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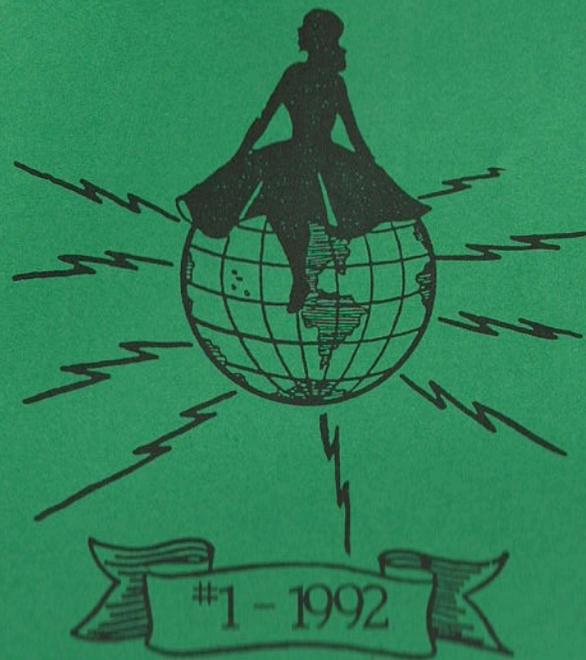
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# The President's Message



Dana Tramba, N0FYQ

Dear Friends,

I have been a member of YLRL for several years and decided it was time to give something back to our organization and my hobby. I consider it a privilege to be your president for the next two years, and I look forward to the challenge.

We live in Kansas and have a home in the middle of a wheat field. I am the only female in an all-ham family. Norm, my OM, has been an amateur for 30 years, owns a Radio Shack store, and also sells amateur equipment. Troy is 13 and is a people-oriented person, like his mom. We like to have parties and leave the technical stuff to Norm and Troy.

About seven years ago, I saw an article in QST about YLRL, and I was so excited to find out there was an organization for women. It motivated me to upgrade so I could check in on the nets and make friends from all around the world. I found it was a lot harder than I expected.

I didn't realize that first you go through mike fright and really need someone to help you along the way. As we encourage YLs to enter the amateur service, let's not quit there. Once I had a party the same night as the YL-OM Contest and invited all the YLs around my area to come. It is fun to work your first contest with people that will help you log and teach you some of the tricks of contesting until you get your confidence built up.

One of the most rewarding classes I helped teach was a Novice class for women only. I made a lot of dear friends who wanted to get their licenses, but felt uncomfortable in a class with men. I found teaching a class also helped me prepare to upgrade. I hope when we recruit YLs, we'll remember to be their friend and continue to help them upgrade. Working the contests and checking into nets also helps perfect your operating skills.

Eyeball QSOs at ham conventions are lots of fun. If you are having a YL forum at your convention, please let Kay know so we can get the dates published in YLH. We have convention kits available, and I wish we could have a YLRL table at every convention. If you are too bashful to run a forum, just sit at the table and visit with the YLs as they walk by or contact a YLRL officer or district chairman. We'll try to find someone to hold a forum for you. There has been some discussion about making a VCR tape to include in the convention kits.

YLH is your official publication. Let Kay hear from you with your ideas for articles to be published. Let's see what we can do for the Young Ladies' Radio League to make it a worthwhile organization to belong to.

I think the most meaningful thing YLRL does is our adoption program. I extend an open invitation to all traveling YLs, U.S. and foreign. Our home is always open to you and your family. As I read the daily news, YLs from all around the world come to my mind. I think of each YL member as family and hold thoughts of you gently in my heart today. On behalf of the 1992-1993 officers, we send you thoughts of peace and love today.

33, Dana, N0FYQ

# Certificates and Awards

Continuous Membership Certificate  
Jeanette Ellis, NP2C, Custodian  
November 1, 1991 to February 29, 1992

CALL	YRS	CALL	YRS	CALL	YRS	CALL	YRS
ZL1BRX	5	W2GLB	30	K6OQD	35	W1VOS	40
WB2OQU	25	WA4FEY	30	W7GNV	35	W3RXJ	40
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WB2YBA	25	K6SYR	30	DJ1TE	35	W8SPU	40
WA8EKQ	25	K1ADY	35	G8LY	35	W5RZJ	45
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1037	Phyllis K. Davis	KA1JC	650
1068	Sitsa Tigaraki	SV3AGO	200



Congratulations to all the above! It's so nice to hear so many YLs on the air lately. Please enclose an SASE or sufficient postage with applications. Thanks to all who had patience with me while I was learning. I am finding it quite interesting. 33, Natalie

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Annaramia, IK2LRB, the new DX Correspondent of the Italian YLRC, sent information about the beautiful certificates and awards her club offers. There is the EUROYL Award, the GIOCONDA Award, and the FRIENDLINESS Award, which has special significance because of its humanitarian aim. She also sent rules for the Italian YLRC Elettra Marconi XIV International Contest 1992 on April 4-5. It wasn't possible to print them in this issue, but you can write to IK2LRB or WA0WOF for complete details. More information on the awards will be published here, as space permits. The Italian YLRC Net meets Monday on 7.070 +/- QRM, 1400Z winter, 1300Z summer.

## YL DXpedition to Tortola and Grenada November 1991

By Elizabeth Anderson, VE7YL

The Virgin Islands form the easternmost extension of the Greater Antilles island chain, and are administratively divided into two groups—the British Virgin Islands and the Virgin Island of the U. S. The British islands are about 40 in number, and Tortola is the largest with an area of 21 square miles and population of 20,000.

Grenada is furthest south in the group of islands comprising the Lesser Antilles, and is one of the four Windward Islands. It is independent, with dominion status within the British Commonwealth. With its island dependencies, Grenada boasts an area of 133 square miles and a population of around 90,000.

I left Vancouver on November 9th and flew to Tampa, where I was met by Alice, N4DDK; Mary Lou, NM7N, and Nellie, XE1CI. It was great to see them and to get an up-date on all the plans, including the callsigns that we were being issued. Flo, KU7F, arrived the next day, and packing of all the equipment progressed rapidly.

We were to hand-carry three rigs, power supplies, co-ax, tools, etc. The rest of the equipment and the two antennas, the Cushcraft R5 and the Mosley TA 33 Junior, which travelled in long boxes inside ski bags, were our check-in baggage. Ski bags in the Caribbean caused a few raised eyebrows!

Our flight to San Juan was at 8:50 a.m., and we connected there at 1:50 p.m. for Tortola. On arrival at Beef Island, we cleared customs with no problems and went by open-sided bus to Road Town, the capital city, and picked up our 4WD mini-van.

We were soon to learn why Bob, VP2VR, had recommended such a vehicle! As the islands are the peaks of submerged mountains that rise from a submarine plateau, we were either going straight up, straight down, or up and down! We had been advised to stock up at the supermarket. Due to vague instructions and maps that didn't really tell us much, we had some problems finding it, but eventually we found it and bought supplies before pointing ourselves up the mountain and getting thoroughly lost!

Some hours later, with the light rapidly fading, we became desperate and stopped at a house to phone Bob, VP2VR, who had organized the rental of the house we were to stay in and who, in learning we were lost, came out to find us. He then led us to our destination. It didn't take us long to realize that we would never, never have found our own way nor would we have been too happy with the conditions of the roads if we had been able to see exactly where we were going and over what!

Though you drive on the left side of the road on Tortola, most of the cars have the steering wheel on the left so the driver always has a lovely view of the sheer dropoff, sometimes within a couple of feet of the edge of the road! Alice did all our driving and did a wonderful job. Not only was she driving on the wrong side (for her), but she tackled a stick shift 4WD as if she had driven one all her life.

