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Ethel Smith, K4LMB.

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Marti Brutcher, N6XDS



It is with deep sadness that I inform you that our founder, Ethel Smith, K4LMB became a silent key on February 5, 1997. I regret that I never had the privilege of meeting her face to face, but over the past 18 months I did have the good fortune to have ten to twelve phone conversations with her. I came to love and respect her and admired her tremendously for all she has done for YLs around the world. Not only did she start YLRL along with a dozen other YLs, but she and several other YLs started Quarter Century Wireless Women. To list all her accomplishments in sixty years of amateur radio would more than fill this magazine.

I have directed our Vice-President, Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, trustee of our club call, KC8EWC, to take the necessary steps to secure Ethel's call, K4LMB, as our club call. Ethel left no close relatives, therefore, I don't feel that this will pose any problem. I hope to report in the next issue that this has been accomplished.

I have talked with the executive board and I am sure that each of you will agree with me in renaming the YLRL scholarship fund the Ethel Smith, K4LMB Memorial Scholarship Fund. If I do not hear any negative opinions, this will be accomplished. Ethel started the scholarship fund and it was very dear to her heart, so I know that she would be pleased that we do this.

After returning from three weeks away, I spent the past week in bed with the flu, so I'm still a little down from that. While visiting my Mother-in-Law in Phoenix, Arizona I had the privilege of attending a luncheon given by the Cactus Keys and renewing friendships with many there and meeting some new members for the first time.

I am planning on attending the Dayton Hamvention, although it is not 100% sure at this time that I will be there. I do hope that it does work out. I'm looking forward to renewing friendships with many that I met at the YLRL Convention in Albany last July. I have never been to Dayton, so this will be exciting for me. Stop by the Buckeye Belles' - YLRL table and say "Hi".

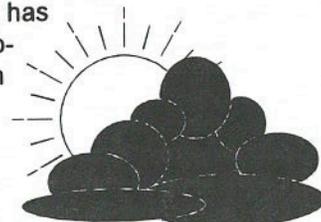
I want to mention what great fun I had during the recent YL-OM contest. I'm not normally a contest person, but our contests are great fun and of all that we have, this contest is surely the most fun and most participated in. I'm sorry to say that due to being away from home, I was not able to spend many hours working the contest this year, but I did make nearly 200 contacts. I don't think that's too shabby, considering I was using a homebrew inverted V put together just a few days before the contest. I also used an old FT-101EE that had not been used for many years. I had

not expected to be able to participate in the contest, as we flew to Phoenix and were not able to take any HF equipment or antennas with us. The FT-101EE was at my Mother-in-Law's, left over from when the OM's father was alive. It was last used at least 10 years ago.

We plan to be making changes to the contests and putting more on the week-ends so that more YLs will be able to participate. A lot more YLs work these days than in the past and I feel that lack of participation in recent contests stem from that fact. What do you think? Let me hear from you.

I hope to hear more of you on the air and participating in the nets. Let's honor Ethel's memory and the memories of all the other YLs who have become silent keys and who gave of their time and talent to keep this organization going, to our benefit. The best way that we can do this is to continue to support the scholarship fund and to make this organization bigger and better than it's ever been. Let's show that we can make a difference for others. Why not give the gift of a year membership in YLRL to a newly licensed YL, as encouragement. I have done this for several as a birthday present and it has been appreciated. It take all of us working together to continue the legacy that we have been left with.

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**District 10** ----- *continued from page 28*

Keep those cards and letters coming. You are the ones who make the YLRL interesting and informative. Let me know what's going on in your area so visitors passing through can keep up-to-date on what's going on in your radio range!!

You can reach me by e-mail at [tangent@mho.net](mailto:tangent@mho.net). Thanks again to everyone sending me information. Let's keep the bands open.

PS: Would the YL who sent her dues to me and didn't get an acknowledgment please resend them to the Receiving Treasurer for Districts 8-10, Barbara Woerner, KA0GON at 4530 Adams St., Lincoln NE 68054. Your check was damaged in the mail and needs to be rewritten. What was left has been destroyed. Thank you and I am sorry I was unable to pass the dues on to her myself. To everyone else who sent me dues, I sent you a confirmation if it came intact. Thanks for being a part of YLRL and Harmonics. 33, Cheryl, N0WBV

# A Tribute to Ethel Smith

Kay Eyman, WA0WOF



Ethel Smith, K4LMB at the 1979 YLRL Convention.

YLRL founder Ethel Smith, K4LMB, became a Silent Key, on February 5, 1997, just a few days before her 80th birthday. Always modest and unassuming, Ethel will be remembered with love for her many achievements and contributions to the Amateur Radio Service. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to this remarkable woman, who truly led by example.

Ethel was licensed in 1936 and celebrated her 60th year in Amateur Radio by getting her Extra class license last summer. Throughout her long involvement with radio, she maintained her enthusiasm and

commitment to YLRL, which she founded in 1939. Ethel was YLRL's first President, and through the years she continued her support in many capacities. She was also Chairman of the YLRL Convention in Washington, D.C. in 1982 and served as Circulation Manager in 1994.

In addition to founding YLRL, Ethel was active in many other groups and helped to organize several new ones, including an Amateur Radio club at the Naval Research Laboratory, in Washington, D. C., where she worked; the Washington Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club (WAYLARC); the Washington TVI Committee; The Quarter Century Wireless Women (QCWW), which she co-founded with her friends Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, and Onie Woodward, W1ZEN, and the Foundation for Amateur Radio.

Ethel was a working ARRL member, serving as the Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator in 1966-1969 and was an ARRL Assistant Director under four Roanoke Division Directors. She was also active in QCWA, which she joined in 1961. Ethel served as

"Nothing would please Ethel more than for every YL to make a determined effort to use her Amateur Radio license to the fullest degree, to participate fully in local, national, and international groups, and to contribute to the Amateur Radio Service in every way possible."

QCWA Executive Secretary/General Manager in 1974-1976 and was an elected member of the Board of Directors for the next 14 years. Ethel wrote the QCWA column in *Worldradio* and edited *Auto Call* for many years.

Her accomplishments have been recognized and appreciated throughout her distinguished service. Some of the awards Ethel received were the 1965 Ham of the Year from the Washington, D.C. Mobile Radio Club; the 1972 ARRL Roanoke Division Service Award; the 1984 Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement Award; the 1987 QCWA Roll of Honor; the 1988 Radio Club of America Fellow, and the 1993 Foundation for Amateur Radio Ham of the Year.

Ethel was instrumental in establishing YLRL's scholarship and served as YLRL's first scholarship liaison with the Foundation for Amateur Radio. She never served in a ceremonial position but put her heart and full efforts into whatever job needed to be done. One of her special interests was the history of early YLs and she had gathered information and given many talks on the subject.

Our beloved Ethel will be mourned by all those who knew her and her sterling accomplishments will insure her distinguished place in the history of Amateur Radio. She never sought recognition but always credited others for her achievements. Ethel treasured her many friends and often said that she owed more to Amateur Radio than she could ever repay. We will always remember her with love for her compassion, thoughtfulness, and integrity.

YLRL members owe her a special debt because she made it possible for us to meet and to develop deep and long-lasting friendships with YLs around the world. Nothing would please Ethel more than for every YL to make a determined effort to use her Amateur Radio license to the fullest degree, to participate fully in local, national, and international groups, and to contribute to the Amateur Radio Service in every way possible.

