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From The President's Desk

Carol Hall, WD8DQG/7

THE INCREASE IN DUES TO \$20. HAS BEEN VOIDED

After careful consideration, consultation with my advisors, and our parliamentarian, Jackie van de Kamp, W6YKU, I have voided the ballot on the change in dues. First, it was voted on in Long Beach at the convention to vote to increase the dues, but a vote to increase must be presented to the membership in Harmonics. This was missing! Then a choice of how much must be considered by the membership. Therefore, there will be a new vote, according to the by-laws (article IX - voting) in the May/June issue. This means, that the dues for 2000 will remain the same and the outcome of the vote will take place in 2001. If you have any suggestions or positive comments you would like for me to consider, please let me hear from you. This is a reprieve, but if we are to survive, we have to have an increase to cover the greatly increased costs of Harmonics. For those who didn't vote, you now have a second chance. Please participate this time, so we have an expression representative of ALL the members.

Presidents Letter

Welcome to the millennium!

We survived Y2K without any major glitches. This is just as well, since I didn't stockpile any food, water or go out and buy a generator. What will the year 2000 and the succeeding years bring for YLRL? Will we survive as an organization and grow? I would like to address some concerns and my objectives for the next two years.

Who we are and what we want is an easy question for me to answer. We are women who are licensed amateur radio operators. That was the easy part, but beyond the obvious, most of us are very intelligent achievers who are unusually busy with jobs, community and family. At Long Beach and even before the members made it known that Harmonics is a big drawing card for most of the members. We also decided in Long Beach that we could not continue to publish Harmonics, whose cost has risen considerably without raising the membership dues. This was absolutely necessary for our survival. Our membership has fallen off the past several years, and we need to work very hard recruiting new members. I spend a great deal of time at the Dayton Hamvention every year talking to YLs explaining to them the benefits of belonging to YLRL. First, is the camaraderie of women who share a common interest and want to promote their activity in amateur radio. Secondly, learning what other women are doing, meeting the challenges of new and old modes of operations, giving themselves to their community and sharing their experiences with other women.

It is up to each and every one of us to spread the word and provide membership information to other YLs in the area where you live. How many licensed women do you know in your city, county, and state that do not belong to YLRL? Tell them about us, tell them about the nets, contests, certificates, and give them an application. Why not get them started by giving them their first year's subscription to get them started. Get on the nets! Open House, Tangle, the 40 mtr and 80 mtr nets. Work the contests! Make and give out contacts for our certificates! Some of the net controls could use help and relief. GET INVOLVED!!! If you are listening, who is calling?

I would really like to see the District Chairwomen have YLs who can take the responsibility for news in their area. It is really hard to know what is going on in North Carolina, if you live in Florida, for example. When I was DC for the 8th district, I never got any news from West Virginia, but we did have members there. E-mail has made it easier. I have been wondering if we could offer a contest certificate for SWL's. This would encourage YLs to upgrade or maybe those who listen to get licensed.

Every officer and committee member serving YLRL is a volunteer who gives of their time and energy without pay. Their service is greatly appreciated, so give them your support and any help you can. If you have any questions, helpful suggestions, or problems, please let me know! I will do my best to help.

Quarterly Issues

Because of the failure to increase the dues this year, I consulted with my advisors and have made an executive decision to put Harmonics out on a quarterly schedule. This was been voted on by the membership several years ago but it was not found necessary to implement until now. Please bear with us until our financial situation improves.

Beth Taylor Membership Award

It was suggested to me that we honor Beth Taylor, **W7NJS** who was YLRL membership chairwoman for many years. She was instrumental in bringing many new members to YLRL. She was blind and lived alone on a fixed income, but spent her own money for YLRL in many ways. To honor her, whoever brings in the most new members this year and next year, I will personally pay their dues for one year. This does not include Seapac or Dayton.

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Carol Hall WD8DQG/7

YLRL President

“YLRL is a non-profit organization and any contributions are tax deductible.”

Certificates & Awards

Jeanette Ellis, NP&C, Custodian
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July 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

| | No. Years | | No. Years |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Henrietta Horvay, KA1JVN | 5 | Leona Roberts, WQ0Q | 15 |
| Wanda Traver, N2JBK | 5 | Angellka Roberts, G0CCI | 15 |
| Margaret Bevan, N3MB | 5 | Rose Parrack, WA1VOP | 20 |
| Daisy Crepeau, KT4KW | 5 | Shirley Tabloski, KA1X | 20 |
| Vera Fries, KD4LBE | 5 | Elsie Finkelstein, KA2CLX | 20 |
| Kathleen Komacki, KE4PKD | 5 | Winifred Ballou, KB2DP | 20 |
| Charlene Frazier, KA6HNI | 5 | Gladys Keller, WB2OQ | 20 |
| Arlette Marshall, KO6IS | 5 | Doris Solak, KJ3O | 20 |
| Mary Pascavage, W7HPA | 5 | Robbie Arvidson, N4CHK | 20 |
| Peggy Parkinson, KB8SZI | 5 | Ann Lucas, N5ASX | 20 |
| Cheri Worley, WL7MA | 5 | Carol Noack, KK5L | 20 |
| Barbara Foote, G0SKC | 5 | Zenda Benton, KD5MD | 20 |
| Ellen Bennett, N1BTE | 10 | Martha Brittain, W5YKE | 20 |
| Charlotte Richardson, KQ1F | 10 | Barbara Krizo, K6TFG | 20 |
| Irma Lynch, N4NPX | 10 | Audrey Sparlin, WB7ECH | 20 |
| Jean DuPree, KB4OHX | 10 | June Geiger, N9BAE | 20 |
| Laquetta Karch, KK4WQ | 10 | Myrtle Jones, N00A | 20 |
| Betty Crosno, N6SUP | 10 | Harriet Micensky, WB0ZQZ | 20 |
| Merlene Hudson, N7EMI | 10 | Lorraine Browne, ZL1BPM | 20 |
| Elora Gaidrich, KB7EQW | 10 | Cecilia Zwack, WA2NFY | 25 |
| Amy Lu Riley, W7SBS | 10 | Lois Ierlan, WA2RX | 25 |
| Delores Griggs, WA8WDS | 10 | Carol Bernier-Gawle, WA1LGU | 30 |
| Geraldine Spears, WA9SHK | 10 | Dorothy Scialdone, K3YPH | 30 |
| Ellen Johnson, WA0UXO | 10 | Maxine Penrod, K4KUU | 30 |
| Marties Dauster, DF5VW | 10 | Lois Sims, W7CO | 30 |
| Ingrid Wolfangel, DL3SAP | 10 | Ruth Wardell, WA8YP | 30 |
| Zina Zajko, EU1YL | 10 | Ellen White, W1YL | 35 |
| Fumiko Okazaki, JA6VWV | 10 | Ruth Barber, K1IIF | 40 |
| Sumiko Tanaka, JG2HOK | 10 | Madonna Gyer, W5ON | 40 |
| Evgnosia Tigaraki, SV3AGQ | 10 | Barbara Neiman, KE5ZI | 40 |
| Jill Andrews, ZL2BHJ | 10 | Barbara Wilson, K7RAM | 40 |
| Jean Lucas, N1HMG | 15 | Shirley Rex, K8MZT | 40 |
| Mady Langdon, KP3YL | 15 | Hazel Cain, K9QGR | 40 |
| Gertrude Rowelsky, KA6QQH | 15 | Blanche Randles, W4GXZ | 45 |
| Maxine Yarborough, N7LTM | 15 | Margaret Vining, W4KZT | 45 |
| Mildred Stiles, K7TNE | 15 | Inez Cole, W5WXT | 45 |
| Mary Ketzler, WO9R | 15 | Martha Edwards, W6QYL | 45 |
| Helen Lubenow, NM0E | 15 | | |



