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## The President's Letter *de Cheryl NOWBV Muhr*

Hello Ladies!

As I write this it is December and a time for new beginnings. I am so used to writing the District 10 column that it seems strange to be addressing all of you at once. First, thank you for your confidence in electing me President! Second, many thanks to **Kay** for her guidance and inspiration. I am still getting my feet wet, but have a number of people who have provided support in the past, so fair warning, I will call on you now for help.

Many people make resolutions as the New Year begins. Some want to eat right, lose weight or stop smoking. Others set goals for their lives that reflect work or family. Still others are like us ... they set radio goals. Whether you want to get a bigger station, work that really rare one, attend more hamfests or go to Hamvention for the first time; now is the time to set those goals. The **YLRL** is a great way to make those goals happen. We are an organization of support. We are friends. Our membership is worldwide. Our members are involved with all aspects of the hobby. We are individuals, yet we are a team. We help each other.

In this New Year (and new Presidency) things will change. No matter how hard one tries, it is not possible to EXACTLY recreate a year. I look forward to hearing from the members about how radio has changed for them. Why are you licensed and what do you want to do in Amateur Radio.

As the year continues and our membership grows (Don't forget to renew in March...HI HI) we will be taking a journey together. I hope you will find this year an exiting radio year, no matter how much you operate. Don't forget to send your news to your District Chairwomen and if you have questions on ANYTHING, don't hesitate to ask someone. A list of possible people to ask is located in the front of your Harmonics.

You can reach me at the following:

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I will do my best as President to move this organization in the directions that you, the members, want to go. It is the members who make this organization so great.

Hope your holidays were wonderful and the New Year brings you everything you wanted. *33 & 73, Cheryl NOWBV*

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# AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer fifty-nine (59) scholarships for the academic year 2004 - 2005 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds seven of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-two (52) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs, especially those in Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets and on their World Wide Web home pages.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 30, 2004 from: FAR Scholarships, Post Office Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20738

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

## INDIAN OCEAN DXPEDITIONS, VK9XYL & VK9CYL *de Gwen VK3DYL*

**Christmas Island**, the peak of an ancient volcano 360 km south of Indonesia and 1400 km northwest of mainland Australia, was the first stop for the all-YL DXpedition consisting of **Gwen VK3DYL**, **June VK4SJ** and **Elizabeth VE7YL** last October. It is an island born 60 million years ago from a volcanic eruption shaped like a Scotty Terrier and is approximately 135 sq. km. in area. The interior which has been designated a National Park is covered by rainforest while phosphate mining operation is carried out elsewhere.

The Island is known as the "Kingdom of the Crabs" due to the annual migration of millions of red land crabs which march from the rain-forested slopes down to the ocean to breed at the beginning of the wet season, generally late November, and then return to their burrows for the rest of the year. I believe that at those times it is very difficult to walk anywhere without stepping on a crab, let alone drive on the roads or play golf. Special tunnels have been constructed under some roads to enable the crabs to cross safely. We managed to see quite a few red crabs in the forest plus the larger robber crabs and the pretty blue fresh water crabs but were too early for the migration.

There was also a lot of bird life as well as great scenery - in fact the only thing the island lacked for us YLs was good propagation to other parts of the world! I'm not sure why it is that whenever we three go on a DXpedition we either break the local drought or cause propagation to dive into a black hole. It was very hot and humid - thank goodness for air-conditioned rooms, shops and cars. At that time there were 51 "boat people" still on the island while the Australian Navy, in the form of *HMAS Stuart*, hovered off shore watching over us like a mother hen. Our balcony at *The Sunset* provided us with glorious views of the setting sun while small fishing boats returned to shore each night with their day's catch. We even saw a large pod of dolphins swim past and we met up with quite a few divers, mainly overseas guys who had come to the island to enjoy the world-famous reef and cave diving. We confined our swimming to the motel's own pool - hi!

We didn't make as many contacts as we'd hoped for (only 4,400) and more than half of those were into Japan; North America and Europe were hidden behind the high hump in the centre of the island. After two weeks we packed up our gear (a TS50, an FT100D, **Elizabeth's** Morse key and a set of the **VK3GKK** dipoles) and flew off to Cocos (Keeling) Islands with high hopes for better propagation - however, Murphy came with us.

**Cocos (Keeling) Islands**, one of Australia's most remote external Territories are 900 km west of Christmas Island - just an hour's flight away. The islands (a group of 27 coral atolls) were discovered by Captain William Keeling in 1609 but were not settled for a further 200 years. In 1827 Captain John Clunies Ross arrived with his family and turned his attention to planting out coconut palms and trading in coconuts, coconut oil

and copra. In 1978 the Australian Government purchased the Clunies-Ross interests and in 1984 the Cocos community chose to integrate with Australia.

The first group of settlers brought to the islands was predominately Malay Muslim and today, after eight generations, the existing society (most of whom live on Home Island) is deeply committed to the Islamic religion with their own mosques, leaders and ceremonies.

Of course WE arrived on the first day of Ramadan; hence all the Muslim-run restaurants were closed.

Other historical facts are that in 1836 Charles Darwin visited the islands aboard *HMS Beagle* and formed his theory on atoll formation; in 1914 the German light-cruiser *SMS Emden* was scuttled on North Keeling following its encounter with *HMAS Sydney*, and in 1944 West Island was home to more than 7,000 troops from Britain, Canada, Australia and India while an airstrip was built. This airstrip (which runs down the centre of the golf course!) is still in use today - when the twice weekly plane is due, the runway lights come on, a man in a jeep drives madly up and down the strip to make sure there are no obstructions, sirens sound and the local population lines the perimeter fence to welcome visitors and returning friends and family.

