types of cactus and the backyard had hyacinths and key lime trees (or plants - not sure what you would call them). There were some cute little lizards that climbed up on the outside of the screens at night to eat the bugs attracted by the light, but other than that there were no flying insects at all. You could leave the door open all day with no screen and nothing would come in - amazing!

We ate lots of local fruit, vegetables and some fish (the fresh tuna was delicious). We had rented a small car (a Suzuki Alto) and went around the island and saw different areas. The island is made of limestone and there is very little dirt. There are many large holes in the ground made from the action of the rainwater wearing down the limestone. We went to one very large one that was over 80 feet deep. It was scary - there was no one there and we

could have easily fallen in - no fences or warning signs!

I went snorkeling every day, and Jody our host took me out to the large coral reef. All around me were swimming all kinds of beautiful fish. The angels and others were very colorful and the puffers hiding in the coral had large eyes and looked like puppy dogs. There were all different kinds of coral in bright reds, pinks and purples. I took some pictures, but it was one of those cheap disposable cameras and it didn't capture the vivid colors under the surface. We swam past a large shark who had it's nose in the coral looking for lunch. Two large barracuda swam past us, but didn't take much notice (thank God!). The water was crystal clear and warm and I felt very at home in the water. George went a few times too, but he didn't want to go out too far. He injured his leg muscles a bit on the Sea-Doos we rented. We went all along the southern coast of the island on those - there was no one else in the water or on shore for as far as you could see. We really felt like we were the only ones on the island!

We operated the IARU contest from 8AM Saturday to 8AM Sunday and talked to over 2100 stations all over the world. It was tiring operating in shifts of 2 hrs, but we were able to keep up a good hourly rate and it was fun having hams in Australia, Japan and Africa call us.



Jody, VP5JM, is a world-class con-
tester on RTTY and is originally from
Baltimore, Maryland. She is set up to be
self-sufficient, using solar power as well
as having a generator. She has a tank
under each house that stores rainwater
collected from the roof to use for bathing
and cooking. She's retired now and en-
joys meeting the many different people
from all over the world who come to use
her "Hamlet" - as she calls her rental
home. Her personal house is about 100
ft. up the hill and is a large home with a
wrap-around porch. She also has all the
amenities and on the second floor of her
home she has a kind of "turret" that

houses a well-equipped ham radio station. The ham shack has windows all around overlooking the water. You can really get a fantastic view of the Caribbean from there. She has numerous towers and antennas on the property, including beams and a Force 12 rotatable dipole on 80m. There are no restrictive regulations there so your antenna farm is only limited by your pocketbook.

We felt very privileged to be there and happy that we got a chance to get to know her better.

There was plenty of time for fun and "hamming". It was the most perfect vacation ever. I can't wait to go back! 33, Diane Ortiz K2DO

1999 Convention Update

July 30. through August 1. 1999

Martha Barron, KA6TYO

Hello again! Are you as excited as I am as our YLRL convention grows nearer? From the feedback I'm getting at meetings and by mail, e-mail, phone, and fax, everyone is ready to PARTY!

We no longer ask that you send in your survey, if you have not done so. We have received about 118 and I want to thank all of you who took the time to send one in. You have really educated me, and in fact have helped plan this convention.

Elsewhere in this issue is the reservation form for the Convention. The deadline for us to receive it is May 31st, but we ask that you send it in as soon as possible. Our own YLRL Convention '99 bank account is already set up and waiting.

I believe that most of you will be arriving at LAX in Los Angeles. Super Shuttle has almost an exclusive to pick up at LAX so they are there all the time. All you have to do after you get your luggage is to follow the "Ground Transportation" sign. There will be a person there to help you get on the blue shuttle going to the Queen Mary. There is hardly a wait and the fare is \$14. For the record, Super Shuttle's number is 800-258-3826, but I'm told you do not have to reserve if you come into LAX.

Please, please, please, make your reservation on the Queen Mary ASAP. We don't want anyone to be disappointed. You can hold your room with a credit card and the charge will not be put through until the convention. You may call the toll-free number 800-437-2934, even outside of the US. Refer to the NOV/DEC Harmonics for any additional information. Bye for now and "Catch the Spirit!"

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

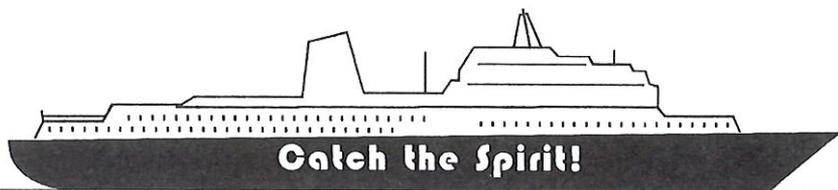
Queen Mary reservations department has requested that all who reserve rooms for the convention inform them of all the people that will share your room. If you have not yet done this, please call and give them this information. If somebody is sharing your room, but not listed with the Queen Mary, they will be denied access to your room if you are not there. Queen Mary's system only allows one reservation number for each room. One person should make the reservation and get the confirmation number, then give the number to the other person that is listed to be used when they check in.

Thanks, Martha

LARA TO RAFFLE OFF THEME QUILT

Marge Goumas N6ECA and Kathy Brown KA6NLP, two members of the Ladies Amateur Radio Association, have made a quilt to raffle off at the YLRL convention. The tickets are selling 6 for \$5 and 10% of the net profit will go to the scholarship fund. The quilt pattern is called "Mini Trip Around the World" and the front is done in shades of blue and white. The backside has tiny flowers with an insert panel with the History of YLRL and the Girl on the World Logo. It is a quilt that anyone would be proud to have on his or her bed and is a queen/king size.

