

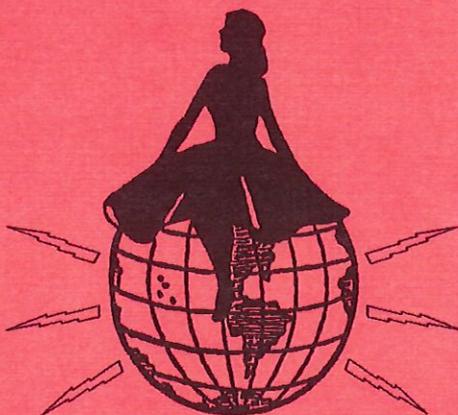
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## From The President's Desk Carol Hall, WD8DQG/7

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Well, my term is just about over! There have been some perks to the job...getting to meet new YL's, hearing from everyone, and the wonderful support I've gotten when things weren't going so well. Sometimes, I've felt like I was isolated from everyone...but that goes with the territory when we're all so scattered and the bands aren't always the best and some of those who were active aren't anymore.

I would really like to say "Thank you" to all of you who have done your job(s) so well, the executive board, the DC's, the committee chairwomen, the certificate custodians, the net controls. We have over the years tried to divide up the duties so no one had too much, but no matter how hard you try, some of these volunteer positions can be a lot of work. There are those YL's who've really gone the extra mile with their creativity and hard work! It has been wonderful working with all of you.

I will be keeping busy as the DX-YL Receiving Treasurer. I won't be able to be on the bands as much as I have been for a while, but that's just temporary. I'm going to be doing some traveling, so I just might give you a call and stop by for a cup of coffee. I was just born with itchy feet!

There is snow on the mountain tops. I winterized the house, rototilled the garden, taken in the hoses, and have a stack of wood for the fireplace. I am down to one Chicken...she got missed when the fall roundup occurred.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, and may the New Year be a happy one and may we have Peace in the world.

33's Carol L Hall, WD8DQG/7



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Total:	\$59,072.94

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33,  
*Marte*  
 K0EPE

District 1 news...continued from page 13

he put to one side when summer arrived. He is doing a Downy Woodpecker, a Bald Eagle, and a Blue Jay right now, and is just about ready for painting them. He still has quite a few carvings in the early stages, but they are on the "back burner" until he completes these three.

WRONE will hold its Annual Fall Luncheon on November 3 at the Spring Meadows Golf and Country Club in Gray, ME. The hostess is **Marion WA2ZKM** assisted by her daughter Kathy. A new treat this fall will be "Freeport Friday", an evening of shopping at the outlet stores in Freeport, ME. This "night before" event is coordinated by Kathy, who will open her home as a gathering spot for the expedition.

District 2 news...continued from page 14

I said there is no mail. However the Saturday net saved the day. Now Glenn and I will be off to Myrtle Beach for our annual vacation with the Roosters. There will be about 30 of us this year and among them will be another YLRL member who recently became a Rooster - **Mag-KA3QBF**. We hope to spend time together relaxing, walking the beach, eating and shopping. Until next time, remember - It is nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

GOD BLESS AMERICA! 33 Myrtle

I expect to stay at the Clarion Hotel Clarion for \_\_\_\_\_ nights, and I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_.  
I will be rooming with: Name & Call (if license) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a roommate. Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

### HOW MANY?

Registration of YL Member (includes pin) \$20.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Registration of OM or Guest (no pin) \$15.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Logo Pins \$ 5.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I'd like to buy a T-shirt. (please see sizes below) \$12.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I'd like to buy a Polo shirt. (please see sizes below) \$20.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL \_\_\_\_\_

### BADGE INFORMATION: (please print or type)

YL Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
OM/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ Ladies' Luncheon Sat. August 3, Noon \$15.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Sat. August 3, Social 5:30PM/Meal 6:30 PM \$30.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Farewell Breakfast Sun. August 4, 8:00 AM \$15.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Thursday evening, Aug. 1, local restaurants; no host

### Friday Activities - Aug 2nd

\_\_\_\_\_ 9 am NASA Glenn Research Center free  
\_\_\_\_\_ 11-2 pm, Goodtime III Lunch Cruise (30 minimum) \$26.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2-5 pm - Choose from any or all of the following:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame only (20 minimum) \$15.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre only (20 min) \$12.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Combo pass to Rock/ Roll Hall and Sci. Museum (20 min.) \$22.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ USS Cod free  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Friday evening, August 2, local restaurants; no host

### OM Tour - August 3rd

10-2pm - Choose from any or all of the following: Lunch will be downtown at a local restaurant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame only (20 min.) \$15.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre only (20 min.) \$12.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Combo pass to Rock/Roll Hall and Sci. Museum (20 min.) \$22.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ USS Cod free  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2-4pm Lolly Trolley 2 hour Tour of Cleveland (30 min.) \$17.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Aug. 4 afternoon event/activity - depends on number of people interested

Group Photo (optional): \$20.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL to be remitted with Registration IN US FUNDS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# YLRL 2002 Convention Report

- by Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, Convention Chair

Letters have been sent to various vendors requesting donations for prizes and for the goodie bags. We are now waiting for their response. The quilt is coming together very nicely. I will try to get some pictures up on the website. The hotel is taking registrations for the convention, be sure to mention this is for the YLRL 2002 Convention to get the discount hotel rates. We have also received our first registration for the Convention. That lucky lady will get a prize at the convention and we'll keep her name secret for now. Please send in your registration as soon as you can, the registration form is on the previous page. Our next major goal to finalize the list of speakers for the varying sessions. We have several people in mind and need to confirm that they will be available for the Convention dates. Also we will be finalizing the activities and forum events.

Hope to see you in 2002 in Ohio. - kc4iyd

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## Convention Registration Form Information -

(Read this before filling out the registration form)

### Hotel reservations

Must be made by contacting the Clarion Hotel, 17000 Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 USA; Phone (440) 243-5200 or 1-800-252-7466. Room are \$79 plus tax (up to four may share at \$79 rate).

### Convention Activities:

The Ladies Luncheon on Aug. 3rd is only for the YLs as this takes place during the business meeting. The OMs will have lunch downtown at a local restaurant. The Banquet and Farewell Breakfast is open to everyone.

