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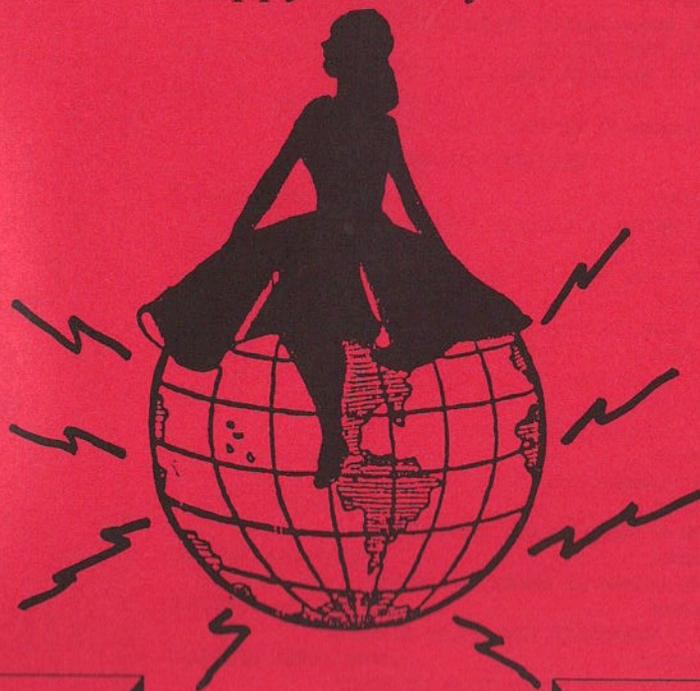


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Happy Holidays!



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The President's Message

Dana Tramba, NOFYQ

Dear Friends!

As my term comes to an end, it is hard to know what words of wisdom to share with the friends I have made from all around the world. I guess as I reminisce over the last two years, I think of the many late night calls to Kay, lunch with the Cactus Keys, Carol visiting in our home, the encouraging notes from Marte, the friendliness and caring of the ladies on Tangle Net, the numerous pictures and notes from ladies who enjoyed the convention, the fun of working with Deborah and Lynn on the convention, and the uplifting words of Miz Maudie!

I keep thinking that maybe I could have done better if I hadn't worked so many hours in the Burn Center, if I hadn't been trying to raise two teenage boys, if I had taken the time to upgrade and learn more about ham radio, but one cannot live in the past, but only look toward the future.

It is a little difficult to say good-bye to you friends, but I am very ready to turn this over to Christine's capable hands. Let's not dwell on everything we have done in the past with YLRL, but let's think about the future. Changes are OK because our world is changing, and so for YLRL to survive, we might need to make changes too. Invite a friend to join, keep in touch with your district chairman, and above all, enjoy the friendships you make through YLRL. You don't have to have a ham radio license to have a "Hot Line to Heaven." Phone home regularly! God bless you all! 33, Dana

P. S. A special thanks to my OM Norm and to all the OMs who encourage their wives to be a part of YLRL. His love and encouragement helped me get through the year.

My dad died in his sleep last week. His life was worth celebrating as he was a farmer, who had retired and traveled the world and had the same wonderful woman by his side for 59 years. One is still never ready to say good-bye. Remember to tell that someone special in your life that you love them!

---PLEASE NOTE---

Joan Gibson, KG1F, will be maintaining the membership data base, and Ethel Smith, K4LMB, will be mailing *YL Harmonics* in 1994. A membership renewal form is enclosed in this issue, and your early renewal will help to ease the transition and will also help the Receiving Treasurers. Remember to send all address changes to Joan and your Receiving Treasurer.

Congratulations!

Dianne M. Weldon, KA1NOJ, is the 1993 Recipient of YLRL's \$1200 Scholarship.



Her letter of acceptance is shown below. The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., which administers the scholarship, noted there were 39 female applicants this year, and 12 received other scholarships. The 1994 March-April *YLH* will have details on applying for next year.

I have been licensed since I was 11 years old. I am now attending Framingham State College, with a major in Communication Arts. I hope to become involved with television production. I belong to the Algonquin Amateur Radio Club in Marlborough, Massachusetts. I have been involved with communications at many community activities, such as the Boston Marathon, parades, and Halloween watch. My parents are Dave, N1FJQ, and Ann, KA1PON, my brother is James, N1DFQ, and my grandparents, Woody, W1RCJ, and Onie, W1ZEN. I am also active with the Marlborough Rainbow Girls. I have enclosed a picture to be used also. Thank you for the scholarship.

Dianne M. Weldon, KA1NOJ

1960 YLRL EAR RINGS

Blanche Randles, W4GXZ, ex-K1IZT

In 1960, WRONE hosted YLRL's Third International Convention, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Onie, W1ZEN, and I spent many hours making 200 pairs of ear rings for favors, and every YL who attended received a pair. They were blue enamel on copper, and each pair was hand-lettered with "YLRL" and then fired on a very small kiln.

After Onie's death, her daughter and I were going through her ham radio things, and we found a box with eight pairs of the ear rings, each individually boxed. I kept them, hoping to find a use for them--after all, they are now 33 years old and almost YLRL relics.

When I learned that Marte, K0EPE, was raising money for the YLRL Scholarship through a drawing at the YLRL Convention in July, I sent her the ear rings. Marte arranged for a silent auction, with the eight highest bidders to be announced at the banquet. I was thrilled to learn they raised \$88.00!

And even more thrilling, during the same weekend that the YLRL Convention was held, Dianne, KA1NOJ, the granddaughter of Onie, W1ZEN, was informed that she was the recipient of this year's YLRL Scholarship! What a wonderful coincidence, and how proud Onie would have been!

YLRL Contest Corner

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT CARLA WATSON, WO6X

1993 HOWDY DAYS CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to Robin La Byer, KD4BJE (Now KR4DI)!

KD4BJE	43	WA2NFY	25	WD5FQX	14
KL7P/4	27	DL1RBW	23	WB1EHS	12
WA1JYO	25	KN6BD	15	KC4IYD	4

There were 38 YLs participating in this contest. Although 27 were YLRL members, only 9 sent in their logs. Please, ladies even if you only have a couple of contacts, do send in your log. At least it will help show how many participated.

The YLAP is over, and the logs are beginning to arrive. The results will be in the next YL Harmonics. Propagation conditions were very poor this year.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION TO YLRL CONTEST RULES

Please make this change to all the YLRL contest rules in your Directory issue: Under OPERATION, add, "Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be indicated in the log."

YL CONTESTS

Midwinter Contest CW: 0700 - 1900 UTC, January 8, 1994

Midwinter Contest SSB: 0700 - 1900 UTC, January 9, 1994

Meet the Novice and Technicians Day 1500 UTC, Jan 15 - 0500 UTC, Jan 16

CLARA NETS

Jeanne Gordon, VE2JZ, sent information about a new 80-meter CLARA net and changes to some of the other CLARA nets listed in the Directory. These nets operate from September to the end of May and are all on Tuesday. You can work towards certificates on all three nets.

UTC	Net Control Station	MHz
1300 summer/1400 winter	VE2JZ	7.055
1700	Varies	14.120
0001 (7:00 p.m. Quebec time)	VE2JZ, with VE1 or VE3 asst	3.750

A letter from Christine Dons, GM4YMM, was printed in YLH earlier this year, asking for financial help to provide radio equipment for Merilla, ZA1L, a young YL in Albania. Donations came in from around the world, and Christine reports that she has collected 490 pounds Sterling. Albert Mueller, HB9BGN, is now looking for a good used rig and microphone, and the station will be on the air next year. Christine thanks all the YLs and OMs who contributed so generously towards the appeal. And can YOU help Christine? She needs YL contacts from Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, and Utah. She will make a sked any time on Saturday or Sunday, so write her if you can help.