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DX YL to North American YL Contest

CW: 1400 UTC, April 10, 1997, to 0200 UTC, April 12, 1997
SSB: 1400 UTC, April 24, 1997, to 0200 UTC, April 26, 1997

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

PROCEDURE: DX YLs call "CQ North American YL". North American YLs call "CQ DX YL."

OPERATION: All bands may be used. Contacts with OMs do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be shown in the log.

See 1996 Directory for further rules and information.

Ethel Smith – K4LMB

February 13, 1917 – February 5, 1997

Marte Wessel, K0EPE

February 5, 1997 we lost the "spark" that started Young Ladies Radio League. When she answered the "lace bordered letter" in a 1939 QST inquiring "just how many YL key twitchers are out there", it was her question, too. The answer came from twelve YLs. Thus was the beginning of the Young Ladies' Radio League.

We are together today to give tribute to this lovely, quiet Lady that has always been, as she wanted, in the background. No matter what problems we had, it seemed a call to Ethel would give us the solution. How many times, in my zealous enthusiasm, would I call and, in her calm way, she would gently lead me to an entirely different, but correct, way to do the task I was supposed to do.

We will miss that stable hand that was always there.

As Marti, N6XDS, current President of YLRL so elegantly stated, "Ethel was the pillar of YLRL." It is our duty now to make sure that the pillar will not ever fall.

Thank you, Ethel, for the privilege of knowing you and for your gentle touch that affected so many lives along the way.

33 and Thanks, Ethel, for being "there".

Marte-K0EPE and the members of YLRL.

A Memorial for Ethel was held on February 13, 1997, during the Tangle Net. Marte, K0EPE read the above tribute. Other check-ins included N2AKC, WA2NFY, WB3JUT, KA3CEO, K4AOH, K4GKO, KD4GTM, KD6ZLG, W06X, K6KCI, WA6TNY, K1IIF, N6XDS, W2GLB, KJ7BI, K7SEC, W8WRJ, WD8DQG, KC4IYD, K9RXK, K0EPE, KL7FJW, PT2TF, and OMs N8YYS and K6RQ.

In Ethel's Memory

It is generally felt that YLRL should do something lasting to honor Ethel's memory and all the work she has done for YLRL over the years. Therefore, YLRL has set two goals to honor Ethel and her contributions.

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, trustee of the current club call (KC8EWC), is working with the appropriate people and agencies to secure Ethel's call, K4LMB, as the club call. In addition, the scholarship fund will most likely be renamed in Ethel's memory.

Please feel free to address any comments you may have concerning these changes to Nancy, KC4IYD or Marti, N6XDS.

YLRL Scholarship Fund

MEMORIALS

The following have made donations to the scholarship fund in memory of

Ethel Smith, K4LMB:

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Donations were made to the scholarship fund

In Memory Of:

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Bertha Roylance, K7CHA
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By:

Hazel Cain, K9QGR
Betty Marsh, KL7FJW
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To Honor:

Adah Elliot, W9RTH
To honor the 56 years that Adah has been licensed.

By:

Ann Arnholt, K9RXK



The scholarship account now stands at \$825.00.

Send donations to:
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Marte
K0EPE

Convention Kits

Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC – Membership Chairman

Promoting YLRL should be the goal of every member. Each District Chairwoman has a "Convention Kit" made up for anyone in her district to use at hamfests, conventions, field day, club meetings, classes and testing places, to reach all licensed and interested gals of all ages.

Contact your D.C. or feel free to copy any information from our big directory or YL Harmonics. I have extra applications and Margaret, KC7LXS has back issues of YLH. Ginger, AB6WS will reimburse you if you send her receipts.

Introduce YLRL to YLs you hear on the air. All of you can be an ambassador for YLRL.

THE ELISE WHITE SCHOLARSHIP

Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC

Elise White, K0CCS was an Amateur Radio Operator for many years, residing in Colorado. She worked with radio equipment at Peterson Field during WWII and taught radio to future hams. She is credited with introducing 40 or more Amateurs to the hobby.

Her husband Joe, K0CNV also benefited from her love of the hobby. She saw to it that he got his first rig, a Mohawk, and wouldn't allow any audio equipment on the premises until he got his General.

The Colorado Y-L's have named their scholarship in her memory: The Elise White Scholarship.

WHO MAY APPLY:

A licensed female Amateur Radio operator who is a Colorado resident.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Applicant must be pursuing post-secondary training to acquire skills in the area of electronics.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited school and have completed the first half of her study.
3. General merit with GPA will be the primary consideration, but financial need could also be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

1. Must be received by the president on or before May 31, 1997, for the current scholarship year.
2. Must completely fill out the Elise White Scholarship Application.

SELECTION PROCEDURES:

All applications will be mailed to the current president of COLORADO Y-L's INC. The president will appoint a committee of three members to serve for the current scholarship year and act as a non-voting advisor/facilitator. The committee chairperson will pre-screen the applications. The screening procedure may include verifying information by contacting the school. The applicant needs to sign the enclosed release form.

AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The president will announce the winner of the Elise White Scholarship. The committee suggests that the recipient attend a COLORADO Y-L's, INC. function to receive acknowledgment of the award. The award will be sent to the recipient's institution to apply toward tuition.

FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES:

The president will request a progress report from the scholarship recipient.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

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YL CONTEST CORNER

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

Meet the Novices & Technicians Day

No logs were received for the Meet the Novices & Technicians Day contest, possibly due to bad band conditions. Let us hope that band conditions start to improve soon, since this contest is a good way to get the Novice and Technician licensed YLs on the air.

YL-OM Contest

On the other hand, I've have been getting a lot of logs for the YL-OM Contest. Once the 30 days is up, I'll get the results into YLH.

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Ethel Smith, K4LMB: A FAIRY Tale

Esther Given, W6BDE

Ethel celebrated her 60th Hamiversary this year and it is our pleasure to salute this well loved and greatly honored YL. Her activities and accomplishments in Amateur Radio read like a FAIRY tale which we now share with you:

Once upon a time, long ago, before electronics were known in the land, a kindergardener in Wenatchee, Washington went to see the dentist.



This was not a professional call. Her parents and neighbors were invited to listen to the dentist's new fangled contraption called a RADIO. Her dad, an electrician, had little faith in anything called "wireless". ("Any fool knew that if there were no wire, electricity would not flow.") A neighbor lady was positive the screeches, whistles and wails coming from the radio were cries from souls in purgatory. Five year old Ethel bravely peeked down the long throat of the speaker horn and, finding no ghosts or goblins, became an instant radio buff.

In high school, Ethel discovered boys, not by their athletic prowess or handsome features, but because two of them were hams who loaned her a license manual and handbook. An older ham loaned her a Teleplex code practice machine which used a traveling paper tape and

an ink stylus drawing a perfect picture of sending Morse code.

Ethel practiced code constantly. Birds tweeted in code, dogs barked in code and screen doors squeaked in code. She even transcribed roadside Burma Shave signs into Morse code. She made herself a stack of flash cards with technical license test questions on one side and answers on the other and she shuffled through them hundreds of times. One fine day in May of 1936, she drove over the Cascade Mountains to Seattle to stand for the ham exam, which she passed with flying colors.