DXERs: Mary Lou, NM7N; Nellie, XE1CI; Elizabeth, VE7YL; Flo, KU7F, and Alice, N4DDK



Any plans to get antennas up on the day of our arrival were dashed by our late arrival, as there is no twilight in the tropics, but both the vertical and the beam elements were put together that night on the sitting room floor. Everything was prepared for an early start the next morning. Our rented house was 600 feet up from the sea, with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large sitting room/kitchen, lovely verandah, washer and dryer (very important), a guest house a short walk away and, wonder of wonders, an absolutely magnificent view toward Jost van Dyke to the west, with a daily spectacular sunset. Since we had permission to use the guest house, we decided to set up the R5 and the Kenwood there. Early on Tuesday, the 12th, the antenna went up, balanced on the verandah railing with a cement building brick and an upside-down hibachi to get it up those last few inches to clear the rain gutter. The minute the vertical was up and the station put together, VP2V/XE1CI went on the air at 1434Z.

Getting the beam up was a little more difficult because of the slope of the land, but we eventually found a spot at the side of the road above the house, and with VP2VR to help walk it up, we got it in place and guyed. The coax was run down the hill to the main house, and VP2V/NM7N was on the air at 2108Z. The next morning Mary Lou was on with RTTY. Later that afternoon Bob, VP2VI, Bob VP2VR, and Dough, VP2VG, came over to visit and found both stations working well.

We all used the call VP2V, plus our callsign. Rather a mouthful! Propagation was poor, and we did not get the openings we had hoped for into either Europe or Japan. 24 and 18 MHz were very popular, as was RTTY. The days were hot, and with the house facing west, we got the full force of the afternoon sun, but the evenings were cool. We had a roster for operating duties, and everyone helped with either cooking or washing dishes, depending upon their shift. Alice saw to it that we got safely down to Road Town when supplies ran low. Both Mary Lou and I had hand-carried laptop computers and spent any free time entering log data for later QSLing.

On the 17th at noon, the beam came down, was dismantled, and put back into its ski bag. While everyone else went off sightseeing, I stayed with the second station and the vertical, working until 2058Z, when that also came down to be packed away.

We left Beef Island the next morning and arrived in Grenada at 1:25 p.m., where we were met by Tony J39CM, and Derek, J39BS. Tony had our licenses and callsigns, J37 plus our initials, and we learned that we might be issued J37YL for the CQ WW CW contest. Our cottage was at the Flamboyant Hotel, near the airport, and once again, the vertical went up first. That station was on the air that evening on 18 MHz, and the beam was assembled, so it could go up the first thing next morning. We set up two stations at either end of the sitting room, and Mary Lou again set up a roster.

During the CQ WW CW (yes, we did use J37YL), Mary Lou, Alice, and I worked two hours on and four hours off. It's a long time since I've taken part in such concentrated hamming. Propagation from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. was very poor during the contest, but we were able to use that time to look for multipliers. We made over 1,000,000 points, not bad for our first attempt.

The day before departure, the beam came down first, and just before dark, the vertical. Next morning, J39BS picked us up for a quick look at the city of St. George's, with a drive up to Grand Etang Lake and the forest preserve. We saw nutmeg trees and learned that you get both nutmeg and mace from the same tree. Grenada is the Isle of Spice! We were overwhelmed with the support that we got from Tony, Derek, and John, J39CR—what wonderful people hams are! We left Grenada at 3:10 p.m. and arrived back in Florida at 8:45 p.m. We had a wonderful time, made between 10 and 11 thousand QSOs and met some wonderful people. Where will we go next?

## A Visit to Indonesia

by

Nobuko Uchiyama, KR6XIX (From the JLRS Magazine)

Last July my husband started his second retirement. Mr. Uchiyama asked me, "Where do you want to go". I answered at once, "I want to go to Bali," because I remembered that I saw very wonderful scenes of Bali on TV.

About one week before our departure at 10:00 p.m., my husband was CWing eagerly to YFOAQD. It seemed to be a YL. Then he said, "You contact!" After the QSO, I sent 33, and she sent back "C U AGN IN JAKARTA"??

We could not fly straight to Bali, so the airplane was routed Taipei-Singapore-Jakarta-Bali. Upon arrival in Jakarta, we went straight to our hotel. It was 11:00 p.m., but we tried to call Indra. We gave up trying to call and wrote a postcard to her.

We looked for a red post box in the hotel, but we could not find one, so we asked a hotel worker. It was right in front of me. In Japan, post boxes are red, but in Indonesia, they are wonderful carved brown wood boxes. We were surprised and stood there admiring it. Then on to Bali!

In Bali, at first, the atmosphere seemed similar to that of my house; the plants and flowers were the same as those in Okinawa. But it was cooler than Okinawa. There were no doors, so I could see through from the front to the backyard of the hotel. So I asked, "When typhoons come, what do you do?" They said, "Bali is God's island. Typhoons never come." We were near the equator, so typhoons just get started here.

The next morning, I was listening to a radio. We tuned into NHK, the Japanese station, which said typhoon #19 was passing through Tamashiro-son, Okinawa, Japan, our home. It was small, but very strong. It was "a bolt from the blue." When we had left the airport at Naha, Okinawa, we didn't know about any typhoon. I asked my husband what he had done with the antenna. He said, "I did not think a typhoon would come." Since the beginning of his second retirement, I had made up my mind never to say anything critical, so I said just, "I see." But next time, second retirement or not, I will speak up when I feel it's necessary.

During the next week, we spotted many antennas, but we couldn't meet their owners. There were many Japanese tourists in Bali, and the hotel workers spoke Japanese very well. We tried to say "terima kasih banyak" and decided to forget about our antenna in Okinawa, but it was a terrible mess when we got home.

After returning to Jakarta, we got a message from Indra at the hotel. We were excited about meeting this YL. Would she be a young and pretty YL? Or middle-aged YL?... Indra and her younger brother Chandra came to the hotel, and we exchanged QSL cards and talked to each other eagerly. Both of them looked very young. Indra was very cute, and she said that she studied English 8 hours a day, 4 days a week.

They took us to visit the National Museum and we looked at the bones of the Java Man. At lunchtime, Indra and her brother took us to a restaurant such as we had never seen in Japan. The restaurant occupied three floors, but the second and third floors were actually mezzanines along the sides, leaving a huge open space in the center. Next we went to the Independence Memorial Tower and learned how Sukarno led the way to Indonesia's independence. Then it was time for Indra to go to school.

On the way back, I knew that Indra thought there were no other YLs in Japan who QSO by CW. I have introduced her to JLRS and made her a DX member. Now I hope to visit Indonesia again, and I am happy to introduce to you this young and active YL Indra, who likes CW very much. Listen for her at 21.155 and 21.255 MHz.

## Meet Lia Zwack, WA2NFY

From the Eastman Kodak Company's Neighborhood Information Center

*Each day is a precious gift.* For Lia, WA2NFY, these wise words embody her view of life. At age 70, Lia is busier than ever and seems to relish it. She's an avid YL, a bird watcher, and a lover of nature. And she's also a hiker, skier, swimmer, gardener, quilter, and a volunteer. These interests keep Lia young at heart.

Lia and her OM Lee, W2WPF, married in 1968. Before this, Lia was a nanny for wealthy families in Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and, in 1965, the U. S. During her working years, she helped raise nearly 30 children, whom she now fondly calls "her family," and she can tell fascinating stories of those times.

Lia's love for children persists, and often on the YL nets, she talks about a baby quilt or bonnets, booties, and mittens that's she's making for a neighbor or some YL around the world. Her creations have homes in several countries. She's also a volunteer each week at a center that provides clothing for the needy.