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These YLs have been elected to serve a two-year term, beginning January 1, 1994. Thanks very much to all those who ran for office. We appreciate your willingness to serve YLRL!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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July 1, 1993 to October 31, 1993

CALL	YRS	CALL	YRS	CALL	YRS	CALL	YRS
WM1Q	5	KE9LI	5	WA6BJF	15	NP2C	15
KA2ANF	5	VK3JAW	5	WD6EZY	15	WA2LWG	20
N2CYL	5	KB1ER	10	W6LND	15	WA2RIX	20
N2HXI	5	N5FFB	10	WA6PUV	15	WB5FGM	20
KE2US	5	KF6GW	10	KE7IR	15	WA7RBR	20
KA2ZZA	5	N7DMR	10	WB7ULY	15	WA7TPU	20
KC4GPZ	5	W7FTX	10	N8ALJ	15	K8DS	20
N4MMV	5	W7INN	10	K8DHK	15	WA6FHH	25
AA5GS	5	NK8P	10	WD8IKC	15	WA8VXE	25
KF5OZ	5	4X6DW	10	WD8MRJ	15	JH1GMZ	25
KG5UI	5	N2BAS	15	N9AIB	15	K7YDO	30
N6NMQ	5	WB2OHD	15	K9BBL	15	K5JGC	35
N6QPY	5	N2PXB	15	K9RXX	15	WA6AOE	35
W7DXM	5	WD4HHN	15	NOALM	15	WA6KQC	35
KF7JX	5	WD4NKP	15	WDOCHZ	15	KD7VR	35
KA7SDV	5	WD5EMZ	15	WDOEMS	15	KOKLQ	35
AA7SW	5	WB5NNS	15	NAOV	15		

Ou Est FP?

Alice King, N4DDK, and Mary Lou Brown, NM7N



After several months of planning and making arrangements for accommodations, licenses, transportation, etc., five YLs were about to take off for a DXpedition to St. Pierre, FP, French islands off the coast of Newfoundland. The trip did not start without a hitch though.

Mary Lou, NM7N, drove east with the plane tickets from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to St. Pierre and all the gear, except for one of the rigs, which Alice, N4DDK, was bringing. After spending hours in a horrendous traffic jam, just east of Columbus, Ohio (a Grateful Dead concert was being held at Buckeye Lake), she limped into Washington, Pennsylvania, with a blown head gasket on the RV.

Mary Lou made a frantic phone call to Alice advising her to rent a car at the Pittsburgh airport and drive down to the Washington KOA campground, where they would wait out the weekend, instead of starting for Halifax. On Monday, the RV was taken to the Toyota dealer, and the sad news received that it would be several days before it would be ready to go again. Thus, back to the airport to exchange the little red car for a big lavender van.

Then, back to Washington, Pennsylvania, to transfer all the equipment, say good-bye to the RV, and thank the boys at the dealership for helping us load up. We left Washington at 3:30 p.m. and arrived at the Airport Hotel in Halifax 48 hours and 1,300 miles later, where we met the rest of the group, Elizabeth, VE7YL, Flo, KU7F, and Nellie, XE1CI. The next morning we took off on Air St. Pierre for FP-land.

In making trip plans, we had corresponded with Ron Thompson, FP4EK. We were relieved to find him, his family, and another local ham, Jean Pierre, FP5CJ, waiting to greet us. We loaded the gear and all but Ron's wife, Laura, and Alice into Jean Pierre's car and a taxi for the trek to the Dupont Hotel. Alice and Laura walked the distance, since St. Pierre is not very large. Madame Dupont provided us with a room for the two shacks, plus three bedrooms. Thank goodness, Nellie spoke French, as she could make the arrangements for meals, etc.

Selecting sites and putting up the antennas was something else again. St. Pierre is very rocky, and it took the talents of mountain goats to negotiate them to erect the R5 and R7 and guy them properly. As is customary after the first antenna was up, one of the group, Elizabeth, went on the air while the rest wrestled with the other antenna. We had brought a new Astron 35 power supply, designed for 220 Volts, no instructions included. A problem was discovered in that the power output of the rig was very low. The group did not have to change to a QRP DXpedition as Alice discovered that the output of the Astron was adjustable. Voila!

Aside from longer feedlines than desirable, the set-up for the two stations

was very good. Even TVI was not a problem as it had been with the previous ham there. Considering the frequent strong winds, the antennas stayed up and performed well. Unfortunately, to get to the northwest, our signals had to surmount the ridge of rock running down the center of the island, which made the West coast and Japan almost impossible. A lot of Europe and all but the western U.S. was worked consistently. South America and Africa were not as prolific as expected, as transequatorial propagation was not as good as anticipated.

The WARC bands (10 and 18 MHz) were very popular, as was 40 meters. There was no propagation of 24 or 28 MHz. Fortunately, there were some openings on 21 MHz. Mary Lou worked some RTTY and the RS12 satellite, and Elizabeth and Nellie were invited down to Ron's QTH to work the Oscar satellite. They had a lot of success, working many contacts with each pass. All in all, in spite of lousy propagation, about 5,000 contacts were made during six days of operation. Throughout, there were minor rig and equipment problems, which Alice and Mary Lou were able to solve enough so that both stations stayed on the air.

During free periods, we explored the island and town. St. Pierre is a very French community in a somewhat desolate spot. Houses are painted bright colors to add a bright spot during the cold, severe winters. People were very friendly and helpful. A walk along the picturesque waterfront is a must. Mary Lou spent some time taking pictures of where other DXpeditions have operated. Unfortunately, some of these will no longer be available to such operations. The view from the rocky hill in the center of the island, when not obscured by fog or rain, was magnificent, showing the town, an adjacent small island, and the airstrip right in town.

As must happen with all DXpeditions, the day to take down the equipment arrived. Naturally the good weather did not hold and rain prevailed throughout the dismantling process. That meant everything had to be dragged into our rooms and dried off as well as possible before packing into the peripatetic ski bags. As soon as the packing of gear was completed, we headed for town to take Ron and his family to dinner in appreciation for all their help.

Now came the good news! The plane that would take us back to Halifax did not make it to St. Pierre, as the poor visibility made landing impossible. Ron cheerfully said that the longest such conditions had ever prevailed was three days. Needless to say, we were all on pins and needles the next morning when the plane had still not arrived. This time it was bad crosswinds. Planned connecting flights for Flo, who was headed for the YLISSB Convention, and Nellie, headed for Mexico, had to be changed.

Alice and Mary Lou were chewing fingernails as the van had to be back in Pittsburgh by 1:00 p.m. in two days. Elizabeth was lucky as she had planned to stay over a day with VE1PK. Fortunately, luck prevailed, and the winds died down enough to let the plane come in, albeit about two hours late. Nellie and Flo eventually got to where they wanted to be, and Alice and Mary Lou left Halifax at noon and made it back to Pittsburgh, just in time. C'est fini to another fun DXpedition.

How I Became A Ham

Riitta Eloranta, KB5QMF

I must confess that it was not my own idea to get involved with Amateur Radio. My husband had talked about it for a couple of years, but I had ignored the whole thing. Then one day in 1990, while we were still living in Arkansas, we somehow stopped at the local Radio Shack and bought the Novice book and tape. I started studying, worked hard for a few weeks, and got my Novice license. Once I got interested, I had no intention of staying at the lowest level. So during the next few weeks, I studied three more books and learned the Morse code and got my Advanced class license. With that I was able to speak around the world, and it was just what I wanted. I was the first in our family to get an Amateur Radio license.

Only after I had the higher class license, we bought a radio and an antenna. The members of the local radio club in Conway were very helpful and gave us good advice regarding the equipment we needed. However, we were not able to put up our radio station in Arkansas because we were in the process of moving to Florida. After we had settled down in Florida, we arranged one room as a proper radio shack and put up a tower in the yard. The first antenna did not work, but the next one was working well, and everything was ready for the first contact.

When I first sat at the radio, I remembered the advice that the experienced hams had given me: "At the beginning, just listen to how everything goes and learn from other amateurs." I was also told to use my callsign with dignity, keeping in mind that it was the only one in the whole world. I had to learn to say "KB5QMF" fluently, and I had to be able to spell it according to the international instructions so that the future fellow ham could copy it right.

When I felt sure of myself, I answered my first CQ call, which came from Finland. I was so excited, but all went well, and I could start my new log book. Now I have been pretty active on the radio for some time. The log book has got many more names, and I have a small collection of QSL cards.