We are starting to sell the tickets now. The drawing will be held July 31st at the convention banquet. Winners do not need to be present, as we will mail it to the winner. Some of our members are buying 12 tickets for \$10, then selling 10 for \$1 each and keeping the two free tickets for themselves. Tickets will be available from Marte KOEPE or myself at the convention, but if you would like to purchase some tickets now, send a check (made payable to LARA) to me for the amount and I will see that they are mailed to you and the stubs deposited. I hope this is a successful fundraiser for LARA and the Scholarship Fund. Martha Barron KA6TYO, 8225 Devenir Ave., Downey, Ca. 90242



Need A Roomie??

As of this writing, a number of YLs have already paired up. But we still have others that need a roomie. If you need a roommate, send your name and information to the editor for publication.

Did You Know??

The Queen Mary completed her final voyage from Southampton to Long Beach on December 8, 1967, and was greeted by 5,000 vessels and scores of cheering residents.

1999 YLRL Convention Registration Form

Hotel Queen Mary, Long Beach, California

July 30, 31 & August 1, 1999

Hotel reservations must be made to Hotel Queen Mary, 1126 Queens Hwy,
Long Beach CA 90802-6390 USA; Phone (800)437-2934 or (562)435-3511

HOW MANY?

_____ Registration of YL Member (includes pin) \$15.00 ea \$ _____

_____ Registration of OM or Guest (no pin) \$10.00 ea \$ _____

_____ Extra Logo Pins \$5.00 ea \$ _____

BADGE INFORMATION: (Please print or type)

YL Name _____ Call _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

OM/Guest _____ Call _____

Guest _____ Call _____

We will arrive on _____

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

_____ Ladies' Luncheon Sat, July 31, 11:00AM \$22.00 ea \$ _____

_____ Banquet Sat, July 31, Social 5:30P/Meal 6:30PM \$35.00 ea \$ _____

_____ DX Breakfast Sun, August 1, 8:00AM \$15.00 ea \$ _____

OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

_____ Universal Studio Tour Fri, July 30, 9:00AM \$46.00 ea \$ _____

_____ OM TRW Swapmeet Sat, July 31, 8:00AM \$10.00 ea \$ _____

_____ OM Tour Russian Submarine Sat, July 31, 1:00P \$10.00 ea \$ _____

_____ Aquarium of the Pacific Sun, August 1, 1:00PM \$10.00 ea \$ _____

_____ Dinner Thurs Evening, July 29, Local Restaurant; No Host

_____ Dinner Fri Evening, July 30, Local Restaurant; No Host

TOTAL to be remitted with Registration **IN US FUNDS** \$ _____

DEADLINE:
MAY 31, 1999

Mail To: YLRL Convention Chairman
Martha L. Barron, KA6TYO
8225 Devenir Avenue
Downey CA 90242-4222 USA

1999 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Its That Time Again!!

Dues are 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.

👉 IMPORTANT NOTE 👈

Please send in your renewal as soon as possible. That will also ensure that you won't miss any issues of YL Harmonics.

1999 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
(If family member, give name and call of primary member) _____

Send to: Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH; 17630 Point Comfort Lane; Webster TX 77598-3223; USA

1999 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call: _____ Recent Prior Call: _____

Name: _____ Country: _____

Address: _____ New Address? Y N

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Packet Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

License Class: _____ Year 1st Licensed: _____

ARRL Member? Y N Yr Joined YLRL: _____

List YLRL Affiliated Clubs You Belong To: _____

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

DOB: _____ Anniversary: _____ OM, Call: _____

Children-Names, Ages, Calls: _____

Other Hams in Family: _____

Occupation: _____

Other activities, crafts, hobbies, sports, etc: _____

- Check one: \$8.00 regular member, bulk mail (**USA only**)
 \$8.00 + \$4.00 for 1st class mail in US (**required in Canada & Mexico**)
 \$2.00 family member residing at same address (no **YLH**)
 \$8.00 subscriber
 \$12.00 subscriber, 1st class mail
 \$16.00 DX dues, Air Mail (**required for DX YL**)

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.**

Receiving Treasurers:

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

(Feel free to make a photocopy of this page if you like.) ©

My Autumn Adventure

Ginger Wonderling, AB6WS

I love reading about the great vacations to exotic locations that our members take, but that kind of an excursion was beyond my limited resources. So I decided to create my own adventure to places I'd never been. I got out my maps and planned a scenic route through Northern California and Oregon hoping to catch the trees in their fall colors. Autumn has always been my favorite season.

Weeks before my trip, I sent notes to YLRL members that lived in towns where I planned on staying. The notes all began something like, "You don't know me but . . ." and suggested an "eyeball QSO" if they were interested. Everyone that I contacted thanked me for the note and welcomed the chance to meet another club member.



L to R, back: Ginger-AB6WS; Chiquita-KN6TV; Laura-KF6OGM. Front: Laura's sons Christopher (11) and Michael (8).

My packet pal Chiquita (KN6TV) told me that if I arrived a day earlier than planned, I could attend Pacificon in Concord, CA and meet a friend of hers. So I juggled a few things around and I met Chiquita and Laura (KF6OGM) at the ARRL Convention. We attended the YL Forum, and shopped for goodies. Then went off for lunch at

Fuddrucker's. Around the corner from the restaurant, was a family hair salon named of all things, Dots and Dashes. (Too bad we didn't think to take our group picture in front of it!) Then Chiquita showed me her shack and took me on tour of Golden Gate Park.

The next morning, I headed to Muir Woods and up US 101, and Chiquita returned to Golden Gate Park where she ran in a 5K event to raise money for breast cancer research.