The YLRL Web page has moved.
The new address is <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl>

 Take a minute and log in and check it out!



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
ETHEL SMITH, K4LMB
MARY LOU BROWN, NM7N
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In Memory of:

Dot Bedford, **NY4S/K4AOH**
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 Mary Lou Brown, **MN7N**
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Thank you **WRONE** (Women Radio Operators of New England) for your generous donation to fund.

Correct call is **DJ6US**, Walli Jager Keherer for donation in memory of Mary Lou. (Sep/Oct).

Nov 1st, 1999 the amount of \$2,500 was sent to FAR for year 2000 scholarships.

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Balance in Money Market | \$9,820.40 |
| CD | <u>40,632.09</u> |
|Total | 50,452.49 |

An application form for scholarship may be requested by letter or QSL card postmarked prior to April 30, 2000.

Mail to: FAR Scholarships, POB 831, Riverdale MD 20738

Send all donations for YLRL Scholarship funds to:
 Marte Wessel, **KOEPE**, YLRL Scholarship Treasurer
 RR 1 Box 73, Liberal KS 67901

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Marte
KOEPE



YLRL
Scholarship Recipients

April D. Rodgers, **N3PPU**
 Butler PA
 1999 YLRL Scholarship



April graduated Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. While there she served for 3 years as President of the Panther Radio Club. She will now be in her final year of Optometry School at Pennsylvania college of Optometry rotating thru various places for 3 months seeing patients in different environments such as hospitals, ocular diseases clinics and private practices. She holds an Advance Class license and serves as a Volunteer Examiner. Congratulations April. All the best is sent to you from the members of YLRL.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE, INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH
FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999

| DESCRIPTION | CHECKING PETTY CASH | GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT | | | TOTAL |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | GENERAL FUND | PRESIDENT'S CONVENTION FUND | FUND | |
| CASH BALANCE AS OF 9/30/99 | \$ 3,056.76 | \$15,969.26 | \$ 206.50 | \$ 3,630.83 | \$22,863.35 |
| CASH RECEIPTS: | | | | | |
| Dues & Subscriptions | 622.00 | | | | 622.00 |
| First Class Postage * | 102.00 | | | | 102.00 |
| Interest Income | | 110.39 | 1.36 | 24.51 | 136.26 |
| Sales of Supplies | 578.25 | | | | 578.25 |
| Transfer from MM to Operating Convention Fund | | | | | 0.00 |
| 60th anniversary pin** | 0.00 | | 104.50 | | 104.50 |
| Donations -Other | 2.00 | | | | 2.00 |
| TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS | 1,304.25 | 110.39 | 105.86 | 24.51 | 1,545.01 |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS: | | | | | |
| YL Harmonics Expense | 1,610.63 | 2,000.00 | | | 3,610.63 |
| Handi-Hams Campership | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Officers Expense | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Chairman's Expenses | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Supplies Inventory/Expense | 311.73 | | | | 311.73 |
| Trophies and Awards | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Convention Seed Money | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Advertising at Conventions etc | 0.00 | | | | 0.00 |
| Misc. | (424.00) | | | | (424.00) |
| TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS | 1,498.36 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,498.36 |
| INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CAS | (194.11) | (1,889.61) | 105.86 | 24.51 | (1,953.35) |
| CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/99 | 2,862.65 | 14,079.65 | 312.36 | 3,655.34 | 20,910.00 |

* Dues & First Class Postage have been adjusted for returned checks.

** Pin sales are proceeds after the recovery of pin cost which is shown as a reduction to miscellaneous expense

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Balance Checking | \$ 2,512.65 |
| Balance General MM | 18,047.35 |
| Petty Cash Funds | 350.00 |
| | 20,910.00 |

YL CONTEST CORNER

Cleo, K0JFO

1999 YL AP Winners

North America SSB

N2EVZ 1224
WA2NFY 528
K0EPE 375
K6KCI 225

DX SSB

DJ1TE 1536
DL3LG 1232
DL2FCA 1105
DL5UF 396
DF4ZX 324
DK6FM 108
F5RPB 63

NA CW

N2EVZ 224
WA2NFY 6

DX CW

DL2FCA 36

F5RPB 9

Corcoran Award N2EVZ

Hager Award

DL2FCA

2000 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's That Time Again!!

Dues are due and payable March 1st.

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. 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.

2000 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 YLs Name _____ Call _____

DX YLs 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

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.

2000 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call: _____ Recent Prior Call: _____
Name: _____ Country: _____
Address: _____ New Address? Y / N
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: (____) - _____ Fax Number: (____) - _____
Packet Address: _____
Email Address: _____
License Class: _____ Year 1st Licensed: _____
ARRL Member? Y / N Year Joined YLRL: _____
List YLRL Affiliated Clubs You Belong To: _____

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

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**)

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(DX YL Renewal Form is on the previous page... send or copy and mail these renewals to the addresses given)

Anne Manna, WB1ARU



Happy New Year! There is much debate over whether or not this is the first or last year of the millennium, but one thing is sure – the calendar will look different! So far, we have had little snow in 1 land and none here in my part of Massachusetts, although we have had enough cold weather to make our little pond freeze.

W1LIO, Arline, had triple by-pass surgery in December and is doing very well. She was able to attend Christmas celebrations with her family. Arline misses being able to drive right now but will be able to before long.