When I was complaining that there were no ladies on the radio, an acquaintance of mine, Betty, AC4IL, told me about the Floridora, which is a ladies' net in Florida. There I meet nice YLs every Tuesday morning, at 9:00 a.m. on 3.933 MHz. We exchange news and talk about different subjects that interest us. I look forward to this meeting every week. Betty also suggested that I join the Young Ladies Radio League, Inc., which I did. Some day I'll be in some of the ladies' nets that Kay, WA0WOF, wrote down for me in a letter.

I have to mention that in the meantime, my OM has acquired his license, too. So we are both hams now and enjoying Amateur Radio. 33!

Beginnings - Part 3

Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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Carol Iams, W8WRJ, the Eighth District Chairman remembers the fascination she experienced as a 13-year-old with the radio room on a lake boat trip between Cleveland and Detroit. That impression stayed with her. In high school when a communications class was offered, she took it. She also studied aeronautics, weather, and Morse code. This was during WW II, she explained, so you couldn't get an Amateur Radio license at the time.

It wasn't until she was 25 and working for Bird, the company that makes watt meters, that the opportunity to get her license came along. She said she overheard one of the engineers trying to teach some of the boys code to get them started as Novices, and she told them, "I used to copy 20 words a minute." They helped her build a transmitter, and one of the boys who worked there had a huge Army surplus receiver that he sold her for \$5.00.

"After I climbed up into the trees stringing a long wire antenna, I went all over Cleveland looking for a ham to help me check things out," she said. "That's how I found my husband."

Her husband had just moved from Pennsylvania to Cleveland and was living with a group of boys from NASA. He had a General and helped Carol get her Technician. She said, "Now he's got his Extra, and I've got my Advanced."

She remembered a neighbor down the street who had a CB radio. The neighbor and her husband converted it to six meters. Carol said, "I got on six meters, with the baby in one arm with a bottle, and the mike in the other hand. I had a ball! If I went a day without a contact, I thought, 'Oh, my.' When skip came in on six meters--oh, how thrilling!"

When her husband's company wanted some oscilloscope kits built up, he taught her how to solder and she built them up over a weekend. Carol has worked for several electronic companies over the years.

Carol is a proud grandmother, a member of the Buckeye Belles, a YLRL member for 25 years, and is active in two local radio clubs. She checks into the Buckeye Belles net, operates two meters, and enjoys attending hamfests around Ohio.

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Congratulations to Nellie de Lazard, XE1CI, who recently received the ARRL's 5BDXCC Certificate #3373. Nellie is the second Latin American YL to receive this honor. (The first was Alicia Rodriguez, KP4CL, also a YLRL member.) Nellie was the first person to work all-YL 5BWAS!

A TRIBUTE TO HOWY, W2QHH

Karla Holmes, KQ4IG



YLS worldwide were saddened to learn that our very special friend, Howy Bradley, W2QHH, became a silent key in July. Howy held the distinction of having QSOs with 4000 YLS confirmed and recorded. No one can even come close to his record at this time.

In April of 1953, Howy earned YLCC certificate #2. Ever since, he has

been "chasing" the YLS. He spent endless hours scanning the bands, especially the Novice and CW portions. It seems that Howy sometimes knew the calls of the new YLS before they did! He listened to the many YL nets and was always welcome to work a new YL at the end. He was member #7613 of YLISB and worked many new YLS on the system frequencies.

It was not always easy for him. He complained about his location; often he just could not get out. A shop next door gave him lots of QRM, and his equipment was not the latest state-of-the-art. He did not have a beam, just long wires all over the place. But he would never give up.

In 1988, after 16 years of many QSOs and chats on the twisted pair, as well as notes, I finally got to meet my dear friend in person. Andrea, K1WLX, and I went in her motorhome on a tour of upstate New York to see the foliage and to visit our friend Howy. We had the privilege of spending a few hours with him and his lovely XYL Lolly. We got to see his hamshack and his many awards. He was running out of space for all the stickers!

We got a demonstration of his Collins station and heard the line noise from the work shop, close to his antennas. He had a spare station, in case his other one would fail. He would not take a chance on missing any new YL on the bands. Lolly would not enter the hallowed halls—certainly not with a dust cloth! We got to see his beautiful wild flower garden and came home with some plants. It was a very special day for us, and we left Howy and Lolly with hugs and kisses. We felt good after meeting this wonderful couple!

I talked to Lolly not long ago. She misses her partner of 54 years very much. No more QRM from upstairs! And I couldn't help but say, "Just think, Lolly. No more QRM or bad propagation for Howy. I bet you he is chasing all those YLS around the ham heaven. I bet they were all waiting for him at the gate!" Lolly had never thought about it that way, and I think she liked my thought. We miss you very much, Howy. 88 from all of us!

Young Ladies Radio League, Inc. Statement in Changes in Cash For period ending June 30, 1993

	Checking/ Money Market	Scholarship Fund CD	Pres. Fund	Convention Fund	Total
BALANCE, 4/1/93	25803.71	13631.09	431.01	664.86	40530.67
CASH RECEIPTS					
Donations-Sch Fund	199.00				199.00
Donations-Other	0.00				0.00
Dues	2881.00				2881.00
Interest Income	166.49		2.83	4.29	173.61
Miscellaneous	7.62				7.62
Postage	899.00				899.00
Sale of Supplies	0.00				0.00
Subscriptions	0.00				0.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	4153.11	0.00	2.83	4.29	4160.23
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:					
YLH Printing	2449.93				2449.93
YLH Circ/Editor Exp	635.43				635.43
President's Expense	0.00				0.00
Vice-Pres/Contests	236.34				236.34
Secretary	0.00				0.00
Receiving Treasurers	200.05				200.05
Disbursing Treasurer	0.00				0.00
Supplies Chairman	0.00				0.00
Librarian/Historian	0.00				0.00
Nominating Committee	0.00				0.00
California Fee	5.00				5.00
Membership/Publicity	0.00				0.00
Purchase of Supplies	0.00				0.00
Refunds	8.00				8.00
Scholarship Award	0.00				0.00
YLCC Postage	0.00				0.00
TOTAL CASH DISB.	3534.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	3534.75
INCREASE(DECREASE)	618.36	0.00	2.83	4.29	625.48
BALANCE, 6/30/93	26422.07	13631.09	433.84	669.15	41156.15

Auditors:

Roni Hicks, N4ODI
Alice King, N4DDK

Joan Gibson, KG1F
Disbursing Treasurer

Young Ladies Radio League, Inc.
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For period ending September 30, 1993

	Checking/ *Money Market Savings	Scholarship Fund CD	Pres. Fund	Convention Fund	Total
BALANCE, 7/1/93	26422.07	13631.09	433.84	669.15	41156.15
CASH RECEIPTS:					
Donations-Sch Fund	2947.00				2947.00
Donations-Other		0.00			0.00
Dues	1792.00				1792.00
Interest Income	169.99	223.62	2.17	5.02	400.80
Miscellaneous				320.16	320.16
Postage	212.00				212.00
Sale of Supplies	121.25				121.25
Subscriptions	0.00				0.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	5242.24	223.62	2.17	325.18	5793.21
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:					
YLH Printing	2226.73				2226.73
YLH Circ/Editor Exp	1144.36				1144.36
President's Expense	0.00				0.00
Vice-Pres/Contests	90.37				90.37
Secretary	0.00				0.00
Receiving Treasurers	216.47				216.47
Disbursing Treasurer	40.11				40.11
Supplies Chairman	0.00				0.00
Librarian/Historian	0.00				0.00
Nominating Committee	21.00				21.00
California Fee	0.00				0.00
Membership/Publicity	17.63				17.63
Misc. Printing	0.00				0.00
Purchase of Supplies	0.00				0.00
Refunds	24.00				24.00
Scholarship Award	0.00				0.00
YLCC Postage	0.00				0.00
TOTAL CASH DISB.	3780.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	3780.67
INCREASE(DECREASE)	1461.57	223.62	2.17	325.18	2012.54
BALANCE, 9/30/93	27883.64	13854.71	436.01	994.33	43168.69
*Scholarship Fund Savings	\$ 2,876.36				
Scholarship Fund CD	\$13,854.71				

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1994 MEMBERSHIP INFO

Use the forms on the next page to renew your membership and keep up with YL activities.

And remember, you will help YLRL function better if you renew promptly. Individual reminders are not mailed unless you have become delinquent, and this is costly to YLRL and means extra work for the Receiving Treasurers and the Circulation Manager.

