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Marti Brutcher, N6XDS

Greetings to one and all. I trust your Holiday Season was one of warmth and joy, spent with friends and family. For 1997 I wish each of you a peaceful and healthful New Year. I wish to especially thank those members who sent me greetings during December. Thank you so much for remembering me.

As you know, you did not receive your YLRL Directory or the November/December issue of ***YLH*** until mid-January. I apologize for this, but please believe me when I say that the situation that led to the delay was total out of our control. I have spent many frustrating hours trying to correct the problem, then finally circumventing it, with many phone calls across the country. Because of the lateness of these two issues, we sent each USA member's issues via first class mail, a decision made by the Executive Board in an effort to get them to you ASAP. I do really appreciate your patience during this time. We are in the process of making sure that this NEVER happens again by adding some backup support and putting some safeguards in place. I especially want to thank Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS for her support and help during this time. I don't know what I would have done without her.

Congratulations to our own Mary Lou Brown, NM7N who has been re-elected as ARRL Northwest Division Director. Mary Lou is a former YLRL President. We in the Northwest are fortunate to have her represent us.

On November 9, I had the pleasure of entertaining Gracy, JR3CIB and her OM Macy, JA3BUO. They were in the Portland area visiting Claire, K6ZCR and Russ, W7LXR Fillinger for the week. Gracy & Macy are from Osaka, Japan, where Gracy is a JLRS member.

L to R: Marti, N6XDS; Jack Brutcher, N6XDU; Russ Fillinger, W7LXR, Claire Fillinger, K6ZCR; Macy Kitanaka, JA3BUO; & Gracy Kitanaka, JR3CIB.

Now I'd like to address ELECTIONS! The Nominating Committee, chaired by Carol Hall, WD8DQG, 8th District Chairperson, will be contacting various members regarding running for office. Our elections will take place in July, which is not far away. All offices will be up for election or re-election. Some who have served for years in various positions may be stepping down. I want to encourage each of you to consider giving back to YLRL by letting your name be considered for nomination. To quote the YLRL Constitution, the requirements to hold office are: ". . .full, family, or life members who have been members in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to taking office shall be eligible to hold office . . ., or one year in the case of District Chairmen." Don't wait for someone to contact you–let someone on the Nominating Committee know of your interest. The rest of you–look around and nominate someone who you think might be a good candidate.

Next on my list is YLRL Contests. I am very concerned about the lack of participation in our contests. A recent First Place winner won by making only one contact. I personally know someone who forgot to submit her log with more contacts. So mark your calendars for our 1997 contests and set aside the time to be involved. It is discouraging for a contester to call for hours and have no YL answer. If you take part in a contest, SUBMIT YOUR LOG! If there is not more participation, we may want to consider doing away with the contests.

I was contacted by the organization that puts on the Northwest ARRL Convention (SEAPAC) in Seaside, OR each year, and asked to help organize and speak at the YL luncheon in June. I have agreed to do so only after talking with YLRL members in the Northwest and being assured of their support. The dates will be June 13, 14 & 15, 1997. Northwest YLs–mark your calendars now! I need your support for this. I will be open to any and all ideas for the luncheon's program, so let me hear from you.

Last year I announced a prize of a $100.00 US Savings Bond to be presented to the member who signed up the most new members for 1996. As we go to press, I do have some figures, but cannot announce the winner in this issue due to computer problems. I will announce the winner in the March/April issue. It looks like there may be a tie for the first place winner, so I'll have to see about a tie-breaker if that holds true.

This year it is equally important to recruit new members. Again, as I said last year, if each one of you only brings in one new member this year, think what that will mean to our membership. I hope that each one of you will take the challenge. What you really think of YLRL is reflected in how many members you recruit.

I have asked each of you to write me concerning the direction of YLRL and how we are doing. I have had less than 5 members take the time to write to me. I find that very disappointing. We really need YOU to help steer us.

And, at the risk of repeating myself, support your Nominating Committee by allowing your name to be considered for an elected position on the upcoming ballot. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

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Presenting YLRL's 1996 Scholar Patricia Pelczar, KA1TPM

"I would just like to thank FAR and YLRL for awarding me this scholarship. With an older sister who will be a sophomore in college, the financial burden placed on both myself and my parents is great. This scholarship will alleviate strain placed on my family quite a bit. I hope that in my endeavors at Trinity, I will live up to the trust and confidence which you have put in me."

Patricia Pelczar, KA1TPM of Rocky Hill, CT is the recipient of our 1996 $1200 scholarship. She graduated fourth in her class from Mercy High School with a 4.0 GPA. She participated on the cross-country, indoor track and softball teams. While there, she was also a member of the National Honor Society, a peer ministry group, the library club and was sports editor of the yearbook.

Patricia is nearly as busy outside of school as she was in. She altar serves at her church and volunteers at various functions throughout the year. During the summer, she works at a doughnut shop, volunteers at John Dempsey Hospital and horseback rides.

First licensed at the age of 10, Patricia was encouraged by her father, mother and older sister, all licensed amateurs. After receiving her Extra class license at the age of 11, she looked forward to the day when she could become a VEC, which she is currently working towards. She also enjoys helping her father, a middle school teacher, with his school amateur radio club. Ten and two meters are her favorite bands, and she can often be found at W1AW working the business end of a pile-up.

Patricia will be attending Trinity College in the fall, and will be pursuing a degree in either biology or physics.

YLRL Scholarship Fund

YLRL ended 1996 with $149.50 in the scholarship fund–a good foundation to build on! Happy New Year to everyone!

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The Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer sixty (60) scholarships for the academic year 1997-1998 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds five of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-five (55) 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, 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, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, 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.

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THE BEAUTY OF IT

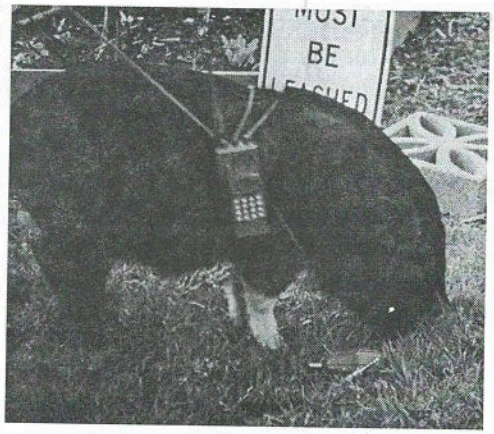
Robin Parker-Resnick, KJ7BI

I'm not a typical amateur radio operator, but who is these days? I don't have a great interest in electronics, nor have I ever built anything radio related. The reason I hold a ticket is that I had to quit work (at age 32), and my grandfather Hy Cohen,W7EOE talked me into getting licensed so I'd have something enjoyable to do.

Additional pertinent personal information includes: 1) the fact that I'm married; 2) OM Dick KC7DPI, whose passion is the Internet, not ragchewing, provides all of my fine motor control, meaning he does everything that requires some coordination; 3) I have had relapsing-remitting Multiple Sclerosis for eleven years; 4) I am 37 years old.