Four years ago, Lia started a bonsai collection, after visiting some of the JA YLs and attending a JLRS meeting. She now carefully tends almost two dozen plants, as well as the many rose bushes, perennials, and trees that she and Lee have planted.

Lia loves all creatures of nature, especially birds. Their backyard shelters many bird houses and feeders, including a heated water system in winter. "We always have our eyes open with our book and binoculars nearby because I think it's wonderful to have nature so close to us while living in the city," she says. "This is one thing I like about living in America." Inside they keep three pet birds—a love bird, a cockatiel, and a parrot. Lee built play gym equipment for the birds because "they need some exercise."

The birds aren't the only ones who exercise. Lia walks, swims during the summer, and enjoys cross country skiing. And when she walks, she carries a handheld. She believes in eating simple foods—cutting down salt, sugar, and fat—and spends time canning fruits and vegetables.

But Lia's YL activities usually take first place. She was licensed in 1973 and is active in all of the YLRL contests on both SSB and CW. She is fluent in German, Italian, French, and English, and she can often be found on 10 meters on Mondays, talking to some of the European YLs. Listen for her at 1500Z around 28.433 and at 1600Z on 28.033. She's also a regular check-in on YL Open House, on Wednesday, on 14.288 at 1800Z in the summer and 1900Z in the winter and on YL Tangle Net, Thursdays, on 14.298 at 1800Z. Or you might catch her DXing anywhere on the bands.

You may have already met Lia if you've attended any of the YLRL conventions held since she was first licensed, as she enjoys YL get-togethers so much that she travels around the world to meet YLs. She had a good time at YL World in Stockholm last June and then went on to Friedrichshafen, where 300 YLs had gathered.

Lia doesn't have time to be bored and looks forward to every day. "Each different hobby is a way of being in contact with other people," she says. In early March, her doctor advised her to slow down just a bit—maybe she could slow down enough so that she's only doing about twice as much as the rest of us!



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	Checking & Money Mkt Accounts	Scholar- ship Fund	Travel Fund, President	Conven- tion Fund	Total
<u>BALANCE, 10/1/91</u>	<u>\$22,329.84</u>	<u>\$13,250.96</u>	<u>\$406.93</u>	<u>\$ 2,530.18</u>	<u>\$38,517.91</u>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>					
Donations-Sch Fund \$	---	\$ 579.55	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 579.55
Donations-Other	10.00	---	---	---	10.00
Dues	373.00	---	---	---	373.00
Interest Income	257.92	195.23	4.43	27.52	485.10
Postage	146.00	---	---	---	146.00
Return-Rec. Treas.	15.13	---	---	---	15.13
Sale of Supplies	90.50	---	---	---	90.50
Subscriptions	8.00	---	---	---	8.00
<u>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 900.55</u>	<u>\$ 774.78</u>	<u>\$ 4.43</u>	<u>\$ 27.52</u>	<u>\$ 1,707.28</u>

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Refunds	2.00	---	---	---	2.00
Refunds write-off	(13.00)	---	---	---	(13.00)
Scholarship Award	---	1,000.00	---	---	1,000.00
YLCC Postage	32.39	---	---	---	32.39
<u>TOTAL CASH DISB.</u>	<u>\$ 4,083.69</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 5,083.69</u>

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Brenda Hebert, N5GGA  
Auditors

Carol Noack, KK5L  
Disbursing Treasurer

YOUNG LADIES' RADIO LEAGUE, INC.  
Statement of Changes in Cash  
For the Year Ended December 31, 1991

	Checking & Money Mkt Accounts	Scholar- ship Fund	Travel Fund, President	Conven- tion Fund	Total
<u>BALANCE, 1/1/91</u>	<u>\$16,181.92</u>	<u>\$13,465.26</u>	<u>\$392.20</u>	<u>\$ 2,438.58</u>	<u>\$32,477.96</u>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>					
Donations-Sch Fund \$	---	\$ 876.55	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 876.55
Donations-Other	80.00	---	---	---	80.00
Dues	10,952.00	---	---	---	10,952.00
Interest Income	1,220.24	883.93	19.16	119.12	2,242.45
Miscellaneous	19.13	---	---	---	19.13
Postage	3,132.00	---	---	---	3,132.00
Sale of Supplies	317.50	---	---	---	317.50
Subscriptions	64.00	---	---	---	64.00
<u>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$15,784.87</u>	<u>\$1,760.48</u>	<u>\$ 19.16</u>	<u>\$ 119.12</u>	<u>\$17,683.63</u>

<b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>					
YLH-Printing	\$5,325.01	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 5,325.01
YLH-Circ/Editor Exp	3,769.70	---	---	---	3,769.70
President's Expense	42.18	---	---	---	42.18
Vice-Pres/Contests	454.26	---	---	---	454.26
Secretary	170.06	---	---	---	170.06
Receiving Treasurers	638.35	---	---	---	638.35
Disbursing Treasurer	55.26	---	---	---	55.26
Supplies Chairman	72.56	---	---	---	72.56
Librarian/Historian	67.88	---	---	---	67.88
Nominating Committee	63.76	---	---	---	63.76
California Fee	5.00	---	---	---	5.00
Membership/Publicity	214.79	---	---	---	214.79
Misc. Printing	1,253.79	---	---	---	1,253.79
Purchases of Supplies	539.10	---	---	---	539.10
Refunds	116.00	---	---	---	116.00
Scholarship Award	---	2,200.00	---	---	2,200.00
YLCC Postage	32.39	---	---	---	32.39
<u>TOTAL CASH DISB.</u>	<u>\$12,820.09</u>	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$15,020.09</u>

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# YLRL CONTEST CORNER

REMINDER: DX YL to NA YL CONTEST  
 CW: 1400Z, 8 April to 1700Z, 9 April  
 SSB: 1400Z, 22 April to 1700Z, 23 April  
 Rules are in the Sep-Oct 1991 YLH. Send logs to  
 WO6X NLT 30 days after each contest.

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

CARLA, WO6X

It has come to my attention that participation in the last few contests has been poor. I'm sure there must be a reason for it. I have chosen for my advisory committee Shirley, WD8MEV, Phyllis, W2GLB/7, and Sue, KA6SOC. All three are very sharp, experienced contesters.

If you have any suggestions to improve contest activity, write to me and let me know. I will confer with my committee and see if we can please most of you. I would like to see more contest activity while I am in office, and surely you do not want to disappoint me! Let's see those logs coming in! Let's have fun!

And may I suggest, while I am on the subject, to keep an ear listening for those weak DX signals. Let's spread out across the frequencies.

Also, while I am here, I want to thank all of you who sent me cards, letters, and phone calls when word got around of Ed becoming a silent key. It really gave me comfort to know I had so many friends throughout the world. Many, many thanks!

### YLRL Contest Operating Hints

1. Publicize the upcoming DX YL to NA YL contest and all other YLRL contests at every opportunity. The more participants, the more fun for everyone.
2. Remember that net contacts made through a third-party often don't count.
3. The DX YLs request that the U. S YLs speak slowly and spell the call, state, and ARRL section as not all contestants speak English.
4. Know your ARRL section. (See pp. 8 and 9 in the Sep-Oct 1991 YLH.)
5. Be aware of seasonal propagation patterns, but check all bands.
6. Be sure that your log is accurate and contains all the required information. A checksheet is appreciated if many multipliers are claimed.

Kerstin, SM5EUU, was a big winner in last year's contest and is shown below with her trophies. She writes, "Thank you very much. I was so pleased and proud to receive the trophies from the DX-YL to NA-YL contest. I have never won anything like that before, and I had no idea there were prizes like that. I will certainly take part in more contests."