Supportive Wenatchee hams found a used SW-3 receiver and a Hartley 45 oscillator she could use as a transmitter. She sent away for a pair of Brandees earphones and a couple of Bliley Xtals. Her dad, now convinced "wireless" was here to stay, built a tower of 2 X 2s and bought 140 feet of phosphor bronze wire for the antenna. When her license finally arrived, Ethel clipped the end of the long-wire antenna to the tank coil with an alligator clip and W7FWB was on the air. Sun spots were at their peak, DX was great and the new YL's signal was welcomed to the air. Within a few months, Ethel was checking into traffic nets and, as soon as she completed her required one year's experience on the air, she joined AARS

(Army Amateur Radio System) the forerunner of MARS. In a short time she was made NCS of the 2nd Washington (State) AARS.

The May 1939 issue of QST carried a lace bordered ad for Clint DeSoto's new book, "200 Meters & Down". It was intended to attract YL readers and apologized for not having included any mention of YLs in his tract. He said, "Goodness knows - and you won't tell - how many of you YL keywitchers there are out there." Ethel read the ad, grabbed her pen and wrote QST the new famous letter asking YLs to contact her and suggesting perhaps they should band themselves into a YLRL of their own, "and make these women-ignoring authors sit up and take notice". And take notice they did! The May 1940 issue of QST carried a feature story with banner headline entitled, "The YL's Unite."

The bombing of Pearl Harbor brought a pause to Amateur Radio and to YLRL. Amateurs were eagerly sought by the military and industry. Ethel worked briefly for the Army Signal Corps in San Francisco and then switched her allegiance to the Navy. This led to an offer from the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC in 1945. In 1950 she joined the Naval Reserve and, because of her Amateur Radio License, was able to enter as a 1st class CT. She maintained her reserve status for 10 years and continued with various assignments as a Navy civilian in Special Research and Electronic Intelligence (ELINT). She retired in 1970 after 28 years of civilian service.

Ethel got back on the air as soon as the war was over and the ham bands were reopened. Picking up where she'd left off in December 1941, she continued to be wholly devoted to the Amateur Radio Service. She was active in a number of Washington, DC area clubs and organized several new groups. Among these were an Amateur Radio club at

the Naval Research Laboratory, a Washington Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club (WAYLARC) and the Washington TVI Committee - one of the earliest and most successful TVI Committees in the country. (Right after "The Dallas Plan".)

"Amateur Radio is still the main focus of my life. It has brought me all the good things that ever happened to me. It took me out of the hopeless poverty of my youth. It gave me a challenging and rewarding career. It gave me a wonderful husband and the greatest collection of friends in the world -all over the world. I owe more to Amateur Radio than I can ever possibly repay."

In 1957 she participated in the formation of the Foundation For Amateur Radio (FAR) which encompassed most of the ham organizations in Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia. There she met a handsome red head from the FCC - W3CN. They soon realized that Cupid had zeroed in on their signals and in 1960 the happy couple set up an antenna farm in McLean, VA where they operated His & Her stations with His & Her antennas. Ethel became K4LMB and Tex gave up his W3CN to become W4TE.

The services Ethel rendered to the Amateur Radio Service are many. She was the ARRL Virginia Section Emergency Coordinator from 1966-1969 and has served as an ARRL Assistant Director under four Roanoke Division Directors.

The day in 1961, when Ethel became eligible for membership in QCWA she mailed in her application and immediately became a responsible and devoted member. In 1974-75 she was appointed QCWA Executive Secretary/General Manager and continued as an elected member of the Board of Directors for the next 14 years holding positions as QCWA National Secretary, Director and Vice President. In 1979 she participated with W1ZEN and W4GXZ in the formation of QCWW Chapter 120. She still holds committee assignments with the QCWA Board.

Ethel holds an enviable record of major awards received for Amateur Radio achievements:

- 1965 Ham of the Year, Washington, DC Mobile Radio Club
- 1972 ARRL Roanoke Division Service Award
- 1984 Dayton Hamvention Special Achievement Award
- 1987 QCWA Roll of Honor
- 1988 Radio Club of America Fellow
- 1993 Foundation for Amateur Radio Ham of the Year

Ethel operates a user friendly computer and is a talented writer. For many years she has been on the staff of *Auto-Call*, serving as its editor for 11 years. She was QCWA columnist to *Worldradio News* for several years.

Ethel celebrated her 60 years in amateur radio by taking and passing the extra class test this summer. She opted to keep her call of 50 years, K4LMB.

To sum up her ham span K4LMB says:

"Amateur Radio is still the main focus of my life. It has brought me all the good things that ever happened to me. It took me out of the hopeless poverty of my youth. It gave me a challenging and rewarding career. It gave me a wonderful husband and the greatest collection of friends in the world -all over the world. I owe more to Amateur Radio than I can ever possibly repay."

What happier ending can a fAIRy tale have?

HAPPY 60th HAMIVERSARY, ETHEL. W6BDE!

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YLRL Remembers Ethel

Marti Brutcher, N6XDS:

I loved talking to Ethel. From the very beginning, I felt her friendship and support. She was always there for me and went out of her way to offer me assistance during my first few months as President of YLRL. She continued to offer me direction when I would call her with a problem. Sometimes that direction would be different from where I was heading, but her wisdom was always right on and I knew that she was behind me 110%. It will be a great loss not to have her to call on, but I am so thankful for the many YLs who are still with us and whose hearts beat with the same love and kindness and dedication of purpose to keep YLRL the great organization that it is.

Thank you, Ethel, for all that you did so that our lives could be enriched by friendships forged together through YLRL. You will always be in our hearts.

Christine Haycock, WB2YBA:

I received a letter from Ethel today, written a week or so prior to her death. It was forwarded by her attorney. She knew she was dying of breast cancer, but kept it to herself. She choose not to accept treatment when in was discovered back in 1994.

I believe she was lonely after her OM died, and tried to keep busy as much as she could. She did so much work for the YLRL bulletin while I was President. Now I know why. We were good friends and I have saved some of her long letters. Now I wish I had saved more of them.

Needless to say, I was shocked to the core when I received the news, and today my eyes have not been dry since the letter arrived. She died with dignity the way she wanted it. I will miss her very much. I have known her for some 33 years, and she has been my friend for 20. I believe the YLRL scholarship fund should be named for her. She deserves it!

Carla Watson, WO6X:

It saddens me terribly . . . such a beautiful lady. Ethel was YLRL's pillar. Let's do something to commemorate her memory.

Christa Elksnat, DJ1TE:

I'm very sad about the QRT of our beloved friend Ethel, K4LMB. We have been friends since 1958, when I met her first in Heidelberg. All these years, the WAYLARCs, to which Ethel belonged, sponsored me into YLRL. We met very often on the air and via letters and personal meetings in the USA, Germany, and also Hawaii. For me, this remarkable YL was the first lady of Ham Radio. We'll miss her very much and we'll never forget her.

Leanna Shaberly, KB8RT/7:

I never had any occasion to work closely with Ethel, but she always

seemed so nice when I met her at YLRL Conventions. I'm certainly grateful for her efforts and those of the other early YLs in the 1930's and '40's for getting YLRL started and keeping it going.

It was a shame that Ethel couldn't joint us in Albany last July, and now it's really a shame that she did not get to spend that last convention with us. We will certainly miss her.