Two and a half months ago I had a major relapse. I couldn't see, couldn't walk, could barely sit up, and worst of all, I couldn't hunt-and-peck (type). I'd been corresponding with lots of people all over the world, and particularly with YLs in the U.S., many of whom I'd met on the YL Packet Net.

About two weeks after the first of many relapses during this unstable period, Dick downloaded to floppy everything in my packet mailbox at K7IQI. I was so overwhelmed by the 50 or so messages requiring my attention, I went back to bed and didn't tackle that job until weeks later when there were another 50 messages awaiting my response!



Robin's pet pig, Percy, P1G.

Now you get the gist of my dilemma—what to do about all the folks waiting to hear from me? I hadn't had a major relapse in over two years, and all these people knew only the "well me". None of my new friends had yet met the "incapacitated me".

I had shared our e-mail address with two or three people, so Dick began receiving e-mail, as well as packet messages, asking about me. Gradually, news of my relapse spread world wide. The "get well" packet, e-mail, and National Traffic System messages, as well as notes and cards via U.S. mail began to arrive. Never once during this particular ordeal did I feel isolated, forgotten, or lonely, feelings which I've often experienced when I "drop out" due to a serious relapse. The miracle of communication proved to be exactly that: a joyful, loving miracle in my life which maintained my ties with others. One of the neat things that is coming out of this

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Certificates & Awards

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Beulah Shelly, WA8EKQ	30	Irene Akers, W3RXJ	45

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The Beauty of It ---------- *continued from page 6*

period is that I am picking up almost right where I left off! Hardly missed a beat, so to speak.

If you are physically disabled or chronically ill, and not yet licensed, please don't let your handicap deter you! Being an Amateur can be a sanity saving hobby, keeping you in touch with the world if you are isolated because of your lifestyle. If you are already among the ranks of Amateurs, you have probably already discovered the enormous network of caring people. And if you do not have a handicap, or even if you do, please let me encourage you to somehow help a potential Amateur get into the hobby.

Before I go, I again wish to thank all my friends for staying in touch with me while I was incommunicado. I have to remind you, though, that instability is a part of life with MS, so please don't be too alarmed the next time I disappear. Also, a very grateful acknowledgment to Ken, K7IQI for storing weeks of messages on his hard drive.

33/73 & 88, Robin, KJ7BI

Editor's note: This article was written, late in the spring of 1996. Since that time, Robin has completed training for NETs, Neighborhood Emergency Teams. She is involved with Handi-Hams and would like to become ARES certified. Knowing Robin, I have no doubts–she will.

YL CONTEST CORNER

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

1996 YL-AP Contest Results

SSB Winners

NA/YL		DX/YL
WO6X* 791	1st place YL-AP cup	DL2FCA* 90
K6KCI 768	2nd place certificate	
W2GLB/7* 450	3rd place certificate	
K8ME* 225		
WA2NFY* 216		
K0JFO* 165		
AB7PS 120		
WB1EHS* 54		
K0GAS 48		

* Denotes certificate winner.

CW Winners

NA/YL		DX/YL
WA2NFY* 53	YL-AP cup	DL2FCA* 53

Plaque Awards

Corcoran	Hager
WA2NFY	DL2FCA

The **Corcoran** plaque is awarded to the NY/YL having the highest combined CW/SSB score. The **Hager** plaque is awarded to the DX/YL having the highest combined CW/SSB score.

Thanks to W4DEV for verifying some of the contacts above and to my check loggers, W8LE and KB8VYB. Several ladies commented on the lack of activity this year. One YL said it was the least activity that she can remember in over 30 years! And as you can see from the results, we only had 1 DX/YL submit scores. Let hope the band picks up soon and more ladies can join. 33 de KC4IYD

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Open to all licensed Amateurs

CW: March 14 1700Z to 1700Z March 15, 1997
suggested frequencies: 14.033, 21.033, 7.033, 3.688
PHONE: March 18 1700Z to 1700Z March 19, 1997
suggested frequencies: 14.120, 14.285, 21.300, 7.200, 3.775, 3.900

CALL: "CQ CLARA"

LOGS must include Date, Time (GMT), Frequency, Mode, Call Sign of contact, contact name, contact QTH and whether a CLARA member or Family member. **Logs are to be received by the Contest Manager no later than April 11, 1997 and should include call sign, address and claimed score.** Please enclose an SASE (Canada only) if logs are to be returned.

SCORING: Each station may be contacted twice per band–once in each mode. Cross band contacts will count as a SSB contact for both stations.

1. Contact w/ CLARA member (includes CLARA to CLARA) .... 5 points
2. Contact w/ CLARA family member (OM, son, in-law, etc.) .... 2 points
3. Contact w/ YL non-CLARA member ..... 3 points
4. Contact w/ OM (includes OM to OM) ..... 1 point

MULTIPLIERS: One (1) for each CANADIAN PROVINCE or TERRITORY (13 possible) and one (1) for each ARRL DX country contacted.

POINTS CLAIMED: (contact points) x multiplier

CONTEST MANAGER: Jeanne Gordon VA3WX
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PRIZES: A mini prize draw. All submitted logs are eligible for the draw.

Trophy:	Highest scoring CLARA member
Certificate:	Highest scoring Family member
Certificate:	Highest scoring DX YL
Certificate:	Highest scoring OM
Certificate:	Highest scoring CLARA Member in each Province

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!!!

Anybody remember that old summer camp song?

Now to tackle the problem of circulation, which has obviously been a major problem in recent months. Unfortunately, our Database and Circulation Manager, Mary Harper, AD4HC has found herself in the unenviable position of too much to do in too little time! In an effort to free up precious time for Mary, the responsiblity of circulation has been temporarily shifted to a consortium of three–myself-KC7LXS, Marti-N6XDS, and our printer, Woody Pierce, in NC. Although we had a few problems with Woody some months ago, they seemed to be ironed out. Woody has been an incredible help to us, going well above and beyond the call of duty. THANKS WOODY!!!

Although Mary will continue in the position of Database Manager, I will be maintaining a backup database. **Until further notice, please send all address and callsign corrections to the Editor, along with other announcements such as SKs, 50+ anniversaries and the like.**

I apologize for any and all errors in the last mailing. The labels were created from scanned text. OCR technology is far from perfect, sometimes confusing zeros and the letter 'O', ones and the letter 'I', etc. Once this issue is mailed, I will have some time to devote to fixing as many of those errors as I can find, and building a proper database. Please have patience with me.

One last item for our US members. I will not have access to a list of our members who receive ***YLH*** via first class mail in time for this mailing. I apologize to you for this also. That problem should be corrected in time for the March/April 1997 issue.