**CORRECTION: VE7YL, Elizabeth Anderson, won the 1991 YLAP Corcoran Award. Congratulations, Elizabeth!**

Remember to send all YLRL contest logs for 1992 - 1993 to WO6X.



# District News

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 First District  
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 Anne Manna, WB1ARU  
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Spring is coming! In fact, without snow, it doesn't seem like we've had any winter. Well, I enjoyed my winter break anyway. I was able to check in with the Yankee Lassies Net on Wednesday morning and attempted the YL Open House on Wednesday afternoon. Conditions were variable, to say the least. My other recent ham activity was the 10-X Winter QSO Party. There were quite a few YLs on that weekend.

Ruth, N1DJU, Secretary for WRONE, dropped me a note back in January. She had heard from Barb, WB1EHS. The winter in Maine has been just as unusual as the rest of New England--very little snow.

A few more "snowbirds" flew off to 4-land, at least for short visits. KB1NX, Helen, is in Florida for awhile, and K1TVT, Jean, has been and returned. Of course, W4GXZ, Blanche, and K1OKC, Bea, won't return until spring is really here.

K1TVT, Jean, and OM K1WUS, Phil, have been busy around the house. Jean decided she was tired of carpeted floors, so they're staying away from the vacuum. I guess she won't have to worry about static build-up as she crosses the room to the equipment. Not only that, but mops don't make any noise while you're trying to hear everyone on frequency!

A new tower has been added to the landscape in Hanover. It was supposed to go up in October, but due to severely pulled muscles, my OM WA1ENO, Tony, was not able to finish until late February. The 2-meter beam hasn't made it back up yet, but we do have a ground plane up there. The 440 beam is up, but no connections. When it's finished, we'll be operational for satellite communication again. I haven't tried it yet, but maybe I'll get brave. There don't seem to be many YLs using that mode.

I still haven't heard much from the 1-land YLs. How about dropping me a QSL card so that, at least, I know that you are alive!

33, Anne, WB1ARU

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**Suggested Frequencies for YLRL Contests**

BAND	CW	SSB
80	3.540 to 3.570	3.940 to 3.970
40	7.040 to 7.070	7.240 to 7.270
20	14.040 to 14.070	14.250 to 14.280
15	21.120 to 21.150	21.380 to 21.410
10	28.180 to 28.210	28.300 to 28.610

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 Second District  
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Miriam Lamb, AA2DX

Special and heartfelt thanks are due Jean Kincheloe, K6OQD, as she leaves the job of Editor/Circulation Manager for YLH. She has spent untold hours in the service of all of us. It's hard to know how to say "thank you" properly. Actually, it can't be done. I only hope Jean does know how grateful we all are.

And a warm welcome to Kay Eyman, WAOWOF, as she takes over the job. Our hats are off to her. Both of these women exemplify the very best qualities we like to think reside in the amateur radio community. Thanks, ladies!

It's most appropriate that Lois Ierlan, WA2RXO, be featured in this issue of Harmonics because on April 13, just about the time you receive it, Lois will celebrate her 80th birthday! A recent note from Lois says she really doesn't do much any more-- "no DX, no packet, no satellite, no moonbounce, not even a good rig, but I enjoy what I do."

Let's investigate this comment a bit more and see what she "does do." Lois is Secretary/Treasurer of both the St. Lawrence Valley Repeater Association and the Ogdensburg ARC. She is, and has been for a number of years, Editor of the Second Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club (SAYLARC) newsletter, which is appropriately named Chirp. (SAYLARC - Chirp... Get it?) Two years ago, she served as the President of SAYLARC, as well as Editor of the newsletter. By the way, the job of Editor entails gathering the news, typing it, printing, collating, stapling, folding, stapling again, stamping and mailing each quarterly issue, all of which Lois does by herself.

Lois has also served as YLRL Librarian/Historian and has attended four conventions, which, she says, "I loved." She belongs to ARES and RACES and handles occasional traffic. Surely Lois is not 80 years old--she is 80 years young. Happy birthday, Lois!

I look forward to hearing from some of you out there about yourselves. We'd all be interested. 33, Miriam

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Look for YLs and YL activities at these hamfests. And you might consider organizing a YL forum for your area hamfest. The Convention Kit Custodians, listed on p. 14 will help with materials.

Meeting:	Date:	For more info:
Dayton Hamvention	Apr 24-26	<u>World Radio/QST/CQ</u>
HamCom (TX)	Jun 12-14	Judi, N0IDR
High Cascade Hamfair (OR)	Aug 8-9	Mary, N7RGD
ARRL National (CA)	Aug 20-23	Vi, W6CBA

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 Third District  
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Patsy Kline, N3ICQ

147.555 CQ YL Simplex  
 SPRING--Bring it on! (BUT we can't say that too loud... right?) Thanks for all the 73's regarding my debut in the last Harmonics. Interviewing several members since January, I've found the District 3 YLs are quite active!

Mary Ann, WA3HUP, has her hands full with QSL bureau work. 350 ounces of cards each month pass through her house. With BIG TNX to Dawn, WB3GOC, and Koos, KK3S, she reports, "Some Saturdays are not TOO long." She's trying to work her first YL in Albania, Merilla, ZAI1AL. (Euro-DX Net/Thursday/14.245/1700 UTC) Recently, Mary Ann worked R. S. Coleman in Brunei. She loves DX contacts. Pity the poor gent in Harrisburg, Roger, W3HUP, who patiently passes large envelopes of wrongly sent QSLs. Thanks, Roger! Mary Ann says, "He could upgrade to change that call."

Here are updates on former scholarship recipients in 3-land:

Nancy Polen, KB2IAK, the 1991 winner, studies Biology/Secondary Education at Grove City College in Pennsylvania. Since starting school, she has been involved in the Grove City College A.R.C. and is now secretary/treasurer. (It happens to the best of us.) The club ranks have swelled from 5 to 15 since she joined. She is trying to secure a research position for the summer and was very excited to be one of five finalists for a National Science Foundation/Girl Scout Antarctica Expedition. Now she is hoping to hear from the Smithsonian. GET 'EM, Nancy! She dreams of working with Cousteau. The ham license is handy on the high seas and in the remote locations she's bound for. Her dad Ray, W2WCF, has involved Nancy in Parsippany, NJ's EMA. Nancy's address is Box 2311, Grove City College, Grove City, PA 16127.

Mellisa Benish, N3FAC, the 1990 winner, is a Mechanical Engineering student at Pennsylvania State University. When interviewed, she'd just finished a final for Thermodynamics. She is applying for an engineering co-op. Industries employ on alternating semesters, mixing education with experience. PCC Airfoil, Pratt & Whitney, and NASA are all prospects at this point. As V. P. of the Engineering and Applied Science Interest House, she is busy encouraging members toward future careers in technical fields. She is still active with the Murgas ARC in Pittston, Pennsylvania, and is joined in hamming by dad Mike, K3SAE, mom Lenore, KB3GB, sis Lisa, KE3J, and brother Doug, N3CXB. Mellisa's address is 702 Beaver Hall, University Park, PA 16802.

A big "Hello" to and from Marlene, WA3UOC. Her son Stephen, is taking classes for his ticket. Sounds like she might have stories from that trip to Hawaii with the "younger than OM." Don't forget to send your tidbits to me and drop those students a line. They'd love it. CU @ Dayton? 33, Patsy, N3ICQ

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Fourth District Jensen Montambault, KC4GPZ  
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Spring is coming, and I, for one, am very grateful! I love live green things, so these Virginia winters can get doleful.