Anne Manna, WB1ARU:

I'm so sorry to hear about Ethel. She really was a great lady. I hope that not only will there be recognition in print, but also something lasting. How about naming the YLRL Scholarship in her memory? She was really involved with that. It could be the YLRL - Ethel Smith, K4LMB Memorial Scholarship.

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

Ethel Smith was surely one lovely lady who always had a smile and made one feel welcome no matter where you were. Anyone and everyone who knew Ethel will miss her.

Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE

I am bereft in the loss of dear Ethel. She and I were personal friends and exchanged many notes about YLRL.

As one of "MY GIRLS" in District 4, I shall miss sending her her LIFE MEMBERSHIP card each year, which pleased her so much. God Bless Her, and God help us in our loss of our good friend and guiding light.

BEREAVEMENT

Enid Aldwell, KH6IHW

The house creaks.

It speaks

of days long gone.

Echoes

of footsteps

heard no more

shatter

the stillness

in my heart.

Support YLRL:

Nominations Are Still 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. We ask only that you have a desire to serve and a commitment to YLRL.

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.

Important words from Carol.

Please consider what you can give YLRL.

YLRL Needs YOU!

I am only one,

But still I am one.

I cannot do everything,

But still I can do something;

And because I cannot do everything

I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

- Edward Everett Hale



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

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.)

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



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.

Receiving Treasurers:
Districts 1-4: Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE; R.R. 1, Box 130; Mt. Vision NY 13810
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Districts 8-10, KH6, KL7, VE: Barbara Woerner, KA0GON; 4530 Adams St.; Lincoln NE 68504

DX YL Renewal Form is on the previous page.

District 1

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Greetings from 1-Land at the end of one of the least winter-like winters in southern New England. I can report first hand, however, that northern New England did indeed have snow. During February, Tony and I had the opportunity to go skiing several times. The snow piles were higher than I've seen them for a number of years, once we were north of Concord, NH.

WRONE members are confident that snow will be a thing of the past up there by the time May 3 rolls around. That is the date of the Spring Luncheon to be held at The Wright Estate in Keene, NH. Plan to attend and have an "eyelash" QSO with other members and friends. I expect that Blanche, W4GXZ will be back from her snowbird perch in Florida.

I've heard from some of the gals in the last two months - I'd love to hear from some others. One news item was Dot, W1TGY, who suffered a broken hip on January 11. She spent six days in the hospital, and then went home to continue therapy there. She made excellent progress, graduating to a cane by the end of January, which she didn't need for long. She missed a few nets, but not too many.

Speaking of nets, the Yankee Lassies Net which meets at 8:30 AM ET on Wednesdays has been operating at 3.9120 plus or minus a few KC for some time due to interference. The original 3.910 frequency has not been usable for a few months. The Maine YL net meets on Thursdays at 8:30 AM ET on 3.9120 plus or minus a few KC for the same reason. The groups would be happy to have you check in, even if you never have before. The conversation is always interesting and all YLs are welcome.

Dot - KA1LDS, Linda - KB1BMO, and Deb - NN1C are going down to W1AW to operate for the April 24 - 26 SSB portion of the DX YL to NA YL Contest. The trio reprises their successful semi-annual efforts to put W1AW on the air for YLRL events. They can be found operating in the frequency ranges suggested on page 7 of the YLRL Directory. The operating hours at W1AW are 1:00 PM ET to 3:45 PM ET. Let's hope the band conditions improve enough for them to actually make some DX contacts for the DX-NA YL Contest!

There have been some call sign and e-mail address changes. Deb, NN1C (formerly KB1AOV) is at debclark@vermontel.com, Arline, W1LIO (who was N1OMA) is at w1lio@juno.com, Marion, K2ZKM is at JMMeyerME@aol.com, and Anne, WB1ARU is at wb1aru@juno.com. If any one else has changes, or has added an e-mail address, please let me know. I'm trying to keep a list.

I'd like to welcome Ann, KA1PON and Dianne, KA1NOJ as members of YLRL. Ann is the daughter, and Dianne the granddaughter, of Onie, W1ZEN, one of YLRL's officers and active members from 1956 until her death

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Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

We face the new season with sad hearts and misty eyes, for as you know, one of our founders, Ethel Smith, K4LMB has become a silent key. Ethel's accomplishments were many and fond memories of her will be long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to have met and known her.

Also, we SAYLARC/YLRL members, along with many others, were sad to learn of the loss of a 12 year old grandchild of Minerva, WB2JNL and Len's. When one has been sick or is older, the loss is hard enough to bear, but a healthy child being struck by an automobile is unthinkable. Needless to say, our hearts and prayers are with Minerva, Len and all their family.

On a happier note, spring is about to burst out all over. Beautiful, warm spring breezes will be most welcome. Have you noticed the bulbs planted in the fall are almost ready to sprout, buds on the trees are ready to sprout their leaves, and even the grass looks greener. Doesn't that make you feel warm all over? It sure does me, along with your news for our column. It just adds that extra glow.

Speaking of news, true and faithful Lia, WA2NFY always comes thru with news, this time from Flower City Park, where the sun is shining. Lia also says that even though spring is just around the corner, she has been cross-country skiing. Congratulations are in order as Lia has #6 gold cup coming. She also wants us to wish her luck in the YL/OM contest. Good luck Lia!

Lia reported that Marguerite, NU2U has been in the hospital. We hope by now she is home and on the mend. Let's send her cards.

I received an e-mail from Carli Drake, who is now to be addressed as Carli, N1CD. It seems she only had to wait two months to receive her new call—it was her third choice. Well Carli, at least you did get the "CD".

I just received word that Lia sent a donation in SARLARCs name to the scholarship fund in memory of Ethel, K4LMB. Thank you, Lia.

Well ladies, that completes the news until next time when we hope our mail box and e-mail will be over flowing with news. Thank you again. Remember, stay healthy and keep smiling! Bye now. 33, Myrtle, N2AKC

Remember . . .

**Dues are to be sent to
the Receiving Treasurer for your district,
NOT your District Chairwoman!!**

Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN

YLRL has lost a good friend in Ethel Smith, K4LMB. She will be missed by all. She was a GREAT LADY!

Our weather has gotten colder and we have had some snow, but not enough to get excited about. We've had more rain than snow and that is OK with me. Spring is not too far away and I will be glad when it arrives!!! Jeannie, KC3CEO is taking piano lessons and is finding it rather slow! The book she is using is *Classical Music for Beginners*. Gosh, Jeannie, I thought you would be rocking and rolling!!! Jeannie and her OM Dick were to Ocean City Maryland. The Coast Guard Auxiliary had a huge meeting with 340 in attendance. There were workshops and a banquet on Saturday.

Maryann, WA3HUP just bought herself a bread making machine and she is having a ball trying all the different recipes. They all sound good to me. Maryann and I have gotten another station to manage, both from Iraq. My station is YI1AU and Maryann's is YI1US.

Mary, N3RBT was in the hospital, but is now home and doing better. Mary and I are in charge of the YARC coming up April 12. We always have a good time. It's nice to be able to sit around and ragchew and eat good food.

Our local VHF club is very active, working contests, giving code classes and keeping the club house in some kind of order. (You all know how the OMs are when it comes to cleaning, HI HI!) Just kidding guys. We have a super group of members who have banquets, corn and pig roasts and help with the Hamfeasts and many local activities when communication is needed. We have a lot of YLs who have just come into the hobby and who I hope will upgrade, and also join YLRL. Believe me, Mary and I are working toward that goal.