There has been a silver lining to this gray cloud. We have all learned something and grown just a little as we worked our way through this maze. Maybe we are a bit stonger, too. *– the Editor*

CHANGES & CORRECTIONS

G8LY	Constance Hall, sponsored by BAYLARC
KA7MZZ	Patsy Barmore, 16038 Bluff Rd, Sandy, OR 97055; e-mail: barmore@juno.com
KB8VYB	Carol Schmitkons, WB8VYB is incorrect call in directory
KF4ANJ	Pam Hopson, 9362 Asberry Road, Warrior, AL 35180
N4ZNO	Roseann Johnston, 2421 Roberts Mill Pond Rd, Pell City, AL 35125

Trip To The United Kingdom

Arline Berry, N1OMA

Arline Berry, N1OMA and her friend Amy Hicks flew to England on June 18, 1996. Arriving in Manchester, England they were met by Barbara Foote, G0SKC and her husband Allan, G0TWI. They drove to their home in Worsley near Manchester. Arline had been assigned the call M/N1OMA for use in England and MW/N1OMA in Wales. On Wednesday, she worked stations on two and forty meters from the Worsley QTH.

L to R: Barbara Foote, G0SKC & Arline Berry, N1OMA

On Thursday, the four of them drove to their Caravan Site near Colwyn Bay, North Wales, overlooking the Irish Sea. Arline's mother was born in Colwyn Bay. The days were spent touring the countryside, the evenings working DX, including stations in England, Scotland, and Ireland; Orleans, MA, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida in the USA. Saturday evening DX included two stations in Byelorissia (part of Russia), the DXYL Convention (DA0YL) in Berlin, and QSOs with a New Jersey station and a Rasev (Russia) station.

On Sunday, June 23 they drove back to Worsley and worked stations in North Wales, England, Isle of Man, Hungary and Russia. Monday evening, after a day at Blackpool, they joined the BYLARA Net, with 12 members checking in. Tuesday was another day for sightseeing, returning to the shack that evening and working English and Russian stations.

Some other places Arline visited included Portmerion, Haworth, Bronte Museum, and one of her cousins, who lives near Colwyn Bay. She worked a total of 48 stations. Many Hams had not heard the M prefix before before, and thought it was a new country. MW/N1OMA is a mouth full when calling CQ!

On Wednesday, they drove to Sheffield and checked into a hotel there. Amy was there to compete in the World Synchronized Swimming Championships. There was practice for two days, then the competition in the figures, and then the finals. Amy won a silver medal for her solo. They had time to squeeze in a day trip to Chadsworth House and a trip on a

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A Presidential Editorial

Marti Brutcher, N6XDS

I feel the need to make some general comments about Amateur Radio. I am concerned that in another 10 years, Amateur Radio will be used mainly for emergency communications. The FCC is trying to sell away some of our frequencies to the highest bidder, and I think that in the future, we will see more of this.

Our frequencies are not being used as much as they could be, including local two meter frequencies. I find it disturbing that many YLs especially are not fully using their license. If this continues, I don't see a bright future for Amateur Radio. I know that propagation isn't what it once was, but hopefully it is improving. I know that many people have found the Internet more interesting, although for quality friendships, I don't think you can beat the ones found through Amateur Radio. There's an old saying, "Use it or lose it." I'm afraid that is what is in the future for us if we don't become more involved. I have heard from YLs around the country. They have tried to start local two meter YL nets and got little or no response. And what about our HF YL Nets? They need our support, too.

I would recommend that you become aware of what is happening in Washington, DC regarding bills before Congress relating to the Amateur Radio bands. Write to your senators and congressmen and let them know that we want our frequencies protected.

Check the January issue of QST for more in depth information.

Trip To The United Kingdom ---------- *continued from page 11*

canal boat.

On Monday, they joined a bus tour to Callendar, Scotland, with side trips to Edinburgh, Stirling Castle, and a boat trip on Loch Lomand. Then it was back to Sheffield, and on Saturday it was off to London on the train. They spent two days touring the city, including Madam Tussand's Wax Works, shopping at the big stores, and enjoying high tea at Baker Street where Sherlock Holmes had his lodgings. There is a gift shop and a museum at that location.

Rita Judd, G0EIX, who lives near London, was not able to meet with them, but Arline talked to her by phone. She asked Arline to pass along her greetings to the YLs she has contacted over the years, particularly those who were attending the YLRL Convention in Albany.

After 2½ days in London, they flew home to Boston, leaving Arline just two days to get ready to drive to Albany! Whew!!

Support YLRL:

Nominations Are Open

Who is going to support women in Amateur Radio if women in Amateur Radio do not? How can YLRL play an important role in Amateur Radio if the members take, but do not give back? These are two very important questions we all must ask ourselves.

Won't you consider giving something back? YLRL has distributed the work most office holders have to do so that no one person has to do a great deal. This is the time of year when those holding an office are asked if they wish to run or serve YLRL again. The letters have gone out and some responses have already come back. If you can not serve for whatever reason, do you know of someone who can contribute a few hours a month as district chairwoman or run for some other office, such as President or Vice President?

There aren't really a lot of requirements–only that you are a member in good standing for at least two years (one year for district chairwoman) when you take office. You don't have to have a gift for public speaking, travel around the globe or, for that matter, across town, have an Extra class license, or get on the air every day or have a college degree in Electrical Engineering. (Of course, we wouldn't turn you down if you had any of these either!) We ask only that you have a desire to serve and a commitment to YLRL.

The years that I have served as Eight District Chairwoman have been fun for me. I've met people, I get letters from YLs (sometimes) and I get to write a column in ***YLH*** just five times a year and tell everyone about my family and travels without seeing the yawns.

Please fill out the Nomination form you will find on the next page & send it to Carol Hall, WD8DQG, 4651 Cardinal Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or send a facsimile via E-mail to WD8DQG@juno.com.

Take Heed . . .

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. *(Contributed by Carol Hall, WD8DQG)*

YLRL NOMINATION FORM

I, _____ accept nomination for the office

of _____ for YLRL for 1998-1999.

I have been a member of YLRL since _____ (month & year)

and have been a licensed operator since _____. (year)

My Club affiliation is _____, in which I have held

these offices: _____.

I belong to these YL nets and round tables: _____.

I have held the following offices with YLRL: _____

_____

Date:_____Signed (name & call): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

We the undersigned members of YLRL, nominate the above named

candidate for the office of _____,
to serve YLRL during 1998-1999.

Endorsement of five YLRL members:

1.(name & call): _____

2.(name & call): _____

3.(name & call): _____

4.(name & call): _____

5.(name & call): _____

Send this form to the Chairwoman of the nominating committee.
IT MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10, 1997.

Chairwoman:
Carol Hall, WD8DQG
District 8 Chairwoman
4651 Cardinal Dr.
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Committee:
Myrtle Farnsworth, K2AKC
District 2 Chairwoman
Anne Manna, WB1ARU
District 1 Chairwoman

1997 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

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

☞ IMPORTANT NOTE ☜

Please send in your renewal as soon as possible. This will ensure that you don't miss any issues of *YL Harmonics*.

1997 YLRL DX YL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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

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

DX YL's Name _____Call _____
DX YL'S Address _____
Province/District _____Country _____ Zip _____
Sponsor's Name _____ Call _____
Sponsor's Address _____
City _____State _____ Zip _____
Check one: ___ $16.00 for Air Mail ___ $2.00 for family member
(If family member, give name and call of primary member)_____

_____

Send to: Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV, 1101 Staley Ave, Opelika AL 36801

1997 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call: _____ Recent Prior Call: _____

Name: _____ Country: _____

Address: _____ New Address? Y N

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Packet Address: _____

Internet Address: _____

License Class: _____ Year 1st Licensed: _____

ARRL Member? Y N Yr Joined YLRL: _____

List YLRL Affiliated Clubs You Belong To: _____

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

DOB: _____ Anniversary: _____ OM, Call: _____

Children-Names, Ages, Calls: _____

Other Hams in Family: _____

Occupation: _____

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

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

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

DX YL Renewal Form is on the previous page.