Unfortunately, when I suggested the 4-land rag chew, I hadn't counted on the disasterously over-crowded band conditions of Sunday afternoon on 40 meters. I couldn't find a clear place within 5 kHz of 7.260 and was reluctant to go any farther away. I'd suggest 80 meters, but I doubt my signal would reach into all of 4-land as I'm only running 100 watts, and I don't have a beam. I guess I'll just have to rely on the traditional postcard and letter to get the news!

Speaking of which, I received a great letter from Dot, N4DCT, the day I sent the last district news out. She reports that Jeanette, NP2C, came home to Atlanta over Christmas, for visiting and shopping. While she was there, Sharon, KM4IH; Ann, KA4SSS; Nancy, N4TXE; Ann, K4JGK; Claire, N4HJE, and Dot, N4DTC, met her in Atlanta for dinner and a "catch-up" session.

Paula, KK4OK, also wrote in with a nice letter. There are four hams at her QTH in Virginia Beach: OM Fred, N7EYG, and harmonics Sara, KD4IBK, 11 years, and David, KC4ZHU, 9 years. Her youngest, Stephen, 7 years, is studying, too! Paula has been bitten hard by the "DX bug", though teaching her children ham radio has taken so much time that she's done less DXing during the past year. She is also editor for the Virginia DX Century Club Newsletter.

I attended the Frostfest Ham Fest in Richmond, Virginia, in January. As my first hamfest, it was a bewildering experience. Nothing could have prepared me for the sprawling parking lot antenna farm and rows and rows of booths and people of every conceivable type. It really brought home the sense of diversity in ham radio, yet we've all got this common bond. After spending the morning wandering aimlessly with my dad, Ken, KC4GQA, I realized that at the next hamfest I'll have to set up a YLRL booth, even if it's nothing more than sign-ins.

Before I close, I want to clear up a little confusion over the "sign-off" of the last column. Just as "73" means "Best wishes," "61" means "Merry Christmas and happy new year."

Many TNX to those of you who wrote in. I really appreciate it--and to all the other YLs out there, I know you're busy, but drop a note if you can, and let me know what's going on!

33, Jensen  
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Convention Kit Custodians

- Dist 1-3, VE WA2URE, Marcella Kessler, (716) 464-8885
- Dist 4-5 WA2JCE, Jan Scheuerman, (813) 542-6507
- Dist 6-7, KH KL KD7YB, Joan Upton, (503) 838-5159
- Dist 8-10 NO9W, Roxanne Moss, (309) 378-4032

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Fifth District Joyce Kepler, W5MWK  
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Winter in our area this year was very mild, almost like fall weather. It has been wonderful watching all the birds go south, then returning north again as it warms up.

KD5MD, Zenda, had quite a year in '91. Her OM Jim retired January 1, and it was off to another area of the state. They sold their home in Red Oak and had the fun of a new log home, which they built mostly by themselves in Winnsboro. Plenty of aches and pains followed. A new grandson, Benton Blair, arrived, making seven grandchildren for Zenda. December found Zenda and Jim hosting her DX adoptee Christine, 7Q7BX, her OM Paul, 7Q7BW, and son James. The guests were introduced to the local cuisine of fried catfish, cajun beans, and green tomato relish. Christine is a country and western music devotee, so they also went to a Dallas steak house, featuring a western band. In Dallas, they stayed with Christine's manager, N5MHZ. Paul spoke at the Dallas DX club dinner. Zenda and Jim now have their tower up and the station back on the air, ready to go back to calling NETS.

K5MXO, Margaret, had cataract/implant surgery on January 14 and foot surgery on February 12. She hoped to be off to Anaheim to visit the sister of Bill, K5MMP. They also hope to go to Puerto Rico later in the year. Margaret and Bill spent 3 1/2 weeks in the southeast, mainly to meet cousins, from geneology research. Two meters helped them keep track of the bad weather, as they had several storms along the way.

WA5MPM, Francis has a new rig. She also had cataract/implant surgery and sees much better now.

K5DJS, Mary Jo, has sold her old equipment, and she is out shopping for a new rig.

K5MIZ, Alverta, is Secretary-Treasurer for GAYLARK.

WA5JMC, Anita is the President of GAYLARK.

KA5DWR, Dorothy, is President of the YL Roses of Texas club at Denton; N5IXW, Teresa, is Treasurer, and N5FFB, Maureen, is Secretary. The YL luncheons have been having great turnouts. Dorothy's son Greg, WD5IVD, is now studying at the University of Surrey in England. Dorothy and OM Bill, K5OIN, will travel to England to visit Greg this spring; then it's on to the continent.

K5OPT, Ruth, will be hosting her DX adoptee Isolde, DF4ZX, and her OM in April. Ruth and her OM just returned from Antigua. Now busy with her oil paintings, she regrets having missed YLAP this past year, due to the beam being repaired. It's the first time she missed YLAP in over 30 years.

AB5BA, Alma, coordinates the VE group in her area. There are 12 active VE's on the team. In four years of testing, the teams have added 220 hams to the ranks. Bell County, just south of Alma's county, has set up a test session each month. They have eight active VE's, and with one exception, they are all from her group's efforts. Amateur radio is there to stay in Central Texas. Alma and OM Jim, K5VRJ, are also busy with Sky-Warn School once a year. They give a ham test the second Saturday of each month and are active with the local REACT group. Jim is President, and Alma is Secretary. The Heart o'Texas ARC started free classes at T.S.T.C. February 22. Alma and Jim will teach code part time. HAPPY HAMMING TO ALL. 33, Joyce, W5MWK

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Sixth District  
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Le Henderson, KB6MXH  
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Hello from 6-land. It seems all the rain came at once. I hope everyone survived the serious flooding that occurred in some areas. In the last YLH I saw the packet address for SV4AFY, Katerina, and was curious as to how long it would take to get a message back from her. I sent a message on January 30 and received an answer on February 14, probably faster than the mail. I am very pleased to be her YLRL sponsor.

LARA will have a booth at the ARRL National Convention, to be held in Los Angeles on August 20-23. They will be selling pins and will also raffle tickets for a queen-size quilt, made by N6ECA, Marge. W6CBA, Vi, is coordinating a YL forum for presentation at the convention. She hopes to have representatives from YLRL, LARA, and other YL clubs on the panel.

N6YQW, Laura, has been very busy lately and has not been on the air. Her New Year's resolution is to be more radio active in 1992.

K6MQS, Ginny, hopefully has recovered from jet lag after her trip to the Orient. She visited Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Hong Kong.

W6CBA, Vi, and OM Don, KA6DJK, have been honored by the Emergency Preparedness Commission of the County and City of Los Angeles for their outstanding community service as active members of the local Disaster Communications Service. They were honored at an awards luncheon held in Monterey Park.

N6XDS, Marty, has been corresponding with G6XDS and is looking forward to meeting her when Marty travels to England next year.

YLRC-LA had 25 attendees at their YL-OM luncheon. The food was delicious, and it was good to see YLs who had not been seen in a long time. Each YL spent a few minutes telling how she got into amateur radio, and they told of some of their adventures in the hobby. The next scheduled meeting will be April 11 at the QTH of K6BUS, Midge.

W6BDE, Esther, thought she was just getting together with some of the BAYLARC gals for lunch at WA6LIZ, Dorothy's, house. Was she ever surprised when she found out she was the guest of honor. Planned by WA6LIZ and WA6GQC, Elsie, an afternoon of reminiscing was enjoyed by all, including KA6SOC, Sue; W6KHM, Mike; WA6PKP, Vera, and K6SZT, Elaine.

K6OQD, Jean, appreciates all the letters she has received, thanking her for her work over the past five years as the YLH editor.  
33, "Le"

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Seventh District  
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Norma Griffin, N7GLQ  
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Greetings from Chandler, Arizona. The weather is gorgeous! I appreciate all the letters I have received. It's fun to get real mail instead of junk.