We had three nice units, *Cocos Cottages*, facing the runway/golf course, with suitable coconut palms for attaching dipoles to. Unfortunately we hadn't allowed for a coconut falling on **June's** Buddypole antenna or for the largest explosion ever recorded in our solar system which shut down propagation for a few days. In our two week's stay and after a lot of hard work calling on dead bands we were lucky to make 3,500 contacts - a sad contrast to the German group who had preceded us making 19,000 contacts. Still, they had good conditions, beams and amplifiers. However, one stateside guy seemed a little flabbergasted when he told **Elizabeth** he was running 1500 watts into a 6 element 10m beam and she answered we were running 100 watts into a dipole strung between a coconut palm and our unit!

It was nice to live in shorts, T-shirts, sunscreen and insect repellent for a couple of weeks. Daytime temps were around 30C but the southeast trade winds cooled things down morning and night. The coral atolls offer world-class snorkelling and diving whilst a few beaches are great for family swimming and barbecues. The sunsets aren't bad either! The roads are well maintained but driving hazards consist of dodging fallen coconuts, crabs (brown ones this time) and the many feral chooks which roam the island.

Some photos of our trip can be seen on my web page under the icons for 2003 (well, when my son finishes putting them on!). [www.qsl.net/vk3dyl](http://www.qsl.net/vk3dyl)  
*de Gwen VK3DYL*

## *Vice President's Views*    *de Mary WX4MM Moore*

### **YL-OM Sponsored by Young Ladies Radio League**

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SSB 1400 UTC April 14, 2004 to 0200 UTC April 16, 2004

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CW and SSB 1400 UTC September 8, 2004 to 0200 September 10, 2004

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CW 1400 UTC October 6, 2004 to 0200 UTC October 8, 2004

SSB 1400 UTC October 13, 2004 to 0200 UTC October 15, 2004

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*Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it.*  
- Margaret Thatcher

## New YLRL Members *de Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall*

Welcome to all the new members, we look forward to a long friendship with each and every one of you!

### New members

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**Kristen** belongs to a number of local clubs including the Northern California Contest Club, FISTS, USS Hornet ARC, and her activities include HF mobile operation, net control for local nets and lots of homebrew construction. She holds an Extra class license

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Welcome back to **Melissa** who also belongs to CVRC, SNARS, and EARC and is interested in digital modes, moon bounce, astronomy and collecting Hallicrafters. She indicates a website at [www.saturata.org](http://www.saturata.org). She was endorsed by **Dawn KB6LHP**.

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*(Ed. Note: Look for more info on new and rejoined members in the 2004 Issue # 2!)*

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*Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world. - Lucille Ball*

# TO REALIZE

To realize  
The value of a sister  
Ask someone  
Who doesn't have one.

To realize  
The value of ten years:  
Ask a newly  
Divorced couple.

To realize  
The value of four years:  
Ask a graduate.

To realize  
The value of one year:  
Ask a student who  
Has failed a final exam.

To realize  
The value of nine months:  
Ask a mother who gave birth to a still born.

To realize  
The value of one month:  
Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature  
baby.

To realize  
The value of one week:  
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize  
The value of one hour:  
Ask the lovers who are waiting to Meet.

To realize  
The value of one minute:  
Ask a person  
Who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize  
The value of one-second:  
Ask a person  
Who has survived an accident.

To realize  
The value of one millisecond:  
Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the  
Olympics.

To realize the value of a friend:  
Lose one.

Time waits For no one.  
Treasure every moment you have.  
You will treasure it even more when  
you can share it with someone special.

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*He who is outside the door has already got a good part of his  
journey behind him. - Dutch proverb*

## Young Ladies' Radio League Info

**YLRL**, Young Ladies' Radio League, was organized in 1939. It is the only organization of international scope exclusively for women amateur radio operators.

It is nonprofit. Its purposes are many:

To encourage and assist Young Ladies (YLS) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Service.

To sponsor and carry out programs to promote YL interest, appreciation, and understanding of radio communications and electronics.

To encourage YLS to advance their skills as Amateur Radio Operators.

To carry out a program of specialized service to the blind and otherwise handicapped YLS.

To provide scholarship funds or other grants to worthy YLS to continue their education in academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.

To host foreign YLS during their visits to the US and to sponsor their participation in YLRL activities.

To encourage Amateur Radio competition between YLS by offering certificates, (e.g., 33 Award 2002 in honor of one of our founders **Ethel W3MSU**) trophies, etc., for demonstrating excellence in such operating competitions.

Membership is open to any woman holding an Amateur Radio License issued by the US FCC or equivalent foreign authorization.

The official publication is YL Harmonics, published by and for YL members with news of YLS throughout the world and comes as a part of your membership.

YLRL issues six attractive and popular certificates:

YL Century Club (YLCC), Work all States (WAS-YL), Worked all Continents (WAC-YL), DX-YL and DX-YLCC.

The League also sponsors four contests good on all bands with all modes of emission:

Howdy Days in September,

YL Anniversary in October for CW

and in November for Phone,

YL-OM Contest in February,

DX-YL to North American YLS in April.

Our directory lists YL nets on every day of the week, some giving their own certificates.

We enjoy membership of over 800 YLS. Dues are \$15 per year.

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*If God had wanted me otherwise, He would have created me otherwise. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

## Youth Column

*de Andrea KG4IUM Hartlage*

Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to one and all! I trust that everyone had a safe and fun holiday season. I am still looking for any input, suggestions, ideas, or articles that you may be able to provide for this article. Please, contact me with any type of contribution, by e-mail to [YLyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:YLyouth@bellsouth.net) or mail to 2323 Orion Ct. Grayson, GA 30017.