SUPPORT YLRL

RENEW!!

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

District 1

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Happy New Year! Thanks to the wonders of e-mail, I have some news to share.

Ann, W1AS, had a great trip with the Yankee Clipper Contest Club to Grenada to operate the CQWW CW contest under the call sign J39A. They made over 9300 QSOs for over 16 million points! They expect to have 1st place in North America and possibly 2nd place in the world. They didn't have much time to sight-see, but did get a tour of part of the island including a banana plantation and the rain forest.

Deb, ex-KB1AOV, received her new call sign, NN1C. She has also moved into the new house that she and her partner have spent the last year building. She sent word that the VT YL Net (146.88 - Sunday - 1930) has just finished its third year of operation. Certificates of participation were sent out in January to over 100 amateurs. They have had several interesting "guest resource" persons with topics such as live and taped space satellite transmissions during the past year. She, Dot, KA1LDS and Linda, KB1BMO sent New Year's Greetings to all.

Dot, W1TGY and OM Phil, W1JTH bought themselves a new computer for Christmas. She is looking forward to using it. They keep busy with clubs, nets, and volunteer work. They took a 3 day mini-vacation at the Samoset Inn in Rockland in early November and had lovely time by the ocean.

Judi, KA1YAK and OM Vinny took a two week vacation to Florida to relax after Vinny's long campaign for the Connecticut Senate. He lost, but made an excellent showing in his first attempt at political office.

Barb, WB1EHS and OM Jack, WA1APD enjoyed an old fashioned Christmas Eve when the power went out at 9:30 PM for two and a half hours. They lit candles and kerosene lanterns and enjoyed opening their gifts as they might have have a century ago.

The Yankee Lassies Net (3.9120 - Wednesday - 8:30AM ET) did not meet on Christmas or New Year's Day, so I was not able to catch up with the YLs on the net. I forgot to get on the Maine YL net (3.9120 - Thursday -8:30 AM ET), even though everyone was welcomed to join in. Both nets meet weekly with a good number of check ins.

If you would like to have a more active role in YLRL, please contact me about positions that are available. If you can suggest YLs who might be good candidates for an office, please let me know. They do not have to be from 1-Land, although that would be nice!

If you want to contact me by e-mail, please use my Juno address - wb1aru@juno.com; my former address is no longer valid. Thanks for the news this time. Send more for the next issue! 33, Anne WB1ARU

District 2

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

The wind is blowing, the snow is falling–it's winter time in New Jersey. The Holidays are now just a memory and we hope your memories are pleasant ones. Golly, it is the beginning of another New Year. Time does pass quickly, leaving us with many things to accomplish. We trust that 1997 will be a year of wishes granted and dreams come true.

One wish I make is that the Gals from 2-Land will send so much mail that we will fill a couple of columns. That would be quite an accomplishment for the New Year, because we ended the Old Year with an empty mailbox. However, we did find some tidbits in the SAYLARC CHIRP.

Carli, WB1BTJ has been asked to write articles on hunting and fishing in eastern New York for INTO THE OUTDOORS, a tri-state monthly newspaper. Happy Hunting!

Lois, WA2RXO has joined QCWA. Although licensed in 1961, she had not been continuously licensed for the required 25 years , therefore she couldn't join until now. Nice Going, Lois and Congratulations!!

Betty, W1PVS, SAYLARC's President, spent a weekend with Lois in Ottawa at the QCWA Convention. Blanche, W4GXZ and Ethel Smith, K4LMB were also at the Convention. Betty then went on to visit Lia, WA2NFY and her OM Lee. We can't say SAYLARC's President doesn't get around!

Lia, WA2NFY, besides being the perfect hostess is also busy canning fruits and vegetables. Also, Lia is always out there recruiting new YLs. Keep up the good work, Lia.

Maryhelen, KB2MWH and Douglas Gruber, AA2VV were married on October 30 and took a trip to Montreal. Congratulations!

Miriam, AA2DX and her OM Bob had a great time on their trip to Spain. They flew to Barcelona, then on to Pamplona over the Pyrenees into France, spent time in Carcassone, then back to Barcelona. All in all, it was quite an experience, and I'm sure there will be many pictures to see. Oh, Bless my Soul! Writing about Miriam, we just got this "hot off the E-Mail". They are now in the largest villa PC has to offer. However, their baggage remains in storage until the apartment building is ready to move in. That means no cooking and eating out every night. Fun, I would say, for a while anyhow! Miriam is now waiting to hear from all you e-mail gals. She's at mblamb@widomaker.com.

Hmmmm. Who would have thought that a column could have been written starting with no mail! Just think–if YOU had written, how much more you could be reading. HI HI!

Thanks again. Stay healthy. Smile. 'Til Next time.

Bye Now. 33, Myrtle

District 3

Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN

I trust everyone had a great holiday.

Jeannie, KA3CEO and her OM Dick are doing okay. Dick entered the Art League Exhibit in Chestertown. He entered both the oil and pastel competitions, winning first place in pastel. Jeannie is now taking piano lessons and enjoying it.

Had lunch with Maryann, WA2HUP and we exchanged gifts. It's always good to get together with her.

I heard from my adoptee Ton, JR6XIX and her OM Dom, JR6XIW. They are fine. Ton lost her father and our thoughts and prayers are with her.

I received a beautiful CQ calendar from Non, JK1ALI. I always look forward to hearing from her. She was my first JAYL contact many years ago. We keep in touch several times during the year.

Elizabeth, VE7YL is home from Australia and had a great time. She saw Heather–VK2HD, Poppy–VK6YF and her OM Les, Jill–VK6YL, Gwen–VK3DYL, and many others. She attended the YL get-together in Perth.

Mavis, VK3KS and her OM Ivor have been busy and doing okay. They say "Hello" to everyone.

Our WX is very cold and windy. There has been very little snow. That doesn't make us mad, Hi Hi! For Christmas, Santa left me a Kenwood TM261A two meter rig for the car. I am looking forward to getting it installed and working.

I must tell you that I asked Santa for a Harley Davidson Low Boy. I got a beautiful red one complete with leather saddle bags. Of course, it was a telephone, Hi Hi!

To all of you a healthy and peaceful 1997. 33 de Ruthanna, WB3CQN

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

My apologies to the following members who were omitted from the Directory. – the Editor

N8MZJ	Ethel Tomazik, 3103 Washington Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44709-2726; 303-492-6230
4X6DW	Nomi Dor, Sdema 76855, Israel
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GM4YMM	Christine Dons, 37 Ashley Dr., Edingburh EH11 1RP, Scotland
IT9KXI	Santina Lanza, Via F. Todaro is 206 N 5, Messina 98123, Italy
ZL2DBO	Jill O'Donnell, 39 Lismore St, New Plymouth, New Zealand

Carla Watson, WO6X sponsored the DXYLs listed above.