Mary, N7RGD, is the Chair of the 1992 High Cascade Hamfair that will be held on August 7-8 in Oregon. The two-day hamfair will include something for everyone, even non-hams. Saturday is the flea market, seminars for both "old" and "new" hams, fashion show, and presentations of Central Oregon flora and fauna by the nationally recognized High Desert Museum. The banquet speaker is Colonel Steven Nagel, N5RAW, of the USAF. He was Commander of the Space Flight Atlantis, whose crew members were all hams. Sunday events include a breakfast, meetings of MARS, ARES, Oregon Emergency Net, etc...etc...etc.... Sounds wonderful!

Patsy, KA7MZZ, is having fun on the 10 meter band with K2AGJ and N7NHY, calling Y.L.W.A.S. The reaction has been limited, but they hope to continue until the band closes.

Helen, K7UJV, writes that she has been very ill, but is doing much better. She has a walker with wheels that enables her to go shopping with her OM Bob, K7UJU, and to church, where she sings in the choir. She is active on the Eye Bank net, which has handled 11,022 eyes since its conception in 1962. Keep up the good work.

Reeva, K8DMU, is moving to Illinois. The Cactus Keys held a good-bye luncheon for her at the home of Lee, KB8RT, on February 8th. In attendance were Mel, WB7SJP; Ruby, W7JZA; Margaret, WA0KVP; Phyllis, W2GLB; Donna, WB6UJG, and her daughter, and Norma, N7GLQ, and her son. We are going to miss Reeva. Besides being a great friend, she has been an officer of the Cactus Keys and a faithful check-in for the Tuesday night 2-meter net. Her new address is: 405 E. Premont, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

Lee, KB8RT, is enjoying her bird watching. She is doing fine and gets on the nets when her busy schedule allows.

The next Cactus Keys luncheon will be April 4th at noon in Tucson. The restaurant is Casa Molina, located in the Foothills Mall at 7501 N. La Cholla (Ina/La Cholla crossroads).

I would like to know the YL 2-meter nets in your area. Summer is approaching, and so is the traveling season. A YL may be traveling through your area, and it would be nice if she could check in and meet you. This is a nice way to make new friends and get reacquainted with old ones. Let me hear about this and all your news by April 15th. HAPPY SPRING!  
33, Norma, N7GLQ

Illustration by Diana, G4EZI.



Well, we've got most all of the snow melted now, but that's not to say we won't get any more.

The Cleveland hams are having a Winter Hamfest on March 1, and the Chix YL Club gals are going to bake some cookies to sell at a table, to be shared with YLRL, Buckeye Belles, and the Chix. I hope they have a good day.

KD8SC, Rosemary, has become secretary of the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Service again. And N8IAK, Pam, is the first YL president of the Alliance ARC. How about those gals?

The gals in Cincinnati (the Queen City YLs) are getting together again on April 5, as reported by K8DHK, Carol, and KD8KU, Julie, when they checked in on the Buckeye Belle Net last night on 3972. We wish more of you gals would join us on Tuesday nights at 8:00 p.m. local time. There is also a Buckeye Belle net on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. on 3945.

That's all this time, folks. Send news please! 33, Carol

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TAPE TOPICS

As a service to YLs who are unable to enjoy YL Harmonics in print, due to blindness or other disability, YLRL provides a taped version. YLH is read by volunteers from the YL community in their home studios, i.e., the living room or bedroom. (One of the listeners reported that the audio cues for interruptions, such as telephones or children, made the tapes even more interesting.) The tapes are then copied and sent to the "subscribers," just as the regular edition of the newsletter is mailed to other members.

Reading for the Tape Topics program is interesting. First of all, you have to read every word our editor has put into the section you are taping. Callsigns may make you tongue-tied; there is something weird about the sound of "KA8". The DX YL section is lots of fun to read because the listeners won't know how to pronounce those strange names either.

The Tape Topics program is available to all YL radio amateurs, who are interested in receiving this kind of news on tape. Subscribers do not have to be members of YLRL. If you know of someone who would enjoy this service, please send their name, callsign, and complete address to the Tape Topics Librarian. And, of course, volunteers are always welcome!

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Hello from 9-land! I hope that everyone had a nice holiday time. The weather has never really gotten cold here in central Illinois. Everyone around here seems to have a cold or some sort of virus condition.

KC7ET, Evelyn, is a snowbird and is in the state of Texas till spring. Evelyn and KC9V, Betty, who lives in State, Line, Indiana, have both been active on the Geritol net. The two YLs have never met. Evelyn has worked 25 states for her ARRL WAS on 75 meters. Both Betty and Evelyn hope to hear Extra class YLs on the Geritol net. Evelyn has also been on the YL Tangle and Open House nets, whenever she has the time. Evelyn has had a few ham radio visotors since she has been in Texas: Beth, K7YGV, and Bob, K7YGW, (her teacher in amateur radio) from New Mexico and some local hams from Central Illinois.

N8ALJ/9, Jodie, took a wonderful trip through the Panama Canal. She even took her handheld and did a lot of monitoring of the marine channels in all the ports, during transit of the canal. She also kept up with the America's Cup yachts. She spends her summers in Holland, Michigan, where she is very active with the local ham group. Currently, she lives in Monticello, and in May, she will reside in Champaign, Illinois. I am sure that she would like to hear from the local YLs. Jodie's son and daughter-in-law made her a proud grandma to Evan John, who was born in July. Congratulations to Grandma!

KA9BAC, Beryl, recently bought another 2-meter rig so they can have a packet station that is operating fulltime. Son Gary, KA9BAE, and Roy, K9FHI, communicate twice daily. They are trying to encourage son Michael to get his license. The Rock River Radio Club in her area recently had 20 new hams. A lot of this was due to an excellent teacher, Robert Hummel, WA9ZTY. Beryl is keeping busy doing volunteer work at the County Health Center's library cart and being president of the UMW at her church.

Thanks to all who sent some news. It really helps me do my job. Everyone "take care" and have a lovely spring. 33, Karen.

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IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. (FAR) plans to administer 45 scholarships for the academic year 1992-1993. 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 enrollemnt at an accredited university, college, or technical school. Please help to spread the word at your meetings, on the nets, and in your local club newsletters. Additional information and an application form can be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to May 31, 1992, from: FAR Scholarships  
6903 Rhode Island Avenue  
College Park, MD 20740

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Lorrie Loeffler, W0OAGY  
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On February 22nd, the YLs in Minneapolis and St. Paul had a breakfast meeting, organized by Fran, N0OKY, and Twila, N0JPH. Mary Ketzler, W09R, was the featured speaker, telling about her DXpedition. It was the first meeting of its kind in the Twin Cities area, and the response was great.

Sr. Alverna, WA0SGJ, had a Handi-Ham booth at the Midwinter Madness Hamfest, put on by the Robbinsdale Amateur Radio Club. She was pleased to see the increase of women into the hobby since the no-code license had been offered.

On January 14th, Toni, N0GVC, and her OM Bud, K0GS, left Denver to return to their home in Agate, Colorado. The weather was beautiful, but it became worse as they went along. They decided to turn back to Kiowa, which was about a mile away, when they were blown or slid on a patch of ice. Stuck in a ditch, Bud broke in on a 2-meter conversation to ask for help. Hams in Denver and Boulder were able to telephone the Elbert County sheriff, who sent a deputy to help them. In the meantime, a rancher with a pick-up noticed Toni's flashlight and stopped. He also decided to turn back to Kiowa and took Toni and Bud with him. After spending some time in the local cafe, Toni was able to contact a neighbor's daughter, who lived in Kiowa, and who put them up for the night. In the morning, Bud and the rancher found out that the pick-up truck was too small to pull their car out of the ditch. Fortunately, an REA vehicle was able to get their car out. Although the car was full of snow under the hood, Bud was able to dry it off and get it started. Hams to the rescue again.