Last month, I told a story about how the young YL's voice can be a pile-up buster, because, when a YL speaks, OMs tend to listen. This month, I would like to tell you how a young YL is treated in Amateur Radio, both on and off the airwaves. As a young YL myself, I can honestly say that I have been treated exceptionally well by other hams, both YLs and OMs, and I am very thankful for that.

For example, when I work public service events, which I often do, I am frequently placed in a lead car of a parade, or with a director of the event. Although this may have partly to do with my operating skills, I think it also has a great deal to do with the fact that I am a youthful YL.

Also, when I first started serving as net control, other hams were so amazed to hear a young, female voice call a net, that they would be sure to check in and not just listen. Although I called the net using the same preamble and procedures as other net controls, the nets that I call sometimes had more checkins, simply because I am a young, female ham.

Additionally, I have found that an extraordinary amount of hams, especially OMs, are willing to be an Elmer to me. Complete strangers, who soon became close friends, have given me equipment, and other hams have offered to help me with various things.

Why is it that YLs, particularly young YLs are treated so well, in Amateur Radio? I believe it is because we are so rare. Think about the ratio of male hams to female hams. Now, think about the ratio of adult hams to youth hams. It's not common that you see a young, female ham. Thus, when OMs meet one, they make sure to take good care of her.

So, if you know of a young lady, who is interested in ham radio, or if you, yourself, are a young lady, interested in Amateur Radio, you will not be disappointed if you obtain an Amateur Radio license. You can be pretty sure that the OMs and other YLs of Amateur Radio will be good to you!

*33 until next time, Andrea KG4IUM Hartlage*

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## District One

*de Anne WBIARU Manna*

Well it looks like this will be a short column this month! We have had two winter storms already before Christmas with a total of over 2 feet of snow near Boston! In southeastern New England we have also had rain, so there is little snow at my QTH except where it is piled from the plows.



**Arline WILIO and Betsy KA1VAX**

WRONE held its Fall Luncheon at Monty's Garden Restaurant in Leominster, Massachusetts on November 1. N1MJJP - **Sammie** was the hostess. The meal and the service were both excellent. The 2004 Officers were presented: President N1MJJP - **Samantha** Harriman, Vice President K4IJK - **Janice** Lentz, Secretary KA1VAX - **Betsy** Sproles, Treasurer KA1JVN - **Henrietta** Horvay, Membership Chair N1MJJP - **Sammie**, Net Chair WILIO - **Arline** Berry, Hospitality Chair KA1JKV - **Betty** Tammany. It was also announced that members voted to raise the dues to \$10 per year starting with 2004. Dues are due now and must be sent to **Hennie's** winter address in Florida.

-KA1JKV - **Hennie** departed for Naples, Florida the second week in November. Her address there is 300 Forest Lakes Blvd. #101, Naples, FL 34105-2344.

W4GXZ - **Blanche** has been on the QCWA Sunday AM net a few times. She is well and busy.

WIMP - **Linda** wrote from Vermont, "On the home front, the stormy weather this fall managed to knock one of the elements off our Moseley which is mounted on a tower at our QTH. It was a good opportunity to bring the antenna down and do some maintenance on it. We're in good shape now heading into the winter. I'm taking the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level I Course online and NNIC - **Deb** has been assigned as my online mentor. She's doing a great job, just hope I am. The course is very well organized and interesting. I hope all amateurs will at least take the first course, obviously especially those that participate in public service events, nets of any kind, or other volunteer activities that

involve communication and/or responding to emergency situations. This definitely adds to our credibility as we participate with other agencies such as the Red Cross and FEMA. I also participated in the Vermont SET (Simulated Emergency Test) as a backup net control. **Clair Dunn WIQCD**, EC for Fletcher, Vermont, was NCS for the activity. Six of our eight districts participated, involving many hams. We were also linked via HF to the New Hampshire SET. We're working with a rejuvenated ARES and RACES organization and most of our EC and DEC positions have been filled, which makes us very optimistic about Vermont's ability to respond to emergency situations."

**WBIARU - Anne** "I checked into the Yankee Lassies Net in October when I stayed home one day after having a minor medical procedure done. Those who were on that day included **WILIO - Arline**, **KA2ZKM - Marion**, **KA1VAX - Betsey**, and **KA1JKV - Hennie**. Everyone was doing fine."

I hope that everyone had restful and blessed holidays. I also hope that everyone is staying healthy and avoiding the flu and other ailments that are so prevalent at this time of the year! My next deadline is February 15, so please send me news and or pictures before then!  
*33, Anne WBIARU*

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## District Two *de* MYRTLE N2AKC FARNSWORTH

Holiday Greetings from Medford Lakes, NJ. What better way to start the first column for 2004 than to look forward to the New Year 2004 with our hearts full of hope and prayers for good health and happiness for one and all.

It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since I fell and broke my hip - it was on Christmas Day while I was preparing dinner. I wouldn't go to the hospital, not on Christmas so our daughter-in-law and two granddaughters came to the rescue and we did have our dinner as planned. We opened our gifts and then had desert and everyone left earlier than usual still saying I should go to the hospital. That I did, but the next morning after visiting my doctor. The following day I was operated on so Christmas week and New Year's Day, my birthday, plus another week was spent in the hospital. So, you can imagine I'm really looking forward to the Holidays this year. Yes, I'm still going to do Christmas dinner.

We certainly hope that **Kay WA0WAF's OM, Mike**, who had a horrible motorcycle accident has improved greatly, and that he received many many QSL cards from all the YLs.