I talked to Dot, K4AOH last evening and it was good to hear her. She is having a time of it health-wise. I know she would love to hear from all of you. Why not take a minute and send a card or not. Love you, Dot and hang in there!!!

To all my DXYLs who read this column: I enjoy hearing from all of you and knowing how things are in Australia and Japan. Hello to Ton and Dominic, and thanks for the great work you do to help other hams.

33, Ruthanna

Late News Flash!!

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ has been elected President of the Horseshoe Amateur Radio Club in Blair County, PA. She hasn't decided if that's an honor or not . . . hi hi!

District 4**Mary Moore, KL7P/4**

We are all saddened by the death of Ethel Smith, K4LMB, of McLean Virginia. Ethel was a founder of YLRL and was an active ham throughout her 79 years. We will miss her.

I received an e-mail from Sherri, N4XLF, in Vero Beach, Florida. She has started a Treasure Coast YL Group, not officially a club, and has a weekly net on the 146.775 repeater on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. local time. She encourages all hams to be control operators for unlicensed ladies to allow them to check into the YL nets as it encourages them to study to get their licenses. She said they have two ladies ages 9 and 11 that have their father as control op and also two wives who check in regularly. They also get together for lunch and dinner meetings. Sherri writes three monthly columns for her local club news letter. She says the YLs in her area are active in ARES, RACES, and Skywarn. Sherri and Barbara, KE4EKK, are the only YLRL members but they are passing out membership forms and encouraging the YLs to join YLRL. Thanks Sherri and Barbara, keep up the good work. Sherri can be e-mailed at n4xlf@iu.net.

Alice, AI4K, sent an e-mail to tell us about her new vanity call. Congratulations Alice. She explains that her call consists of her initials. She tells us about her trip with Mary Lou, NM7N, to the South Pacific. They worked from American Samoa for several days and traveled in New Zealand for almost three weeks. They visited with Dawn, ZL2AGX and Dennis, where they were able to send e-mails to their families. Pearl, ZL2QY, and others met their plane and helped them in many ways. She hopes to go back again as they missed many things due to lack of time. Alice can be reached at ai4k@juno.com.

Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO, has moved into a location that does not allow for outside antennas. She is still active on the two meter nets. The Tea Kettle net has distributed their cookbook. It has lots of interesting recipes. The Tea Kettle net meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. central time on 147.02 in the Pell City, AL area.

Sheryl Booth in Talledega, AL has received the vanity call W4YL. Congratulations to Sheryl.

Scherryl Hill, KE4UIN, in Bay Minette, AL is the Assistant EC of Baldwin County. She is very enthusiastic about emergency communications and public service in Amateur Radio. Scherryl has built her own bbs for the area and is very active.

Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ, is really working to get her code tests passed to upgrade to general. She is busy this time of year preparing for the Birmingham Hamfest. Her packet address is:

kf4anj@wd4ppf.#noal.al.usa.noam.

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District 5**Doris Anderson, K5BNQ**

Spring is fast arriving and with it comes many conventions and hamfests. The annual *Green Country Hamfest* in Tulsa is March 15-16 at the Civic Center. I regret that I will not be able to attend this year due to a conflict. The OM and I will be on a mission trip to New Mexico. Sallie, KC5SQK is Forum Coordinator for the Hamfest. She is also Secretary for the Tulsa Amateur Radio Club—a busy gal! Carol, N5EPR is Chairman for the YL/XYL activities.

Kay, KB5VJR of Choctaw, OK, writes that their YL Net on the Choctaw Repeater started on their 3rd year in January. That's Great!! So many nets start and then fall by the wayside due to lack of interest or full lives. They all need encouragers like Kay. She is very proud of Marie, KC5HKB who just passed her Advanced and her EXTRA! Marie already had her 20 wpm. Way to go!

Another big congratulation goes to Laurie, N5ZFI, of Brandon, MS. She has received her Advanced Class License and is currently working on her Extra. Laurie sends along her e-mail address if you'd like to contact her directly. It's lmoore8870@aol.com.

New "vanity" calls are popping up all over. One of the most interesting has been awarded to Judi Jaksa. You probably knew her as N0IDR. She is now K0JJ. Another, which was exceedingly pleasing to our American Airlines ARC, was W5AMR, awarded to John Winter, ex-AB5ZP. He received a special congratulatory letter from American's CEO Robert Crandall. How about that?!

Where are all you TYLRUN members? Check-ins have been very scant of late. Why not write yourself a note to check in on Thursday morning, 0800 on 3.942? Net Control Station is Julie, K5JFJ. We welcome all new YLs who can operate on that frequency.

We are all saddened by the news of the passing of Ethel Smith, K4LMB, our founder. I think that leaves only three of the original 13 who started YLRL in 1939. We owe much to Ethel, a brilliant, talented, sweet and gracious lady. We loved her and will miss her tremendously. 33, Doris

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in 1990. I had a wonderful visit with Ann back in November at the Division 1 Convention. Dianne was a Scholarship recipient when she was in college.

That's all for this time. Please keep me up to date with your news. You can write me by "snail" mail or e-mail or call me on the phone (617) 878-9235 between 8 and 10 PM. You can also catch up with me on 147.30 - Weymouth, MA; my voice is heard every 30 minutes giving the repeater ID (and I'm really listening some of the time!). Best wishes for whatever spring holidays you celebrate. 33, Anne WB1ARU

Vi Barrett, W6CBA



The YL Radio Club of Los Angeles had their YL/OM Luncheon at the North Woods Inn Restaurant on February 8, 1997. It was nicely attended by 19 YLs and OMs. Needless to say, the food was very tasty. Agnes, W6MFP is celebrating her 60th year in ham radio, and I guess I'm next—as of February 14, I celebrated 49 years. Incredible. Val, KH6QI is living in Parumph, Nevada with her 24 horses, plus many other animals.

I would like to remind everyone about the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention that will be held in Riverside, CA on September 12-14, 1997. The Inland Empire Council of Amateur Radio Organizations is putting together a GREAT Convention. Early registration needs to be in by May 31, 1997 and pre-registration ends August 31, 1997. There will be a Ladies Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast, Seminars and much more. I hope to see many of you there. Contact Bonita Welsh, KD6UVP for information.

The Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County had their monthly meeting at Coco's Restaurant in Cerritos, CA on March 1, 1997. The main topic of discussion was the YLRL Convention of 1999. The program for the meeting was a talk by an antenna expert from an antenna company in San Diego.

Cathy Tucker, AA6TK called me and told me her widowed sister Bertha remarried, and would you believe it, she married a ham, Mel Riddle, and she now has her license in Illinois. What a great, true story.

I received a letter from Elfy Griffiths, N6DOC of Castro Valley, CA. She sponsors two DX YLs, Gina, DF1GQ and Joy, VK4AT, plus a local YL Josie, KF6FOY. Elfy originally came from Germany. She and her OM just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. She checks into a German Net every Sunday called the Sauerkraut Net on 14.270 + or - at 1700Z. Her other hobbies include making glass wind chimes, Indian sand paintings, crocheting, etc. (Thank you Elfy for your letter.)

I have an E-mail address now and would like to share it with you. If you have anything you would like to have me put in *YL Harmonics* please send me the information. My E-Mail address is: W6CBA@juno.com

Please write. 33, Vi.