Kay, WA0WOF/EI7HQ, will be going to Europe in April. She plans to visit France, Germany, and Switzerland, and then go to Ireland on April 8. While there, she will attend the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters' Society on April 11 and 12. Listen for EI7HQ from the 8th to the 14th. She will be at Dayton and hopes to see you there.

Marte, K0EPE, and Dana, N0FYQ, have been trying to find a group willing to hold the 1993 YLRL Convention. Since it's almost time to start planning the details, and there have been no bids submitted, Dana is looking into the possibility of holding it in Wichita, Kansas. Marte is already working on a great slogan. Join in or listen to the nets for more news as it becomes available.

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Don't forget YL Activity Day on the 6th of each month.  
Aims: To meet and get to know new YLs. To have more personal QSOs than are possible in a formal net. To meet friends without the necessity of making and keeping skeds. Frequencies: All ending in 88. (Also, for CW, check all ending in 33.) Times: On the hour, every hour. Call "CQ YL" if no one is heard.

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Marge Ripplin, VE1VCH  
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VE3MRS, Truus - Recently Billy Williams, N4UF, CQ DX Awards Manager, acknowledged the ZA contact made by Truus, VE3MRS. This put her on the top of the CQ DX SSB Honor Roll, the first Canadian YL to reach this mark. What makes this event even more interesting is the fact that her OM, VE3MR, accomplished the same feat several years ago. According to Billy, Truus and Martin are the first ham couple ever to achieve this level. Between them, they have a total of 682 countries confirmed. Congratulations, Truus!

VE1BWP, Jeannine, has been placed on a list for tests and surgery at a hospital in St. John N. B. and one in Quebec City. Good luck, a speedy recovery, and we all look forward to hearing you back on the air.

VE2JZ, Jeanne, had her home all decorated for Valentine's Day. She had a farewell party for neighbours, as they are moving to VE3-land. A new 2-meter YL net has begun in Montreal to make new YLs feel more at ease on the air. Jeanne is hoping to meet YLs from the U.S.A. in the CLARA Contest on March 17th.

VE3LQA, Pauline, and OM Bill are back from an 18-day trip to California and Arizona. They visited the Grand Canyon, Fisherman's Wharf, and lots more interesting places, logging 2800 miles on their rented car. They had breakfast and a BBQ with Anne, VE6AYR, and OM, and they had eyeballs with K6SEK, Jim, W6BPB, John, and other XYLS. Home again, Pauline motored to Sudbury, Ontario, for a bridge tournament.

VE3IRS - Irene's OM John suffered a severe stroke, but is coming along nicely. Best wishes to both for a speedy recovery.

VE7CBK, Bobby, reports she is back on the air after losing their dipoles in a bad wind. Luckily, their house and tower escaped damage. The B.C. Net welcomes you back.

VE7YL, Elizabeth, reports a great time in the Caribbean on the DXpedition. Propagation was not the best, but she had a ball.

VE1VCH, Marge - The winter is drawing to an end, and we will be leaving for the home QTH on April 15th. Hoping to make another trip back to Ireland, if all goes well in June. We were fortunate to have our older son and wife here for two weeks. We lost our antenna off the tower at home so are now shopping for a new antenna to be installed when we get home.

A special welcome from all of the girls in the CLARA Club to WA0WOF, Kay, who won the CLARA membership at Stockholm. Let's listen for Kay on the CLARA Net on Tuesdays.



# DX YL News

Mary Ketzler, WO9R



## Introducing New DX YLs:

ZL3TCR, Beverley Gillman, has been an active associate member of WARO for some time. She was first licensed last fall and is excited about finally getting on the air. She, her OM Geoff, ZL3QR, and her teen-aged son Stuart live 20 miles north of Christchurch. She enjoys knitting and reading, as well as hamming. She was a general nurse for a number of years. Mary, WB5DVA, has sponsored her in YLRL.

VK5ZYB, Paddy White, is a member of ALARA, a mathematician, and a teacher. She and her OM Barry, VK5YB, have two teen-age children, Damien, 18, and Rachel, 16. Paddy's brother Treva, VK5ZIS, lives in a flat attached to their house. Paddy is sponsored by Val, KH6QI.

## News from DX YLs:

G14JER, Mabel, is planning a summer trip to the U.S. and Canada for herself and two children, Andrew, 15, and Sharon, 10. They will visit a friend on Vancouver Island first, then it's back to the U. S. midwest to visit us and Jean, KA3CEO, and then to Orlando to see Disney World. Mabel does not get out on HF much in the stormy season with her dipole. She has been very busy teaching 4 and 5-year olds, keeping her home going, and helping her husband with aid to Romania.

GM4YMM, Christine, was disappointed not to hear even one U. S. or VE YL on the air during the YL-OM contest recently. She found propagation very poor with PA signals so strong that she couldn't work Europe either. CT1YH, SV3AGQ, and SV4AFY also heard no YL from the U.S. Christine sends love and greetings to YLRL and hopes the next contest will be more productive. She and Ken were to visit heir daughter Tanya and her OM in Cardiff soon. And then back to the house repair (tile for the bath and paint outside) and another sewing project. She has been phoning Nomi, 4X6DW, weekly since Nomi's second son died in a tragic accident recently.

JR3HII, Taeko, recently received the Yomiuri Award for working 10,000 stations. JA8EJH, Keiko, was the first YL to earn the award, #11, in 1976.

JR6XIX, Nobuko, met Indra, YF0AQD, on a visit to Jakarta, Indonesia, shortly after she and her OM had met Indra on the air. Indra and her brother took Nobuko and her OM to an amazing restaurant and helped them in ordering Indonesian food. Both Nobuko and Indra enjoy CW very much, and they look forward to many contacts with other YLs who like CW. Look for Indra on 21.155 to 21.255 MHz around 1200 UTC.

LX1TL, Lea, lost her OM Jules, LX1TJ, on January 26. She wants to thank the many YLRL members who wrote and sent cards. They were very much appreciated. Jules' cousin from California came to stay with her for a bit. And her family has been close by. She became a grandma for the third time on Valentine's day this year with a new little granddaughter named Stephanie, born to her daughter, Patsy, LX1TP.

VR6KY, Kari Young, and her OM Brian visited a ham friend Don, WA9ODH, in Illinois last summer. Wheaton seemed too "urban" for them, but they loved the month spent near Rhinelander by the lake—complete with deer, beaver, wild blackberries, and deep forest. Brian is a native Pitcairner and has been the island's Magistrate for six years. Kari is originally from Norway. She works at the radio station and communicates with ship stations and Wellington radio in New Zealand.

# News of YLRL Members

## Silent Keys



YLRL lost one of its charter members in September when Loretta Ensor, ex-W0UA passed away. She was first licensed in 1923 and was the first YL to be heard across the Pacific Ocean.

Loretta was one of the 12 YLs who responded to a letter written to QST by Ethel Smith, K4LMB, then W7FWB, in July 1939.

She and her brother Marshall, W9BSP, helped thousands of amateurs in the midwest earn their licenses by transmitting theory and code classes, primarily on 160 meters in the 1930's.

Originally licensed as W9UA, Loretta is shown above at her station in the 70's.