If you have moved recently or changed your callsign, please mention 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 front cover for details.)

- \$8.00 - One year's dues, with bulk mail delivery
- \$12.00 - One year's dues, with first class mail delivery
- \$2.00 - Family member, at same address
- \$16.00 - One year's dues for DX, air mail delivery

Please send the correct amount of dues to your district's Receiving Treasurer. Donations to the scholarship fund may also be included with your dues check.

1994 Receiving Treasurers:

Districts 1-4 Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE, R. R. 2, Box 2105, Syosset, NY 11791

Districts 5-7 Elizabeth James, KA6NZK, 8118 Arroyo Vista Dr, Sacramento, CA 95823

Districts 8-10,

KH, KL, VE Dana Tramba, N0FYQ, R. R. 1, Box 213, Peck, KS 67120

DX, Mexico, and U.S.

Possessions Lorraine Witkowski, WA1EDR, 10 Wicklow St, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Renew promptly to avoid missing any issues of YL Harmonics.

1994 YLRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Call _____ Previous call, if recently changed _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

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

If family member, give name and call of primary member _____
 _____ (Please fill out a renewal form for each family member.)

_____ Please check here if the address listed above is a change from the address listed in the Directory issue. Note any other changes or corrections in this space:

Make your check (U.S. only) or International Postal Money Order (in U.S. funds) payable to the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc., and send to your Receiving Treasurer, whose name and address are listed on the back of this page.

1994 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 (U.S.)

If family member, give name and call of primary member _____

Send to: Lorraine Witkowski, WA1EDR, 10 Wicklow St, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

District News

First District

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

It has been so long since the last news that I should have lots to tell. Of course, some of it may be "old news" by now!

One of our new members is Arline, N1OMA. She has been a Girl Scout for a number of years, so has taken on the challenge of promoting amateur radio to Girl Scouts, both locally and nationally. She is in the process of developing printed material, similar to that which has been available for the Boy Scouts for some time.

Arline was an SWL with her father, 1EH/W1LIO/W1EK, for many years before getting her own license. This past August, she was one of five hams who were invited to be present at Coast Guard Station NMF in Marshfield, Massachusetts, for the last code transmission on 500 kHz. The preamble to the message said, in part, "Now closing down continuous watch on 500 kHz and ceasing all Morse code services in the MF band. Good luck to you from our sad sparks." Arline was chosen to represent women in amateur radio. There were also hams representing youth, men, clubs, and former Coast Guard radio operators.

Lorraine, WA1EDR, and OM Leo, K1QPJ, have been off to the Elderhostels again. The Magic of Folklore took them to the University of Kentucky, where they had the opportunity to visit with Betty, KC4DWT, at her home on eleven acres in Nicholasville, Kentucky. She and her OM Bill have the largest antenna farm that Lorraine and Leo had ever seen, plus his and her stations! Lewes, Delaware, was the setting for courses on Coastal Marine Mollusca, American Maritime History, and Victorian Architecture. A Polish cultural trip to New York City included a chance for them to find Leo's mother's name on the "Wall of Honor" at Ellis Island. They also headed off to Clearwater, Florida, for the QCWA Convention.

Sadly, I must report the passing of three fine 1-land YLs. Chris, K1ACM; Bea, K1OKC, and Peg, W1UPK. Chris and Peg had been struggling with lung disease for a long time. As many of you know, Bea had been in remission for a few months from the leukemia which was diagnosed last fall. Her daughter Mickie, N1BFH, son Charles, and two grandsons are all hams, as was her late OM. All three of these women will be missed by many, especially the members of WRONE and the Yankee Lassies Net.

WRONE members gathered for their Fall Luncheon at Jerry Pelonzi's Hearthside Restaurant in Essex, Massachusetts, on November 6. News from the event, plus more, will be in the next issue of YLH.

Happy holidays to all of you. If you're writing out cards and notes during the season, drop me a line, too. Or call me at (617) 878-9235 between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m.

33, Anne, WB1ARU

Second District

Miriam Lamb, AA2DX

SAYLARCs held their fall luncheon meeting at the Marriott Courtyard, in Fishkill, New York, on October 9, 1993. It was hosted by Betty, W2PVS, and Miriam, AA2DX. Other members present included President Carli, WB1BTJ/2; Gladys, WB2RWT; Lia, WA2NFY; Wanda, W2JBK; Maryhelen, KB2MWH; Elsie, KA2ESQ, and Associate Member John, KA1PCR. Assorted OMs, aunts and uncles, friends, daughters, and granddaughters were also present. After a great gab session and a light lunch, a brief business meeting was held.

Of interest to all YLs is that SAYLARC voted to send \$25.00 to the YLRL Scholarship Fund in memory of Associate Member Howy Bradley, W2QHH, who died on July 6, 1993, after a lingering three-year illness. Howy's name and call are familiar to YLs all over the world. After years of working DX, becoming a world-renowned DXer, Howy switched to "chasing" YLs and worked over 4,000. Howy's widow is Lola Bradley, at 66 Lebanon St, Hamilton, NY 13346, for those of you who would like to drop her a note.

The new slate of officers to be placed on the SAYLARC ballot are Minerva, WB2JNL, President; Maryhelen, KB2MWH, Vice-President; and Miriam, AA2DX, as Secretary/Treasurer. Of interest is the fact that our current President, Carli, WB1BTJ, will take over as Editor of Chirp, the SAYLARC newsletter. We are deeply indebted to Lois, WA2RXO, who has done this job for many years, even during her term of office as President. All SAYLARCs owe Lois a debt of gratitude.

Trudy, K2UXW, is another YL who needs our thoughts and prayers and certainly a note from those of you who know her. As reported in an earlier YL Harmonics, her OM suffered a severe stroke some time ago. Recovery has been inhibited by necessary operations, the latest of which was just a few weeks ago. Now their 37-year-old son has told them he has cancer, with a life expectancy of no more than two years. Trudy has said I could write this in my column because she is totally unable to talk about it over the air, but she did want her friends to know.

On a much happier note, I am pleased to say that Marcy, WA2URE, is recovering very nicely after having been struck by a car this past summer. And Lois, WA2RXO, still carries nitroglycerine with her but has not had to use it in quite some time. Count our blessings!

Of interest to New York YLs is that the Tryon Radio Club is working on a custom New York state auto license for Amateur Radio operators. On the left side is a radio tower with "CQ de" in CW on either side of it and the words "Amateur Radio" underneath. To the right is the amateur call and, of course, the words "New York" across the top. If you think this is a good idea, drop a note to Ellen Catalano, Supervisor, Special Registration Section, NYS Dept of Motor Vehicles, Empire State Plaza, Albany NY 12228, and tell her you endorse the idea. The cost would be a one-time fee of \$12.95 and then \$5.00 a year, as you now pay for a special license.

It's time to drop a check in the mail to Jeanie, WA2BGE, our District 1-4 Receiving Treasurer right now! Until next time, 33 - Miriam, AA2DX.

Third District

Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN

In July, Maryann, WA3HUP, and I had a visit from Nobuko, JR6XIX, and her OM Dominic, JR6XIW. What a great day it was!!! After years of writing and exchanging photos, it was a dream come true. Maryann and I sponsor Nobuko in YLRL, and she sponsors us into JLRS.

I also had company from Israel. Arie, 4X6UO, and his wife Naomi were here for five days. I am Arie's QSL Manager. It was fun to show them this part of the world and to take Arie to some of our local radio club meetings. We also went to Maryann's for a day, and she had dinner for all of us. We had the pleasure of the company of Jerry, WB2JZK, from New York, as he brought and picked up Arie and Naomi to take them back to New York.

I talked to Jeannie, KA3CWO, and she and her OM are doing OK. There were a few problems, but they seem to be much better. One day when we were talking to Poppy, VK6YF, I ran my phone patch to Jeannie so she could say hello.

Lois, WB3EFQ, was having problems with the antenna, and Tom, her OM, was working on it. I haven't talked to Lois for a few weeks but hope by now that the antenna is back on the tower and we will hear them soon. They enjoy camping in the summer months and aren't too active on the air.