WA1S, Ann, completed her scuba diving certification off the coast of Maine in early September and spent Thanksgiving in Grenada. Hurricane Lenny didn't hit Grenada, but it caused rough seas and damage to Grenada's shoreline. Ann did get in 2 days of scuba diving and then operated **J3A** in the CQWW CW contest.

K1TVT, Jean, had cataracts removed from both eyes in November with about two weeks between the surgeries. She is enjoying being back in Maine with her family.

K1TQY, Dawn, has undertaken a project for next Thanksgiving that will keep her busy until then! She is planning to make 500 favors for a Thanksgiving dinner that is prepared and served to shut-ins and others who may not have a dinner. She has made favors for this dinner in the past, but not on such a large scale. Dawn is always busy doing handwork when she is not busy on the radio with traffic handling.

KA1JVN, Hennie, is a snowbird and will be in Florida for the next four months at 300 Forest Lakes Blvd. #101, Naples, FL 34105.

W4GXZ, Blanche, is also a snowbird and is back at her Tampa address until the end of April.

Yankee Lassies Net has been going strong every Wednesday morning at 8:30 ET. It meets at 3.912 +/- depending on conditions. The net control duty rotates between four of the members and all YLs are welcome to check in. On the "last net of the century", the following YLs were heard: **W1TGY**, Dot; **W1LIO**, Arline; **K1TQY**, Dawn; **WB1EHS**, Barb; **KA2ZKM**, Marion; **NFIC**, Geri; **W1JX**, Bobbie; **WB1ARU**, Anne; **KA1TAG**, Eva; **WA1JYO**, Vera; and **KA1VAX**, Betsy.

WB1ARU, Anne, has not had much operating time at the QTH, but has operated mobile on 17m while driving back and forth to Troy, NY with son Robert, who is a second year "Archie" at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

WRONE will have its Spring Luncheon in the Greater Boston area on May 6, 2000. There will be a tour of the Museum Ship USS Salem in Quincy. It has a fully operational radio room and members of the USS Salem Radio Club will be on board so guests can operate.

I look forward to hearing more news from the 1 land YLs for the next issue of YLH!

33's, Anne E. Manna, WB1ARU

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC



Hopefully, as you read this, we have all survived the outcome of the beginning of the year 2000 and the Y2K mystery is solved and is history. I hope you all enjoy good health and much happiness in the years ahead, and that you will share with us the happenings in your life.

Speaking of happenings, a card from Minerva, **WB2JNL**, states that she and Miriam, **AA2DX**, are keeping in touch on 40 meters, although briefly due to busy schedules. Minerva had family from England visit and they had a really great time together. Also a new great-granddaughter arrived in November increasing the family to 70. They were all together for Christmas. What a wonderful Holiday that must have been.

Miriam, **AA2DX**, wrote that she and Bob were off to El Paso for the Holidays to be with son her Bill and family. All is well with them.

Ever-dependable Lia, **WA2NFY**, wrote that so many things are happening in her life, like dinner with repeater groups, and seeing Marcy, **WA2URE**, along with Rachel. **KC2DKB**, who Lia hopes will join SAYLARC and YLRL. Lia had a funny "fish story." A neighbor gave her some perch, which she put into the icebox. Much later she started to cut into it when the fish actually jumped. Lia screamed and jumped too, saying no way could she cut that fish. Not knowing how long the fish would live out of water she gave it to a friend. They are all still laughing at her fish story. Oh yes, Lia is now a member of QCWA!

A beautiful end of the year—end of the century—end of millennium letter was received from Jean, **WA2BGE**, whose last year was anything but uneventful. She had a disaster at her home on Long Island, followed by months of cleaning and having to face the reality that most of the contents had to be abandoned. Despite everything Jean is presently living in a new home in Oneonta, NY. It is a new beginning for Jean, with memories of family and friends' support, understanding, and love she will always have.

I did get into the Saturday morning SAYLARC net with Roberta, **KA2AFL**, Vera, **WA1JYO**, Lia, **WA2NFY**, and Nancy, **N2EVC**, a few weeks ago and although conditions were not great we did have a nice chat. Why not try and join them some Sat. morning at 9:00 a.m. on or around 3.950.

It was a surprise and pleasure to greet Marion, **KA2ZKM**, on the Rooster Net a couple of weeks ago. She and Joe are doing fine there in Maine. Then I received the SAYLARC Recipe Book in the mail from Marion, a couple of days later. Thanks a "bunch" Marion. Our granddaughter and I made a couple of the deserts. Delicious!!!!

Carol, **AD1P**, also wrote that time is passing by so quickly. She didn't travel this summer as her blood sugar is high and she is on medication. However she is still out golfing, singing with a small group of 8 gals, "The Melodeez," and also the Senior Choir. That keeps her busy.

Glenn and I also had a busy Holiday Season. We are blessed as our son, his wife Linda, granddaughters Megan (22), Holly (21), and Craig, Jr. (17) live across the lake from us. The girls are in Rowan Univ. and Craig is a 6ft-8 junior in High School. Sorry to say there are no "hams" in the family. Our son has a novice license but that is as far as it goes. Some of you can no doubt relate to that! Not Interested!

Well that covers everything for the very 1st Harmonics of the New Century from Medford Lakes. Remember - it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice.

33's Myrtle, N2AKC

Barbara Bender, KA3VXR

Happy Y2K Three-Land YLs!!!! I sit and type this on the first day of the first month of the year 2000! Awesome! I hope you all had a very uneventful, safe transition from 1999 to 2000. My OM, **W3SYY**, and I spent New Year's Eve stationed at our Amateur Radio Room in the Cambria County 911 center "just in case!" I must say it was one of the quietest New Year's Eves I have ever experienced. Thank the powers that be!

I received several Christmas greetings with news from:

KA3CEO, Jeanne Doncaster, and her OM Dick, **WB3AJC**, spent Christmas with their son and his family in Akron, Ohio and had a great time. The day after Christmas, Dick's niece was married in Cleveland by Dick's 80-year-old brother, a retired minister, and they had a family reunion. Jeanne will be undergoing abdominal surgery in January, but is looking forward to a good recovery in the spring. We wish you well, Jeanne. (wb3ajc@dmv.com)

WB3EFQ, Lois Gutshall, and her OM Tom, **W3BZN**, had a good Christmas and are looking forward to their trip to Disney World in January, which had been cut short earlier because of Hurricane Floyd. She had messages from Gwen, **VK3DYL**, in Australia, who is still planning the DXpedition to Norfolk Island after the NZ convention and from Marilyn, **Z12BOA**, who is now in her new home.

I also received Christmas greetings from my DX YLs:

Toshiko, **JP3DPU**, in Kyoto, who toured England several months ago is very busy now with teaching school and sent pictures of her school festival.