Did Ya Ever Wonder . . .

What's another word for thesaurus?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

—contributed by Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Sara Lyon, AB7PS



It's beginning to look like spring here in Western Washington. I got to thinking what a wide variety of winter weather our 7th district members have been experiencing - from the bitter cold and snow in the mountain states of Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Eastern Washington, and Eastern Oregon - the rains in Western Oregon and western Washington - to the pleasant temperatures and sunny weather of Arizona and Nevada. But wherever we live, I'm sure the signs of spring are welcome.

Cactus Keys got off to a good start with the newly elected officers for 1997- President - Phyllis, W7GLB; Vice-President - Linda, N7LR; Secretary - Beth, KA7AKK; Treasurer - Beth, AA7NW; and Directors - Ruby, W7JZA and Donna, WB6UJG. The first event of the year was a luncheon on February 8 at Casa Molina in Tucson, which was attended by 11 YLs and 7 OMs. Marti N6XDS, YLRL President was a special guest. Phyllis reports that an upcoming activity will be the Scottsdale Hamfest March 15, with a luncheon.



Two Rivers YL Net Interim Officers:
(l to r) V.P. Jerri St. John, WB7OXX;
Pres. Donna Deyoe, K6DNG; Sec-
Treas. Barbara Yasson KC7KQI

The Two Rivers YL Net held its annual Holiday get-together on Saturday, January 18 - a pot-luck brunch hosted by Donna, K6DNG. Donna still had her Christmas tree up, Christmas music was played and there was a gift exchange following the meeting. Attending were: Patsy, KA7MZZ; Marti, N6XDS; Donna, K6DNG; Charlotte, KC7AAY; Barbara, KC7KVT; Jerri, WB7OXX; Lu, KB7TSQ; Peggy, KB7SBK; Genevieve, KC7BSV; and Barbara, KC7KQI. The Net voted to affiliate with the YLRL and interim officers were elected: President - Donna Deyoe, K6DNG; Vice-President - Jerri St. John, WB7OXX; and Secretary-Treasurer - Barbara Yasson, KC7KQI. The interim will be the

time it takes to develop a Constitution and By-Laws and to become affiliated with YLRL. They plan to have bi-monthly get-togethers and in addition will look into undertaking an annual service project.

YLs of the Evergreen Intertie 2 meter net have been busy baking cookies for their table at the Mike and Key ARC Electronics Show &

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Things have been extremely quiet here. I think everyone in the Eighth district is hibernating, and I can't say that I blame them. It has been cold and snowy here in Michigan. I have reports from areas south of us that their snow is gone and tulips and crocuses are popping up. Well, we still have three foot piles of snow and only spotty bare areas in our yard. The piles in the local parking lots exceed twenty feet.

I have been trying to check in to the Buckeye Belles net on Tuesday evening but the bands are poor and tonight, if anyone was there, the bands were so bad I could not find them.

Jean, WB8FIC fell and tore some ligaments in her leg and has been laid up. I hope she is better now.

If I heard correctly, Donna, W8QOY went to Florida to warm-up. I was unable, due to band conditions, to establish for how long or when she will be coming home. I would advise her to wait awhile until it warms up.

I got a note from Verline, K8IV who says she is working a lot of overtime and her dog has cancer. Having a sick pet is almost as bad as having a human family member sick. Our old border collie "Mac" is having a bad day today. The vet thinks he is having small stokes, but he can't tell us what's wrong.

I got a nice note from my DX-YL, Kaneko, JN2WHN with a picture of her daughter and son-in-law in their traditional wedding attire with Kaneko. It really was a beautiful picture. Her daughter's dress was extremely beautiful.

Well, we haven't sold this house, but we have bought a new one. It's probably still in the forest, because they probably haven't cut the trees yet. Now we have to find the right piece of land to put it on after we work out the plans to our liking. A realtor sent us the specs on 133 acres (Jim wants 40 acres so he can grow antennas) that seemed just perfect, rolling grass land at Three Forks, MT. The price was right, but we found out today that it is 30 feet wide and runs along I-90—oh well. I think I'm going to need a lot of prayers before this is over with. 33, Carol, WD8DQG

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I worked the SSB portion of the YL-OM contest and really had a ball. I worked 41 states, 9 Canadian Provinces and 9 DX countries within my 24 hours, including Ursula, DL3LS and her OM. There was lot of YL activity this year. Sandy, K2RUE in Eufaula, AL worked the CW portion. I made three contacts on CW (first time I've tried a CW contest) but did not have the time to devote to real participation. The DX-YL/N. America YL is in April so get those rigs fired up and work the contest. Band conditions are improving and it will be lots of fun.

33, Mary, KL7P

Spring is here, well almost. The daffodils and tulips are up . . . a little. The snow is gone except for what is left of the huge piles. There is hope.

We are waiting anxiously for our new arrival. It should be any time now. By the time this is in print he or she will be here. Another granddaughter would be nice, but grandsons are nice too.

Al and I took our granddaughter, Elizabeth, to the radio club meeting last month. She was a hit. She has been to a couple of hamfest and loves them. Grandma carried her around and explained everything on the tables from software to capacitors. She even saw some radios older than me!

Anne, KA9YYI, and I went to see Johnnie Mathis last month. He is wonderful. Doesn't look any different than he did 30 years ago. His voice is even better. She and I have tickets for Stars on Ice next month. That should be good too. Al and I are going to see Maureen McGovern March 1.

Dear Evelyn, KC7EJ, to you I can only say "thank you, thank you, thank you." She took pity on me and wrote. Bless her heart. Poor lady, gave up her trip to Florida to see her sister, but had a trip to the hospital instead with acute bronchitis. Bummer. February added only 4-6 inches of snow to their already 19.9 inches. She also writes that she had a "get-together" for 12 people in her building on Valentine's Day. She also visited her daughter, Ruth, in Madison, Wisconsin. Ruth is in admissions for foreign students at the University of Wisconsin. Her other girl, Jean, is vacationing in Cancun. (Must be nice!) Evelyn never misses YL Open House so she can keep in touch with old friends.

O.K. ladies, take a tip from Evelyn and take pity on me. I love doing this column, but I do need help with news items. Remember, I am on e-mail too—71621.3335@compuserve.com.

See you next issue. Happy spring. 33's Carole, WB9RUS

the eskimo has fifty-two names for snow because it is important to him; there ought to be as many for love.

-atwood.

Have YOU Renewed Yet??



First, I would like to say "Thank You!" to all the wonderful letters I have been receiving this month. Your news is what makes the newsletter fun and informative.

Sherry Weir, KB0SQQ wrote to update us on just how busy a ham family can be in this day and age! She, her OM Stan, KB0SHB and her children Eugene, Steven (aka KB0SZJ), and Staci are all having fun in Haysville, KS. She writes that they are members of Tec-Ni-Chat Amateur Radio and Wichita Amateur Radio Club and the Sedgwick and Harvey County ARES Group. They also take care of membership for ARES. Her family also enjoys special events. They participated in Field Day 1996, S.E.T. with ARES, and the MS Bike Ride, among other events.

If you are in the Haysville, KS area, just south of Wichita, don't forget that the YLs in the area are active. There is a YL Breakfast the third Saturday of each month and a YL Net Tuesday nights at 9 PM local on the 146.82- repeater. So say "Hi" to Sherry and the other local YLs if you pass through the area!