Also, one of our SAYLARC members **Henrietta** and her **OM, Gerald**, are now both home recuperating from their accident, which will take a long while, and I'm sure they are daily counting their blessings.

Had an e-mail from **Christine WB2YBA** who currently has eight dogs which she shows three out of four week ends. Naturally this doesn't leave much time to get on the air. However, she does keep in touch with her friends in Australia. **Christine** had fallen and injured her shoulder, and an MRI indicated she had a torn tendon, which is very painful. She is due for

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physical therapy and perhaps may need to have an operation. We certainly hope not, **Christine**. Oh yes, she is still working part time as Chief of Gynecology of the VA Hospital in East Orange, NJ. What a busy gal!

One bit of good news **Vera-WA1JYO's** grand-daughter had a baby girl and named her Vera-Grace. **Vera** is really "tickled pink" as well she should be. Also **Vera's** grandson and his wife came to visit her from NY for her birthday and brought a really big box of tulip bulbs for her. They then planted the bulbs, covered them with wood chips and put wire around to keep the squirrels away. No wonder Vera is looking forward to spring. I guess like **Vera** many of us are also wishing for spring. Seems we wish our lives away, here we are wishing for spring before winter gets here.

Well, ladies, winter hasn't arrived but the end of this column has.

In closing I certainly hope you all stay healthy and enjoy every moment of each and every day, because time passes so quickly. Until next year – Happy Holidays and remember it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice! *Bye Now and God Bless. Myrtle N2AKC (N2AKC@comcast.net)*

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## District Three

*de Barb KA3VXR Bender*

Greetings from the snowy South Central Pennsylvania mountains! It is the middle of December and a look out the window reveals a winter wonderland.

This is the season of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." However, there are still conflicts raging all over the globe. My son and granddaughter were just deployed to Iraq. My son has a three year old, a two year old and his wife is expecting in February. My granddaughter is a sophomore in college. And so their lives and the lives of many others are put on hold as they are out there seeking that elusive ideal called "PEACE!" And this Mom and Grandmother will have an ache in her heart until they and all of our military are home safely. We in Ham Radio can do our little part toward world peace by fostering friendships with others all over the world.

WELCOME to **Phyllis K1WSN** from Glenn Dale, Maryland. She writes that she is just getting back into ham radio after a 42 year hiatus and it is fun to be back on the air. She comes from a large family of hams including her **OM, Rich K1HTV**; son, **Andrew K1RA**; daughter, **Christina N3JMR**, and daughter-in-law, **Amy KZ1AMY**. **Phyllis** enjoys phone operation especially 15 and 20 meters and contesting and holds a General Class license.

**Ruthanna WB3CQN** is urging everyone to get on Echo Link! She is having so much fun and wants to share it with everyone. She has been talking to **Martha WD4NKP** this way as **Martha** doesn't have a rig on the air and also to **Poppy VK6YF** in Perth, Australia.

Not much other news came in except that **Lois WB3EFQ** has announced the birth of her second grandchild - Lillian Jean, born December 3, weighed 7 lb 2 1/2 oz and 19 in long. Brother Josh, parents and VERY proud grandparents are doing just fine.

SEND NEWS!!!! **ka3vxx**@penn.com Till next time, pray for PEACE, carry PEACE in your hearts, spread PEACE to others. Christmas Blessings and a Hopeful, Happy New Year. 33 de Barb KA3VXR **ka3vxx**@penn.com

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## District Four

*de Cheryl AA4YL Whitlock*

As I type this, Christmas is just a few days away and Hanukkah is underway. I wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

I have not been active on the bands or at our club meetings the last few months, so I do not have any news to report. The deadline crept up on me and was here before I knew it. I will be better prepared next issue and have a rundown of what is happening in the 4th call area.

I would like to extend my congratulations to **Mary** Moore **WX4MM** on her nomination as Vice-President of **YLRL**. I am sure **Mary** will do an outstanding job. **Mary** is lead VE for our **ARRL** VE testing with the East Alabama ARC and is always ready to help whenever needed regardless of what it is.

Congrats to the other officers as well. I look forward to getting to know all of you and the other members.

For those who do not know me, I have been licensed since 1984. I held the callsign **N4JFV** until two years ago, when I upgraded my call to **AA4YL** via the vanity program.

Once again, happy holiday to all and I hope to meet you on the bands soon. 33, **Cheryl AA4YL**

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## District Five

*de Alma AB5BA Lang*

Note: **Linda AC5QQ** Hynan filled in for **Alma AB5BA** Lang. Remember to send your news to **Alma**. (**Alma**, I sure hope **Jim** heals fast!)

**Alma AB5BA** – Several **YL** reminders – First, dues are due by March. Second, if you don't send me news for the next issue of **YLH** – we won't have a good news report for **D5**, so send in your news. Hello **YLRL** Members – I have been very busy with a disabled husband; he is almost past walking. He will have surgery on December 11. **Jim K5VRJ** has been run through the mill with all the pre-surgery tests. Both of us are exhausted at bedtime which is about 7:30 pm. Of course by the time you read this **Jim** will be up and walking normal. By the way **Linda AC5QQ**, along with our Minister, will be with me during the surgery. We've had other concerns as well. Both **Jim** and I have lost a lot of weight. We are still trying to find the cause. It has to be something environmental, but what? We've checked out several things to do with the house – new roof, new stove, and new furnace – all ok. We are starting on the water heater now – but that will have to wait until **Jim** recovers. I wish each of you a Great New Year, and lots of radio contacts. IN GOD WE TRUST – **Alma AB5BA**.