Robyn, **VK3WX**, from Australia, sent Christmas and New Year's greetings and said she is going to the ALARA Meet in Brisbane in September and hopes to meet many YLs in New Zealand in October.

Margaret, **VE3BNN**, from Canada, spent an exciting summer travelling to Las Vegas to get married! Congratulations! She and her OM, Nick, **VE3UDH**, also visited family in Holland and took a side trip to Paris. Lovely. Hopefully we will meet again at the CLARA 33 Celebration in Toronto in June.

Some other news I received too late for the last issue of YLH:

N3SSG, Tina Blasko, went to Scotland on a Missions Trip in July/August. She was one of ten women who went to teach Bible School to the children in Buckie and also visit with teenagers. They toured castles, met the Laird, bumped into the Queen, gawked at the Highland Cows, saw millions of sheep, the Loch Ness Monster (yah right!), etc. She lived with a local family while there and has promised to have me over for biscuits, tea and a video of it all!

K3ZDN, Jane Jones, wrote that she finally visited a foreign country where she had legal permission to use her HT. Her vacation cruise was to Greece, Israel, Rhodes, Crete, Cyprus and Turkey...BEFORE the devastating earthquakes! The Israeli ARC sent her a temporary license at no charge! They are very friendly hams and she had no trouble making many contacts and was even invited to a local ham club meeting. Her next jaunt will be to Germany this year cruising the Rhine, Main and Danube and inquires as to how one gets a temporary license in Germany. (reply to: 19 Edgemoor Rd, Cheltenham, PA 19012-1804)

WK3R, Kathy Peca, gave her OM, Carmen, **WO3T**, an extended weekend in Connecticut in September as a birthday gift. They visited the headquarters of ARRL and he spent his birthday operating their rigs. The remaining time was spent visiting eight lighthouses in the Connecticut area: Five Mile Point Light, Southwest Ledge Light, Lynde Point Light, Saybrook Breakwater Light, Stonington Harbor Light, Stratford Point Light, New London Ledge Light and New London Harbor Light. Love lighthouses!!

I received a lovely letter and photos of her beautiful daughter, Kazuma, **JA0CYK**, and us on the Queen Mary from Masako, **JA0CYL** in Nigata, Japan. Incidentally, she and all the above DX YLs had inquired about Hurricane Floyd and expressed their wishes for our safety.

If you don't want to hear about my life, send me your news! I 73/33 de Barb

Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO



Happy New Millennium to everyone! How are you? Haven't visited y'all since the last one! hi. Here we are in a brand new year—how wonderful!!!

Would like to congratulate our new YLRL President, Carol Hall, **WD8DQJ/7**. Hi Carol, congratulations from all of us here in District 4. You'll do great!

Here on the home front, we had a great holiday, and hope all of you did as well. Now, we're looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. I'm pleased to let you know that my leg is healing just fine and that I can use a cane now. When I went to see my orthopedist in December, he was all smiles when he came in the room to see me. I really think his smile was a combination of seeing how well my leg was healing, AND the plate of mint-chocolate chip cookies I brought him.

I want to congratulate Mary, **KL7P**, and Tom, **KL7Q**, on being proud grandparents once again. Their daughter, Eva and son-in-law, Ronnie had a sweet baby girl on August 31 and her name is Mary Ellen. I'm proud to say that Mary and Tom receive an A+ for the proper spoiling of granddaughters, Mary Ellen and Sydney Marie! How about a baby picture? Mary has taken up a new craft of quilting and is now working on her second one. Also, Tom has learned to fly radio-controlled airplanes and is thoroughly enjoying it.

Speaking of pictures, I've received 4 more photos for our album from Esther, **AB4PB**, here in Alabama, Lorraine, **WA1EDR**, and Jan, **KJ4N**, in Florida, and Arlie, **W4HLF**, in Virginia. Thank you ladies. Mary, **KL7P** — I've got a photo of you that I took at the Hamfest in Birmingham a couple years ago or you can send me another one, okay?

As I have been working on the album, I had a great idea. Here goes! How about all of our YLRL'ers send a photo for the album I'm working on!! It will be a YLRL photo album for all of our districts. Everyone—just send me a photograph of you with your name, callsign, QTH, how long you've been an Amateur Radio Operator, how long a YLRL member, offices held, etc, and any other information you would like to include. WOW! I can hardly wait for oodles and oodles of photos to arrive at my mailbox!!! I may just have to have Scott take a picture of me standing by the mailbox waiting for your pictures! (And I'll put it in the album too! Hi Hi)

Okay ladies—till our next issue, have fun contesting, gardening, crafting, or whatever you enjoy doing! Can you tell I enjoy writing? Hi Hi. It's just that I enjoy writing my YLRL articles as though we're all just sitting around together visiting with one another.

33's Roseann, N4ZNO

Burnette Boyett, K5JGC

Our wish is that this new adventure into the New Year will afford you abundant blessings beyond your greatest expectations! It will take some practice for "we creatures of habit" to change from the "1999 to 2000", won't it?! What a blessing to be alive during these exciting times!

To assume the office of Fifth District Chairman will be a new and splendid experience for me at the young age of 75! I have not held an office in YLRL, but have been active in Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Klub (GAYLARK), serving in different offices: President, Secretary, etc. I enjoyed an eleven-year stint as Newsletter Editor of QCWA, Houston Chapter #27. I also have membership in QCWW, so I do keep up with many of you!

It will be a privilege to work with the multi-talented lady hams of this renowned publication, so feel confident I will reap many benefits! It will be difficult to succeed my competent predecessor, Doris, **K5BNQ**!

I have been a licensed Amateur Radio Operator since 1958. My husband and I studied together, which was a joy, but it also presented a real challenge to a young homemaker, wife, mother, career gal, but nevertheless provided loads of fun!! It seemed THEN, anything "new" and a "first" was always special! My OM is T. P., **K5EYN**, and the love of my life!

We have three beautiful children, two of whom earned their licenses in their teens. The two daughters are secondary school teachers. Diane, mother of one, has since demitted. Daughter Carol is a busy Home School Teacher with two harmonics. Our middle child, a son, Thomas, an Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineer by education and profession, was not enamored with the hobby. He is the father of three harmonics. Thomas and his father recently completed a life-long dream of building an airplane together (4 years of 1-1/2 days per week) - the love of THEIR lives ...hi!

For decades we kept regular schedules on 40 and 75 meters. As life progressed through its many phases, amateur radio evolved from HF, the nets, Packet and now E-Mail with competition from the wonderful world of cell telephones! Whatever mode, hams still maintain a common bond in communication. I look forward to meeting you and receiving all of your good news from your club!