### Tours:

The OM tour is open to YLs since there are YLs who do not attend the YLRL business meeting on Saturday. The times for each tour are listed and due to the proximity of the Science Museum, Rock n Roll Hall of Fame and USS Cod, we are giving everyone the opportunity to pick and choose which places they would like to visit. However, you save if you sign up for a combo pack for the Science Museum and Rock n Roll Hall of Fame. The NASA tour and USS Cod tour are free but please still sign up so we can get a count of how many people will be attending. The tour prices include the price of the bus that will be taking us from the Hotel to the various locations on Friday and Saturday. Also, the Goodtime III Lunch Cruise and Lolly Trolley Tour have a 30 person minimum in order for us to get the discount. If we don't have 30 people signed up by the registration deadline, these tours will be canceled. For the Science Museum and Rock n Roll Hall of Fame, the minimum needed to sign up is only 20 people. If you will be bringing any children under the age of 17, let us know since they may qualify for a discount. Seniors will not get a discount since we are getting a group rate for the various tours.

### Programs:

For those not wanting to attend any of the tours, there will be several programs occurring on Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. They include a kit building session, videos being shown in the Hospitality suite, a Special Event Station in Hospitality suite for people to operate and much more. Check the webpage periodically as we finalize the programs for the Convention.

**Mail to: YLRL Registration Chair: Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM, 43530 Middle Ridge Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053. Please make checks payable to "YLRL 2002 Convention Fund".**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH  
FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT				TOTAL
	CHECKING PETTY CASH	GENERAL FUND	PRESIDENT'S FUND	CONVENTION FUND	
CASH BALANCE AS OF 6/30/01	\$ 8,724.28	\$12,579.47	\$ 363.18	\$ 2,253.84	\$23,920.77
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>					
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 470.00				\$ 470.00
First Class Postage *	96.00				96.00
Interest Income		\$ 85.75	\$ 8.67	\$ 1.93	96.35
Sales of Supplies	160.50				160.50
Transfer from MM to Operating Convention Fund					-
President's Fund Fund Raisers Donations -Other	-	328.00	60.00		388.00
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 726.50</b>	<b>\$ 413.75</b>	<b>\$ 68.67</b>	<b>\$ 1.93</b>	<b>\$ 1,210.85</b>
<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>					
YL Harmonics Printing	\$ 1,837.00				\$ 1,837.00
YL Harmonics Bulk Postage	212.16				212.16
YL Harmonics 1st Class Postage	840.33				840.33
YL Harmonics Misc.	34.00				34.00
Editor's Expense	-				-
Handi-Hams Campership	-				-
Officers Expense	-				-
Chairman's Expenses	9.93				9.93
Supplies Inventory/Expense	26.45				26.45
Trophies and Awards	-				-
Convention Seed Money	-				-
Advertisng at Conventions etc	-				-
Misc.	-				-
<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,959.87</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,959.87</b>
<b>INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH:</b>	<b>(2,233.37)</b>	<b>413.75</b>	<b>68.67</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>(1,749.02)</b>
CASH BALANCE AS OF 9/30/01	\$ 6,490.91	\$12,993.22	\$ 431.85	\$ 2,255.77	\$22,171.75

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

Balance Checking	\$ 6,140.91
Balance General MM	15,680.84
Petty Cash Funds	350.00
	<b>\$22,171.75</b>

To all YLRL members --

African Americans - Happy Kwanzaa	England - Happy Christmas
Belgium - Zalige Kertfeest	Finland - Hauskaa Joulua
Brazil - Feliz Natal	France - Joyeux Noel
China - Sheng Tan Kuai Loh	Germany - Frohliche Weihnachten
Denmark - Glaedelig Jul	Greece - Eftihismena Christougenna

'Twas the night before Christmas and in the ham shack,  
Was the warm glow of tubes in the transmitting rack.  
The log book was brought up to date with great care,  
In case the FCC might some day be there.

XYL and Harmonics were snug in their beds,  
My strong RF waves safely from their heads.  
I plugged in the mike and adjusted the VFO,  
Getting all set for a late night QSO.

When up from the F layer there arose such a clatter,  
I looked to the window to see what was the matter.  
Then up on the roof by the forty meter beam,  
There came QRM like a heterodyne scream.

On Icom, on Kenwood, on Yaesu and Ten-Tec,  
On Comet, on Collins, on Alinco and Cushcraft.  
Bias to the grid and volts to the plate,  
Just watch the S-Meter while we all modulate.

As I turned to the rig and reached for the dial,  
From the energized tuner Santa slid with a smile.  
An RF choke he held tight in his teeth,  
And coax encircling his head like a wreath.

A bundle of ham gear hung from his hand,  
Was that MY name on a new dual band?  
He had a snub nose like an egg insulator,  
And his cheeks glowed bright red like a hot oscillator.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,  
Laying out all the gear, then turned with a jerk.  
And laying a wave meter along side of his nose,  
Said, "Please QSL." and up the feeders he 'rose.

He climbed up the dipole, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like a jet propelled missile.  
But I heard his last signal from the upper ionosphere,  
Seventy Three, Eighty Eight, Merry Christmas... I'm clear.



To all YLRL members --

Greece	- Genethlia	Italy	- Bion Natale
Hong Kong	- Ta Chiu	Jewish Israel	- Hanukkah
Iceland	- Gledileg Jol	Mexico	- Feliz Navidad
Ireland	- Nodlig mhaith chugnait	Netherlands	- Gelukkig Kerstfeest

# 2002 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:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 regular member, bulk mail (**USA only**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 + \$4.00 for 1st class mail in US  
**(required in Canada & Mexico)**  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 2.00 family member residing at same address (no **YLH**)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 subscriber  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00 subscriber, 1st Class Mail  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 DX dues, Air Mail (**required for DX YL**)

Make either your check or an International Postal Money Order (in US funds only) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., and...

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# 2002 DXYL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

## 2002 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/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  \$20.00 for Air Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DX Renewal Reminder ...**

If you are sending dues in for a DX YL, please make sure they go to the DX Chairman. Send your **own** dues to the Receiving Treasurer for your district (based on where you live and not on your callsign). Do not send them together to one or the other.

The renewal form is on the previous page. The DX YL renewal form is at the top of this page. Our Constitution, By-Laws and Procedure Policy state that only one years 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.). The forms can also be downloaded from the YLRL web page: <http://www.qsl.net/ylrl>.

## New things you can do in Amateur Radio in 2004:

by Nancy Rabel Hall KC4IYD

Have you been licensed for several years and have an HF rig that no longer excites you like it did when you made your first HF contact? Are getting bored with just calling the OM on the radio? Or are you newly licensed and are wondering, what can I do with my ham license? Well, amateur radio is a hobby full of variety. I've listed below 12 different things that you can try to do or learn about next year in amateur radio. Why not devote one month to each. If you don't have the equipment, locate a ham near you who does and learn about it or contact me and I'll try to help. Be sure to check the YLRL website as I will highlight each item each month as well as include some webpages with links that describe each activity. Let me know how you do each month also. I know that I haven't included all aspects of ham radio so if your favorite activity in ham radio isn't listed, let me know.