A couple of days later when I drove into Eugene, OR I called Carolyn (WA7SVV) on the two-meter frequency she monitors. Carolyn directed me to her QTH, which happened to be just a few blocks from my friend's place where I would be staying. A couple days later, my friend Janet (KD7ABH), Carolyn, and I met another YLRL member Lory (N7KTY) at Denny's for breakfast. We chatted as YLs do about many things. Lory told us the interesting story of why and how she became a ham. I won't repeat it here, but ask her

NEW EDITORS FOR YLRL

Please join me in welcoming our new editors, who will/are beginning with the March/April 1999 issue of YL Harmonics. They are Nan Forney, KC7LZE—Lead Editor; Mariann Littell, AA9TB—Assistant Editor; and Shawna Rumery, NL7NI—Directory Issue Editor. Please give them as much support as you all gave me, especially for the May/June issue. All articles and news tidbits go to Nan, while the District Chairwomen will send their columns to Mariann.

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I have found that, despite my good intentions, I have been unable to adequately hold up my end of the bargain. It is in the best interests of YLRL that I resign, and this I have done, effective ASAP.

I am looking forward to the change--it is time. I am also anticipating seeing an issue of YLH that I haven't worked on. What fun to be able to open an issue and have it be a complete surprise. :-)

I do want to thank everyone who made my job as Editor so much fun, and especially my friend Marti, W7AYL who had so much faith in me.

Best 33 to you all, Margaret, KC7LXS

if you get the chance.

After a leisurely breakfast, I was off to McMinnville, Oregon where some long-time non-radio friends live. My stay in there was short, only one night., so I didn't get to meet the YLs in town. However, Marti (W7AYL) drove down from Portland to visit.

Like most vacations, mine was too short. I met the most, but not all, of the ladies I sent cards to. I saw magnificent fall colors, great beaches and forests, and I had near perfect WX. But what really "made" my trip were many friends, new and old that I met along the way.

I encourage all members to do as I did. Whenever you're planning a trip, look through your YLRL directory issue and send or a few cards or emails letting ladies know you'll be in their area. If you're not planning a trip, thumb through the directory issue and spot YLs living near you. Send them a note (e-mail works great when it is available.) Take that first step towards making a new friend.



L to R: Carolyn-WA7SVV, Lory-N7KTY, and Ginger.



Happy New Year! I hope that it will be a good year for each of you, and for YLRL as we celebrate our 60th year of existence. I hope that you are all saving some money to get to Long Beach for the YLRL Convention. Tony and I will be there, and I know that Arline - W1LIO and Ann - W1AS will be there too.

I heard from several of the 1-land YLs, so I have some news to share. I was also able to check into the Yankee Lassies net on Dec. 30 and hear a great group on the air.

Dianne - KA1NOJ was married on Jan. 1. She is the daughter of Ann - KA1PON and the granddaughter of the late Onie - W1ZEN. Dianne was a YLRL Scholarship winner in 1993. Congratulations from all of us!

Jean - K1TVT made it back to Florida by mid September. They traveled 13,000 miles in 2 months and are now enjoying the mild weather, shuffleboard, cards, and socializing at the RV park in Reddick. She said she's already getting anxious to move on, however, and they will start a slow trip to Maine about March 15. They will stop in Virginia and other places so that they don't get to Maine with the black flies!

Linda - KK1C wrote me just after the last YLH went to press, so this is summer news, but still very interesting. In July she went to Pittsburgh to participate in communications for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. "It is quite an event and the ham participation is extensive. The event is very exciting. I served as the ears & voice for the Corner Captain to transmit critical race information back to Race Control. It was a super experience because we were dealing with the safety & welfare of the drivers & the spectators. Definitely put my ham skills to the test. It's a 2 day event & all of the communications are recorded & then reviewed when the event is over. Assignments for the following year are based on the recording & a debriefing that takes place at the end of the event. Definitely one of the more highly organized events I've been involved with." The write up about amateur radio in the program book was wonderful, I wish I had room to include it here.

Judi - KA1YAK let me know that, in November, her father died and she lost her job because the hospital closed. She started a new job with a group of radiologists at their outpatient office in January. She is looking forward to doing mostly Ultrasound, which she really loves.

Barb - WB1EHS wrote about seeing a rare bird in Maine back in November. It was a Whooping Swan, a Eurasian bird that belongs at the Russian end of the Aleutian Islands! On the same afternoon, they also spotted two pairs of dolphins arching in the water between Quoddy and New Brunswick. Barb also wrote me after we learned about Mary Lou - KM7N. It seems that Mary Lou had known the former owners of their Springfield home and hoped

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It was the night before Christmas Eve and a wish that had been wished so many times was finally coming true. We here in Southern New Jersey were going to have a White Christmas! It had been a long time since our last White Christmas. What an awesome sight as those snowflakes began to fall and cover everything. We were going to have a Beautiful Winter Wonderland for Christmas.

Now the snow is gone along with the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season. Our tree is still standing with the lights twinkling, the fire in the fireplace crackling, but the house is now too quiet. I'm sure most of you know that feeling of sadness along with the happy memories as Christmas is over, and another New Year is about to begin. I hope and pray that your dreams and wishes are granted, and 1999 is a Healthy - Happy Year!

A really nice card and letter was received from Lia, and I thank you Lia for always sending news for our column. The first bit of news is that Lia and her OM Lee celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary, and as Lia said it was celebrated with thankful hearts. We congratulate both Lia and Lee and hope they celebrate many more happy years. Also Lia has yet another reason to stay on "could 9" as she has after 22 years finally made her goal. Yes!! She worked the last Swiss Kanton station for the Swiss Award. We are all proud of you Lia and congratulations! Lia has a lot to be happy about this year and another reason is that Lee her OM has recovered from his serious kidney infection. Stay healthy now, Lee.

Lia-WA2NFY was in the hospital from December 13th until the 17th with an angina attack. They did lots of tests on her and now with medication she can be herself again, just has to slow down for a while. Her "greeting basket" is overflowing with over 70 pieces so far, and she says "isn't it wonderful to have so many friends all over the world, thanks in part to Ham Radio".