**Nell K0GO** Devitt-Freiberger – **Hank** and I have almost recovered from colds. We are off to Galveston for three days for Thanksgiving and then to the Panama Canal on December 11. We are busy and happy. Hope everyone had a great time at Plano TYLRUN. We plan to be with the group next year. **Jim** and you (**Alma**) will be in my prayers. Best 33.

**Doris K5BNQ** Anderson – We were so sorry to hear of **Harryette's** death **W6QGX/5**. She had been our long time friend – we admired her for all her interesting hobbies and abilities and her dedication to **YLRL**. I treasure the “Girl on the Globe” with the call letters she needle pointed for me. **Andy** and I went to the Vintage Radio Convention/Contest/Auction in Mesquite, Texas in November. He, **W5IWL**, won a first prize on an antique microphone and a second on a doll novelty radio. We did well on the auction, too. The banquet speaker was **Jim** Haynie **W5JBP**, president of **ARRL**.



**Doris K5BNQ** Anderson and **Jim W5JBP** Haynie

We also attended the Texas **YL** Round-up Birthday Party the following week-end in Plano, Texas. Seems like there are fewer of us each year, but we always have a good time. [**Alma AB5BA** – we had the pleasure of meeting **Jim** Haynie when he visited Waco and Temple – before he was the **ARRL** President (he was after votes – hi)]. **Judi W0JJ** did a wonderful job as hostess.

**Ann WA5GLM** Beadel – We're not doing the usual amount of traveling – Brandon is a senior in high school and he wanted to attend public school this year. The TYLRUN party was splendid fun as always, marred only by your not being there. We did miss you so! Next year it will be here in Brownwood for TYLRUN's **50th** birthday! (And you'd better be there, y'hear?) We will keep you both (**Jim** and **Alma**) in our prayers. 33.

**Elaine KC5WQE** Ault – We are looking forward to Christmas. Cameron and Alex, the grandkids, will be spending a week with us in Waco.

**Linda AC5QQ** Hynan – The annual TYLRUN party hosted by **Judi W0JJ** Jaksa held November 14 and 15 in Plano, Texas, was a great success. Seven members, one guest, and three OMs attended. The current officers were elected to serve next year: **Julia K5JFJ** Young – President, **Ann WA5GLM** Beadel - Vice President, **Linda AC5QQ** Hynan - Secretary/Treasurer, and **Judi W0JJ** Jaksa - Grapevine editor and publications. Next year's party will be hosted by **Ann WA5GLM**.



TYLRUN members at annual party: Top row l to r – **Judi W0JJ** Jaksa, **Linda AC5QQ** Hynan, **Ann WA5GLM** Beadel, **Julia K5JFJ** Young. Bottom row l to r – **Doris K5BNQ** Anderson, **Kathy K5IHF** Rogers, **Lyn W5RYX** Ohlson, and **Cynthia Young** (guest).

**Burnette K5JGC** Boyett – “We are saddened to report that **Annie Smith K5JKV** became a Silent Key December 9, 2003. **Annie** was a beloved and enthusiastic member of the Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Klub. She held many offices in the club and continued as GAYLARK Certificate Custodian. She was also affiliated with **ARRL** and **YLRL**. She held membership in the Thomas Shelton Chapter of the DAR. Prior to retirement, she was a School Teacher in Aldine and Houston Independent School District for over 25 years. We send heartfelt condolences to her family; she will be greatly missed.”

Thanks to everyone for sending in your news. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – Make your New Year's resolution to send **Alma AB5BA** lots of D5 news! 33, **Linda AC5QQ**

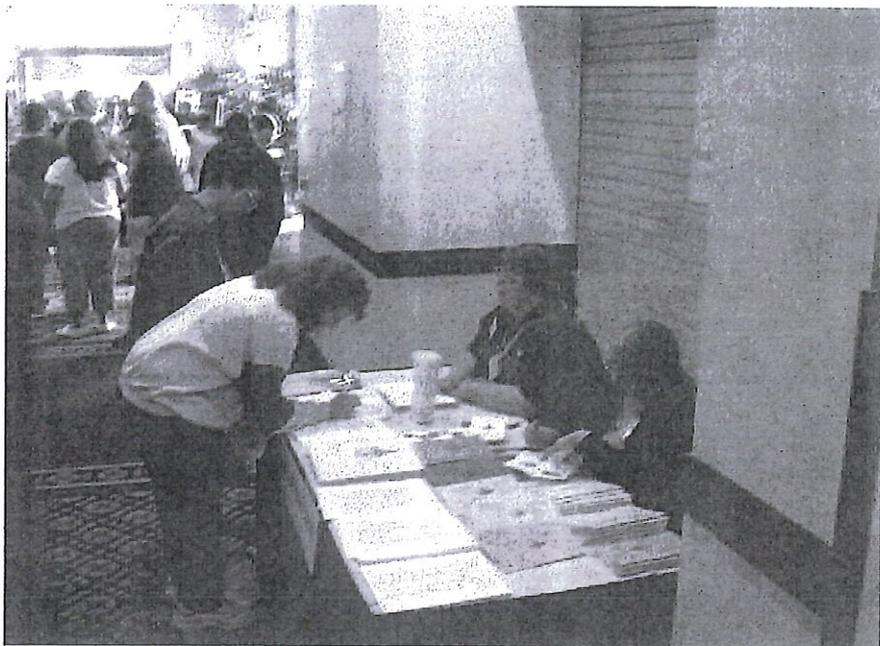
Hi everyone and Happy New Year, I want to introduce myself. I am **Dawn** Biocca and I am the 2004 District Six Chairperson. I am located in the Richmond CA (Bay Area). I have a 25year old son – **Chris KG6LXL** and an 18 year old daughter - Jessica. **Alan WB6ZQZ** and I have been married for 29 years and have spent most of it in the Richmond. I have been a HAM for 18 years receiving my General three years ago (grandfathered in) and to this date have spent most of my airtime on 2 meters. This is because I was intimidated by the complexity of my **OM's** radios. So, when I got back into **YLRL** I decided that I needed a simple radio if I wanted to get on the low bands. At PacifiCon 2003 I purchased an ICOM-718 - am in the process of putting it up in my office. I am a stay at home mom and I look forward to talking to you all soon.