Corps of Officers for GAYLARK for ensuing year 2000!

President Shirley Cox, KC5RVH / Secretary Mary Lou Pacheco, KC5SJS and Treasurer Anita Fawcett WA5JMC

The Texas YL Roundup observed its annual birthday party October 1 and 2 at the home of Martha Brittain, **W5YKE**, and her OM Perry, **W5STI** in Center, Texas. The entertainment was great - even included a hayride and a picnic. **W5YKE**, Martha; **W5RYX**, Lyn; and **K5BNQ**, Doris were awarded certificates honoring them for 44 years membership. Election of officers for 2000 selected the following: president and net control - Bess, **KC4DSG**; Vice President - Linda, **AC5QQ**; and Secretary/Treasurer - Alma, **AB5BA**. The party in 2000 will be at the home of Bess, **KC4DSG** in Fulton Texas.

Members attending were (left to right) Kathy, **K5IHF**; Lyn, **W5RYX**; Martha, **W5YKE**; Doris, **K5BNQ**; Ann, **WA5GLM**; Bess, **KC4DSG**; Alma, **AB5BA**; and Linda, **AC5QQ**.

DORIS, K5BNQ asked me to please "extend heart felt thanks to all the gals in the 5th District for their support during the past 6 years. It has been a joy to serve as DC!"

Hope you enjoyed a marvelous and blessed Christmas and now looking forward to a FB New Year's celebration!

I had a great time at the TYLRUN Party in Center, Texas, on Oct. 1 and 2. Martha, **W5YKE**, and Perry, **W5STI**, were great hosts and went all out to show us



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Jeri Haines, KB6USX

How did Santa treat you this season? Well, the holidays have been very special this year. Many of us spent our days at home with our families.

Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc. (LARA) of Orange County and Young Ladies Radio Club (YLRC) of L.A. had Holiday luncheons. LARA met at the Petroleum Club, Long Beach, on December 5th and we made our annual donations to the Marine's Toys 4 Tots drive and financial donations to three local charities, as well as a food basket for a needy family. A gift exchange followed lunch, providing a good time for all.

Some of us represented LARA at the 4th Marine Division's holiday luncheon when the toys were turned over to the Marines.

YLRC of LA met at Coco's Alhambra, on December 12th. The food was great and the company was the best. Meta Brazell, **WA6BNS**, who is 99 years young, told us of celebrating her birthday in CHINA. What a story! What a lady! YLRC of LA donates to Hillside House for abused women and children.

Looking back, 1999 was a year filled with memory making events. Personally, one of my most memorable would have to be the YLRL's 60th Anniversary aboard the Queen Mary, here in Long Beach, California. Receiving Christmas greetings from YLs I met then was a welcome surprise.

I got a new grandson in 1999 then lost my daughter-in-law in December. Not all good news for '99.

As the new year, new century, new millennium begins, my prayer is for peace of mind and peace among people. The last century gave us so many life-improving discoveries to make our future more enjoyable and more challenging. We must strive to make the most of every opportunity we have been awarded, well into this new century. May we all look forward to a year of joy and happiness with our hopes and dreams fulfilled. May God bless you in the years ahead as we give thanks for the friendships we've made to take with us into the new millennium.

33, Jeri, KB6USX.

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a wonderful time, including a hayride, picnic, historic tours, the works! Martha, **W5YKE**; Lyn, **W5RYX**; and Doris, **K5BNQ** all received special certificates for 44 years membership in TYLRUN. Everybody loves a party! Plaudits and praises to these special ladies!

Please avail yourselves of my e-mail, QTH addresses and telephone number. I YEARN to hear from you! This is all about you and I will do my very best to provide a great 5th District Column for YLRL HARMONICS!

33, Burnette Boyett, K5JGC



Greetings to all the YLs of the 7th District and Best Wishes for a wonderful 2000!

Cactus Keys had their election of officers recently. The following were elected: President: **W2GLB**, Phyllis Shanks; Vice President: **KF7BY**, Jo Traver; Secretary: **N7LR**, Linda Reichert; Treasurer: **K7SEC**, Phyllis Douglas; Director: **W7JZA**, Ruby LaRue; and Director: **KB7OHU**, K. Hatcher. They had a table at the Swapmeet at MCC on December 4, followed by a luncheon at the Top Shelf. Phyllis reports it was a beautiful day but there were only 11, including 3 or 4 OMs.

The Two Rivers YL Net members have been busy! In September, several of the YLs—Barbara Mills, **KC7KVT**; Jerri St. John, **WB7OXX**; Marti Brutcher, **W7AYL**; Shawna Ross, **NL7NI**; Sheryl Martin, **KD7CFH**; and Barbara Yasson, **KC7KQI** participated in “The Race for the Cure”, the run/walk in support of breast cancer research by assisting with communications support along the route. And in October they gathered for a lunch with Lu, **KB7TSQ**, a former Two Rivers YL who has moved to the Phoenix area in Arizona. **WB7OXX**, Jerri St. John, DAR Regent, is working with the Washington State Transportation Department to preserve a bronze-on-marble marker commemorating the Pioneers of the Oregon Trail and return it to public view. And I was glad to hear from **K6ZCR**, Claire Fillingier, about the wonderful holiday she and her OM had in Spain on the Costa Blanc the end of September, with driving excursions west of Malaga and north of Valencia.

MINOW Net also has a traveler – **KU7F**, Flo Reitzel, who made “the trip of a lifetime” to South Africa to visit her very dear friend Marietjie, **ZS6CEZ**, a blind operator. Flo has been her QSL manager for ten years or more. The MINOWs welcomed **WA7YL**, Emily Wolfe, to the net recently. She and her OM moved up to Ocean Park, WA from California about a year ago.

The Evergreen Intertie connection is back up so the Evergreen Intertie YL net has taken on new life. We have had check-ins from Portland, Oregon to the south and Idaho and Pullman, Washington to the east. The net meets at 8 PM Monday evenings and originates in the Puget Sound area at 145.33 and is connected to Portland -145.73, Spokane – 147.38, Chewelah -147.36, Walla Walla - 147.02; and Lookout Pass - 145.28 (and others). If you can reach any of these, please check-in and check us out!

I received a note from **K7CHA**, Bertha, “I retired from the Credit Union July 30 after 20 years so hope to have some time for amateur radio this winter. Hope to talk to you on the air one of these days.” We’ll be listening for you! I am also pleased to welcome **WA7YL**, Emily, and **KC7UVM**, Jo Hallstrom, and all the other 7th district YLs to YLRL.