I also received a card and letter from Jean-WA2BGE, and it was sure good to hear from Jean as she sat writing while looking out at a field of snow. She too extended her wishes and prayers that all our hopes and dreams for 1999 be fulfilled. The past year for her, as most of us, had it's mixtures of wonderful memories and sad regrets, and of great importance was the happenings of her family. Needless to say she was pleased to have Jon-Michael graduate from High school, and attend College, Little Austin begin kindergarten, and young Master Christian celebrate his 1st Birthday.

Jean went to the Island for 6 weeks and was squired around old haunts along with new and exciting places. She is also seeing the doctor's group often as they try to get her heart and blood pressure to behave. However, to keep herself busy she is writing a historical story about her great-grandparents who lived in Delaware County in the 1800's. That should be interesting!

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Hello all YLs in 3-Land! Here's wishing you all a very healthy and prosperous New Year. Congratulations to Nancy KC4IYD and her OM Steve W8HF on the birth of their little daughter, Carol.

During the first week of October my OM Richard W3SYY and I had a great Elderhostel experience. Through William and Mary College in Williamsburg, VA we studied about NASA & Space Exploration. Along with field trips to NASA at Langly AFB and the Space Museum we also visited Colonial Williamsburg, VA. We had a few 2-meter contacts on the local repeater and met a great DXer from CA, Ed Shuler K6DT, who was also enjoying an Elderhostel experience.

Kathleen Peca, WY3R and her OM Carmen, WO3T from Williamsburg, PA visited ARRL Headquarters on October 23, 1998. While there they took the opportunity to operate W1AW for a full two hours, making several contacts. Some contacts were short QSO's while others could be considered real rag chews. They had lots of fun. On completing their visit to ARRL Headquarters they headed to Providence, Rhode Island for an overnight stay. Next morning they traveled to Jamestown and Newport, Rhode Island to visit some Lighthouses. Their trip was short but full of fun.

Lois WB3EFQ and OM Tom W3BZN had a fantastic trip in December as they enjoyed "Christmas in Bavaria". The trip was centered in the small villages south of Nuremberg and gave a true expression of the holiday season. In seven days they saw a lot of the countryside and several of the magnificent cathedrals. They had a good taste of winter glory in the Alps with snow almost adding extra days to their vacation. The next big travel event will be the trip west to the YLRL convention in 1999.

Lois is trying her hand at being an entrepreneur, having become the director of the Blair county office of Special Care. It is a service that provides in-home care and companions to elderly. It seems to be a natural endeavor after spending 20 years as a nursing home administrator.

Ruthanna WB3CQN is progressing well after her knee surgery in the fall.

I have GOT to tell you about our good friend Tina N3SSG (Silly Silly Girl!) and her experience with Alfredo the Rooster! Somehow a crippled rooster began roosting in a tree on her property and naturally, Tina, being an animal lover began to feed him. Our morning net enjoyed hearing about the antics of Tina and Alfredo and pretty soon fowl jokes were being told and fowl recipes were being sent to Tina (not that she would DARE use any of them on poor Alfredo!) Anyway...a few days before Christmas the temperature was expected to dip to very frigid numbers and so Tina got out an old doghouse, put straw in it and put Alfredo in for the night. Well...he liked it so much he

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Hi ladies! To each and everyone I'd like to say Happy New Year. Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful year! Hope ya'll had a terrific Christmas Holiday. Our Family did and, as usual, I ate entirely too much, but it sure was good!

As I think back over this past year as your District 4 Chainwoman, I have thoroughly enjoyed it and am looking forward to this year also. It was great hearing from those of you who took the time to drop me a note or two. Don't stop! Let me hear even more from ya'll this year, like great vacations, interesting books, time spent with your children and grandchildren, gardening, crafts . . . or even a note to just say howdy!

I would like to say thanks for the pretty Christmas cards from Beth Ann KD4IDK from Glenwood, Al. and Leah WB7PHL from Daytona Beach, Fl. Thanks so much ladies. I even got a note from Leah. She and her hubby Ernie N7SD went on a great vacation to Disney World and Epcot Center. She said they had a great time at the Disney Theme Parks. Her New Year's Resolution she said would be to get on and meet members of YLRL. Leah, that's a great resolution. I too would enjoy meeting the members of YLRL that I've not yet met. Ladies, drop me a note with your New Year's Resolutions.

As for me? I'll keep busy reading the letters that fill my mailbox from y'all, tend to the Household Executive Duties around here, Nets, traffic handling, NCSing, etc, enjoy my crafts and enjoy cloudless nights outside with my telescope. Anyone else out there interested in Astronomy as much as I am?

Also, to everyone with birthdays in January and February I wish you a very Happy Birthday!!!! Till next issue, ladies, take care and let me bear from you!!!! 33 from Roseann N4ZNO

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I also heard from Carli-N1CD who wants everyone to be reminded about the SAYLARC Bakeless Bake Sale. All YLRL Members and/or friends are to send your favorite recipe along with a donation of what you estimate the cost would be should you make the item. Send your recipe(s) and check (made payable to Wanda Traver) to:

Audrey Foody, N2QJZ

PO Box 36

Stephentown, NY 12168

OR

Carli Drake, N1CD

PO Box 159

Stephentown, NY 12168

Please get involved in this project for the CookBook - the sale of which will benefit the YLRL Scholarship Fund.

On that Happy Note, Thank you for the news and remember: It is nice to be important, but more important to be nice: HAPPY NEW YEAR! 33 Bye Now - Myrtle-N2AKC



Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were joyous times for you. Our family was all at our place, and we had a very good time. Now, we are looking forward to exciting times in this, the final year of the century.