Margie, WA3NPB, does a good job on the IARS 20 meter net on 14.243 + or - QRM. For those of you who like to work DX, that is a good place to pick up some new ones.

For those of you who have worked them all or find conditions not too good for DX, you might try working Islands on the Air (IOTA). This is a fun deal. Maryann, WA3HUP, and I are having a ball. It is a real challenge!

I have received the Holyland Award, and you all would have to see it to believe it. It is made of thin metal brass, with an elaborate panoramic view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives drawn in black ink. It is 14" x 16" and mounted on wood. It's not an easy one to get but worth all the time and effort spent! By the way, I have No. 33!!!
33, de Ruthanna, WB3CQN

EDITOR'S NOTE: Patrica Kline, N3ICQ, the 1992-1993 Third District Chairman, did not renew her membership in 1993. Ruthanna, WB3CQN, has been elected Third District Chairman for 1994-1995 and began her new term early with a 3-land column for this issue. Thanks, Ruthanna!

Convention Kit Custodians

Districts 1, 2, 3, and VE	WA2URE, Marcella Kessler (716) 464-8885
Districts 4 and 5	WB2JCE, Jan Scheuerman (813) 542-6507
Districts 6, 7, KH, and KL	N7NJS, Beanie Lofthouse (801) 245-6632
Districts 8, 9, and 10	NO9W, Roxann Moss (309) 378-4032

 Fourth District

 Jensen Montambault, KC4GPZ

Yet another cheery hello to the 4th district YLs. Once again, the grind of classes has started up again at UVA., but I was looking forward to it. And guess what! I got mail from a 4th district YL. And what a great letter, too!

Anne, AC4OQ, is a 27-year-old, working on her Ph D in Physics at the University of Georgia. (Her OM AC4OS, is an environmental chemist.) She reports that, "A YL in California and I have started an evening HF YL net. We call the net 'The Working Girls' Net' and meet at 0200 UTC (summer) and 0300 UTC (winter) on 14.288 MHz on Monday night (Tuesday UTC). The other net control is Ginger Franzer, KN6IZ."

Anne also wanted to share an adventure she had on a recent trip to New England. Although it was not the sole purpose of her journey, what self-respecting ham could get within a hundred miles of Newington and pass by a chance to operate W1AW? Well, there may be some, but Anne certainly was not one of them. After about half an hour of operating under the Old Sock's callsign, Anne said her 73 and went QRT, intending to take a cab to the Hartford bus station and from there proceed on her journey to Storrs, Connecticut.

That the cab company had other ideas became painfully apparent as the time for her bus's departure grew near and no friendly yellow taxi was in sight of the ARRL Headquarters. The panic mounted as Anne realized that the bus she was missing was the last bus to Storrs that evening. It would seem she did not relish the idea of spending the night among the ancient spark gaps and telegraphy keys in the ARRL museum. Nor do I blame her. Who knows what phantom code must still ring in the quiet hours of the night about that venerable building!

But, luckily for Anne, help was lurking nearby in the form of two fellows standing around in the ARRL parking lot. These two fellows turned out to be the QST Assistant Managing Editor Kirk Klemschmidt, NT0Z, and Features Editor Brian Battles, WS1O. Kirk offered to drive Anne to the bus station, but as there was no time for that, Brian came to the rescue by driving her all the way to Storrs.

As Anne says, "I must say this is one of the things I like best about Ham Radio. You really do have a friend everywhere--especially at ARRL HQ!"

The ham news at my own QTH has been more on the creative side. My father, KC4GQA, recently outfitted his bicycle with 2 meters. I look forward to chatting with him pedal-powered mobile while I stroll through the UVA grounds with a handheld! 73 and 33, Jensen, KC4GPZ

Editor's Note: Congratulations to Jensen! She won the Nanticoke Amateur Radio Club \$1000 scholarship, which was administered by the FAR. Jensen receives E-mail at JRM8W@VIRGINIA.EDU.

 Fifth District

 Joyce Kepler, W5MWK

I've served six years as your District Chairman, starting in 1980. I really appreciate your encouragement and support. A big thanks from the bottom of my heart. Doris, K5BNQ, is your new 5th District Chairman, starting with the next YL Harmonics. Please support her by getting your news to her before December 20 and every 60 days thereafter. Many thanks to you all.

Darleen, WD5FQX, has been taking care of her OM Joe, who has many health problems. She still takes time to entertain guests.

The Annual TYLRUN Birthday Party was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in September, with 11 YLs attending. On Friday night there was a white elephant gift exchange, and everyone enjoyed getting acquainted with the new YLs and visiting with old friends. At the Saturday Business Meeting, it was decided to divide the Secretary-Treasurer position into two jobs. The 1994 officers are: President - Myrtle, WB5FGM; Vice-President - Joyce, W5MWK; Secretary - Dorothy, KA5DWR; Treasurer - Alma, AB5BA, and Publicity Chairman - Judi, N0IDR. The Net Manager is always the out-going President, so Alma, AB5BA will serve. TYLRUN voted to make Lyn, N5IYW, an Honorary Member. Gifts were exchanged. Alverta, K5MIZ, traveled the greatest distance so she received the Texas Nugget necklace from Joyce, W5MWK. Everyone enjoyed a luncheon before returning home.

Dorothy, KA5DWR, really enjoyed the TYLRUN Birthday Party and getting to see everyone. She says Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a very lovely town. She and OM Bill went on an Alaskan ferry cruise in October and saw lots of beautiful scenery.

Doris, K5BNQ, is having knee problems and faces possible knee replacement later. Her OM Andy has some problems relating to his heart surgery, otherwise, things are fine at the Andersons.

Jean, W5ZXE, missed the Mena Hamfest and TYLRUN Party. Her OM John has been taking chemotherapy and is feeling under the weather. We pray God will guide them in the days to come.

Myrtle, WB5FGM, and her OM Ed attended the TYLRUN Party and had a wonderful time. Their granddaughter Laura is Minister of Youth and Assistant Pastor at the Methodist Church in La Porte, Texas. Laura worked with the children who were released from the Branch Davidians.

Harryette, W6QGX/5, won 2nd place in a craft contest. The \$350.00 worth of craft materials just might help her win first place next time.

Alma, AB5BA, continues to give license exams, go to hamfests, and do emergency management work. She keeps busy and OM Jim joins in.

Millie, KJ5FH, and her OM Dave, KI5WY, received the Bill Moore, KF5DL, Memorial Instructor of the Year Award. Millie and Dave instruct new and potential hams at the school named in honor of Bill Moore, who was one of the victims of the Catoosa, Oklahoma tornado last spring.

33, Joyce, W5MWK

Sixth District

Le Henderson, KB6MXH

Congratulations to the new YLRL officers elected for the 1994-1995 term. Please give all of them your support. It is, however, disheartening to see how few members took the time to cast a ballot. To those 147 members who did vote, thank you for showing your support for YLRL.

Joanne, WA6QKC, is the proud owner of a Kenwood TS-50. She won it at the Southwestern ARRL Convention. Congratulations, Joanne.

Vi, W6CBA, will be hostess of the YLRC-LA Christmas party this year. The date is December 11th.

Esther, W6BDE wrote that she and Mike, W6KHM, attended a 50th anniversary party for Elsie, WA6GQC, and Bip, W6BIP. They were married at 7:00 p.m., October 16, 1943, and their celebration was held 50 years later, to the minute. The fifty guests included family, friends, and neighbors. One young man drove eleven hours from Portland, Oregon. Elsie was his baby-sitter thirty years ago. Other friends came from as far away as Wyoming.

Elsie and Bip have four children, three in-laws, and five grandchildren, all of whom were present. All shared in the duties and fun of hosting the party. It was a sit-down dinner affair, held in the home of Elsie's niece, who was the 3-year-old flower girl fifty years ago.

Their son-in-law had copied a home movie of the wedding onto video tape, which was of great interest to all present. A replica of their original wedding cake was on hand, plus Bip's favorite dessert, cheeseless cheese cake, made by their 10-year-old granddaughter. Toasts were made, and reminiscences by family, friends, and neighbors demonstrated how highly Elsie and Bip are cherished. Esther had the fun of writing a poem for the occasion, as she has done on other occasions for the celebrating couple.