- 1 - **National Traffic System.** Try to find a traffic net near you and send an radiogram message to a friend or contact me and I'll send you a radiogram message.
- 2 - Operate and learn about one of the various digital modes in ham radio - **PSK31, Amtor, RTTY, Pactor** or learn about and try to operate **packet**.
- 3 - Listen to or try to contact someone on **Amateur Satellite**. Did you know that there are satellites that you can contact or hear using only a handheld?
- 4 - Try operating **QRP** for a day. If you are using an HF rig, don't go above 10 watts on voice or 5 watts on CW, on VHF try to operate only 5W on repeaters.
- 5 - **CW** - Prior to 1991, you had to know CW before getting your ham license. Now its only needed for upgrading but it's a lot of fun. Re-learn CW if you forgot or try learning it for the first time. Or else just learn enough to be able to send your callsign.
- 6 - Find someone operating **Amateur Television (ATV)** and learn more about it.
- 7- **Volunteer** to help during a public service event that uses amateur radio. Here in Ohio, hams are used during bike races, benefit walks, parades, etc.
- 8 - **Fox (Transmitter) Hunting** is an activity where someone hides a transmitter (hence they are the fox) and everyone else tries to find them. Find a club who sponsors this activity or set up one as a program for your club.
- 9 - Work a **YLRL contest as a group**. Get together with YLs who do not have HF privileges and operate with you as the control station, that is they operate using your call. Don't forget the YLRL club call K4LMB is available for use during contest and special events. It's available to YLRL members and YLRL affiliated clubs, on a first-come first served, by asking permission from me, the YLRL club call trustee.
- 10 - **Introduce a new YL to ham radio**. Tell them how fun it is and all the new things you've been doing all year long.
- 11- Learn about **Microwave or EME** (or moon bounce) operation.
- 12- **Build a kit** and learn a little bit about the technical aspect of ham radio. Kits include building an attenuator for your fox hunting adventure, building a morse code key for working CW, building a QRP kit to operate QRP, building a portable antenna (j-pole) for your handheld and much more. Why not ask for a kit for Christmas which you can work on during the holidays!

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To all YLRL members --

Norway - Gledelig Jul    Poland - Boze Narodzenie    Portugal - Boas Festas

Wow - time for another YLH - where has the year gone? Nancy has done a great job getting our publication back on track. Here are some notes sent to me to include in this issue.

**Blanche K4GXZ** - Hi from Florida - had a good trip down. Our flight got canceled but they put us on another that was even earlier, so no complaints there. Only one little problem with security. I had been very careful to take my scissors, which I always carry, out of my handbag, but totally forgot my little manicure scissors, so of course they kept them. Now I gotta go buy some new ones. I guess if that is the only problem I won't complain. Now to get myself ready for the QCWA cruise. I always enjoy the conventions and this one should be even better.

**Arline W1LIO** - My friend Barb N1ICQ and I are going on the QCWA 8 Day Caribbean Cruise, starting Oct. 26. Other WRONE members along will be Blanche W4GXZ and Janice K4IJK. There will be more than 250 hams and their friends, including 42 YLs, from USA and Canada and **Raija SM0HNV** from Sweden. YLRL President-elect **Kay WA0WOF** and OM Mike W0XM will also be aboard. I have agreed to teach the Arthritis Exercise Class in the pool for those interested, and also do a talk on the Girl Scout Ham Radio Patch Program.

**Ann KA1PON** - My daughter Dianne and Ralph Cook (KA1NOJ and KB1DXL) gave birth to twins on Oct 10 - Kyle Joseph and Kayla Joanne. Dianne is the granddaughter of Onie W1ZEN (SK) and Woody W1RCJ. Dianne was a YLRL Scholarship recipient a few years ago.

**Sandy KA1TLP** - Summer was a very busy time. My OM and I attended the 10-10 Convention in MA in July. I now have 48 states confirmed. I am looking for anyone with a 10-10 number in NY and Maine to complete my WAS. I hope to send for it this fall. Anyone who would like to be my first confirmed NY or Maine, please contact me! Thanks.

**Anne WB1ARU** - My OM Tony WA1ENO and I also attended the 10-10 Convention in July. We stayed overnight 2 nights even though it is only an hour from home. That was a kick off to our vacation time, which was a trip south to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Smoky Mountains. The visibility was not terrific, but we had a great time. We got on the air quite a bit with our low band rig and the Hustler antenna. After the Smokies, we headed west to Missouri to visit my sister in Grain Valley for a couple of days. I have a new teaching position this year in a different building. After years of third grade, I am the Kindergarten Literacy teacher plus the Title I Reading teacher for 2 second grades. It's quite a change.

**Barb WB1EHS** - I don't have any good news to send your way. On September 9th, my sister Jean died so I am trying to deal with that. She had been sick a long time, so now she is at peace. I was the oldest of six children, and Jean was next in line, being born the December after my first birthday, so we had a very close relationship all these years. Jack has resumed working with his bird carvings, which

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Hello one and all: Writing this column today is not an easy task, not because there isn't any mail from you, although that is a true statement, but because of this being an exceptionally sad time in our Country. WAR is never a happy time and having our land attacked with so many loved ones, family, friends and neighbors losing their lives is something that will live in our memories forever. True, time is passing and life is going on, still nothing is the same as it used to be, and probably never will be again. We are told to go on with our lives, and if we are to survive this horrible experience that is probably the best advice anyone can offer. Survive we must and we will be Americans standing together. Our hearts may be aching but our devotion and dedication to those no longer with us will be our guiding light to our future as Free Americans.

Here in South Jersey, on the Camden waterfront we have what will soon become a floating museum celebrating one of the most decorated Battleships in the Navy history. The USS New Jersey, a true survivor of many wars. It is scheduled to open to the public on Monday, October 15th. Glenn and I have been accepted and received special badges to board the battleship as radio operators along with other amateur radio operators from the area. There are to be two shifts a day operating, and we are looking forward to having this unique experience. Perhaps we just may get to contact some YLs from time to time.