District 4

Mary Moore, KL7P/4

Happy New Year, Everyone! Welcome to all the new YLRL members. Let's all make a New Year's Resolution to be more active on the air in 1997 and let our presence be known. We seem to be fewer and fewer in number and activity. The YL Packet Net appears to be continuing on in strength and, with band conditions improving (?), the HF frequencies should be alive with YLs.

I have one nominee for 4th District Chairman–Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ has volunteered to run for this office. If anyone else would like to run, please let me know ASAP. The nominating committee will be hard at work now and needs to have a slate of officers by May 1.

Remember, dues are due March 1st. Please try to sponsor a DX YL this year. Cheryl has many on the waiting list and it is a good way to expand our horizons around the world. If you have the means, sponsor a local YL or a new Ham, for a year. We need to grow and we need it now.

I see YLs active at all the Hamfests and in local club activity. Keep up the good work. We here in Alabama hope to have a YL table at the major hamfests this year. Look for us in Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Columbus, GA and others. If you attend hamfests in your state, how about asking for a table to sit and meet the YLs in your area and encourage them to join and participate. We make time for other activities, so lets take some time for YL activity.

Last, but not least, let me know about YOUR activities. If the gals won't write, I'll appeal to the OMs. Write and tell me what activities, awards, emergency service, club projects your YLs are participating in so we can recognize this in ***Harmonics***.

Please note my NEW internet and packet addresses.

Internet: tmmoore@gte.net

Packet: kl7p@w4lee.#cenal.al.usa.noam

33, Mary More, KL7P

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

KA1NOJ	Dianne Weldon, 14 Emmett St, Marlboro, MA 01752
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N1VQY	Priscilla Richardson, 48 Ingalls St, Lynn, MA 01902
KE4VJM	Anna Hayes, 16 Atlantic St, Ariton, AL 36311
KL7AZJ	Florence Weber, PO Box 80745, Fairbanks, AK 99708 (Reinstated)

District 5

Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

Well, 1996 has come and gone. Here's hoping the New Year brings better band conditions so we can really enjoy getting on the air and seriously operating. Anyway, Happy 1997 to all!

Was Santa good to you? He didn't bring us any ham gear, but he did leave a nice stereo system and some Lazy Boy recliners so we can relax, enjoy good music and unwind. After the stress of the Holiday Season, that is most timely.

Harryette, W6QGX/5 has had another unfortunate incident. On November 11 she suffered a crushed vertebra, accompanied by tremendous pain and incapacitation. It really curtailed her Christmas preparations and put Baron's (her OM) scheduled shoulder replacement on hold, as he was her caretaker. Now, Baron has to go through the routine AGAIN of giving his own blood at the Red Cross and rescheduling his surgery. However, Harryette was able to fly to California to her visit her daughter. While there, she attended YLRC of LA's Christmas Party, held in the home of Joan, WA6QKC in Thousand Oaks.

A Christmas newsletter from Vera, WD5BOW, alerted us to the fact that she has moved to a retirement home in Michigan to be near her daughter. We'll miss Vera in 5-Land. Her new address is: 2825 Wieneke Rd. Apt. 103, Saginaw MI 48603. Stay warm up there, Vera. It's been nice down here this year.

Martha, W5YKE and OM Perry had planned on returning to their island paradise of Montserrat, but things there have not stabilized as hoped. The volcano is threatening to erupt again BIG TIME, so it is not safe. "Paradise Lost!" ☹ We really feel for them.

Louisa, W5RZJ is really "bustin' with pride" over granddaughter Michelle's graduation from Boulder, Colorado High School as a "Commended Scholar" and her entrance to Mt. Holyoke College. Louisa and Joe had the pleasure of hosting two Maori families from New Zealand who were attending the World's Indigenous Peoples Conference. What a treat! Louisa is president of her 40 member garden club for the 9th year. One ambitious project they did this past year was planting a 150 x 14 ft. flower garden at the Community Center. That's a big flower bed!!

Let us know what you have been up to, and what your exciting plans for 1997 are. The OM and I already have our ferry tickets to Alaska this summer. You have to buy them in December or get left out! 33, Doris

God put me here to accomplish certain things.
Right now I'm so far behind, I'll never die!

District 6

Vi Barrett, W6CBA

On December 7, the Ladies Amateur Radio Association (LARA) of Orange County paid a return visit to the Cannery Restaurant in Newport Beach to celebrate Christmas with a delicious luncheon and gift exchange. We had three choices of meals to choose from, and after lunch, we had the usual crazy gift exchange. Would you believe I ended up with my own gift, a crystal candle holder that I had bought for the exchange because I liked it! Cathy, KA6NLP made two of her Christmas pillows this year, one for the ladies and one for the men. Jeri, KB6USX had one table filled with eight members of her family, including her new great-grandson. Lots of fun was had by all present. The LARA Club again this year gave several Christmas Baskets to needy families and also gave a generous (53!) supply of toys to Toys For Tots, ably handled by Martha, KA6TYO and Jeri, KB6USX.

The Young Ladies Radio Club of Los Angeles had its Christmas Party Potluck at Joan's, WA6QKC in Thousand Oaks, CA. What good cooks we have in this club! Delicacies included backed ham, beans, salads, breads, cookies, pumpkin pie, and delicious caramel brownies. WOW!! The gifts were a white elephant exchange. The club made a hefty donation to the Hillside Home for Battered and Abused Women and Children.

The YLRL of LA was happy to see Harryette, W6QGX/5 at the Christmas Party. She had fallen a week earlier and was walking with a cane. Everyone was happy that she felt well enough to join us in California. Her daughter Linda brought her to the meeting. Elsa–W6JZA, Roxy–K6ELO, Meta–WB6BNS, Esther–W6BDE, and Vada–W6CEE send Christmas greetings to all. The club also learned that the Lane Victory, an historical victory ship which had been using the club's assigned call sign of W6MWO, has received its own call sign of W6LV.

On December 17, I attended a banquet held by the Buena Park ARC and saw April Moell, WA6OPS receive the Jean Carter Memorial Award. April has established a communications network, with 90 hospitals and over 100 ham operators, to handle any communications problems in the Orange County area. When she worked at Saint Jude's Hospital in Orange County as Director of Rehabilitation, she had patients talking on Amateur Radio for physical therapy. Dick Carter, WB6LGL, Jean's surviving OM and the first recipient of the award, and Vi Barrett, W6CBA, the second recipient, were both present to support April in receiving the award.

In finishing, I would like to say that everyone here in 6-Land would like to wish everyone a Prosperous New Year. Monday, December 10 may have been an indication that band conditions are improving. Everyone was copying everyone loud and clear on the Ironing Board Net–7.233 at 1800 GMT. Join us, ladies! 33, Vi.

District 7

Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Best wishes to all the YLs in the seventh district for 1997! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. With a new year comes changes and one of them is a new 7th District Chair–me! I live near Olympia, WA and been a ham since January 1993. I'm secretary-treasurer of MINOWs. My OM Bob is also a ham–AA7YD. We are retired and have one son. Now, on to the news!