The Bay Area had, at one time, a **YLRL** club called **BAYLARC** (Bay Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club) but for some reason it is no longer running. **Judy** Thomas **KF6MBH** and I have wanted to get **BAYLARC** up and running again and so in October we manned a booth at PacifiCon 2003.



PacifiCon 2003 **YLRL** booth – Prospective **YLRL** member at left and seated at the table is **Dawn KB6LBP Biocca** (blue vest) and **Judy KF6MBH Thomas**

We had a wonderful response to the question “If we had a Ladies’ club, would you join” and we signed up a few members into **YLRL**.



PacifiCon 2003 YLRL Booth

We would like to get more YLRL clubs started in Northern California and this was a way to see if there was interest and there was. My project for 2004 is to get BAYLARC up and running and then to get a club started in the Sacramento area. I am looking forward to this challenge. I also went, for the first time, to the Dayton Hamvention. What a wonderful time I had. It is so much bigger than I expected and much bigger than PacifiCon. Alan and I are planning on attending Dayton 2004. 33, Dawn KB6LHP

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## District Seven

*de Sara AB7PS Lyon*

Greetings to one and all. As I write this, the holidays are fast approaching. Maybe that explains why I haven't received any news of activities in the 7<sup>th</sup> District lately! Check-ins to the MINOW Net have been slow. There are about five of us who usually check-in Friday morning but the Tuesday morning net on 20 meters has suffered from the poor conditions this fall and many weeks I haven't been able to copy anyone. Betty KL7FJW, net control, very faithfully calls and occasionally someone replies.

Barbara AC7UH reports 'no news' but they are looking forward to their Holiday Get-together and Potluck some time in January. The Evergreen Intertie YL net continues to do well. If you can connect to EchoLink, we hope you will try connecting to Node 106642 at 0400 UTC on Monday evenings.

Just received news of the Arizona YLs from **Phyllis W2GLB**: The YLs get together on Tuesdays: 8 a.m. on 3933 and 7 p.m. on 147.12 + (PL 162.2). All visiting YLs are invited to check in. Ham luncheon attended by both YLs and OMs are Mondays and the 2nd Saturday of each month. **Phyllis** and her daughter from Spokane, Carol Ann, spent a week in New York City in October doing all the "touristy" things. Enjoyed the double-decker bus tours and saw "Gypsy" on Broadway. Carol Ann's oldest son will graduate from NYU Medical School in the spring, but Carol Ann, who has MS, did not feel she would be able to attend a graduation, so made the trip early to see him. On November 30, grandson Jack passed away after a long bout with cancer. The family gathered for the Memorial Service a week later. It is sad that we only seem to all get together when such an event occurs.

**Jane WB7FDF** of Apache Junction, Arizona, who has been a hospital volunteer for many years, is now a Patient Liaison at Valley Lutheran Medical Center.

Thanks to **Lory N7KTY** who arranged with her local radio club to have a spot at their table for a **YLRL** corner the Swaptoberfest at Rickreall, Oregon, Saturday, October 25. There were 17 YLs who signed in. **Lory** and her **OM** were especially happy that their daughter Jenny returned home in time for Thanksgiving after serving nine months at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She's looking for a job now, either private sector, or government

I've run out of news so I'll just send my best wishes for 2004. I hope you will make a special note to send me news for the next issue. 33, **Sara AB7PS**

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## District Eight

*de Carolyn N8ST Donner*

**Grace N8NJT** writes "Just a couple of news items from the TASYLs.....We will hold our annual meeting and election of 2004 officers at the Marshall Hamfest on March 20 in Marshall Michigan. We're proud to say that one of our members, **W8QOY Donna** Burch will be celebrating being a ham radio operator for 50 years in March, 2004. Isn't that great?" [Well, I think it's wonderful! – Carolyn]

**Susie N8CGM** writes, "Bad news from Cincinnati first. **Betty** Reilly **N8POZ** became SK on December 5. She'd been ailing for quite a while. Good news (?): **Carol** Hugentober **WA8YL** and I, **Susie** Scott **N8CGM**, have just been re-elected as Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of Oh-Ky-In ARS, for the umpteenth consecutive time. I continue as editor of the Oh-Ky-In newsletter, the Q-Fiver."

**Sandy** Robinson **KC8STS** writes, "I have been busy at work. I work for the Longaberger Company in the Woodcrafts. We are working six and

seven days a week in order to get our Christmas orders out. I haven't had much time to get on the air lately. I have been so tired lately that by the time I get home all I want to do is go to bed. **KB8CRB Pat** Tucker and I just finished up signing certificates from CCARA's special event station, which was in October to commemorate Ohio's Bicentennial. I designed our certificate on my new gateway laptop. On the home front, things are some what lively. In August we got a black Lab which we named Sir Wallingford or Wally for short. I have been training him on all basic commands, and gave him his first swimming lesson in mid-September. The only problem is that he will only mind me, he ignores my mom and dad. My brother and sister-in law had a new addition to the family on Labor day weekend -- a 9 lbs 6oz. baby boy. He is so adorable, but he looks more like his sister than his parents. His name is Javin Alan Robinson. Speaking of my niece, she was hospitalized in mid September for encephalitis with some meningitis, which is inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. Needless to say we got to know the staff of Columbus Children's Hospital pretty well. She was in and out of PICU twice, and finally was released to come home on Halloween. Her name is Maekayla Chanelle Robinson. She is four years old. She and I have been very close ever since she was born. The encephalitis affected her speech and her coordination as well. She has to learn everything all over again. The doctors said that if the speech doesn't come back within a year that it might not come back at all. It's been rough on the family, especially on my brother and his wife. The timing couldn't have been worse. Chanelle went into the hospital three weeks after her baby brother was born. Jason stayed with her the whole time. Now that she is home she is on medication, and has Physical Therapy three times a week. The doctors said that it may take her a year to fully recover. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. **Pat KB8CRB** and I are also working on a history of the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Club."