Speaking of contacting YLs as usual on the Saturday morning SAYLARC net at 9:00am - 7.245 where **Roberta-KA2AFL** is net control, conditions this week were exceptionally good. Roberta wasn't available because she is on vacation, having gone to Kansas City to join her sister for a train ride to California and from there they fly off to Hawaii. This trip was planned quite a while ago and it was to celebrate Roberta's sisters birthday. Next year they plan to go off to some other exciting place and celebrate Roberta's birthday. Now that's a way to celebrate!

**Minerva-WB2JNL** was also on the net as usual despite being such a busy lady. Minerva and Len celebrate quite a number of family birthdays these days, and the number keeps on growing. In fact, Minerva has to keep a list in the computer of all the dates, along with phone numbers, addresses and other happenings. I'll bet she also uses the computer for all her recipes, especially her "apple" ones. Roberta is now picking the last of the apples and will be ready to make the delicious honey, jams, and of course apple pies. It must be Fall!

**Lia-WA2NFY** also reported, on the net, Fall was quite evident when she went swimming in the lake. The water was COLD. Still, it didn't stop Lia because she loves the water and then walking along the beach with her friends. Oh yes, her 4 month old bird Toby can now feed himself those green beans he loves. One less job for Lia. Now she can knit more booties for the hospital.

**Vera-WA1JYO** is another busy YL and she seldom misses the Saturday net. Vera's big problem is the squirrels in the yard are keeping her on her toes. They are getting the chestnuts off the trees before Vera has a chance to collect them. Guess that calls for a trap.

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Greetings from the beautiful mountains of Southcentral PA. The fall colors are radiant this Autumn and as I write this in the middle of Oct, it is hard to imagine the tragedy that befell our nation a month ago.

The plane that went down here in PA crashed only about 6 miles from my little, peaceful hometown of Central City - which is about 45 minutes south of where I now live. We here in the USA are so used to seeing, on the TV, horrific and tragic incidents happen "over there" or "out there" somewhere so that when a plane linked to a national terrorist attack lands in your own back yard it really wakes you up to reality.

I am sponsored into JLRS by **Toshiko Yasufuku JP3DPU** and received my Japan Ladies Radio Society newsletter this week that included a note from the DX Chairman **Ryoko Misaki JA7NE**, which read in part: "We are terrible shock about NY.....We are very sorry to you and your country. Our Ham's purpose is a friendship all of the world and really democracy. We want to say very sorry again from a bottom of heart and we hope you have a peaceful society as soon as possible." "Thank you" to our Japanese DXYLs for that message of friendship.

**Lois WB3EFQ**, was expecting **Val VK4VR** and her OM from Brisbane, Australia to visit her in October, but Val cancelled the trip because of the recent tragedy. Lois and her OM Tom W3BZN are visiting the Lake of the Ozarks and may drive to Kansas to visit **Kay WA0WOF**.

**Ruthanna, WB3CQN**, writes that her cruise to Russia was great but tiring. They met with several hams who went out of their way to show her St. Petersburg. She sent a picture taken in St. Petersburg's Square of all of them: Alex Belchenko RA1AW, Victor Topler UA1MU, **Ruthanna WB3CQN**, **Mary N3RBT**, Bob N3NBT, Alex Pastchenko RV1AC, Mikhail Fokin R1AND and Mrs. Fokin.

**Kathy WY3R** gave her OM, Carmen WO3T, a terrific birthday present by taking him to W1AW in September. They planned to operate the radios on 40 meters during the morning and afternoon on Sept. 28. Wonder if any of you made contact with them? The next day they went to Mass. where they planned to check out some of the lighthouses in the area and take the ferry to Martha's Vineyard. Lovely gift!

At the end of October I will be undergoing more oral surgery and also colon surgery. I am optimistic!

Well, YLs, by the time you read this the Holidays will be upon us. So I wish you a PEACE in your hearts and homes, in our great nation and in the world.

Send all news to : KA3VXR@penn.com or 533 Bovine Rd, Ebensburg PA 15930  
73/33 de Barb KA3VXR

As this is the Nov/Dec issue, I'll start off with seasons greetings to all. As you can see, the call sign has changed. To explain, we finally found some calls available that we would give up the KL7's for. We had the KL7 calls for over 24 years and really enjoyed all our friends finding us wherever we moved by our calls. However, working contests and DX became a chore always having to use /4 . I'm still getting used to it and have been known to slip up on two meters more than occasionally. New email address for all those comments and news for Harmonics is wx4mm@mindspring.com.

Not to be the only one, Roseann Johnson also got a new callsign. It is NR4RJ . She has been heard on 75 Meters this summer. Roseann has had more surgery and is doing well. Her high school children were in a school bus accident but were not seriously injured. Her OM Scott, NR4SJ, has been wonderful taking care of her and the family while she has been ill. She is recuperating at home and spending time working on craft projects.

Received a card from **Chris Martelle, N4XDA**. She upgraded to General on July 23, 2001 and I quote "Whew! It's over!" Look for Chris on the air from Ocala, FL.

To all the YL's who have upgraded. Plan now to work the contests in 2002. The YL-OM contest in February is a great way to get started. The OM's want to work the YL's and you can log calls all day and night. Then you'll have experience to work the DX-YL to N. American YL in April. We really need to have more YL's on the HF bands. I know you're out there, let's let them hear us on the air. I am going to try for DXCC from 4 Land and hope to hear lots of you on the air. If you don't get on the air, send me an email or note with any news for Harmonics.

I am also getting my CW back up to speed. Hope to work CW on field day next year. Not as much competition for the stations on CW as there are on phone. Maybe I'll be able to work CW on the other contests for practice. Have to get the key hooked up first.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with your family and friends. Remember those less fortunate. Let's all look forward to a peaceful New Year.



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so dedicated. I was immediately impressed. I knew if she could do it, so could I." Merri said.

Merri was licensed in December of 1996 with the callsign KF4OAD. Then during the 1998 ARRL 10m contest, she had a SB QSO with Glenn Pladsen, AE0Q. His QSL card said "Hope to CU on CW, too." Little did Glenn know that Merri had been looking for six months for someone locally to practice CW with her and help her get over her on-the-air jitters with code. They started having CW skeds, then telephoning, flying back and forth and as a result, this Aug. 25th was their first anniversary.

You can find out more about Merri on her website at

<http://www.qsl.net/ab0mv/> and look for her on the air and in the contests!

September 11, 2001, changed the world and we shall never forget the heartbreak all of us, as individuals and as a nation, felt and suffered, for the survivors of the heroes who perished in the horrific catastrophe of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania crash. God love them all, and with HIS help, good will prevail over evil!