Very much missed at the party was Uncle Vern, W6ERS, who was Bip's best man. He became a SK last year. Their major gift, in addition to the big celebration, was a cruise on the Caribbean the following week. After the cruise, they attended the QCWA National Convention in St. Petersburg, FL.

This is my last column as your 6th District Chairman, and I thank all of you for sending me news for the past four years. It was my pleasure to serve as your DC. Please support your new DC, Vi Barrett, W6CBA, and send all your news to her.

My best wishes to all of you for a happy holiday season and the best in 1994. See you on the HF bands. 33, "Le," KB6MXH

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SEASONS GREETINGS



Seventh District

Norma Griffin, N7GLQ

I have enjoyed being your District Chairman and thanks for reelecting me. It has been loads of fun. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Congratulations to Sheila, WA7LQV, who married Richard Emery on August 31. In late December, Sheila and her mother June, WA7YLJ, went to the dress shop so Sheila could try on her wedding dress, and June suggested the headpiece. Then June had a serious stroke and died on January 10. Sheila is glad they were able to have that time together. Sheila's work schedule conflicts with the nets. She is second-in-command and has to care for 14 men on the crew.

Helen, NS5T, is now at her winter home in Yuma. The temperature in Oregon was 60 degrees when they left on September 1 and 111 degrees when they reached Yuma. Thanks for the gorgeous hand stamping! The card and envelope are by my telephone.

Phyllis, W2GLB, and Bill, W2GTX, were in Spain and Portugal this summer for the Esperanto Convention. They drove 1500 kilometers before they met up with the group and then did more traveling. They lived in Spain 22 years ago and the improvements were impressive.

The Cactus Keys had 51 YLs sign in at the Ft. Tuthill Hamfest in Flagstaff, Arizona. Thanks to Beth, KA7AKK; Phyllis, K7SEC; Shirlee, KQ7Y; Inez, WB7USZ, and Myrna, KG7JQ, for helping at the booth. Inez, WB7USZ, made the afghan that was won by Sandy, XYL of Tony, KB7UPZ. Trudy, the XYL of Jim, WA8GBB, President of Superstition ARC, won the old-fashioned western store doorstop, made out of plastic canvas, donated by Ski, KA7QEH. Ski also made the music box centerpiece for the YLRL convention.

There were twenty-eight YLs signed in at the FARE, held on September 19, at Rawhide, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Phyllis, W2GLB; Dottie, K7ESA; Judy, KB7SJJ, Lee, KB8RT, and Myrna, KG7JQ, were the Cactus Keys booth representatives.

The Cactus Keys met for a luncheon on October 16 in Mesa, Arizona. Twelve YLs, five OMs, and one guest were in attendance. One was a new member, Linda, KB7UQO, who received her license in May.

Happy Holidays! News to me by December 15. 33, Norma, N7GLQ

In July, all zip codes in Germany changed. Ursula, DL3LS, has sent these changes. Please post them in your Directory issue.

DF1GQ	78247	DF3AU	29640	DF3KX	51069	DF3RJ	91550
DF4ZX	64668	DF6UI	79227	DJ7WU	56077	DF8XU	46325
DF9YY	32105	DJ0GI	31535	DJ0MCL	79400	DJ2YL	38110
DJ6US	76744	DK5TT	72461	DL1SYL	19395	DL2KCE	53879
DL3LS	42857	DL3SAP	71034	DL3YBV	46325	DL5DYL	02943
DL6KCR	50933	DL7TQ	10713				

Eighth District

Carol Iams, W8WRJ

This will be my last contribution as 8th District Chairman. Carol, WD8DQG, will be taking over in January.

Doris, WD8IKC, set up and manned the Buckeye Belle and YLRL table at Findlay. The YLRL members who signed in were Doris, WD8IKC; Connie, WD8MIO; Sally, N8EEG; Lesley, KB8IDM, and Marge, K8ITF. There were many approving comments about the wooden Buckeye Belle doll, which was donated by May, N8MZJ.

I was unable to get to Findlay because my OM Jim, K8BLB, was providing radio communications that weekend on the MS "Pedal to the Point" in Sandusky. I couldn't work on that (as we have for several years) because of a Chix meeting on Saturday, as I am their Secretary. The Chix are working on arrangements for hosting the next Buckeye Belle Annual Meeting, which they are having here in Cleveland, on May 15, 1994. They are really having fun planning that. Their next meeting is at the QTH of Byrness, AA8KI, on November 6, at 1:00 p.m. Byrness has been down in Florida for a few weeks.

Jean, KA8SSK, has been doing some traveling also in their RV. They spent six days around the perimeter of Pennsylvania and Michigan and went on a fall foliage tour of New England. Now she is working hard on upgrading her license.

Donna, W8QOY, and her OM Ralph, finally sold their home in Portland, Michigan. They hope to get their new antennas up soon in Luddington, Michigan.

Doris, WD8IKC, will be setting up a Buckeye Belle/YLRL table at the Massillon Auctionfest on November 7th.

Kay, WD8DLB, and Ed are still in Fairview Park, Ohio, but will be leaving for Florida in November.

Jane, KB1AQJ, is now a married lady. She met Dennis, WD9DWE, at a ham club meeting, and they married on July 3rd. They are both Extras, and Dennis is Secretary of their ham club. Jane's mother is Anna, K9RXK, of the Buckeye Belles. That's all really neat, Jane.



Buckeye Belles at the YLRL Convention:
Front: K9RXK, W9RTH; K6INK, KJ8X, WA2NFY, W8WRJ.
Back: KOEPE, KK5L, K4LMB, WD8IKC, WA0WOF, WD8DQG, and K18V.

Ninth District

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy Autumn, ladies! Since I last wrote, we had two additions to our family. One is Tyler Jordan, born to our son and daughter-in-law on August 10. At 8 lb 6 oz and 21 inches long, he's a little keeper, like his big brother Sean. Our daughter presented us with a grandcat on October 15. His name is Stan the Man. Our son-in-law named him. (He's a baseball fan. Can you tell?) Besides that, not a whole lot is going on here.

Let's see what you ladies are doing. Roxann, NO9W, is a BUSY lady! Among other things, she went with her children, John, KA9VJE, 19; Jennie, KA9VJF, 17, and Marie, AC4NM (usually /HR3), and her OM Bob to Russia to help start a new church. She didn't get to see any Russian hams, but she did take a few radio parts and some log books and left them with a couple of the missionaries to give to hams. They are awaiting a visit from Marie and Bob and their family before they go back to Honduras in October. They need someone to help with homeschooling for their children. Anyone interested? Besides being YLRL Receiving Treasurer #3, Roxann is Net Control for IMRA, works with the youth group at church, tutors English as a Second Language with the literacy program, does typing for a mail order nursery at home, and, since she didn't make quite enough money before they went to Russia, is getting a second (?) job as a housekeeper. Roxann, I got tired just typing all that!

Evelyn, KC7ET, is staying in Bloomington, Illinois, for the winter this year. She is going to sell her antennas in Texas. On Monday mornings, all the YLs and XYLs in her area have a Coffee Klatch with the OMs. Sounds like a good way to start the week. Stay warm this winter, Evelyn.

Ann, K9RXK, and Adah, W9RTH, went to the YLRL Convention in Wichita and had a great time. Ann's youngest son Dennis, WD9DWE, and Jane, KB1AQJ, were married on July 3, 1993, with the wedding in her back yard. There were 30 guests attending. Wish the couple well for us!

Betty, KC9V, wrote to say the GERATOL net is up and running after a break for the summer months. If you're an Extra class YL, join the fun each evening at 0100 UTC, from October 1 to April 30. It meets on 3.767 MHz, however, contacts for the special WAS award and GERATOL endorsement can be made anywhere with the Extra class American phone band, 3.750 to 3.775 MHz. Betty also said that she and her OM took a trip to Niagara Falls and went up through Canada. She said it was great and rather warm, but very lovely. I'd like to have some of that warm weather now.