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Mary Lou, NM7N—such a brilliant, capable, and gracious lady. She will be sorely missed not only by all of us in YLRL but worldwide in ARRL and DX circles. Our sympathies go to her family.

Congratulations to Nancy, KC4IYD (our YLRL president) and her OM Steve on the birth of their little daughter Carol Stephanie. We know it was a happy Christmas at their QTH with the new little one.

Linda, AC5QQ, is the new secretary for the Heart of Texas Amateur Radio Club in Waco, and her OM Ed, KC5KNI was elected as Director. Their son Pat, KK5KN graduated in May and is working full time at Baylor University. Linda and Pat are part of the VE team testing each month, and they participated in the November ARRL Sweepstakes as part of the Baylor Amateur Radio Club WA5BU. They were operating when they managed to sweep the 79th section, which for them was Wyoming. Great job!

Alma, AB4BA, stepped down as Director of HOTARC, has been busy with antennas and taking care of her OM Jim, who has been having some health problems. Alma's new e-mail address is jalang@juno.com. She continues to be a mainstay for TYLRUN - we appreciate her.

Louisa, W5RZJ, writes that her OM Joe has published another book entitled "Pueblo Profiles, Cultural Identity through Centuries of Change". His publisher sponsored a great book signing party for him at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, and he sold 120 books that afternoon. They have continued to do well. Louisa is heavily involved in the Valley Gardeners Club, is in her 11th year as president. She attended the National African Violet Convention in Sacramento and picked up some new species of plants.

Harryette, W6QGX/5 has been having quite a few health problems of late—her eyes, diabetes, neuropathy and difficulty in walking but she did manage to fly to Los Angeles for the LAYL Club's Christmas party. That has become a tradition for her. Harryette hopes to be able to attend the YLRL Convention in July. She is the only member now who has perfect attendance at all the conventions. She is excited that her daughter Susan, LA0CY, will be visiting this summer.

My OM Andy, W5IWL, sold a few of his antique radio collection and won some impressive awards at a Collector's convention recently. I was very proud of him. He won 1st place on the restoration of a Coca-Cola Cooler Radio he had rescued from a chicken house! Had before and after pictures—pretty impressive!

Don't forget dues time is coming up the 1st of March. Why not sign up a new lady or two while you are at it? 33, Doris, K5BNQ

Jeri Haines, KB6USX



Happy 1999—Last of the century. Many plans and dreams will come to good conclusions for each of us while we also look back on our good fortune of the past. And we must do both, as it is our part of history.

Christmas/Hanukkah time shows us giving of our time and resources to help others find happiness. Personally, that gives me a good feeling, one that stimulates me to do more for those less fortunate than I am. May each of you feel that, too.

LARA celebrated the season with a luncheon at the Elephant Bar, La Mirada. Along with the gift exchange, they contributed toys for tots and food and gifts for a needy family. A good time was had by all.

YLRC of LA chose Cocos, Alhambra, for their holiday luncheon. One of the attendees was a very lively 98-year-old ham, who came with her daughter. Four of five other members have been hams over forty years each. What a great hobby! YLRC members made a cash donation to a group aiding battered wives and children. We are looking forward to the annual YL-OM luncheon (including our valentines) on February 13th also to be held at Cocos.

I spend time between the holidays working on floats for the Rose Parade, this being my thirteenth year. Then we are communicators at the parade, along with my OM Vern, W6KKU. Each year we invite someone else to attend with us as we have an assigned parking place and do not have to leave too early. It is always a pleasant event and we do look forward to the next one.

I feel lucky to be a member of LARA and have the opportunity to be a part of the upcoming YLRL Convention. It's fun to hear Martha's progress reports and also her reminder to make your reservations aboard the Queen Mary ASAP. DO IT NOW! 33, Jeri, KB6USX



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 wouldn't come out! The whole next day he just sat in his dog house and cock-a-doodle-dood!!! Members of the net enjoyed offering her suggestions of how to decorate his new home for Christmas...including lights, hanging a stocking full of corn and good rooster food, etc! It takes all kinds, and believe me, Tina is one-of-a-kind!

Well, if anyone has any news for this column, please get it to me by March 1.

73/33 de Barb KA3VXR



Hello from cold, snowy Washington. Yesterday we were surprised by a small snowstorm. This is a good day to bring you up-to-date on what has been happening in the 7th district.

The MINOW Net members were deeply saddened by the death of Mary Lou, NM7N. She was a regular on our Friday morning net when she was not away visiting clubs & hamfests, attending an ARRL meeting or off on a DXpedition. We really miss her cheerful "This is November Mike Seven November . . ." She kept us all informed on what was happening at ARRL and we looked forward to hearing about her latest DXpedition when we met for our Annual Meeting each May. On a happier note MINOW Net is delighted to have KA7SUG Marilyn checking in. And Marilyn is happy to find that there are YLs among all the OMs she hears on the bands.

Phyllis W2GLB reports for the CACTUS KEYS that "we had a partly rainy day for the Superstition Swapmeet on December 5 so the Superstition Club allowed us to set up our table under their canopy & announce our location over their loud speaker. YL attendance was scant but we had one new potential Cactus Key attending the luncheon. Ruby our President and several of our members were sick, so the meeting was short. New officers were announced—President: W2GLB Phyllis Shanks; Vice President: WA0NNC Karen Sasek; Secretary: N7LR Linda Reichert; Treasurer: K7SEC Phyllis Douglas; and Directors: KF7BY Jo Traver and W7JZA Ruby La Rue."

KC7DAT Marcie Stilwell reported on the 2 Meter YL Evergreen Intertie Net that she was elected President of the North Kitsap ARC in December. Congratulations Marci! There is no news from the 2 Rivers YL Club but they are looking forward to their holiday get-together in January.