How is the weather in your area? Cleo Bracket, K0JFO can't wait for all the COLD to leave Nebraska. She is recovering from foot surgery and can't travel in the cold, but at least she can get on HF! Please join the YLRL in wishing Cleo a speedy recovery. She has also been know to make appearances in Colorado, so don't be surprised to hear her on the air in the Rocky Mountain area.

Allura Sortland, AA0LU also wrote to comment on the weather. She keeps getting questions from other states asking how she survives the North Dakota winters! She always get the award for the "Worst Weather Report!" She and her husband, WD0HPW keep warm with a hot time on HF. What to do if you are trapped by cold weather? Keep your radio in your craft room and take a break to rest your eyes and enjoy the weather elsewhere! This will also help you to keep up with the weather nets in your area. Allura also has another special hobby—keeping up with her four month old granddaughter and two grandsons, ages five and ten. The Sortlands can be found mobile on the road (in good weather) and periodically in Colorado.

It sounds as if everyone is keeping extremely busy. Keep having fun, but don't forget to renew your dues. They should be sent to the Receiving Treasurer for your district. Our Receiving Treasurer is Barbara Woener, KA0GON, 4530 Adams St., Lincoln NE 68054. All officers are listed at the front of each YLH if you have any questions.

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Greetings from Alaska. Like everyone, this winter has been a "different" year. We had a cold early January all over the state, then very mild temperatures the rest of the month. The Fairbanks area is having snow still, but not the record year that last year was. Anchorage seems to be more mild this year too. Here in the Southeastern part of the state it is really rainy. As my OM says, "At least you don't have to shovel it!" Hi Hi!

Had a nice letter from Cheri, WL7MA, with pictures of her huge antenna farm. It includes a "baby" quad for 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 meters; a "monster" quad for 20, 40 and 80 meters, plus dipoles for 40 and 80 meters. It looks great. The winter storms have not been the kindest to her system, but she hopes all will be well by spring. Her OM is not a ham, but is a great antenna builder. What would we do without these handy MEN?? Thank you Cheri for the great pictures.

I was hoping that by now Hazel, AL7OT in Soldotna would have gotten on the air and maybe joined YLRL. But nary a sound from her. Bands are better, but not great.

Jerry, KL7ALZ—how is the bowling game coming along? What was your high game or series this last month? Any more grandchildren?

Pat, WL7CLT—hope your OM is better and you can drop a note about whether or not you got to take that trip you planned.

Flo, KL7AZJ—are you still in Fairbanks or are you basking in the Arizona sunshine?

Lillian, NL7DL—how about some news of the Anchorage area? Some of you gals must be doing something!

Linda, AL7OV—what is going on in the Fairbanks area? Are the YLs getting together for any nets or meetings? Is the AARC still meeting?

Bess, KL7FLS—tell us what keeps you busy there in Cottonwood, Arizona? I'll have to look that up and see how close you are to Mesa. The Cactus Keys are really active there with luncheons and good things.

I had a lovely letter from Dick and Flo, KL7DDB at Christmas time. Those two surely keep busy.

All is fine here, getting ready for spring. My glad bulbs from last year decided to grow, so I have them in my planters. The hanging begonia bulb has shoots almost 10 inches tall! Spring must be on the way!!

If you try to phone, please try again, as it doesn't always ring through. The radio part of the system is still not in perfect shape. It seems if a unit closer to town comes on, we just drop off the air. We are home most of the time except for trips to town for mail and essentials. 33, Betty



Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX



The Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association
CLARA Certificate Program

All QSL cards dated January 1, 1967 or later may be counted. All bands and modes qualify, except for 2 meters and VHF packet. Open to all Amateurs. Send a complete copy of your log verified by two licensed Amateurs. All QSL cards MUST be in the possession of the applicant but need not be submitted. The Custodian reserves the right to request proof of any contact. The basic certificates are obtained for working and confirming contacts as listed for each different category. Endorsements are available for each certificate in increments of 10. The DXCC-YL plaque is balck and gold, approximately 8X10 on a walnut finished back.

Number 1 - CLARA Certificate.

Canadian and US stations work 10 members in 5 Canadian call areas (limit 4 VE3/VA3). DX stations work 5 members in 3 Canadian call areas (limit 2 VE3/VA3).

Number 2 - DXCC-YL Certificate or Engraved Plaque.

Work 100 YLs in 100 different countries. Use approved DX country list.

Number 3 - CLARA Family Certificate.

Work a member plus any licensed family members scoring 1 point for each contact made. Family members need not reside in Canada nor at same address. A total of 10 points required for certificate. Log to show family relationships.

Number 4 - CLARA 10 DX-YL Certificate.

Work 10 YLs in 10 different DX countries. Use approved DX country list. When 100 DX YL contacts have been confirmed for the 10 DX certificate, you may apply for either the special paper certificate of the engraved plaque as in number 2 above.

Fees:	VE	US/DX
Basic Certificates:	\$5.00	\$5.00 US
Endorsements:	\$3.00	\$3.00 US
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Custodian:

Muriel Foisy, VE7LQH
2124 Murrelet Drive
Comox, BC V9M 3P5
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Payment is to made to the Custodian.
Please enclose an SASE if writing for
information.

CLARA 97 GALA CELEBRATION

Aurora, Ontario
September 26-28, 1997

Check out the Gala's web site:
<http://www.osha.igs.net/~Isolomon/clara/clara.htm>

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 plus 5% PST & 7% GST. \$5 extra for third person. Our block is non-smoking. Please state whether smoking or non-smoking.

Howard Johnson Aurora
15520 Yonge Street
Aurora, Ontario L4G 1P2
Phone: (905) 727-1312
Fax: (905) 727-4270

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

MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CLARA 97 GALA & send to CATHY HRISCHENKO VE3GJH, 13451 CONCESSION 1, R.R. 1, ZEPHYR, ONTARIO L0E 1T0.



DX YL News

Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV



It is the middle of February and has been cold and rainy the last few weeks here in Alabama. I am looking forward to spring and all the flowers blooming. We are making tentative plans on being in Svalbard for YL-98. I hesitate to say definitely at this time as I do not know how the situation with David's (OM) mother will be by then, but it will be a lot of fun if we can make it. Speaking of Svalbard, there is a nice web page which gives details of the area of Svalbard, including pictures of the hotel. The URL is: <http://home.sn.no/home/tbjerke/svalbard> and is sponsored by Turid, LA9THA.

I am working on a web page for our local radio club and have included links to several YL pages. If anyone knows of others, please let me know so I can add them. The URL for our club is:
<http://home.earthlink.net/~cwhitlock>.

BELGIUM: I received a nice letter from **Mary Lou, ON4AMM** telling me of a new award sponsored by the Belsian Young Ladies Club (BYLC). The award is available to all licensed amateurs as well as SWLs. Complete details are available on page 36.

ENGLAND: **Rita, G0EIX** writes that her and OM Brian went to Tenerife for two weeks and returned on January 31st. She says they were back in time for her birthday celebration. Rita says that she and Brian had a very good holiday season, hearing from several radio friends in the States.