As I write this we are standing at the gate of a new century. We know there will be changes - I hope that we can take a positive view and go forward eagerly to meet the future. I will be looking forward to news of upgrades and hope to hear from you soon.

PLEASE SEND YOUR NEWS TO:email: jean@halcyon.com, Packet, AB7PS@KB6LE.#WWA.WA.USA.NOAM, Postal - 7734 Nottingham Ct. SE, Olympia, WA 98503

Nancy Hall, KC4IYD/8 & Terri Berchak, WD8RUS

Hello everyone, I am happy to be your new District 8 Chairwoman and am looking forward to promoting YLRL in this new role. Terri, **WD8LQH** will be sharing this position with me and should be including news she receives from you in this area too. I will be contacting those of you in my district to introduce myself and am looking forward to hearing from you.

The Chix YL group met at the home of May, **N8MZJ** on December 4th for their Christmas meeting. The following ladies were in attendance: Wanda, **N8WM**; Jean, **KB8YHN**; Bobbie, **WA8BWT**; Lilly, **KB8MHZ**; her roommate Sue; my daughter Carol; and I. At the business meeting we discussed updating our club constitution, decided to meet informally twice a month starting in March to put together a quilt for the YLRL Convention, and scheduled our regular meetings for the rest of the year. Margie, **K8ZEV**, who now lives in PA, surprised us with a phone call during our meeting. **N8MZJ** put her on the speakerphone and we all got a chance to say hello to her. Afterwards, we exchanged Christmas gifts and **KB8YHN** gave us a hands-on demonstration of cross-stitching by starting us out with the word OHIO.

As you know the Buckeye Belles and Chix YL Club will be sponsoring the YLRL Convention in 2002, so please read the Convention News article I sent in which contains more information about the convention. I will probably be updating it twice a year until we get closer to the convention date.

The Buckeye Belles Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2000 at the Holiday Inn in North Canton-Beldon Village, Ohio. The coordinator for the annual meeting is Doris, **WD8IKC**. If you would like more information or want to register for this meeting, contact **WD8IKC** at: wd8ikc@juno.com.

On December 1st, Beulah, **WA8EKQ**'s mother passed away. She was 90 and had led a good life and now is at rest. **WA8EKQ** is our net control for the Buckeye Belles net on Monday at 9am on 3.946 MHz. Why don't you join us.

Well that is all the news I have for this month. As I finish this article, people are ringing in the New Year (it's not the new millennium until January 1st, 2001) all over the world and so far it looks like the Y2K bug hasn't appeared in any major areas. Christmas with my family was great and my daughter Carol who turned 1 on December 20 had a great time opening all her presents. So I end my first article by wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

33, 76 Nancy Hall KC4IYD, kc4iyd@arrl.net

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy New Year ladies. I hope that all your holidays were safe and wonderful. It is so hard to believe that another year has gone by. They go by much too quickly. We had a wonderful time with all five of the grandchildren here for Christmas - that is so special. We are planning on a quiet New Year's Eve. We haven't been out for New Year's in over 30 years and that is fine with me. We are looking forward to a great 2000 with the Dayton Hamvention among the activities.

This column will be very easy to write as I have gotten many letters and notes. So many, in fact, that I won't be able to get everything in this month. So, if you don't see your news, please don't be angry with me, it will be in the next issue. Gosh, it's nice to write that. I think I will go by the postmarks and dates on e-mails to decide what makes it this month.

Barb, **KD9DU**, writes that she keeps busy with two net schedules every week, besides two 3910 nets every week. Eastern Star for her and Masonic schedules for her OM keep them busy too. They make many trips to Fort Wayne and Kendallville, but enjoy living in a small town.

Beryl, **KA9BAC**, wrote a long newsy letter, plus a clipping about their 50th wedding anniversary. She and her OM, Roy, are both VEs and he is the coordinator. Their sons are hams, Gary, **KA9BAE**, and Michael, **N9QMV**. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 9 with family and friends, among those were 26 hams. There was a total of 102 in attendance. They renewed their vows in church and then had the party. They check into the Monday night ARES 2 meter net and are very active Rock River Radio Club members. Beryl also keeps busy knitting, tatting, and volunteering at the Dodge County Clearview Nursing Home. She is also assuming duties of Literature secretary for the Winnebago District for the Methodist Women for the next two years and is also secretary of the Dodge County Parks. She knits for the United Methodist Women's mission and the Central Center for the Developmentally Disabled in Madison and has been knitting mittens and stocking caps for them for many years. Beryl is tatting Bible bookmarks and butterflies for a craft show for the church AND, to top all that, the R.R.R.C. made her the "Ham of the Year" at the Christmas party. Whew! What a gal. I'm worn out just writing all that.

I also heard from Dorothy, **K9BBL**. She and her OM, Bob, have been married 8 years and have a combined family of seven children and spouses, 15 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Their lives are very full but they do manage to take a couple of trips a year - Dorothy, Bob and the dog. (Sounds like us.) They do a lot of gardening and are enjoying retirement to the fullest. Dorothy also sends a big hello to all the gals she has spoken to in the last 37 years. They are also big NASCAR fans and their favorite driver is Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

I think that's all I can fit in this month. Look for more in months to come. A Big thank you to all who have written. I can always use more letters. It was fun, Christmas every day receiving letter in the mailbox. Stay warm, healthy and happy. God bless.

33's, Carole, WB9RUS

Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV



Hi there and Happy New Year to all the Ham Radio nuts out there. First, let me say the radio was fairly quiet over the new year. Second, let me apologize for this next bit of news. It just missed the last issue's deadline (and room).

Biny Owen, **ZL2AZY**, has been busy in 1999. I met her at the YL Convention on the Queen Mary and then just missed her in Colorado! On August 3, 1999, Colorado Y-L members Toni, **NOGVC**; Lorrie, **WDOAGY**; Ann, **KA0ZFI**; Sharlene, **KBOWBT** and Marie, **WDOHUC**, were able to share a day of touring Denver with Biny and her husband Mervyn. This included a trip to the state capital where they met Colorado Governor, Bill Owens (no relation) and the three Owenses were able to have a picture taken together. Shown here are Biny and 5 of the Colorado Y-L members.



The rumor mill has been running rampant again. As you may have heard, there is going to be a restructuring of Amateur Radio. What does this mean for you? Well, for me it means I am going to try my hardest to get to Extra before the restructuring starts. I have been trying to upgrade for a few years, but the code has always been just a bit out of my reach. This is war. I am one of those people who does not wish to have everything handed to her on a plate. I like enjoying the feeling I get when I accomplish a difficult task, and want to get an upgrade the "old-fashioned" way of earning it. I do think that

perhaps some areas of ham radio could use a bit of restructuring help, but this is going to an extreme.