I wish all of you a healthy and happy New Year. This is the time of year when we think of goals and I would like to suggest a few:

1. This is a good time to upgrade your license. Keep working on that code. You can do it!
2. Tell a new YL about YLRL and invite her to join.
3. Mark the YLRL contests on your calendar and plan to get in there for a short time at least. It's more fun when more YLs participate.
4. Check into a YL net as often as you can. Get in the habit! We need each other.
5. Start a 2-meter YL net in your area.
6. Make plans to attend the YLRL Convention on the Queen Mary!
7. SEND ME YOUR NEWS! Please! I'd love to hear from you!

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33 Sara AB7PS



Congratulations to Nancy & Steve Hall...Carol Stephanie Gall arrived December 20 at 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. She is beautiful. The announcement is in the form of a Christmas Card with Baby Hall's picture on the cover page.... upon examination the Hall Family Christmas Card format did the car on the computer...clever and original

As we plan for the July 30 -August 2 YLRL Convention, the Buckeye Belles and Chix-on-Six YL clubs from Ohio have committed to the 2001 Convention of YLRL in Columbus. YLRL never stops planning!!!!

The wx here has been brutal..zero degrees, high winds, snow and ice terrible driving or No driving...many of us housebond. We'll be glad to get to California.

Cincinnati Area Belles had a lovely Christmas Party at Carol K8DHK's Home

The Chix had a grand affair and the food was extra as usual.

Kiko, WA8IWD, Lilo has been having a grand time getting with the new computer with help of her Sons...all were home for the Holiday and Lilo writes she visits with friends for meals..they share visits in their homes and then give 'care packages' for the gals to take home. She has had two trips to Oregon and one to Key West this year.....more glory your way!

K8MZJ, May President of the Belles is trying to arrange 'goodie tables' at Hamfest to enlarge our treasury for use in 2001. Please let her know of your affairs so she can get with your group.

WA8IKC, Doris is feeling much better and is looking toward getting to more Hamfests...she really misses going to Dayton

Please send me your E-Mail address so I can get more news to Harmonics You can get me at either k8mzt@juno.com or gram2225@sssnet.com. I gave offered to help the nominating committee and we are very short of time. Any YLRL Member who would like to serve as an officer or district chairman, PLEASE let me know

Nice being with you again 33 76 K8MZT, Shirley

I would rather be able
to appreciate things I cannot have
than to have things
I am not able to appreciate.

-- elbert hubbard --



Here it is the end of another year. As I write this on New Year's Eve, I wonder what 1999 will hold for all of us. One thing I am looking forward to in 1999 is the convention in Long Beach* and meeting more YLs. I have yet to meet a YL whom I haven't liked. It should really be a good time.

Since I haven't heard from anyone in two months, this will be all about the Burke household and family. As I write this, my O.M. Al is busy getting new antennas ready to go on a new tower. We had a tragic happening last July. During a storm that had hurricane force winds (that's saying something here in Indiana) we lost our 80' Rohn tower that had been up at this QTH for 9 years and for 15 years at the former QTH. It had been in the ground with 5 yards of concrete and also guyed. When it went down, it broke both of the north turnbuckles and snapped off at ground level. The really bad part was that it only fell partially down. It landed (or should I say reclined) in a tree that was about 80-90 feet tall. Our tower was located in the midst of a forest that we call our back yard. After a lot of investigation on how to get it down the rest of the way we reluctantly decided that the antennas weren't salvageable so finally Paul Bunyon (Al) and his trusty helper Babe (who looks suspiciously like a Dalmatian named Sophie) decided just to cut down the supporting tree and yell "timber". So, now we have a tower laying in the back yard amongst the trees and really mangled antennas, including a TA-36, an ATV antenna, 2 meter beam, and 2 meter ground-plane, plus the dipoles and long wires. The new tower is up and the antennas are being prepared. Hopefully, by spring, if the winter isn't too bad, we will be up and running again. The really distressing part of this was that the same day our tower went down, our new Yaesu FT- 847 (HF, VHF, UHF, satellite, all modes and all frequencies) arrived that Al had been waiting for. Some days you can't win.

We had a wonderful Christmas. It was the first one we weren't able to bring mom home since she went into the nursing home. She has gotten much too weak for the trip home. So, we all went to see her. It was pandemonium with 4 of the 5 grandchildren here (it was the oldest's, Mackenzie's, year to spend it with his mother), and the new puppy, Sophie. Surprisingly, Sophie didn't bother anything. Didn't even eat a grandchild (only kidding about that). I had visions of her destroying the tree and gifts prior to Christmas. It was wonderful having the whole family here, but we did miss mom and Mackenzie.

I hope everyone had a safe holiday and are looking forward to a wonderful new year full of family, friends and, of course, ham radio. Please don't forget to let your district chairman know what you are up too, radio or otherwise. Looking forward to seeing everyone in 1999 either in Dayton or Long Beach.

Happy New Year and 33's, Carole. WB9RUS

**Note: This has not been agreed to by the O.M., but I'm working on it. (He made me put this in)*



Hello Ladies. Yes, it's that time again. The January/February edition of YL Harmonics. Thanks for all the great news you have been sending. Remember, all you Zeros really make the District 10 news section what it is. If I didn't hear from you, the news would be pretty boring! Just remember, this is a bi-monthly edition and some news may be a bit delayed. Don't think I've forgotten you. Thanks for all your help.

This year looks to be a great year. The 1999 Convention should be a blast. I am still trying to con the boss into the time off!!! Especially since I have already put in for time to go to Dayton again this year. The sunspots are cooperating, too, by really getting the bands to open up. There have been some incredible openings and they should keep getting better.

Moe, WB0RTF, was elected President of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association. Congratulations, Moe. She can be reached at wb0rtf@amsat.org.