Seems rather EARLY to forward the NOV/DEC News for HARMONICS October 15, but busy calendars make demands!!! It is always a joy to receive news from five-land YL's and I especially welcome news from those I've not met!!! Bet you've done bunches since the last issue, JULY/AUG, so tell me what's been going on.

Lucky twin granddaughters! **ELAINE KC5WQE** had "double fun" taking her 14-year old twin granddaughters on vacation this past summer. Elaine escaped the wonderful, BUT hot, Texas summer by motoring to Crested Butte, Colorado, for a Family Reunion. She said the scenery was breathtaking and the temperatures were very mild; she wanted to share it with all of her friends back home!

Summer is an ideal time to enjoy Family Reunions adjoined to the task of locating one's roots! **JOYCE W5MVK** is another YL involved with the fun and fellowship of gathering with family. Joyce referred to it as a worldwide Kepler Family Reunion, based near Cincinnati, Ohio. Family members were represented from near and far: Ohio, Alaska, the old countries, and many of the states. This will continue as an ongoing genealogical anniversary celebration: SAME PLACE, SAME TIME, NEXT YEAR!

Thanks for the news from **MARY E. EMERT, WB5TRW**, formerly KA5EWJ, who was licensed in 1979 and joined YLRL in 1984. She is Treasurer of the El Paso ARC, W5ES. Her OM is CLAY K5TRW. El Paso is also home to one of the youngest YL Hams, 8-yr old **JANICE ROSADO, KD5MQN**. Janice passed her EXTRA in June along with her mother, **MARIA KC5FZH....WOW and CONGRATULATIONS!**

Mary says W5ES (Worked All El Paso), is the second oldest contest in amateur radio; it was started in 1936. Contest Rules are available on the web at <http://www.qsl.net/w5es/wae>. Mary promises you will be happy with results of contacting El Paso, so give it a try!

The Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Klub met at the QTH of **HELEN WB5GIN** in September. She is in a new home in Pearlnd. The YL's enjoyed seeing her collection of fine antiques as well as enjoyed her luscious snacks!

At the end of October, the GAYLARKs met at the QTH of **MARY LOU KC5SJS**. She invited all YL's and OM's to help themselves to lemons from her abundant crop - Yummy!

The end of August, **ANITA WA5JMC** and OM PUMP WA5CYI, along with JIM WB5PNL and YL BETTY motored points west, namely and mainly, New Mexicc and Colorado. While in Mora, NM, they visited with GENE HENRY K5RDP and his YL Peg. Along the route near Chatsfield Lake State Park, they met another ham,

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Summer will be gone by the time you read this and soon we will be planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Where has this year gone?

LARA (Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc of Orange County) members represented YLRL at the Annual Orange County Fair in July. It was fun helping children do their names in code, then issuing certificates of completion. Some members also participate by entering craft items. Ann Anton, KE6OIO, competes with the best in wood carving (She's also a whiz at cw).

The August LARA meeting was at Sunset Marine where members and guests enjoyed a picnic after a brief business meeting. The area was the same location as our field day operation and we had it all to ourselves. It goes without saying it's California and the weather was perfect. Food was great, too.

**Sarah Killian KF6WVO**, who spearheaded the 2001 Field Day for LARA some spent time training to be a camp counselor this summer. She is quite an active young lady.

**Vi Barrett W6CBA** attended the DX convention held in Visalia, CA this year. One of the reports from there was "New Ham Radio Amateur Numbers are Growing.". There were 600 new hams in March alone. Similar reports were in QST magazine and from Fried Heyn WA6WZO with ARRL.

**Martha Yeam KA6TYO** and her OM Ace, recently returned from another trip. This one was to Germany to visit her daughter and family.

**Edna Toll KC6TXB**, spent some time in Japan where she was able to use some of her newly acquired language. She fell again while there and reinjured her foot/ankle, but that didn't stop her. She's doing better now.

**Ruth Nelson KF6MRO** and I will be in Laughlin, NV August 22-24 and again in November. We attend as guides for the blind. We call it our "girl thing" as we leave the OMs at home. Ruth plans our visit with many activities other than gambling. We're planning a trip to Oatman one day. Oatman is an old settlement on Route 66, with all old buildings and approximately 150 residents. Burros roam the streets and they have the right of way. I will be in Houston, TX in September visiting my sister. I haven't sold her on ham radio yet.

LARA members also sponsored YLRL at the ARRL's Southwestern Division Convention at Riverside, CA on Sept. 7-9, 2001. The sign over our exhibit space read "Young Ladies of Orange County." This may have kept some from stopping to talk with us but I feel we did reach many. With the help of **Ruth Nelson KF6MRO**, **Betty DeContreras, KB6BNA**, **Ann Anton KE6OIO** and **Margie Dalphy KA6QWZ** and yours truly, KB6USX, we displayed a YLRL hook rug above the booth and poster boards with photos of the YLRL 60th Anniversary Convention on the Queen Mary, Field Day 2001 and some LARA social events. A floral decoration added color to the exhibit and was given to one of our visitors, **Ruth Ewolot KF6YGW** of Anaheim, CA. We supplied Hershey's and hard candies, most of which were eaten by the men passing by. And we had lots of fun.

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As I write this it is just a month since the tragic events of Sept. 11. I have appreciated words of support from around the world and it makes me realize what a wonderful opportunity ham radio and YLRL provide to draw us together in fellowship.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> district YLs have been busy promoting our hobby. **Carol NV7YL** was in charge of the YLRL table at SNARS Hamfest the last weekend of July. She reported that 33 YLs and one OM! signed the guestbook. She also had a YL corner at the Radio-Packet Booth at the Nevada State Fair. **Anne KA7TON** had a YL corner at the Pacific County Fair and wrote that she would be helping a newly arrived YL from California get acquainted. **Sara AB7PS** had 6 YL sign-ins at the Tacoma Radio Club Fleamarket and gave out quite a few copies of YLH.

The MINOW Net has been seeing an increase in check-ins to the Friday morning Net on 75m and also to the Tuesday morning 20m net. We will miss **Audrey N7HAT** - she and her OM George N7HVA have sold their house on Guemes Island in WA and have built a new home in Southern California. We are especially pleased to have **Kathy N7DXY** checking in from Montana (the M in Minows) and it was a treat to have **Karen WA6OWE** check in one Friday morning in September - she was backpacking with her OM WA6OTP in the mountains of southern Oregon using a QRP rig. Her home is in Grant's Pass, Oregon where they have a 2m YL Net - the Western Belles - that meets 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:30 PM on 147.30. They also meet for a luncheon once a month.