YLRL members are also saddened by the loss of these members:

VK2EBX, Joy Collis  
PY2JY, Inge Tobias  
OE6YHG, Greta Hunger

Our heartfelt condolences to these YLRL members:

N4USW, Kathryn, whose mother passed away January 31.  
N8EEG, Sally, whose father-in-law died February 11.  
WB8FIC, Jean, whose mother died February 11.  
WA9LYJ, Mickie, whose father died January 20.  
LX1TL, whose OM Jules, LX1TJ, died on January 26.  
4X6DW, Nomi, whose son died in a recent accident.

## Upgrades

KB2NBW	Susan LeViness	General
KC6SGE	Pat Reiner	Advanced
WA6TGR	Marion White	General
KA8GNR	Byrness Haworth	Extra

Congratulations to Susan, Pat, Marion, Byrness, and Renee Taylor, N4VMN, who has a new son, John Lynn, born on December 4. She keeps the HF rig in the nursery and listens in the wee hours of the morning during feeding time.

## Welcome to These New Members:

KD1GZ Shannon Fay, 23 Cairo Circle, Scituate, MA 02066  
AC4IL Betty Atwill, P. O. Box 677697, Orlando, FL 32867  
N2PPL Julia Gatti, 40 View Acre Drive, Huntington, NY 11743  
N3JQY Kathleen Muscarella, 46 Wisteria Lane, Levittown, PA 19054-3112  
N3KAA Cynthia Yerk, 634 Hillside Drive, Perkasio, PA 18944  
KA3WWG Mary Jane Harrington, Rt 1, Box 94-11, Maryland, MD 21649  
N4TZZ Jean Castle, Rt 2, Box 260, Comer, GA 30629  
N5TGZ Janella F. Mitchell  
KD6CSE Bettejo Wood  
KC6FYL Pam Porteous  
KC6NIP Linda Harper  
N7SSS Sylvia Edson, 376 Ravenswood Drive,  
NL7YD Lee Rice, P. O. Box 72524, Fairbanks, AK 99707  
G4XED Sue V. Cowdell, 6 Pearl St, Chessels, Bedminster Bristol, Avon BS3 3EA  
JA5GSG Ikuko Ohmura, 6296-32 Nagahama, Kochi 781-02 Japan  
VK5ZYB Paddy White, 13 Torrensview Rd, Athelstone, So. Australia 5026  
YFOAQD Indra, Rawasari Timur V 5, Jakarta 10510, Indonesia  
ZL3TCR Beverley Gillman, 120 Rangiora Woodend Rd, N. Canterbury, N.Z.

## Reinstatements:

K2LFG Manuel Greco (Subscriber reinstate)  
N4MYZV6 Alice Ginsburg, 20601 Bryant St, Canoga Park, CA 91306  
WA6TGR Marion White  
N8EXE Eleanor (Ellie) Johnston, 3784 Keewahdin Rd, North Street, MI 48049

## Changes:

WB1EHS Barbara Anne Murnane, ~~Winter~~, P. O. Box 4, Sorrento, ME 04677  
WA1S Add chg: Ann Santos, 31 Congress St #27, Nashua, NH 03062-3380  
W1ZEJ Add chg: Mary Hettinger, 197 8th St, Charlestown, MA 02129  
N4SDQ Fran Beckett, 101 Karen Ct, Cary, NC 27511-4965  
KK4WQ Correct call for Laquetta Karch, 4817 Marymead Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030  
AB5BA Alma Lang, new call: Was N5KDZ  
K5IH Add chg: Ilene Hammack, P. O. Box 4358, Pagosa Springs, CO 81157  
N5TWX New call and add chg: Was KB5DNZ, Patricia Chadwick, 2400 Glen Forest, Plano, TX 75023  
WZ5U Add chg: Patricia Dyer, P. O. Box 927, Baird, TX 79504-0927  
W6DEQ Add chg: Elizabeth Thomasen, 21727 Nat Trails Hwy, Barstow CA 92311  
N6GGR Add chg: Maxine Reams, 68 Sereno, Tustin, CA 92680  
N6QWF Jane Miller (Name change: Formerly Jane Cincotta) Same address.  
WA6UVF Jeanie Parker, new zip code is 92545.  
KA6WJI Add chg: Nancy Dietrich, P. O. Box 60934, Santa Barbara, CA 93160  
KC6ZEN Judy Mezzapelle, correct zip is 95609  
KA6ZYF Mady M. Langdon, correct zip is 90406  
KH6OE Add chg: Patricia Hibbs, 4603 Glenna Way, Louisville, KY 40219  
WO0L7 Add chg: Jeanette I. Damm, 1710 S. Gilbert Rd #2024, Mesa, AZ 85204

KA7IVA Kathy Larsen, new zip code is 98271  
N7IXI Add chg: Kelly M. Larkins, 5371 Hwy 101 N, Seaside, OR 97138  
KG7TK Jeannette Phillips, new call: Was N7PIK  
W7RD Add chg: Robert Palmer, 4727 34th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105-4006  
N8BFI Add chg: Marilyn Hazelton, 75075 M-40, Lawton, MI 49065  
KA8DXX Add chg: Diana Macik, 113 Valley Way, Weirton, WV 26062  
KA8KAK Add cor: Elaine Matyjaszek, 9980 Freedom Road  
KB8YS Add cor: Donna Burroughs, 1503 Mac Dr. #4  
N8ALJ9 Add chg: Jodie Steggerda, (after May 1): 1727A Lakeside, Champaign, IL 61821  
K8DMU/9 Reeva D. Parry, 405 E. Premont, Hillsboro, IL 62049  
KB9HKW Sumiko Tanaka, new call: Was JG2HOK/W9  
WB9KQM Add cor: Gloria Lagerholm, 201 N. Westgate, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056  
WB9UKC Add chg: Carole Sweeney, 102 W. Brookside, Unit A, Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
WD0CND Add chg: Rosemary Howard, 3 Panbury Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72714  
NOJMR Add chg: Phyllis Fleming, 5149 Reeds Rd, Mission, KS 66202-1853  
KA0JOK Add chg: Terry Arnholt, 516 Chapia, Harwood, ND 58042  
WB0KHO Add chg: Marjorie Kelly, 109 S. 7th St #2, Missouri Valley, IA 51555  
KA0KPV Add chg: Elizabeth Jones, 6140 Queens Dr, #2, Lincoln, NE 68516  
VE7IBK Add chg: Clare Baldock, #7 - 2962 Nelson Pl, Abbotsford, BC V2S 7E9  
IT9KXI Add chg: Santina Lanza, Via F. Todaro Is. 205 #5, Messina 98123, Italy  
JA6VWV Add chg: Fumiko Okazaki, P. O. Box 59, Nakatsu City, Oita 871, Japan  
7A7BX Add chg and new call: Christine Shaw, P. O. Box 781, Lilongwe, Malawi, Africa (Was 3DA0BX)

## Special Note:

Phyllis, K7SEC, is the Membership Chairman, and she will be happy to send you membership applications to forward to any new YLs that you meet on the air. If you have any of the old applications with last year's Receiving Treasurers, she can also send you inserts with the new information. Just let her know what you need.

## Thank You Notes:

Karla, WA1UVJ, would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes that were sent when she pulled a muscle in her back and had a hospital stay to recuperate. She's feeling much better, although her HF and VHF rigs seem to be "sick" now. Her 2-meter radio is in the "radio hospital;" she hopes it will recover soon also.

From the Editor: I'd also like to thank everyone for the good wishes that you've sent since my appointment as Editor and Circulation Manager. And special thanks to Jean, K6OQD, for her help and support with the transition, as well as for all her hard work in the past few years.

All the District Chairmen did a great job in gathering the news of your radio activities and getting it to me on time. Remember the Italian YLRC contest on April 4-5, YL Activity Day on the 6th, and the DX-YL to NA-YL contests, both CW and SSB, in April. The bands are good, so better get some good out of them now!