Thanks for all the news, ladies. Keep up the good work. You make my job very easy. If you are on packet, you can send me messages on BBS KR9U. Or if you are on CompuServe, my address is 71621.3335. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays. See you in two months. 33, Carole, WB9RUS

*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
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 Tenth District

 Lorrie Loeffler, WD0AGY

Diane Magen, KG5CS/0, a senior at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, made the Dean's List for the sixth consecutive semester and was initiated into the senior honor society, the Mortar Board. Only 40 were selected from her graduating class of more than 2,000. Diane is a charter member of the Grand Forks Chapter of the Ninety Nines, an international organization of women pilots. Diane spent most of the summer at home, and was a big help to her mom Darleen, WD5FQX. On the last day there, she learned that she was the 1993 recipient of the Rose Ellen Bills Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00, and she also received the Upson Honor Scholarship from the University of North Dakota. Diane is majoring in Aeronautical Studies and holds a Commercial pilot's license, with Instrument Rating, and an Extra class Amateur Radio license. And she just turned 20 on August 4th!

The Colorado YLs hold a potluck luncheon every spring and fall. It was originally scheduled for August, but the thousands of visitors for World Youth Day and the Pope's visit made it impossible to plan for a local park then, so the date was moved to September 11.

Two YLs in 10-land lost loved ones recently. Dana, N0FYQ, lost her father, and the 93-year-old mother of Marte, K0EPE, died in September. Marte would like to like to thank the many YLs who have written, called, and sent cards, as they have been a great comfort to her. Her mother was an inspiration until the very end.

Kay, WA0WOF/E17HQ, took her 14-year-old grandson Josh to Ireland in September for a short trip. They went on a one-week tour, which is not NEARLY enough time to spend in Ireland. On the first day, they skipped the Cliffs of Moher and instead got to spend the day with Alan, EI8EM, and his wife Brede. Then it was on the bus, and in the next six days they saw the Ring of Kerry, the lakes of Killarney and Muckross Abbey, the Jameson Distillery, and the Waterford crystal factory. They had tea and scones at an Irish farmhouse, toured the National Stud Farm, went to singing pubs, and ended in Dublin, where they met the Lord Mayor of Dublin. The tour was sponsored by Irish America magazine, and the group was really super.

The Nov-Dec issue of Irish America had a short article about the real first Thanksgiving, on February 22, 1621, as was first published in the Boston Post in 1938. The Pilgrims were actually at the point of starvation, when an Irish ship arrived from Dublin with provisions. The fact that the ship was Irish was omitted in the article, but a search in the archives of the Massachusetts Historical Society showed that the wife of a prominent Plymouth settler was the daughter of a Dublin merchant. He and some colleagues heard that the colony was starving and they chartered a small ship and loaded it with food. The Pilgrims proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving the day after it arrived, which was February 21, 1621. Mark your calendar! It's turkey and cherry pie on February 22.

 Alaska

 Lillian Marvin, NL7DL

Hello from Alaska to all you "Lower 48ers." As promised, I thought I would write a little bit about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

The Iditarod begins the first weekend in March and runs from Anchorage to Nome, a distance of roughly 1049 miles. Headquarters begins in Anchorage and transfers to Nome when most of the mushers have passed the halfway point. There are about 25 checkpoints along the way, at which the mushers must stop. These checkpoints have all been manned by amateurs in the past. The checkpoints may be anything from village recreation centers, to a lodge, to a tent in the middle of nowhere. Most of the amateurs use either their own or borrowed equipment, when operating on the trail. (Imagine operating a ham radio on generator or battery power, with a little heater, in a tent at -20 or -30 degrees Fahrenheit!)

The Iditarod has a ceremonial start in Anchorage, with a restart in Eagle River, about 20 miles north of Anchorage. Female amateurs have been a part of the Iditarod Amateur Radio communications for years.

This year, Anchorage operators included the following: Shari Runyon, AL7FJ; Arlene Steward, KL7HO; Susan Woods, NL7NN; Joan Beller, AL7NK; Shanti Menard, WL7BYZ; Gretchen O'Barr, WL7IN; Kathy Bergerson, KL5TYS; Mindy Tomacivich, NL7TJ, and Ann Judson, KC7RN, who worked at a checkpoint near Eagle River. Bimji Menard, KL7NG, and Lin Blake-Perry (call unknown) both worked on the trail at Unalakleet, and Hannelore Kelliher, NL7EA, worked at Nome. Everyone did a great job!

As anyone who has ever worked Iditarod knows, anything can happen along the trail. Bimji, KL7NG, reported that two Iditarod nonham volunteers actually got married at Unalakleet while working the race. According to Bimji, the groom was in a dogsled harness and the bride in control of the sled. The bride was given away by a race judge. Wedding music was provided by snow machine. The wedding cake was baked by the checkpoint cook, decorated by a female veterinarian, and sliced with an ulu (a special knife used for filleting salmon). The bridal pair spent their honeymoon night in the local schoolroom. Only in Alaska! For next time, I will try to get a story or two regarding Iditarod happenings from Nome.

Several ladies had a great time today helping to put up a second remote receiver for the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club's KL7AA 146.34/94 repeater. The receiver's location is the home of Susan Woods here in Anchorage. The ladies included Karen Saunders, WL7KS; Connie Carraway, WL7KZ; Margie Page, KL7GLU; Muriel "Mike" Attwood, NL7AB; Susan Woods, NL7NN; Lynne Duncan, KL7IO; Dianne Hammer, NL7KN; Cora Worsham, WL7AR; Doris Miller, WL7BC, and yours truly. We were under the guidance of Paul Spatzek, KL7BF, and John Ziv, NL7YM, both of whom kindly showed us how to properly set the equipment, including the antenna. Also along for the ride were Bill Beach, AL7MM, and Roger Sheley, NL7RY. Doug Dickinson, KL7IKX, helped us out by correcting a few minor problems.

Guess that's enough for now. 73 and God Bless to everyone. Lil, NL7DL

Canada

Marge Rippin, VE1VCH

There was interesting news from our editor of *Clarion*, Vicki, VE7DKS, regarding the Friendship Games, held in Victoria, B.C., this past June. Three countries were involved--Russia, USA, and Canada. Ham operators in Victoria were hosts to fifteen Russians for two weeks. The Russian hams were allowed to use their own callsigns, with a "VE7" suffix. The Russian operators took the top three prizes in the fox hunt, CW sending, and CW receiving contests. The USA operators initiated a "CW Pile-up Contest," in which you would copy as many callsigns as possible in three minutes. The top Russian operator copied 58 callsigns out of 75.

Vicki had the pleasure of meeting JA1LCW, who traveled by herself from Tokyo to the games. Vicki operated from XO7G most evenings in June. The next Friendship Games will be held in Russia in 1995.

Victoria, B.C., will also host the Commonwealth Games on August 18-24, 1994. Ham operators will be active for the bicycle events and in the message handling centers. More info on these games will be given at a later date.

Don't forget the Family Day Contest on November 16, 1993.

This is my last news for *YL Harmonics*, as my term has come to an end. I must say I have enjoyed it, having made new friends. I also met up with some old friends of past years, so it has been a rewarding two years.

We will not be going to Florida this winter so we are hoping for a mild winter in the Maritimes. We will be staying at home feeding the birds and watching it snow.

33, Marge, VE1VCH



UPGRADES

KD1QY, Denise Finley, ex-N1OTI	Advanced
KR4DI, Robin LaByer, ex-KD4BJE	Unknown
KB5HEP, Helen Lockhart	General
KF8YD, Sheila Markland	Advanced

SILENT KEYS

WE ARE SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF THESE YLS:

K1OKC Bea Chapman - September 15, 1993
 WA4YWK Jane Nowicki - September 27, 1993
 W7GFF Betty Taylor

OUR HEARTELT CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THESE MEMBERS:

NY4H, Marty Silver, whose OM became a SK on October 25.
 N4ODI, Roni Hicks, whose mother Jane, WA4YWK, is a SK
 K0EPE, Marte Wessel, whose mother died on September 19
 N0FYQ, Dana Tramba, whose father died in October



DX YL News

Lorraine Witkowski, WA1EDR

INTRODUCING NEW DX YLS:

Judy Stewart, CP6AK, received her first class license on August 1, 1990. She also held the call KB5KVJ since 1989. Her birthday is October 20, 1956. She and her OM Glenn, CP6BY, are missionaries in Bolivia. They have three children: Ellen, 11, Karen, 9, and Gary, 5. She works SSB daily on 21.390 MHz between 1800-2200 UTC, and she likes to cross stitch. Judy is sponsored by Anne Manna, WB1ARU.