**Marti W7AYL** hosted a picnic supper for the Two Rivers YL Net in July attended by **Donna K6DNG**, **Jerri WB7OXK**, **Kristen KD7IED** and **Barbara KC7KQI**. On September 16 members of the net provided communication support for the Portland Race for the Cure. This year's communications team included **Dana, KC7SNQ**; **Donna, K7DNG**; **Janet, WB7FJC**; **Jerri, WB7OXK**; **Marilyn, K7LUM**; **Shawna, NL7NI**, and daughter **Sara**; and **Sherryl, KD7CFH**. Net control station operators were **Sharon, KD7CWP**; and **Barbara, KC7KQI**.

Condolences to **Phyllis W2GLB** whose OM Bill W2GTX became a Silent Key in September. And Bon Voyage to **Robin KB7BI** and her OM Dick KC7DPI who will be flying to India in November to visit her mother. And to **Claire, K6ZCR** who writes: "In November, after Thanksgiving, we hope to be on a Panama Canal Cruise for 17 days."

In this time of national crisis it's good to know that many of you are active in ARES/RACES. To all the YLs - stay active, check into your nets, and please keep sending your news to me! 33 de Sara AB7PS

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To all YLRL members --

Romania - Sarbatori vesele

Russia - Hristos Razdajetsja

Spain - Felices Pascuas, Feliz Navidad

Sweden - God Jul

Wales - Nadolig Llawen

United States - Merry Christmas

Well ladies, it the end of another year. What a year it has been! This is the last issue of YLH that I will be doing as interim editor, come next year a new editor takes over. Good thing because I need to devote my full attention to being your district chair and continuing work with the YLRL convention. Continue to send me your news. Everyone in 8 land is interested in knowing what you are doing.

On Nov. 7, I visited the Metro Amateur Radio Club (MAC) while on a business trip in Evanston, IL. I want to say hello and thank you to **Fay N9FA** who took me to the meeting and introduced me to all the great hams there. I told them about YLRL and I found out that there are quite a few ladies in 9 land interested in starting a YL club there. The MAC club has a web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/mac/>

This month's spotlight is on **Shirley Rex K8MZT**. A few of the Buckeye Belles met at the QTH of **WD8IKC-Doris** on October 9th, 2001 to celebrate the 90th birthday of **K8MZT-Shirley Rex** (she was busy on the 8th which was her actual birth date). In the picture below, Shirley is seated in front. Standing L to R are **KA8MPH-Mary**, **WA8EKQ-Beulah**, **WD8IKC-Doris**, and **KB8IVS-Mary Ann**. After lunch, instead of a birthday cake, they had brownies, topped with ice cream, hot fudge, whipped cream, with a cherry on top. Shirley is the founding mother of the Buckeye Belles, the Ohio Ladies Amateur Radio Club.

Shirley writes "Charles J Rex (SK) was not a timid soul! He had tampered with "Ham" radio as a youngster. Around the fall of '58, we visited a friend **K8KTM** who lived in Pittsburgh. We heard some PA gals in a 6m net. That's too difficult, I thought. Said a few words over the mic and was hooked! So I went after my license. We put a tape in the car radio and started code practice.



Even put a mic under my pillow at night and heard the stuff all night. That was a little much and we didn't get to enjoy our vacation. An old time Amateur tricked me into the code session for a passing deal. This was before any of this was automatic. We acquired a transmitter and was told it was around \$300. Well that we could do.

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Happy Fall ladies. So much has happened since we were last together. On August 5, our son, Michael, N8VAN, received his masters degree in engineering management from the University of Dayton. Then on August 26, our seventh grandchild was born. Michael and his wife, **Loann, KC8BDV**, had a little girl, Jenna Grace. Her three older brothers welcomed her into the world. Do you think she is going to be spoiled? Not a chance. HA! September was fairly quiet until the 28<sup>th</sup> when my O.M., Al, WB9SSE, retired. So far we are into our third week of retirement and we are doing just fine. We both have so many projects that I don't think we will get on each other's nerves for a long time.

I heard from my most faithful correspondent, **Dot, N9ALC**. She writes that in August she and her OM celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a party of 85 or so, including dinner and dancing. Congratulations, Bob and Dot, I hope you have many, many more years together. She thought they would need a week to recuperate, but I don't believe it. She also writes that she will continue to be the membership chairman of their radio club. Thank you so much for writing, Dot.

Our spotlight this month is on **Lois Zehr, W9UXXL**. She became interested in amateur radio because of her husband. She said that when he was a novice she was very curious to know WHO was contacting him and WHAT they were saying, so she had to learn code. She got her first license on September 4, 1952 with the call of WN9UXXL, by March 9, 1953 she had upgraded to General Class with the call of W9UXXL, which she still holds. She joined YLRL in 1954 and has been a member ever since.

When her children were little and her husband was at work, she sometimes longed for adult conversation. She found it on the amateur bands. She was also 9<sup>th</sup> district chairman and Publicity Chairman. She said it was probably before I was born, but I'm happy to admit, I was already on this earth about 10 years old at the time. She also said that at one point, she thought she was spending too much time on the radio because at a hamfest someone told her that they thought that was ALL she did because they heard her on the air a lot. Even her neighbors were listening to her transmissions on their radios and trying to get her tuned in better.

Lois had to devote her time in the early 60's to her aged parents and has not been very active in ham radio since, but still follows things by the Harmonics and her husband. We can e-mail her at [rslezehr@frontiernet.net](mailto:rslezehr@frontiernet.net).

Thank you Lois for your biography. To all the rest who sent their biographies to me, I still have them and I will get to all them just as quickly as I can. Thank you all again for sending them to me. Everyone stay well, stay warm, and God bless America.

**Judy, KC0HVD**, writes that she and her 60 member club-the Park County Radio Club- had a great time and great potluck for Field Day. It was held in Bailey, CO at the Deer Creek Elementary School. She didn't get to make a lot of contacts, but was kept busy all over the site with the help of fellow PCRC member Judy Thompson, K0WGN. The members of ARES District 6 also had ID cards made then by the Park County Emergency Communications Department. John, KT0F, and **Cheryl, NOWBV**, just received their certificate from the ARRL 10 meter contest in 2000. They placed 6th in the world from Turks and Caicos.

**WD0BSB, Virginia Buckhaults** is out of surgery writes **Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC**. Please keep her in your thoughts. Ann Trudeau, KA0ZFI will be writing the YL column for World Radio, so look for her in future issues! The Colorado-YLs held their quarterly meeting August 12. The Colorado-YL net is held Saturday mornings at 9:00am on 147.225, so don't forget to check in if you are in the Colorado area.