This issue's district 10 spotlight focuses on a young ham who did it all the hard way, Rebecca Rich, **KB0VVT**. Rebecca lives just outside of Kansas City in Raytown, Missouri. She turned 11 last May and her other hobbies include her school's Math Club, playing violin, tap dancing, jazz dancing, ballet dancing and playing YMCA basketball. (Whew, she is active!) As for how she got into ham radio...here is her story.

"When I was 7 years of age my dad made a computer program to help my mom study for her license. I thought the program was neat so I started playing with it. Pretty soon, I started getting answers right and my parents asked me if I would like to really study to get my license. I said, 'yes.' So I started studying for the tests and in a year or so I passed all of the tests and held the top license at the age of 8 on March 22, 1997. This is how I got started in Amateur Radio."

She has worked several phone contests in the last couple of years and in Fall, 1998, she worked both the phone and CW portion of the CQ Worldwide, ARRL SS, and 10 meter contests. She was able to get both the ARRL SS Phone and CW pin for making over 100 contacts during each contest.

Rebecca's favorite mode of operation is CW and she is usually on the fifteen-meter band. She thinks there are some very kind people on CW and many are very happy when the find out they have contacted a ten-year-old girl on CW.

She and her family were introduced to contesting by Steve Lucfy, **KMOL**, a neighbor who lives a few blocks away. "Steve jokes with me that I can use his swimming pool during the summer if I can just make 300 contacts in the next contest."

Rebecca says, "Copying high speed CW seemed impossible at first, but became easier toward the end of each contest. I had to send QRS many times and almost every operator was very nice and slowed down. My dad thinks there should be at least one contest during the year with a slower speed limit to help encourage new CW contesters." (I agree and regret the loss of Novice Round up. CAM)

I know Rebecca is a true contesteer! I heard her during the ARRL 10-meter phone contest this year. In fact, I heard a lot of YL voices during the contest. Keep up the good work ladies.

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Greetings from the northland. By the time you read this, the Holidays and the Millennium will be over, and spring will be on the way to some areas.

Winter has come in the interior. Fairbanks now has had its usual -40 degrees spell with snow on the ground to stay and coming and going in Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula, where Barbara, **NL7OK**, and Hazel, **AL7OT**, both live. Hazel has returned home from her time in the Congo and is recovering from surgery for a tumor, thankfully benign, on her thyroid. Did chat with Geri, **KL7ALZ**, and her time is busy with changing computers for her bowling league information to make it compatible with the Y2K happenings. Their computers were very old so time to upgrade.

Had an email from Cheri, **WL7MA**, since band conditions have been very poor between us. Her daughters are both in Idaho in college. The oldest, a senior at Moscow is hoping to go on to medical school next fall. The youngest, a freshman in Boise, is enjoying her first year away from home. Imagine it is very quiet around home for Cheri. She made a quick trip to Idaho around Thanksgiving, as her mother was ill, but all ok now.

All is quiet here since the boys returned home to Fairbanks in September. Ralph and I are tucked in, ready for winter to continue. We had snow Thanksgiving weekend but the rains washed it all away again. Now just before Christmas, we had 8 inches, but rains and unseasonable warm wind have about made us a green Christmas. But the water means the pelton wheel makes lots of power so can turn on lots of lights and radio.

33, Betty, KL7FJW

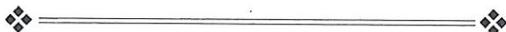
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Please...Please...Please...send me information on you and how you got into Ham Radio. The district 10 spotlight wants to hear from you. Don't forget to keep me up to date on all your radio doings. Were you involved in preparations or communications for Y2K? Please let me know. Write care of the address in the front of Harmonics, or e-mail at hamdivers@aol.com because I NEED to hear from you. (You don't want me to drag out the cat stories do you?)

Hope the new year brings all your wishes to you and may all your resolutions come true.

33, CherylMuhr, NOWBV

Pauline Burt, VE3LQA



VA3WX writes that Jeanne and her family spent a nice Christmas, and there was no snow. One of the gifts at her QTH was having CABLE installed and now Jeanne can watch Martha Stewart!! Jeanne will be hosting the Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders for Guides-on-the-Air on February 19th and 20th. If anyone is visiting the Toronto area on June 10th, they are invited to participate in the CLARA 33 one-day celebration. Please contact Jeanne for information. Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.

VE3HAI, Ann, and her OM Barc, **VE3HAH**, had a great Christmas this year. Her daughter Janet, **N9ZKU**, and her husband were home for the holidays. Jean (Ann's daughter), Kevin (son-in-law), and grandchildren Kelsey and Neil spent the holidays with Kevin's parents but phoned frequently. Kelsey will be three in May and likes to talk to "Gran" on the phone. Her parents will be glad when she can e-mail; it will be a lot cheaper. Hi! Ann and her husband are looking forward to their annual trip west to see the grandchildren. Ann hopes that all YLRL members had a wonderful holiday and sends best wishes for a Happy Healthy New Year free of Millennium bugs.

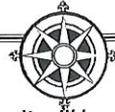
VE7YL, Beth, says that their weather has been mild in the Vancouver area, and it has stopped raining for a bit, so she hopes to get out golfing. The bands are good, and 10M has been a joy to use.

VE7TLK, Elizabeth, keeps busy. The YLs in British Columbia have established a website. The URL is <http://www.qsl.net/ylradio>....it is fully functional but is being added to all the time. Feedback is welcome. Last October, a weekly 2-meter net was established, and it covers the Greater Vancouver area, the Gulf Islands and most of Vancouver Island. Everyone is welcome to check in, and the Net controllers are YLs. This coming April 29th, the second annual VE7 Area CLARA Conference will be held in Vancouver...for more info please visit the website.

VE3LQA, Pauline, keeps busyhad a nice Christmas and spent a very quiet New Year's as her OM was in the hospital. Pauline keeps busy with her Eastern Star involvement, filling in as church Organist and the new Year's resolution is to try and finish up projects that have been awaiting her attention...that could take 30 years!! Pauline reminds all members to write to her with their news.

33, Pauline, VE3LQA

DX YL News



Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

Hello ladies... Welcome to the year 2000!!! I hope it will be a year, and the start of a new millennium, that will allow us greater contact with each other around the world!