The Montrose Amateur Radio Club (MARC) has been doing Field Day regularly since back in the 1950's and this year they got great coverage from the Montrose Daily Press in two editions. Connie, K0GAS, and her husband Bob are regular contributors to the project and this year Connie made the front page of both Daily Press editions. She was caught both logging and working SSB. The Montrose YLs really know how to pitch in, because Phyl, N0SLF and Audrey, N0JAB were there working hard, too!

By the time this issue is out I will be back from VP5. I hope I had a chance to work you. If I missed you this round, don't worry. Just kee tuned to the column for other DXpeditions from me and all the other District 10 members who let me warn you they are coming. Anyone have any trips planned for 1999?!?

As Connie, K0GAS, points out, Contest season is upon us, so don't forget to let the YLs stand up and be counted. If you aren't interested in a single effort, look for a club to work with. She submits her scores with the Grand Mesa Contesters Club.

There are also a few YLs to keep in your hearts and thoughts. Virginia, WD0BSB and her husband, Joe, have undergone cataract extractions. Sharlene, KB0WBT, is recovering from an auto accident and her mother in California could also use your positive thoughts. Please, let them know you are thinking of them.

That's the scoop for now. Keep all the great information coming or I may be forced to drag out my cute cat stories or even worse...stories about the OM, Hi, Hi. See you on the bands. 73 and 33, Cheryl, NOWBV



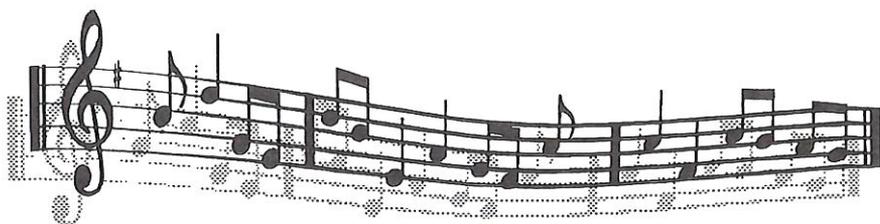
Greetings from Alaska! We seem to be the warm area of North America this early part of January. The arctic storms seem to by pass us and hit the lower 48 states. Most of our snow has washed away with the rains, but the winds have been strong too. Not the problems that many other places have though.

Cheri, WL7MA, is all settled in for the winter, with much snow. But makes radio more fun when the bands are in. She did have a good trip to New Zealand, but was very busy and did not get to see all the friends she hoped to. The girls are busy in school.

All is quiet in our bay. Just three couples wintering in our end so not much traffic, boat-wise. We have had ice a couple times but not enough to cause any problems. Our wildlife keep us happy watching their antics. The mink cleans up the crab legs the otters leave on the dock after they eat the body meat. It also keeps the mouse population in control. Birds, juncos, varied thrush, and stellar blue jays are busy at the feeder, and the dish of rolled oats I put out for the little fawn. Think it did not know how to find food under the 6" coating of snow. When it melted a few days ago she found the grass so maybe she has an idea now. I don't know if something happened to her mother or if it is just natural she is alone.

Please send some news ladies. Something must be happening in your areas...my address is in the front of Harmonics and the email address through the ham radio-text only- is in the directory.

33, Betty KL7FJW



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VE3LQA Pauline keeps busy. Now that she is on 'commercial' e-mail, that makes life easier and more dependable. She is organist this year in her Eastern Star Chapter, which, by the way is having a huge celebration for 75 years of activity and Pauline has been reading over the minutes for the past 75 years and making notes so that a history can be done...the banquet is in a week and she has 14 years to go!! Still plays occasionally when a church needs a supply organist and that is always fun. 33, Pauline

Please note the correct e-mail address... ve3lqa@sympatico.ca



Now for news -

VE3HAI Ann had a busy fall settling her mother into an Assisted-Living Retirement Home. Ann and her family have enjoyed having granddaughter Kelsey with her parents and Ann's other daughter and her husband at their QTH for Christmas. A fun time was held by all. Ann and OM Barc are looking forward to going in June on a holiday to visit Kelsey and her parents who live in Alberta. She sends best New Year's greetings to all.

VE1VAO Kate's QTH had renovations made to the den, new furniture and a new stove installed in the room. A surprise package arrived at her QTH before Christmas, and it was a small artificial tree all decorated with hand-made decorations done by her OM Lee's daughter. Originally Kate and Lee had decided on no tree. Kate is looking forward to getting back on the air after HF rig repairs.

VE3HIR Tess has now retired from nursing. She will be busy, as she has taken on the job of Circulation Manager for CLARA for a two-year term. VE3HQH Heather still does square dancing. She square dances three nights a week and special dances on the week-ends. She also helps her daughter in the flower shop. Heather is hoping to get her CW back up to speed and come back on the air.

VE3KWI Anne has a daughter Patricia VA3SKA who did some back-packing around Europe and has now found a job in Ireland. Anne and her OM Bob are looking forward to a trip to Ireland in the year 2000.

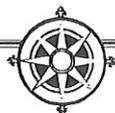
VE7TLK Elizabeth became a new grandmother last fall with the arrival of a baby girl called Justine. Elizabeth participates in contests and was on the CQWW DX RTTY, CQWW DX (SSB) and ARRL Sweepstakes. She is meeting many new YLs on the CLARA 20 meter net, and is also one of our net control stations.

VA3WX Jeanne says that the first snowstorm and it was a big one, arrived to start off the New Year. The temperatures are cold. There was no snow in her area for Christmas but she and her family had a nice Christmas. One of Jeanne's gifts was a bread-maker so she has had good success trying out different breads. Jeanne is secretary of CLARA for a two year term and is still net manager for the 80 meter CLARA evening net held on Monday evenings. Wishes everyone a happy New Year.