For those of you in the Colorado area, the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado (GMCC) now have an affiliate chapter on the eastern slope/front range. There are a number of YLs involved including: **K0GAS, Connie Shaffer; N0LER June Nickels; KB0QAA, Janice Brown; KA0BAD, Bernice Parr; N0DBY, Sue Ludtke; KE6LHL, Lakeo**; and Chris Fleck. They are also interested in trying to keep the interest of the youth in contesting and amateur radio. Listen for them in the contests!

Well, summer is ending and the winter contest season is upon us. Don't forget to check out the YLRL contests coming up soon. Speaking of contests **Merri Crawford Pladsen, AB0MV** found out that she has won her first plaque! She won for Zone 4 in 2000 JIDX SSB (10m HP). Congratulations Merri! Merri is also this issue's district 10 spotlight. In 1996 she was heavily involved in volunteer work. When Hurricane Fran hit the North Carolina area, Merri was there to help. She was at a shelter in Chapel Hill NC when the phone lines went down. Ham radio operators were used to provide



Merri AB0MV

communications. There Merri watched 13-year-old Sakura Christmas, KF4KBT operating an emergency radio in the shelter. "It was the middle of the night when the storm struck, and I couldn't sleep. The only other person awake in the shelter was Sakura. Here she was passing on important information, getting weather reports and doing an incredibly good job. She had such poise and was

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Greetings from Alaska. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Can't even say it is chilly here in southeast yet, but getting there. As of October 15, not even any frost, though the cedars are doing their fall thing and oldest little stems are brown and being blown off in the heavy winds blowing this year. All is fine here and all ready for winter.

Have a new member, **Darlene, KL0YC**. She and hubby, Floyd, WL7CUO, live as caretakers in a Forest Service complex, at False Island, on Peril Strait, about half way between Sitka and Petersburg. They sailed out of the Golden Gate in 1997, and headed north. Have been there ever since. Darlene got her general this spring and has been very active. She is net control station on the Alaska Bush Net on 40 meters on Friday nights. She uses a Kenwood TS430S, with a High Gain Vertical up 30 feet, and a 40 meter loop, or dipole cut for 80 meters. They use an Icom 735 for email work so they won't blow up the old Kenwood, again! Glad you joined us Darlene. She and Floyd always have good signals when the bands are in. Many cruisers stop and see them on way to and from Sitka as the safest route to the inside passage. Some even stop at Betty's QTH if weather is favorable. We both met Jim and Sue Coreman, this fall as they headed south from their trip around the world. He is the one who is in charge of the Airmail program, which is the email one Darlene and I use, thanks to the many hams worldwide, who provide the radio link to internet. Her email address is **wl7cuo@winlink.org** Of course no pictures, jokes, stories and such. They have no "land line" and use Pactor to keep in touch with family and friends. Great to have you Darlene.

**Rose, KL7FQQ**, left North Pole in October for La Feria, TX, for the winter home. It was 15 degrees so time, and just a bit of snow flurries. They had a great garden, as usual, and took over 800 pounds of fresh produce to the food bank, which they were happy to get. They had several trips to the mine at Livengood, on the pipeline highway, and to Seward where their oldest daughter and family live. Caught salmon and halibut, so fish in freezer for the winter, besides all the vegetables there. They plan to visit the youngest daughter and family in Arizona on the way down.

**Lil, NL7DL**, and hubby, Rick, are enjoying their retirement. Due to the September 11th attack, the speakers for the Anchorage and Fairbanks Ham Fests were not able to fly up in time for them. So plans changed for both of them. They taught a "fast-track" one week amateur radio class. About half the students got their licenses, including a 14 year old girl. She taught code and had the two people pass it. After the class some of the students decided they wanted to learn the code, so she is teaching it two nights a week through November. They plan to take off on a trip to the south 48 and spend 3-4 months traveling along the east coast, using Rick's sister in Rincon, GA, as a base. They are interested in the Civil War battlegrounds and plan to visit several. They plan to have the car trucked to Seattle, and fly down to it. Then drive on. Hope to visit some of the 11 states they have not seen yet. They plan to stop and see the Russel Museum in Helena, MT., said to be the best in the country. They will take their two rascally scotties with them. They did go to the Fairbanks Ham Fest and visited the

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I received three items in the mail this past month...

The first was a renewal for 2002, which I processed although it was not due until March 2002. This reminded me that there are YL's who would like to be sponsored next year by an American YL, but I don't know how to recommend them, because there are still quite a few who I don't know. If you would like to be sponsored or know of someone who needs a sponsor, please drop me a line telling me about their activity on the bands, family, job, or other interests. We kept a lot of our DX-YL's which with the dues increase surprised me.

Today I received a postcard from Germany with the call signs of many YL's who I have known for many years. I don't know where this tradition of passing a card around at a gathering started for YL's to sign, but it is certainly one of the nicest ways of letting other YL's know that they are remembered and missed. It gave me a wonderful feeling! Thank you.

I've saved the best til last! A week or so ago I received the following letter from **Magda van Wyk ZS6MVW** who is sponsored by Marte K0EPE. She wrote "Here in Pretoria, South Africa the temperatures have been down to 32C and at night 18C, and she had just received her July/Aug issue of Harmonics." She wrote that she enjoyed being a member of YLRL since they don't have a YL club there. She belongs to the Centurion Club and the Magalies Radio Amateur Club and served on committees, but not now, so she has more time for her hobby without going to meetings all the time. She received a trophy and certificate for her contributions to the club. For the past three years she has received a trophy for her work on 6 mtrs and is trying hard to hang on to it. Her daughter Lizette(16) is also busy on 6 mtrs and has received two trophies. Plus, she received the "Best Academic Achievement Award" for the 10th grade. Magda's other daughter Suzette(8) wants to be a "ham" to, but must wait until she is 10 years old. Besides taking care of her family, home and garden, Magna helps her brother-in-law out in his milkshop. She sent her greetings to everyone.

I understand that the European YL's were very busy on the air for Anniversary Party! I had one contact and some other state side YL's tried and tried, but only got a few....the bands in Europe must be better!!!!