Eight members of the MINOW Net met in Walla Walla for their annual Bazaar September 28 at the Annual Hamfest/Eastern Washington Section Convention with Estelle, N7KAT as chairman. Two new members joined, Carolyn, WV7Q and Becky, KB7FTD. We were all pleased that Ruth, WA7RVA won the raffle for the beautiful afghan donated by Bernice, WA7TPU. The delightful baby quilt was won by an OM for his new granddaughter. MINOW's attempt at a Monday evening net has not been too successful. We are looking for a new frequency, as 3.912 is right on top of another net!

The MINOWs at the Walla Walla Hamfest. Standing, l to r: Becky Hatley, KB7FTD; Mable Babbit, WB5AVH; Estelle Howell, N7KAT; Marion Dixon, WA7TLL; Mary Lewis, K7QGP; Sara Lyon, B7PS. Seated, l to r: Ruth Bennett, WA7RVA; Bernice Rhyneer, WA7TPU; Carolyn Pasquier, WV7Q.

By the time you read this Mary Lou, NM7N and her friend Alice, AI4K will have returned from their DXpedition to American Samoa (Nov. 26 - Dec. 1) and a visit to New Zealand. I hope some of you were able to work them.

Robin, KJ7BI in Portland reports that Portland Handi-Hams have moved to a new frequency–146.84, Station W7LT, one of two 2M repeaters operated and owned by the Portland Amateur Radio Club. The net Friends of Handi-Hams sub-groups is experiencing a resurgence of participants since the move. Robin says: "I would love to see more involvement of handicapped operators, especially YLs! Net time is 2 PM PST on Sundays." In November Robin completed training for NETs, Neighborhood Emergency Teams, an enormous self-esteem builder. Her next goal is to become ARES certified. Good going, Robin!

Terrie, AB7PX has taken on a project for the Evergreen Intertie YL

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District 8

Carol Hall, WD8DQG

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone has made those New Year's resolutions. I hope at the top of your list is to get to me whatever is going on in your Amateur Radio life or any other life you may have. I got less than four (4!) pieces of mail from 8-Land. Now I know from checking into the nets and attending a couple Hamfests that the gals in 8-Land are busy with Amateur Radio, they just aren't getting it to me.

Verline, KI8V is the proud grandmother of Cheyanne Elisabeth, born to her daughter Laura on December 14. She joined her brother Cody, weighing in at 8 lbs, 14 oz. No, their last name is not Wyoming! Forgive me Verline, I couldn't resist! Verline has been extremely busy contesting. She got her picture taken with Kenny Rogers. (Eat your heart out girls!) She won a trip to The Great Alaskan Shootout in Anchorage from Moosehead Beer, attended the basketball tournaments and went on a two hour bar "crawl". She said that she has been working very hard at the post office during the Christmas rush.

Doris, WD8IKC is up and around, the result of some new medicine and is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. June, KM8E took a circuitous route to her son's in Seattle for the Holidays, but said she had a great time.

Well, all the Hall boys and their families made it to our house for the Holidays. The OM and I cooked, cleaned and decorated. Jim kept the dishwasher running. It was chaos for 10 days. We got the latest grandson, Elliot Daniel Hall baptized, ate too much and were extremely tired when they all departed. The house is back to normal, but it doesn't look like it will be ours for too much longer—more about that later.

And last, but certainly not least: I picked up a bit of late breaking news from the Open House Net. June, KM8E has a new grandchild. Her daughter Colette had a nine pound son for Christmas who was named Samuel, not Spike.

I hope you all have a wonderful, healthy 1997. Send me your news!

73, Carol, WD8DQG

NEW VANITY CALLS

N1CD	Carli Drake, ex-WB1BTJ, Vanity Call
N4YY	Gail Davis, ex-AD4NI, Vanity Call
NN1C	Deb Clark, ex-KB1AOV, Vanity Call
W1LIO	Arline Berry, ex-N1OMA, Vanity Call, once held by her father

District 9

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy New Year, ladies. I can't believe that it is 1997 already. Where do the days and months go? I know that I am not getting older, only my children and grandchildren are.

First of all I must apologize to Dot, N9ALC, for not getting this in the last ***YLH***. I hate to admit that I had misplaced her note, but I did. Her children gave her and her husband a surprise anniversary party with many relatives and friends in attendance. Congratulations, and many, many more. They also went to Niagara Falls. I'm sure that they had a wonderful time.

Since I haven't heard from anyone else, I am making good on my threat. You will now hear about our Christmas and our grandchildren.

Christmas was wonderful. Unfortunately, we only had three of the four grandchildren here. This was Mackenzie's year to have Christmas with his mother. We did bring Mom home for the day. Many thanks to my daughter and daughter-in-law for all their help or I wouldn't have been able to do it. Mom needs help with everything and it is a two person job. She was happy to be here and was thoroughly exhausted when Al and our son-in-law got her back to the nursing home.

The children had so much fun. Elizabeth got a housekeeping set–a broom, mop, vacuum cleaner, and apron. She looks so cute with the apron on. Her daddy calls her Fifi, the French maid. Now she can help Grandma keep floors clean. (Hi, hi!)

Unfortunately a 24 hour flu bug that lasts 36 hours got the most of everyone starting Christmas Eve. My son, his wife, and I werethe lone hold-outs. Since we haven't gotten it yet, I don't think we will. (I write that with crossed fingers.)

My biggest gift was a serger. Since I am sewing again this will help immensely. That is, as soon as I figure it all out. I have made two turtleneck shirts already. I love the way it works.

I hope that everyone has a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year. I also hope that all the 9-Land YLs make a resolution to let me know what is happening in their lives. I will be on the nets shortly, but there are many YLs who don't get on the nets. I know as I was one for many years. Remember, I can be reached by e-mail also. My address is 71621.3335@compuserve.com. Happy New Year & 33, Carole, WB9RUS

SILENT KEYS

YLRL sends condolences to

JR6XIX	Nobuko Uchiyama, on the passing of her father.
K9QGR	Hazel Cain, on the passing of her husband in December.
VE3AJN	Rose Worrell, on the passing of her brother in December.

District 10 — Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

Happy New Year to all the YLs out there. I hope your holiday season wasn't too hectic! Everyone still standing? Good.

Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC wrote me, catching me up on her doings and those of the Colorado YLs. She and her husband were visited by their granddaughter from Illinois, her husband and their six week old son, Adam Michael, over the holidays. It was a festive occasion.

The Colorado YLs held their Annual Luncheon at the Golden Corral in Aurora. They were delighted to be joined by Penny Gray, N0DKS and Moe Pierce, WB0RTF. I'm told that Moe, who has been blind since she was a baby, is quite active in several areas, including Amateur Radio. She will be starting work at Pizza Hut taking telephone orders. The club will be offering a scholarship this coming May. Look for more information on it in the next ***YLH***.

The Colorado YLs have started a new net on Denver's Colorado Connection repeater, 145.310-/pl 123.0. It's held on Wednesday evenings at 20:00 Mountain Time. Net control station is Sharlene Meydell, KB0WBT ("White bobbin thread"). Come and join them!