And my news **Carolyn N8ST** ... I've been elected secretary for the local radio club (Grant Amateur Radio Club) in Brown County, Ohio for 2004. The USS JURASSIC ARC (and Star Trek club) has two members who took their first amateur radio license exams in November and both passed. I'm happy to say one is a **YL** -- **Joy KC8YOZ** and her husband **Dave KC8YOY**. And I want to say a special "thank you" to the previous 8th District Chairwoman, **Nancy KC4IYD/8**, for her help getting me setup with names and e-mail addresses and information. 33, **Carolyn N8STS**

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*Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over. F. Scott Fitzgerald*

## District Nine

*de Carole WB9RUS Burke*

Winter has come to Indiana, even if it isn't officially winter yet by the calendar. With winter comes Christmas and I'm almost ready for it.

A lot has happened since I last wrote. We took a wonderful three-week trip to the Southwest. For the first time, we drove out to see what is between here and there. And do you know what? There is a lot to see and we saw just about all of it. We took the Southern route out and the northern route home. We spent my birthday in New Mexico and Arizona. I had never been to the Painted Desert or the Petrified Forest or Meteor Crater and I got to see them all that day. **AI** made this birthday very special for me and it will be one I will never forget. We also went to Los Alamos and visited the Bradbury Museum. It is a wonderful "hands-on" museum and I loved it. The next day we went to Bandelier Monument where the Cliff Dwellers lived. It was gorgeous there. Those two days I hiked more than I have in years and I loved every minute of it. In Flagstaff we went to the Lowell Observatory where Planet Pluto was discovered. After about a week in the Phoenix area visiting friends, we, and another couple, flew to San Francisco for three days. I hadn't been there in a number of years (and that number will remain unnamed!). We did the cable cars and the boat trip to Alcatraz. What a horrible place that was. We also drove up the Napa Valley and visited some wineries. No matter how many more trips we make, I will always remember this one.

We got back home in time for the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Like last year, **Jean KB8YHN** and I gave a forum on the **YLRL**. **Judy KC8BOM** minded the **YLRL** table while we did our thing. I guess we did well as we have been asked back again next year. The IRCC (Indiana Radio Club Council) presented the Ham of the Year award to **Natalie K9CAT** posthumously. Her family was there to accept the award. I know that they are very proud of **Natalie's** accomplishments.

I will close this column so I can continue getting ready for Christmas. We will have the whole family here and it will be total chaos with the little ones running around but it will be oh so much fun with treasured memories. I hope that you and yours will have a wonderful Christmas and an even better 2004. See you all next year. 33, *Carole WB9RUS*

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## District Ten

*de Doshia KB0NAS Kretke*

Hello, everyone. As **Cheryl Muhr N0WBV** has become the president of the **YLRL**, I will endeavor to fill her shoes in this position. My name is **Doshia Kretke**, my call **KB0NAS**. I became a ham nearly ten years ago (must remember to renew this spring) gradually worked my way up to Extra. I'm a native of Boulder, Colorado, and still live in the county.

I have actually only been active with **YLs** a couple of years, as it took me that long to realize how relatively few of us there are, and how we tend to look at the world (no absolutes, here) quite differently than the **OMs**. The first ham I knew, **Dorothy "Dottie" Parkin** (I don't think I ever knew her call) was (*it's KOKHR!*), of course female, and another female ham,

**Margaret Koerner KO1Q**, helped me with communications home when I was in the Peace Corps. In addition, my mother was a communications officer in the Navy during World War II (I'm still working on her to get a ham license). In the ham world, I am active in the Boulder/Broomfield County ARES. Unlike some of the hams I work with, who are most interested in the technology itself, I am most interested in effective communication. I usually know how to at least begin trouble-shooting, but do very little in the realm of home brewing. I mostly use 2 m and 70 cm, with HF to limited degree (small antenna) but also Amateur TV and packet. One thing I have yet to try is contesting. In the rest of the world, I am the wife of a ham, **George N0RUX**, and the mother of two young ladies who are not yet hams. I am a physical therapist working with young children through a school district—a job I love.

Now you know all about me—How about letting me know about you, and what is going on where you are? That especially applies to those of you whom I have yet to meet.

I do have a couple bits of news from 10-land: **Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV**, was recently at Christmas Island (E. Kiribati) as **T32YL**. She was part of an eight person Colorado team who operated from November 23 - December 7, 2003. While there the group participated in the CQWW CW contest where they think they did well making more than 7600 contacts in the contest alone. She is pleased to report that she heard a number of **YLS** and talked to quite a few **YLRL** members as well. "It is great to see the number of ladies on the air!" (*Read more about it in WorldRadio!*)

The **Colorado YLS** held its annual meeting in December, and continues to hold its weekly net on the Colorado Repeater Association linked repeaters, 147.225 in the Denver Metro area, at 9 am on Saturdays. Join in if you are in the vicinity!

And last but not least, the peripatetic **Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC**, is back from another trip, this one to Italy.