Remember to send your sponsor a Christmas card. May 2002 be a better year all around the world

33's Carol Hall WD8DQG/7

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### Oops from the editor ----

Apologies to our new District 5 and new District KL7 Chairwomen, in the directory issue I had the former district chairwomen listed for the 2002-2003 year. The new 5th District chair will be Alma Lang AB5BA and the new KL7 district chairwomen will be Lillian Marvin NL7DL

DR. ROBERT SUDING W0LMD. He was in the midst of working with his RC Model Airplane and naturally, he was delighted to show them some of his expertise! During their conversation, Pump and the doctor learned of another hobby they had in common: the love of the pipe organ. The good doctor invited the foursome to his QTH, atop a 9,000 ft high mountain, in Conifer, CO, to see the 1,500 pipes for his organ in the middle of three garages! He is a many-faceted man: a great hobbyist and an inventor! He makes MIDI Interfaces for Pipe Organs and Radio Control Nicad Chargers.

"From dear **ALMA AB5BA, ANN WA5GLM** reports, upon return from trip to Upper NY, that the fall foliage season was getting in full-beautiful-swing!

**HELEN W5LGY**, our only LIFE MEMBER, has a new word processor. She loves it and looks forward to stay in touch with all of her friends.

**EVEYLN N5BOT** keeps busy with making clothes and toys for her grandson who just started walking - FUN! Time to move THINGS from the bottom to the top shelves - hi!

**JUDI W0JJ** is into Data Needlework. She has a web site and invites you to use it! JUDIJAKSACUSTOMDIGITIZER.COM Also, she did a fine job on the 2001 Grapevine for TYLRUN!" Thanks for the news, ALMA!

Enjoy a fun Halloween; a marvelous Thanksgiving with those you love; and a blessed Christmas with a Happy New Year! May God continue to guide, guard and protect our America the Beautiful!

Many grateful thanks for the joy and pleasure of serving as 5<sup>th</sup> District Chair for HARMONICS. You five-land wonderful YL's made my job so easy; thanks again. Please support your next District Five Chair; she will be a super leader!

33 and God bless America and God bless our President!

Burnette, K5JGC



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With most of my time spent at the display, I was able to make contact with a number of OMs who offered to speak at future LARA meetings. Art Goddard, W6XD, new director of ARRL southwestern District will present his convention program at our Feb. meeting.

Speaking of meetings, LARA's October meeting was one which kept all of us at attention when Angel Batraz KD6FA displayed how to make an antenna with things you would find around the house. We couldn't wait to try it ourselves. It was a great program we all enjoyed. Betty KB6BNA husband Fabio DeContreras, KB6BDN showed the antenna he had put together at the convention-also quite interesting.

Christmas will find LARA returning to the 'Clam Jumper' restaurant as we had such a good time last year.

As the holidays are just ahead, I'd like to say, with recent events I've become aware of the importance of MY plans, MY life. I'm aware of MY responsibility, as an individual and that I must do whatever I can do to help change the lives of others in need- physically and psychologically. And we can all make a difference. I'm not going to stop "doing" rather I'm finding more ways to donate my time. Just think what a change you can make. It really feels good. 33's Jeri KB6USX.

One day we got the Hammerlund but it was over the \$300 and then came an antenna in a BIG carton with no clue as to how much. I looked in QST and lo and behold it was over \$100 but I was hooked by this time that I said, 'Oh shoot we are this far into it let's go'. We got our licenses in Dec. '58, in time to go to California for 6 weeks of traveling with other Hams. I have loved every minute of my involvement with Amateur Radio. Chuck became K8MZS and my call has been K8MZT. Have done much work with phone patches, etc, had many fun experiences. I have ARRL awards for work during the Palm Sunday tornadoes many years ago but my big satisfaction is the Buckeye Belles. We have tried to be more than just friendly and welcomed everyone (this didn't always work well). In '92, I lost my interest in being on line, and have declined (both in amateur radio and in health) since then. At present, I have NO equipment on the low bands, but lots of friends and I have never gone to any spot in the United States without being welcomed as a member of the local amateur radio gang."

I want to add that a few years ago when I was YLRL president, Shirley came to my aid by helping out as District 8 chair when the current District 8 chair had to step down due to a family emergency. The Belles have tried to get together at her place from time to time to let her know that we appreciate all she has done. Shirley ended her letter to me by saying she wasn't sure if she will make it to the convention, but I want to say that I and all the other Belles will do all we can to make sure she makes it there. Thank you Shirley, we all love you and all you've done for YLs in amateur radio especially for the gals in Ohio. 33's Nancy, KC4IYD/8 --

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International Arctic Research Center. They got to meet with Dr. Shin Akasofu, who founded the center. They study atmospheric conditions, and global warming. Nobody really knows what is causing it. Later they visited a permafrost tunnel, seeing fossils and bones which were thousands of years old still in the ice! Fall colors were spectacular on the drive with birch in their sunny yellows, aspen in red-orange, berry bushes deep red and purple. One of Betty's friends calls it the "Oriental Carpet" time of year. Have a great trip, Lil.

**Gerie, KL7ALZ**, had colon surgery in August, with about 14 inches being cut out. She is 76 and doing great with her recovery. That surgery is very different now, no bags, etc. to handle. She no longer does the bowling league secretary work. She feels that 30 years is long enough, and let a younger lady learn the ropes. Recuperate fast Geri.

**Cheri, WL7MA**, is busy as ever with the Alaska-Pacific Emergency Preparedness Net.

Band conditions have not been the best in October as the Aurora has really been the best in years. Really does affect our bands here. If not the bubbly signals, just flat blackout of signals. I know it does affect the lower 48 a bit, but I don't think to the extent it does up here. Was hard when missionaries and school teachers depended on ham radio in the days before the microwave and satellites provided communications to the villages. Rose and Betty were stations that helped with those communications, phone patches, equipment orders, etc. back when we first got our licenses. 33 Betty KL7FJW; email: kl7fjw@winlink.org; phone 907-828-3334

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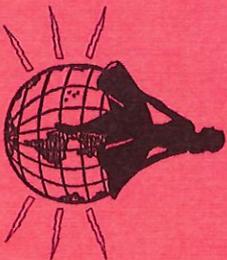
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## Parting words from your interim editor...

Thank you to those who expressed kind words and praise regarding the last few issues of YLH I put together this year. I have been playing catch-up all year and when I thought I was caught up, the directory issue turned out to be much more work than I imagined. Between trying to make sure we included the current members, correct information, contacting people because of differences in the databases and my full time job, going to school part-time, my family and planning for the 2002 YLRL Convention, I somehow managed to get it all done. Beyond all that, I did enjoy it and hope it was satisfactory to you all. Best wishes to all and hope to see some of you in Ohio in 2002! Nancy, kc4iyd

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