Not much else new to report in Zero-Land. I hope to get some news for the next issue. My OM and I have been extremely busy with relatives coming into town and have not been on the air as much as we would like. Don't forget how unpredictable winter weather can be!

Good luck to everyone and I hope the New Year will bring you much joy. Have fun on the air. 73 & 33, Cheryl, N0WBV

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A note from Sandy, WL7BVA from Palmer, says her job keeps her busy, but the OM, K6QOW keeps the airwaves going.

I received a lovely letter from Geri, KL7ALZ, a YLRL member longer than I. She has not been real active since the Anchorage earthquake in 1964, when all antennas went down and family problems started. She has been active in bowling and is secretary/treasurer of several leagues. She also cares for two daughters and four sons, with her youngest a paramedic with the Anchorage Fire Department. She has found my crazy radio phone is not the easiest to get through on.

Florence, KL7AZJ is 'retired' now and only doing the fun work with the Geological Survey department of the University. She and OM Al, KL7AG sent me a list of all the hams in the Fairbanks area. So many just on two meters, but will get busy . . .

Thank you for all your news and please keep it coming. 33, Betty

KL7 District — Betty Marsh, KL7FJW

Greetings from the far North. Best wishes for the New Year. You folks down 'South' are getting the snow we usually have in Alaska! The Fairbanks and Anchorage areas have more than last year. Here in the panhandle section, we do have some on the mountains, but not as much as usual.

I have gotten news from several of the YLs that I contacted earlier this fall. I have a batch more to go, but it will get busy with the New Year. Many are like so many places, on two meters only, but will try and convince some at least to get listening and maybe will spur on some studying.

Hazel, AL7OT has returned to Soldotna, on the Kenai Peninsula, from a year spent in the Congo. She has had her license since 1992. Hazel was very active in Africa, with many QSLs to catch up on. She now has antennas up and hopes to get on more now that the bands are picking up.

Pat, WL7CLT lives in Juneau and is a YLRL member. Her hubby is not well so her activity is pretty well limited. But there is a YL club as well as the Juneau Amateur Radio Club, so hope to have news from herin the future. Thank you for writing, Pat.

Elaine, KL7FMN and I took our exams together way back when they lived in Tanana on the Yukon River, and the FCC came to Fairbanks twice a year for the tests. She and OM Bob now live in Nenana, just 58 miles from Fairbanks. Besides church work, she is busy with quilting and bakes 80 loaves of bread for sale every two weeks. Wow! They also have bees, so they sell honey. Fireweed honey is the BEST. Elaine was our artist when the Alaska Lassies were an active group.

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VE District

Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX

Marge, VE1VCH and Rus are looking forward to a trip by train to Vancouver and area to visit friends and one couple they hope to see is Margaret, VE7DKC and her OM Al.

Devere, VE3AJN is a new member - Welcome. She is kept busy with traffic nets and is up at 6 o'clock in the mornings to go on the International net. Our sympathy to her on the loss of her brother in December.

Doreen, VE3BXL and OM Ken came home from down south to have Christmas Canadian style. When she is in Florida, Doreen keeps busy with line dancing, teaching two or three swimming and exercise classes a week, as well as shuffleboard and darts. She is also a member of the Brant Choraleens Barbershop Chorus.

Muriel, VE7LQH and OM Petehave recently moved. They are enjoying their new home in Comox, B.C., after having lived on Pender Island for a number of years. Muriel is on e-mail and has met up with friends she had not heard from for a long time. She has made new friends as well.

Elizabeth, VE7YL had a beautiful six week visit to Australia and New Zealand. She flew to Perth to attend the '96 ALARA Meet. She stayed with Poppy, VK6YF and her OM Les. She didn't bring golf clubs but walked nine holes with Jill, VK6YL. She stayed in Melbourne with Gwen, VK3DYL, and had lunch with Mavis, VK3KS and her OM. She had a three day visit with Heather, VK2HD in Coonamble. In New Zealand she stayed with Pearl, ZL2QY, where Dawn, ZL2AGX came by for a lunch visit. Elizabeth sends best wishes for a wonderful '97 to all.

Jeanne, VA3WX won her Christmas Turkey by bowling the highest score with the bowling group she joined in September. She held a coffee party for a dozen ladies in early December and had a fun time. Jeanne will host 50 Guides and leaders for Guides-On-The-Air, February 22 and 23, 1997. She will also be hoping for lots of contest logs from the CLARA contest being held in March.

CLARA 20-meter Change: Because we've been unable to operate a successful net on 14.285, effective 1 January, 1997, the net will be operating on 14.165 + or - 5 kc. If there is to much QRM than the girls will QSY to 14.120 + or - 5 kc.

Welcome these new 1997 CLARA executives:

President ---------- Renee Devenny, VA3EZ
Vice President ---------- Minnie Dawe, VE3DBQ
Treasurer ---------- Kate Anderson, VE1VAO
Secretary and Database Manager -------- Joyce McDonald, VE3JCE

CLARA 97 GALA CELEBRATION

Aurora, Ontario
September 26-28, 1997

GENERAL REGISTRATION *(Please underline registration needs.)*

Early registration by January 31, 1997:
YLs ... $12 YLs 18 & under ... $10 w/ birthdate OMs ... $5
Registration as of February 1, 1997:
YLs ... $16 YLs 18 & under ... $14 w/ birthdate OMs ... $7

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 1:00 PM (approx.), Bus leaves for visit to Fred Hammond Radio Museum (one Hr bus trip each way) $20.00

Friday 7:00 PM Dinner Theatre until 11:00 PM $45.88
OM & XYL Bagpipers 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Home Brew and Entertainment! Let us know what you can contribute!

Saturday Lunch Meeting. Three forums to follow. $14.33

Saturday Night 7:00 PM Dinner and Dance $33.33
Plus! The Yavir Ukrainian Dance Group

Sunday Morning 9:30 AM Bon Voyage Breakfast $10.88
✪All meals are buffet style. Prices include Provincial Sales Tax (8%), Government Sales Tax (7%), and Gratuities (15%).

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

Make Hotel Arrangements with hotel directly. You **MUST** mention **CLARA** when registering to get group rate. 1-2 twin & double bed Special $60 plust 5% PST & 7% GST. $5 extra for third person. Our block is non-smoking. Please state whether smoking or non-smoking.

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✪When registering, please include what nights you will be staying at the Howard Johnson Hotel. I will be at Hotel _____ nights.

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DX YL News

Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV

I can hardly believe the second year of my term as DX Receiving Treasurer is upon me. The first year sure went by fast and due to a lot of illness in the family, I was not able to do the kind of job I wanted to. Many thanks for the kind words and patience. I have learned a lot the past year and look forward to putting it to work this second year.

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and I would like to wish everyone a happy, prosperous, and healthy 1997.