I've heard GREAT things regarding the YLRL convention in California, especially about so many DX YLs that were able to attend. My OM and I were really looking forward to meeting all of the DX YLs that were able to come to the convention...we had been making plans for the last year to attend. At the last minute almost, my OM was hospitalized. Although he was discharged a week before the start of the convention, he was only able to walk just a few feet with the aid of a walker. So we had to cancel our plans. I'm so sorry to miss meeting all the YLRL members who were able to attend. So, we are now making plans to attend the 2001 meeting in Cleveland, Ohio (I grew up about 60 miles south of Cleveland, so it will be like having you all over to my house!) and perhaps will be able to attend the meeting in New Zealand next year.

As of mid-November when I wrote this column I had received very little mail from our DX YLs or their sponsors. Good news, however, came with the holiday season as I received several nice cards and letters:

Iku Omura, **JA5GSG**, of Japan, sent me a note indicating that she has been a ham since 1971 and "enjoying it without a break." She uses mainly 15 and 20 meters and has tried to do some contests as the ham bands permitted. She has been keeping busy, along with her OM who recently retired, with her hobbies of sea kayaking, mobile ham radio and traveling. Iku's e-mail address is ja5gag@l-kochl.or.jp. Flo Reitzel, **KU7F**, sponsors her.

Ruth Geering, **IT9ESZ**, sent a letter relating the events of the YL Radio Club Italiano:

"Their annual contest in spring was with a good participation and condition. They organized a special event to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our YLRCI. From December 1-3, there will be our 3rd Giacomo PUCCINI award, this year dedicated to the opera "Boheme". Ten days on the bands for those willing to cooperate and give away points in order to be able to apply for the award. All the remaining money will be given, as always, for social needs. This year our club bought a special bathtub for strongly handicapped persons, in order to bath them without moving them from their beds. We were all touched deeply from the thanks to our club. The president, the officers and all the members of YLRCI 'Elettra Marconi' wish you, your club and families Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Health and Peace for the new Millennium".

INFORMATION SHEET

for

CLARA 33 - 2000 CELEBRATION

Coordinator: Sara Collins - E-mail: jsds@idirect-com

When: June 10, 2000

Where: Canadian National Institute for the Blind
1929 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

Venue is wheel chair accessible and plenty of free parking

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Registration time is 10 a.m. All yls registering will receive a Goodie Bag Social time and sale of CLARA stationery and viewing of Scrapbooks

Buffet lunch - 12 noon in CNIB Cafeteria

Guest Speakers

A tour of the CNIB memorial radio station and yls can operate the station using VE3NIB or VE3AW - 20:00 utc to 21:00 utc on frequency of 14.233

Buffet supper - 5 p.m. in CNIB Auditorium

Entertainment during the supper hour.

DRAWS for prizes will be made throughout the event.

CLOSING TIME: 7 pm.

Any questions: you may contact

Minnie, VE3DBQ at mad@execulink.com

Sara VE3ZQS at jsds@idirect-com

Jeanne VA3WX at [rickgowx@aol.com](mailto:rlickgowx@aol.com)

Sara is accepting any donations (1) goodie bags (2) door prizes (3) prizes for the draws.

SEE YOU THERE!

REGISTRATION FORM

for

CLARA 33 - 2000 CELEBRATION

June 10, 2000

On behalf of the CLARA executive, we send an invitation to all our members to come and enjoy a day honouring CLARA's 33rd year in operation.

Number in your family attending:

XYL Name and Call

YL Name and Call.....

OM Name and Call.....

Jr. Ops. Name

MEALS are required to be paid by 1 April, 2000. Each cheque is to be made payable to CLARA and sent to Jeanne Gordon VA3WX, 478 Donegal Dr., Burlington, Ontario. L7L 2M7.

Noon buffet in CNIB cafeteria - \$10 per person_x \$10.00 =

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From the Editor's Desk...Nan Forney, KC7LZE

Happy New Year everyone. Remember that when you submit information to Harmonics please use either a "Word" or "Wordperfect" format and to use "tabs" rather than "spaces" to separate text . This save tons of time in assembling. Due to space constraints and postage costs I have taken some liberties with information that was submitted.

I've been working with our new Pres and believe that she will lead us well. Thank you to all the other YL's who have contributed information.

Please note that I have two email addresses. I'm having compatibility problems between my server and modems ... so bear with me.

From the Assistant Editor...Mariann Littell, AA9TB

Happy New Year, Ladies!

First of all, congratulations to our new President, Carol Hall. I know she will enjoy her tenure as the YLRL President.

I hope everyone has survived the change into the new century and everyone's computer behaved. I have two computers...a PC and an OLD Macintosh. The PC survived the change into the new century but I was quite concerned with the Macintosh. Would you believe I finally got the courage to turn it on and it worked fine and so did the software that has been on there for years? What a relief!

During the holidays I was quite excited to have a contact with Grenada and with the Gobi Desert. I also caught up on all of my QSL cards after designing a new one and they are ready to be mailed to the bureau. I am looking forward to working more DX and getting more QSL cards. I have 64 confirmed countries now for DXCC.

In November, we bought a piece of land in Arizona and we are busy planning our new house there. In about 2 ½ years we will be able to move there and I am VERY excited about it! And to make it even more wonderful, it is only about 5 miles from my good friend, who is also a ham!

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It is with deep regret that I have accepted Marion's resignation. YLRL appreciates the work and effort she put in to make Harmonics a good publication. Kay Eyman will be taking over Marion's duties and I know that she will do her usual good job.

Carol Hall, **WD8DQG/7**
YLRL President

Amateur Radio News: Submitted by Nancy Hall, KC4IYD/8

Amateur License Restructuring - What it means: Starting April 15, 2000, There will be only 3 amateur license classes: Technician, General and Extra and one code requirement 5wpm. No new Novice or Advance class licenses will be issued, but these licenses will continue to be renewed.

For more information, check out the ARRL web page: <http://www.arrl.org/news/restructuring/> or for the entire FCC text see:

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/1999/db991230/fcc99412.txt

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YLRL JEWELRY: Diamond Logo

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| | Silver and blue enamel | 4.00 |
| Charms: | Gold and blue enamel | 4.00 |
| | Silver and blue enamel | 4.00 |

BOOK: CQ-YL, by Louisa Sando, W5RZJ. \$12.00

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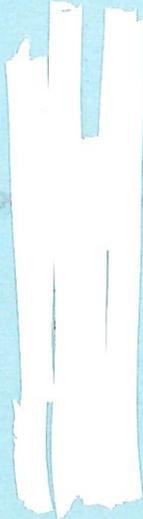
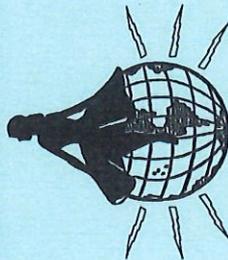


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