Hildi Harry, HB9KAL, was licensed in 1990, and her birthday is 11/08/38. She works the YL net on 14.242 MHz, at 1700 UTC, on Thursday, and also enjoys skiing swimming, and gardening.

Hae Ok Kim, HL1LAV was licensed on October 11, 1990, and her birthday is October 11, 1955. She works the 15 meter band and is a member of the Korea Ladies Amateur Radio Club (KLARC) and the Korea UNICEF Ham Club (KUHC). Kim enjoys traveling and the tea ceremony, and her sponsor is Miriam Lamb, AA2DX.

Martha L. Golden, NP2S has an Extra class license and enjoys Amateur Radio, piano playing, and her computer. She belongs to the St. Crox A.R.C., 10-X International Net, and the Amateur Radio News Service (ARNS). Martha is paying her own dues.

Isa Theil Mikkelsen, OZ5ABD, received her VHF-UHF license in April, 1989, and her HF license in April, 1990. She operates all bands, SSB and CW. Her OM is Erik, who is not licensed but is helpful with her antennas. Isa enjoys scouting and the outdoor life, especially fishing and sports. She also has a garden of vegetables and flowers and finds time for some sewing. She works in a day care center for children, aged 9-14, and in the evening, has the 14-18 years old. Isa is a member of Experimenting Danish Radio (EDR), an Amateur club in Copenhagen. She enjoys working the contests and worked with the club's 20 meter band team during Field Day. She enjoys travel and has visited many countries in Europe, Canada, Morocco, and Kenya.

Dorothy Bishop, VK2DDB, received her license in June, 1978. She is active on 2, 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. You can find her on the DX-YL 222 Net, at 0600 UTC, on Monday. Her packet address is VK2DDB@VK2XY.syo.Aust.OC. Dot's birthday is August 26, 1943, and her OM is John, VK2ZOI. Their children are Ian, 22; Ben, 18; Peter, 12, and Roger, 9. She does a bit of sewing, tapestry, mending, dressmaking, gardening when it looks like a jungle, and haircutting when the family looks like shaggy dogs. She helps in a remedial reading class and does desktop publishing, as she is the ALARA editor. Dot's sponsor is Shirlee J. Moore, KQ7Y.

June Stead, ZL2WE, received her license in November, 1984. June is a white stick operator and operated all bands. She was born and raised on a sheep station. She says travel has been a very interesting part of her life, due to her job, which was recording printed books onto tapes for the disabled. She is a member of Toastmasters and does public speaking and fund raising. June enjoys country music and signs and plays the guitar. She has travelled all over New Zealand and Australia with her guide dog. In 1990, she made a trip to the USA and plans to come back next year. She has three daughters and a son, aged 22 to 32, and seven grandchildren. Her life's story will be published in November, and she will travel around New Zealand to promote it. Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC, is her sponsor.

Maria Oosthuizen, ZS1AFZ, was licensed on December 31, 1991. She is active on CW on 10, 15, and 20 meters, at 0700-1900 UTC. Her birthday is December 31st, and she is 47 years old. Maria and her OM Danie, ZS1AEC, were professional photographers and toured South Africa, from Cape Point in the south, to Beit Bridge, border post to Zimbabwe. Their two children, Tanya and Danie, Jr., are both married. They have three beautiful pedigree bull terrier dogs. Maria's main hobby is DXing, only on CW. She started on HF on 1/5/92 and made 1,000 CW contacts within seven months, earning three Algoa Bay Merit Awards, at the 250, 500, and 1000 CW contact levels. To date, she has more than 2500 CW QSOs, including many with U. S. stations. She is pretty close to her "Worked All Africa Award." is approaching the WAS Award, has confirmed QSOs with 30 CQ zones, and has covered almost all of Japan, Europe, and Sweden. Her rig is a Kenwood TS-850, and her antenna is a Hy-Gain tribander beam for 10, 15, and 20 meters. She doesn't use a linear. Maria's sponsor is Anne-Marie Novo-Gradac, AC4OQ.

NEWS FROM DX MEMBERS

Alenka Celik, S59YL, had a baby boy on June 15, whose name is Matej, or Mathew in English. They are both healthy and happy. Alenka is very happy to be a member of YLRL and thanks Val, KH6QI, for adopting her. Alenka sends best wishes to all members of YLRL.

Iwona "Candy" Okulicz, SP5XAB, writes that she is less active on the bands because she expects a baby in late October. She hopes to be able to go on a DX expedition, but it all depends on if the baby is healthy and if her mother will be able to help her. She sends greetings to all from Warsaw, Poland.

Anny Schwager, DF2SL, writes that she is mostly on CW and has a sked every Monday with her sponsor, Lia, WA2NFY. If conditions are good, you will find them on 21.335 MHz on SSB. She likes CW because she had to learn it during WW II to help out in the factories on RTTY and phone. She has been a member of her club since 1969 and YLRL since 1975. Anny enjoys the YLRL contests but misses hearing some of the older YLs who used to participate.

Renata Krause, DJ9SB, writes that she spent a week in Ireland in May. She flew from Frankfurt to Shannon, and then travelled by coach each day. The weather was fair, and the people were very friendly. In August, they went

to see her sister who lives in Solingren, near Cologne.

Anita Roben, DK1HH, writes that she is very glad to have been a member of YLRL since June, 1975. She enjoyed a visit by her sponsor Ellie Odom, N5BYF, this year. Ellie stayed with her brother in Stuttgart, and Anita and Ellie had a great visit. Anita is the Finance Chairman for the DL-YL club in Germany.

Rosel Dach, DL2FCA, sends her best regards to all YLRL members. Rosel and her OM Kelmur DL8FBZ, went to southern France and visited their friends Andy, F5NYW, and Celia. They also went to a campground on the Atlantic. Rosel says the specialities of the area are Bordeaux wine and Champagne, and they like it very much.

Constance Hall, G8LY, was delighted to receive a Wichita post card signed by 30 YLs at the convention. She says she seems to have been very busy with various things during the last three or four months, and at 82, she finds most things take longer to do. Her station is operational on 70 cm, 2 meters, 28, 21, and 14 MHz, but conditions are somewhat erratic. She thanks BAYLARC YLs and KB6MXH for sponsoring her in YLRL.

Mary Adams, G0PPZ, enjoys corresponding with her sponsor Jeanette, KG7TK, as they have many interests in common. Mary and her husband John also enjoy traveling, camping, ballroom dancing, and Latin American dancing. They visited Paris last April and Hungary in May. They also went camping at a radio rally in Derbyshire and met her husband's sister and OM.

Liz Buckland, G0JWN, writes that on July 1, 1993, she married G4IMZ. They met at the Dayton Hamvention in 1991 and bought their wedding rings in Dayton, when she attended the Hamvention in 1992.

Anny Jenk, HB9YL, writes that she really enjoys reading YL Harmonics and all the district news. She also enjoys seeing the photos of the YLs. She had a nice time at her oldest daughter's home in August, where she took care of her two youngest grandchildren for two weeks. She had to feed 29 hens, 2 cocks, 2 ducks, and 2 cats. Every morning she was awakened early because the cocks were crowing so loud.

Mary Lou Moons, ON4AMM, is very happy that Linda, KB9HJH, has adopted her. They live in a small village in the northern part of Belgium, 60 km from the capital of Brussels. She extends an invitation for YLs and OMs to visit her in her home, and she will show you a little of Belgium. Her other hobby is cooking; she likes to prepare special foods. When Mary Lou got her license in June, 1991, she was the only YL in the province of Limbourg with an ON4 call, but now there are two more. Mary Lou will be listening for YLRL members on the air.

Leela Chowdappan, VU2CP, writes about the sudden and unexpected demise of her beloved YL friend, Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ. They have been friends for nearly 20 years, and Lenore had sponsored Leela in YLRL for those years. A letter from Leela, dated June 11th, says that three months ago, she had a telephone conversation with Lenore from her own QTH in India. Lenore was so happy to speak to Leela direct. Theirs was a real friendship, and Leela would like to record her "deep sense of sorrow" in this column.