GERMANY: **Gerda, DL5OBK** writes that she enjoyed Berlin '96 very much and is looking forward to 1998 in Svalbard. In August/September 1996, Gerda spent 3 weeks on holiday with OM DJ7TA in Sweden. They enjoyed a nice cottage by a lake. They met up with **Ruth, LA6ZH** and had a wonderful tour of Oslo, Norway. The last week they relaxed with friends in a cottage in Denmark.

Edith, DF7WU writes that last spring she and OM visited north Germany at a YL-OM meeting. They also visited World YL in Berlin in June. She enjoyed having **Kay, WA0WOF** as a guest at her home for coffee in the garden and a tour of Koblenz.

SWITZERLAND: **Anny, HB9YL** writes via **Lorraine, WA1EDR** that they had a lot of snow in November, but it had gotten warmer and started to melt. December was foggy, wet and dark. She has recovered somewhat from her terrible experience in South Africa. She had to see a doctor for a fast heart beat, but she thinks it is from the experience in S.A. She hopes he doesn't forbid her cross country skiing, HI! She did receive word that

the credit card company is crediting her account for the amount charged to it by the thieves. That was very welcome news, as they had charged 10,000 Swiss francs to her card.

JAPAN: News from **Nobuko, JR6XIX** comes, also via **Lorraine, WA1EDR**. Nobuko writes that she and her OM visited World YL in Berlin last year. They had planned on visiting Albany also, but had to return home to care for Nobuko's 90 year old Mother-In-Law. She looks forward to good propagation and sends best regards to all.

Nozomi, JH3SQN writes that her 7th grandchild started kindergarten in 1996. In May, her younger daughter had a very pretty baby girl. The daughter has three boys already. This grand child makes a total of nine. The new granddaughter gets to come to their home almost everyday because her brothers go to kindergarten nearby. They are very thankful for their beautiful family.

In June, Nozomi took part in YL World in Berlin. She attended with many friends and had a wonderful time. After a bus tour of Berlin, she met with friends at Ham-Radio in Friedrichshafen. She regrets they were not able to attend Albany. Nozomi had an accident in November. She fractured three ribs after an accident in her computer room. She was in bed for three weeks but is recovering very well and can work as usual now. Nozomi is looking forward to YL-98 in Svalbard and wishes good health in 1997 to all.

Hiromi, JJ1CAS sent a lovely card saying that she enjoyed YL 96 in Berlin. She was busy afterward writing letters and articles afterwards. She wishes a very happy 1997 to all.



In Gdansk, Poland: Akiyo, JH1GMZ and OM Fumio



At JLRS Meeting: (l to r) JA6RHA; Nobuko, JR6XIX; JA6VRG; JI6SEN; JH6BGJ; JA6AG

Akiyo, JH1GMZ writes that 1996 was a very busy year for her and OM Fumio. Fumio was elected to the position of Dean of the Graduate School of Policy Science of Saitama University. He also visited Beijing, Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Canberra, Washington, DC, Rio de Janeiro, Paris, Warsaw, and Gdansk. Akiyo traveled with Fumio, and enjoyed visiting the many countries and meeting the people there. Akiyo is still teaching Japanese at the University of Tokyo, and Aoyama Gakuin University as an associated faculty member.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

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UPGRADES & NEW CALLS

AI4K Alice King, ex-N4DDK, Vanity Call
K0JJ Judi Jaksa, ex-N0IDR, Vanity Call
K6KNG Donna Deyoe, ex-KC7AAQ, Vanity Call
N0FT Lafonne Taylor, ex-WU7G
N5ZFI Laurie Moore, upgrade to Advanced
N7LR Linda Reichert, ex-KJ7DU
N9FA C. Fay Jacobson, ex-AA9SM, Vanity Call
W9CT Wanda Hotz, ex-N9AIB

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SILENT KEYS

Our condolences to the families of

G4ESR Violet Bryan on January 8, 1997
W8FPT Wava Harlan, on the passing of OM Jim, W8EAM

MILESTONES

Congratulations to

N6DOC Elfy Griffiths on her 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Spring is sprung, the grass is riz,
I wonder where the flowers is?**

Belgian YL Award

Sponsored by the Belgian Young Ladies Club (BYLC)

- I. The award is available to all licensed Amateur Radio stations and SWLs.
- II. A contact with a Belgian YL counts as 3 points. A contact with club call "ON4YLC" counts as 6 points.
- III. Requirements:
 - A. Stations OUTSIDE of Belgium need 15 points (5 YLs or 3 YLs plus the club station ON4YLC) to qualify, on one or more bands. You may work the same YL station on different bands.
 - B. Belgian stations may qualify in one of two ways:
 1. Multiband contacts need 30 points (10 YLs or 8 YLs plus the club station ON4YLC) to qualify. You may work the same YL station on different bands.
 2. Single band contacts need 15 points (5 YLs or 3 YLs plus the club stations ON4YLC) to qualify. Contacts must be with different YL stations.
- IV. A GCR list, verified by two licensed radio amateurs or local club officials, must be submitted and sent to:

Mrs Leydens Ingrid
Beke Tuinwijk 29
9950 Waarschoot - Belgium
- V. Only contacts made after June 16, 1996 are valid.
- VI. All bands and modes are OK, with the exception of contacts made via repeater or packet radio.
- VII. The price of the award is \$10.00, 10 IRC's or 300 Bfr.

(Please discard any older rules that you may have.)

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## Coming Up In YL Harmonics . . .

- The first use of the club call KC8EWC by Kay Holzman, KB5VJR.
- An article by Mary Lou Brown, NM7N about her recent DXpedition.
- The serialization of a documentary by Linda Reeder, N7HVF.
- Profiles of well-known YLRL members.
- An update on YLs on the World Wide Web.
- Photos of some of the new YLRL supplies, from Lois, WB3EFQ.

And what are YOU sending?? If you'd like to contribute something (an article, photo, drawing, poem or ???) please send it to the editor.

## 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

**Stamp:** Self inking \_\_\_ Wooden mount \_\_\_ Diamond \_\_\_ GOG \_\_\_  
Blue \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_

**Shirt:** **Style:** T-shirt \_\_\_ Staff Shirt \_\_\_ Sweatshirt \_\_\_  
**Color:** White \_\_\_ Light blue \_\_\_ Birch/ash \_\_\_  
**Size:** Sm \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lrg \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

**Please print name & call for imprinting:**

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**District 7** ----- *continued from page 25*  
Fleamarket at Puyallup on March 8.

News of other YLRL members:

Lee, KB8RT/7 writes from Arizona that she is keeping busy compiling a memory book for her parents' 80th birthdays. She says: "I contacted over 50 friends and relatives asking for memories. So far the book is 20 pages long." Have fun at your party on March 8th.

MINOW Ruth WA7RVA had knee replacement surgery in January. She is recovering well and is checking into the net again.. Another MINOW, Margaret, WA7RVR has been very ill - let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Condolences to Joan, WA7BDD whose husband Jim, WA7BDC became a Silent Key on January 25.

Congratulations to Terrie AB7PX who recently got both her WAS and WAC.

I was delighted to hear from several others by E-mail - Claire, K6GCR in Oregon is eagerly awaiting a new grandchild; Gwen, W7NOB in Utah, one of the early members of MINOW Net would like to be remembered to "old" acquaintances; and welcoming messages came from Irene, KB6FBK in Idaho and Marlee, KB7SJD in Washington. I will be looking forward to hearing from more of you in the coming months.

I think this covers it for now. Take time to enjoy the daffodils!!

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