Before getting to the news, I would like to update my packet and e-mail addresses, the new ones follow:

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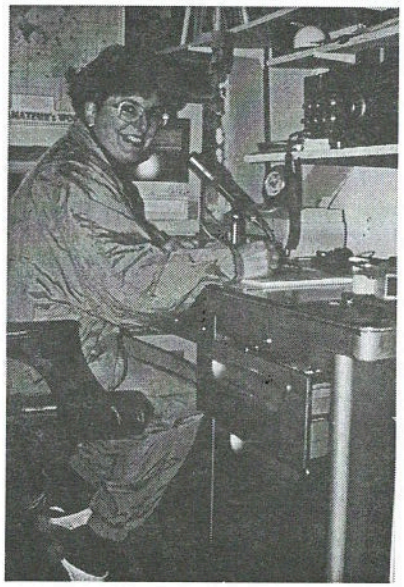
AUSTRALIA: Robyn, VK3ENX writes that she is very busy these days. Robyn works three days each week as a secondary teacher and drives wedding cars on the weekends. Her four children are now grown: one is a botanist, one is an economist, one is a secondary teacher, and the other is a bank customer service officer. Robyn also has a step-son who is a furniture maker. Robyn's daughter is the bank officer and lives in Florida. Robyn plans on a visit in March to attend her daughter's wedding.



Florence, K6FYP

FRANCE: I would like to welcome new member **Florence, F6FYP**. Florence is a journalist, is married and her OM's name is Sylvio, F6EEM. Florence and Sylvio have been on numerous DXpeditions and has enclosed a QSL card from one of them.

GERMANY: Rosel, DL3KWR writes thanking **Carol, KB8VYB** for the membership in YLRL. In June, Rosel visited Berlin to attend World Wide YL Meeting. It was her first participation in a international YL meeting. Rosel read of the Berlin meeting in DARC's "CQ DL".

Rosel lives in Greifswald, in northeast Germany on the Baltic Sea. Greifswald is a very old university city with about 60,000 residents. Rosel's OM, Hardy is licensed as DL3KWF. Hardy was licensed in 1958, but it took Rosel until 1975 for the bug to bite and pass her test. Rosel's daughters are also hams: Sabine, DL3KWS; and Astrid, DL3KWL.

Rosel and Hardy worked their first DXpedition. They visited Madeira Island (CT3)on holiday and worked all continents. Rosel said they had pileups from Europe and could tell when word got out on the DX cluster.

NETHERLANDS: Dieuw, PA3CEB sends best wishes to all YLRL members and officers. Dieuw enjoyed World Wide YL in Berlin. She attended with her OM, son, and daughter-in-law.

NEW ZEALAND: Zelda, ZL3AAB sends Christmas greetings and hopes everyone had a enjoyable year. She wishes everyone a happy new year. Zelda has recently retired from her nursing job, but still does occasional "call in" work. Zelda says she is really enjoying retirement, and that they plan on moving to a town called Motueka, which is the the north of South Island. They have been at present location for 40 years so it is a big job moving towers, and other household items. According to Zelda, Motueka is a fruit growing town and has a warmer climate than the current location.

It was good hearing from **Dawn, ZL2AGX**. Dawn and I were keeping in touch via e-mail until I changed providers and could not find her email address to notify her. Dawn writes that the weather has turned nice with warm temperatures and sunny skies. Not long ago she had very severe northwest gales. The winds lasted for 48 hours and reached 95km/hour with gusts to 135km/hour. Dawn received some damage to her yagi antenna but, it was not as bad as she thought it would be.

Dawn is enjoying regular e-mail contacts with **Irene, KS6I** and **Carole, WB9RUS**.

SWEDEN: Raija, SM0HNV wrote that she had a wonderful time attending the ALARAMEET in Perth and the World Wide YL meeting in Berlin. She wants to send thanks for the postcard with 18 callsigns from Albany. Raija is looking forward to coming YL meetings.

In closing, I would like to pass on greetings from **Sitsa, SV3AGQ** from Greece and from **Chieko, JO2FQK** from Japan. They both send best wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.

QSL card from Guernsey Island DXpedition. Florence, F6FYP is 4th from left.

1998 YL Meeting in Norway

August 20-24, 1998

Mark your calendars!! The YL-meeting for 1998 shall take place in Norway, in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, which is situated at 78 degrees north on Spitzbergen, belonging to the group of arctic islands called Svalbard.

The program will include sightseeing trips with ample time for leisurely strolls and tax-free shopping. There will also be an opportunity to operate amateur radio from the shack of the Svalbard Group of NRRI (Norwegian Radio Relay League), using the rare and popular prefix JW.

Besides the joy of being together with other YLs, enjoying our fine mutual hobby, we can promise you the unique experience of wild, beautiful, unspoiled and pure arctic nature not far from the North Pole, in round-the-clock daylight.

Look for more information in future issues of ***YLH*** or contact Ruth, LA6ZH via e-mail – jetpro@sn.no.

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Net–that of collecting and mounting photos of all the participating YLs. They will be on display at their table at the Mike & Key Electronic Fleamarket in March.

The members of the Twin Rivers YL two meter Net (Portland and Vancouver) had a potluck at the home of Marti, N6XDS on Saturday, November 2. Others in attendance included Donna–K6DNG, Barb–KC7KVT, Jerri–WB7OXK, Barbara–KC7KQI, Lou–KB7TBQ, and Willow–KC7GOZ. Toward the end of the evening, Marti gave a demonstration on packet radio. In December they also enjoyed a Christmas Party.

Phyllis W2GLB, President of the Cactus Keys reported that there were 17 YLs who gathered for the 10th Birthday Luncheon of Cactus Keys. There was a beautiful birthday cake and lots of good fellowship. The message of the day was, "We are 10 years old and getting better!" Congratulations! Phyllis also reports that nine YLs and seven OMs met on December 7 for a luncheon after the Superstition Club Sweepmeet (where they had their usual YLRL and Cactus Keys table).

That's all for now. Let me hear what's happening in your area.

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33, Sara

From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS

Happy New Year to everybody out there in YL Land! I hope that you all had a delightful Holiday Season!

Once again, I find myself having to apologize for the extreme lateness of the last two issues. We found that we had a larger problem than initially thought, and have taken steps to prevent its reoccurrence. Please make sure you read the important announcement on page 10 concerning this problem.

Have you made your New Year's resolutions? Mine are made, and although I won't share all of them with you, two of them have to do with Amateur Radio. One is the same old thing–upgrade, upgrade, upgrade! My goal is General before Field Day and Advanced by the end of the year, but that good ole code is up first! Study starts once my duties to this ***YLH*** are finished. Maybe more importantly, my other resolution is to sponsor one more DX YL into YLRL than last year. Who's with me on this one??

Next week I'm off to Portland to visit with YLs down there–sort of a mini-vacation with the gals. The OM gets to stay home with the kids. Should be fun!

Make sure you all write your District Chairperson. She needs to hear from you to do her job. Make it easy for her! I'll be looking forward to reading about your doings.

Supplies Update

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

There have been many recent changes in what is available to be purchased. We no longer carry name tags or mugs. We have upgraded our t-shirt line to include 3-button placket staff shirts and sweatshirts, all with personalized embroidery and three colors to choose from. Self-inking stamps in black or blue have been added. Confused? Check out the supplies page for everything you need. I've added an order form below to help you sort out your choices! Have fun. 33, Lois

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