VE7LQH Muriel survived an extremely wet November, they had an awful lot of rain and storms...Muriel flew up to Grande Prairie Alberta then drove to Dawson Creek BC for Christmas with her son and family. So that would be a nice outing for her. Muriel keeps very busy, and has had a good friend just move up to Comox—they have been friends for over 40 years.

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DX YL News



Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

I received several holiday cards and letters from DX YL members that I would like to share with our YLRL membership:

Kati Miriam Stessel, 4X6KT, of Israel, sent via e-mail wishes for a "wonderful Xmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year".

Christine Dons, GM4YMM, sent a beautiful holiday card. Its one of those cards that's too beautiful to put away after the holidays! Christine is sponsored by Carla Watson, WO6X.

Dieuw Wildeboer, PA3CEB, of the Netherlands, sent a beautiful card and a long letter with wishes for a "blessed Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year with especially wishes for good health and good DX times". In her letter, Dieuw shared that she hangs all of her holiday cards on "red ribbons on the wall in the living room, hall and kitchen" where they stay until the end of January. In her letter Dieuw stated that she is getting use to her new home and is tending to her gardens in "the way I wished, easy to keep under, small borders with plants and shrubs around some high trees. A terraced garden with many flower boxes, and in this wintertime some bird box with seeds for our feathered friends." She also shared that she and her family made "some short holiday trips in our own country," mostly to Texel, "a little island in the Northern Sea where I was born, where we married, and Marja our daughter her native soil". She ended her letter with "of course I spent at home a lot of time to our radio hobby, until now only on 2 meter but in the spring we set up an HF in our tower. We visit regular radio meetings and markets, meeting there a lot of ham friends". Dieuw is sponsored by Truus Rosenthal, VE3MRS



L to R: Reiko CYK8CYL (3rd daughter) Kaxuma JA0CYK, Manami (first daughter) holding Yosuke (Masako's grandson), Kataro CYK8CYL, and Masako JA0CYL.

Masako Kato, JA0CYL, of Japan, (sponsor is Carol Noack KK5L) sent a beautiful greeting card which had on the front of it a copy of the painting, "Golden Pheasant and Bamboo in Snow" attributed to Jakuchu Ito (1716-1800) and housed at Hiraki Ukiyo E Foundation in Japan. Masako also included this picture of the Kato family:

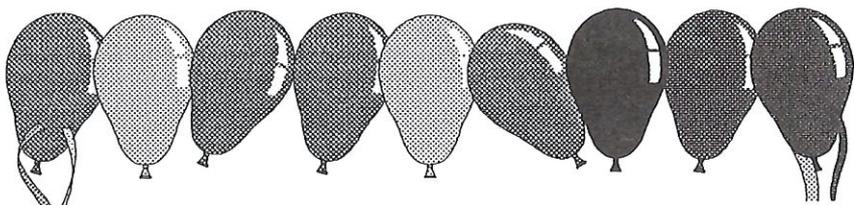
Greta Hubacher, HB9ARC, of Switzerland, sent me a letter during the holidays with "best wishes for a wonderful Holiday season and a very Happy New Year". In her letter she said, "Darleen Magen WD5FQX sponsors me in YLRL and I am very thankful to her and appreciate the membership indeed". Greta shared that her family has "had a very busy year and had experienced quite a strenuous stretch of time". However she and her

family were able to later fly to Morocco for short visit.

The year 1998 ended with another family crisis—my father had emergency heart surgery the day after Thanksgiving. He is now doing quite well (especially considering the doctors were not sure that Dad would be with us till Christmas without the surgery) and is proud that the doctors are impressed that a 83 year old gentleman is doing so well. The doctors called Dad "their role model for ALL heart surgery patients, of any age". On behalf of my entire family and myself, I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and support during this past year. May 1999 be a little less "eventful"—for all of us!!

May 1999 be filled with good health and happiness for all of you.

33, Christina N5YCH



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to visit them sometime, but Barb and Jack moved before that happened. Ham radio does seem to promote amazing stories of connections.

Ann - W1AS wrote, "We made it back from Micronesia OK. The band conditions were the best we have heard in a very long time. Ten meters was wide open and we worked a bunch of stateside stations. Total Q's from the operation (V63HO, V63YP, V63HC and V63X) after removing dupes were 14,666 (12,735 CW and 1,931 SSB). During CQWW CW we used V63X and made 5114 Q's and 8.17M points. On Pohnpei we toured the ancient Nan Madol ruins. For more details and photos visit my WEB page at <http://www.tiac.net/users/wa1s>. I am still waiting for my photos to come back from the trip. For Christmas my husband bought me a scanner for the computer so will be scanning and putting some photos from the trip on my WEB page. By the time the next issue of Harmonics is published I should have my WEB page updated with some photos. I just recently put some photos from the DXpedition to Willis Island."

WRONE elected new officers in November: President - Dawn - K1TQY, Vice President - Hennie - KA1JVN, Secretary - Gail - N1TXJ, Treasurer - Pat - N1LZH, Membership Chair - Sandy - KA1TLP, Net Chair - Bobbie - W1JX, Hospitality Chair - Betty - KA1JKV. The group will gather for the annual spring luncheon on May 1.

I hope to hear from you before February 28 so I can fill up the space again next time! Maybe on the air? If not, then phone, mail, and email are satisfactory alternates! 33, Anne E. Manna WB1ARU 614 Webster Street Hanover, MA 02339-1180 781-878-9235

From The Editor's Desk



Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS

One step and then another and
the longest walk is ended.
One stitch and then another and
the longest rent is mended.
Then do not look downhearted
on the work you have to do,
And say that such a task
you never can get through;
But just endeavor day by day
another point to gain,
And soon the mountain that you
feared will prove to be a plain.

— Author Unknown

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