Thanks, **Cheryl**, for taking on the duties of **YLRL** president. I look forward to getting to know more of you. And a very happy New Year to everyone! **33, Doshia KB0NAS**

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## DX News

*Carol WD8DQG Hall*

I would like to wish everyone the very best for this New Year! I am looking forward to seeing some of you at Dayton, and then in Seoul, Korea in October.

Since I left Montana before I received my Christmas mail and I won't be home until January 1, 2004, I don't have much news and will probably have quite a lot for the March/April Issue. I did hear from **Christine** in Scotland, who is just sitting around after having surgery on her foot...her timing was well planned. She and her **OM** have been enjoying their new, and just a bit larger, motor home. She says the extra space makes it much more comfortable.

Regarding dues, we lost several sponsors of **DX-YL's** this past year for various reasons, so, if your sponsor was unable to pay your dues, you may

still pay 2003 and 2004 and not lose your continuous membership. Dues are due in March for 2004!!!! I will be traveling in February, so if you don't get your card back immediately, please be patient.

If you would like to sponsor a **DX-YL**, please contact me! 33, *Carol Hall WD8DQG*

*(The following is a letter we've received from one of our South African YLs)* "Dear Bill & Carol, Hope you are keeping well and hope all the ladies and men from the Harmonics team are fine. Here in Rustenburg is quite hot and very dry. We need some nice rain for the gardens and for the animals. My brother-in-law is feeding the wild gain.*(sic)* If they hear the truck coming they are running toward it to get some food. There is no grass for the animals and now that the wild bucks are coming it is amazing. Sammy and I are going on a week holiday to the South coast to enjoy the sea from the 12 December till the 18 December. A friend of my invited me for a free holiday so we will fly to Durban and she will pick us up and I can't wait for that holiday. Babs, my sister, is still suffering from cancer but is a bit better and she can keep her food down. I hope the Canadians had a good Thanksgiving day. I know you will enjoy your Thanksgiving early in December. So friends, keep well and hope to talk to you soon again. Caroll, thanks for a great Harmonics again. All the best. 73 33 88

**Marietjie**, Sammy, Kita & Toontjies

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*VE YL News*

*de Elizabeth VE7YL Anderson*

**ELIZABETH VE7TLK/VA7TK** - Enjoyed participating in the CQWDX SSB contest, even though propagation was not good that late October weekend. **Elizabeth** submitted the unofficial score of 201,550 Points in the single operator, low power, all bands, unassisted category. To reduce stress on her vocal chords while contesting, she recently made and installed a sound cable interface between her computer and rig. **Elizabeth** is busy organizing the sixth annual upcoming **YL2004** Conference to be held on Saturday, May 1st in North Vancouver, British Columbia. For program information, visit the **YLRADIO** Website at <http://www.ylradio.ca>. She hopes some of the nearby Washington State **YLR** members will attend.

From October 13th to 29th **Thelma** was on the Inaugural Cruise of the MS Oosterdam - Holland America Line. She took her grandson's wife with her. She was thrilled. They flew to Lisbon by British Airways via Heathrow London then boarded the ship at Lisbon and a 12 day cruise to Gibraltar and through the Mediterranean to Rome. Stayed two days in Rome and a full day's visit to the Vatican, then flew home from Rome.

They had a wonderful cruise with a verandah cabin and everything ultra modern even on orthopedic mattresses! **Thelma** had a nice Christmas season. Her daughter took a total of 15 for a buffet dinner at the 'Georgian Downs' Race Track and Casino. She went to her son's in Elmvale for dinner Christmas Eve and to her daughter's in Willowdale for Christmas Day.

Enjoyed my **YLDX**pedition to Christmas Island (Indian Ocean) and Cocos (Keeling). Left here early October for Perth where I stayed with **Poppy VK6YF** for a week before meeting with **Gwen VK3DYL** and **June VK4SJ** at Perth Airport. We spent two weeks on both of the islands and in spite of very poor propagation had a wonderful time. Both islands are lovely and each quite different from the other. If you would like to read about the trip, my journal which was posted every few days on [www.qsl.net/ylradio/](http://www.qsl.net/ylradio/) (YLDXpedition, Indian Ocean) will shortly be edited and pictures added. (See *Gwen's article starting on Page 6 of this issue*) This will give you a good idea of what we did and what we found. **Gwen VK3DYL** will also, in time, have pictures on her web page [www.qsl.net/vk3dyl](http://www.qsl.net/vk3dyl). 33, **Elizabeth VE7YL**

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### *Silent Keys and Condolences*

*We received the following word via e-mail from **Frank K6RQ** Glass - One of our newest subscribers, **Don Eberlein W6YHM**, became a silent key the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2003. While visiting family in the Reno-Carson City area he apparently had a stroke and fell hitting his head. No further details at moment, but wanted to advise the groups/clubs that **Don** belonged to. - Then the following was received: "**YLRL** subscriber, **Don**, was getting the hang of **YLRDXCC** and was only three away from top of **DXCC** Honor roll. We will miss him a lot. **Frank K6RQ**"*

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From the Editor

de Carol NV7YL Massie

One of the things an editor does not want to happen, has happened! I reported something in the 2003 Nov-Dec issue that is not so! Happily it is not so but, nevertheless; I must take full responsibility for telling the world that **Tiny** Jaspers **KW1KW** was no longer with us. But she is!!! And will be for quite a long time -- I do so hope!!! Sooooo, please add her back to all your lists -- and my sincere apologies to you, **Tiny**. Also, please note her newest callsign - **KT6YL**!!!

33, *Liebe, Bis später ...auf Wiederhören...* Carol NV7YL

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