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*Will you be my  
Valentine*

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY YL SYSTEM "47TH BIRTHDAY"



### President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ

Greetings from Texas

#### AWARDS

An 800 Hour Service Award was issued to Amy, KC8VRT, #16191 in December. A 200 Hour Service Award was issued to Tom, KI4IRH, #16405 in January. Congratulations to both Amy and Tom, and thanks for the service you render to the YLISSB.

#### VOICE EDITOR

We are still searching for someone to edit the Voice. If you are interested, please contact me at [kl7fqq@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqq@yahoo.com). This can be a rewarding experience for the right person.

#### VOTE

Don't forget to fill out the ballot in the recent Voice, and mail it to KE5ZI before the deadline of March 31.

#### CONVENTION 2010

Excitement is building for the upcoming Convention in Columbia, South Carolina in June, 2010. Check the website for information. We hope to see you there.

#### CONVENTION 2011

Scotty, K6ZNL, is working on putting together a bid for the Convention to be held in Los Angeles in 2011. If anyone else is interested in hosting this convention, please let me know.

#### THANK YOU

As I listen to the System, I hear many new people checking in. I want to thank each and every one of our controls for giving them the Web site information, and welcoming them to the System. You are truly the Ambassador's of Friendship.

I hope that the year of 2010 is a good one for us all. 33's, 73's and 88's Rose



# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## NEW MEMBERS

16471	N7GDP	WALTER	AZ
16472	WØMTZ	FERMAN	CO
16473	N8OCJ	BRIAN	OH
16474	K8RLD	JOHN	MI
16475	KC8OFS	CAROLYN	MI
16476	KF5DPU	THOMAS	TX
16477			
16478			
16479			
16480			

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01 VE9RMD	2/11 K11IF	2/17 WAIS
2/01 NØGEB	2/13 WITGY	2/20 KFØNU
2/02 N5PRU	2/14 AB9DR	2/20 NØDK
2/02 AUDREY	2/14 WZ1X	2/21 NØTWV
XYL OF W1VCU	2/15 KD4PY	2/21 W8OPA
2/03 AA3DX	2/15 VA3AJJ	2/21 KØICA
2/04 KF4OPT	2/16 GØRHL	2/24 K4RRF
2/05 WD8BNE	2/16 JOANNE	2/25 KE7EZJ
2/06 VE4EEE	XYL OF VE1JIM	2/26 VE3UUL
2/08 WA1KKP	2/16 KC7KPG	

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/28 WAØAVW REX & MARILYN

## NEW TFOs NOT IN VOICE

490	KBØVSN	RAY	MN
491	KE7MP	FRANK	WA
492	WD8LYB	WILL	MI

## SILENT KEYS

1739	KC7KT	KENNETH	OR
6200	W8VIF	ROBERT	WV
9490	K1AA	NORMAN	FL

## 2/06-07 YL SYSTEM CW QSO PARTY

2/06-07	VERMONT QSO PARTY
2/06-07	BLACK SEA CUP INTL
2/06	MINNESOTA QSO PARTY
2/06	FYBO WINTER QRP FIELD DAY
2/06-07	BRITISH COLUMBIA QSO PART
2/06-07	DELAWARE QSO PARTY
2/07	NEW MEXICO QSO PARTY
2/07	QRP WINTER FIRESIDE SSB SPRINT
2/08-12	SCHOOL CLUB ROUND UP
2/12-14	YL-OM CONTEST (WWW.YLRL.ORG)
2/13-14	NEW HAMPSHIRE QSO PARTY
2/13-14	WORLDWIDE PEACE MESSENGER CITIES
2/13-14	DUTCH PACC CONTEST
2/13-14	LOUISIANA QSO PARTY
2/13-14	OMISS QSO PARTY
2/14	NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT
2/14-15	CLASSIC EXCHANGE
2/20-21	AM QSO PARTY
2/28-28	FRENCH REF CONTEST
2/27-28	MISSISSIPPI QSO PARTY

From the Editor: Judy and I offer “Many, Many” thanks to Bill W7AJP for his assistance in gathering the information on pages 6 & 7 of this issue of the Communicator! Great job Bill, we could not have found all of this information without your help. We have no doubt Mack and Maria will be surprised.

Thanks Again!

## From your 2010 YL System Convention Hosts

The YL System's Convention this year will be held in Columbia, South Carolina as many of you may already know.

This is our first time to host a convention and things are progressing nicely. The kind folks here in Columbia are working with us to get reduced rates on tours and the Hotel rooms.

We will have a large banquet room at our disposal for our Hospitality Room and Boutique display. We encourage everyone to bring something to be sold in the Boutique as it is one of our main avenues to acquire money for our yearly Scholarship presentations.

Oh, and in case we didn't mention it, Friday evening will be the Social. There are many of you out there who are talented...musically and/or otherwise, so bring your instruments if you have them. It will be a free for all in that it will be an evening where we can really get to converse and enjoy camaraderie together.

For those of you who attended the Bismarck convention a few years ago, remember how much fun the Social was? We are certain this will be just as pleasing to everyone.

That's it for this month, but as we turn over a new Year on the Calendar, it's time to think about getting those reservations and registrations in to us.

Thanks and best of 73,  
Kevin and Sally  
KA4NWS/KG4NWS



Check out the dates below for the CW QSO Party. Come on you can do it! Get out that dusty old key and give out some contacts and don't forget to send Jim your log!

**In days of old  
When ops were bold  
And sideband not invented  
The words were passed  
By pounding brass  
And all were quite contented**

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**Don't forget the System  
CW QSO Party  
February 6—7**

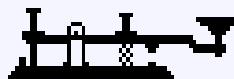
**Be sure to participate!  
No one is too slow,  
No one is too rusty.  
Just take your time, make  
contacts and help others  
make contacts.**

### ON THE AIR: THE NEW CW OPERATORS CLUB

The CW Operators' Club or CWops is a newly formed club aimed at encouraging the use of Morse in radio communications, and to promote goodwill among radio amateurs world wide.

CWops is international in scope, membership and management. Its focus is the use of CW, whether for contesting, DXing or rag chewing.

More information on this new pro Morse organization is on-line at [www.cwops.org](http://www.cwops.org). (N3JT, Southgate)



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### Always Remember...

*If you check in that visitor, that new station, that rare DX, **YOU are our ambassador.***

*It is up to you to make that visiting person really feel welcome. It is up to you to practice "Instant Friendship."*

*Make the visitor feel welcomed and tell him/her about "Your System." But... do NOT overload them with information. Give them our website: <http://www.ylssystem.org> and let them know we are on every day and that they are always welcome.*

*However, it is best not to overwhelm them with 1st period, 2nd period, VK, ZL, Moonbeam, moving to .331 on Saturdays, etc., etc. Just keep it simple and let them know you are glad they checked in and hope they will return.*

### OUR MOTTO

*Dedicated to the  
building of friendship among  
all people via Amateur Radio.*

### OUR CREEDO

*We believe in the  
Dignity of man.*

## DAY TIME REPORT

As always, Jda is there every day to make sure things are running smoothly. With Judy on 'sick leave,' she has had a shortage with 2nd period controls, and K7PVZ has only recently returned to duty after suffering with multiple radio failures. Couple that with spotty propagation, and you can see that sometimes Jda feels like a ship without a crew!

If you can step up, even for one or two hours, it would mean a great deal to the System. Second hour of the EMWU continues to be a challenge, as NF2J checks in during the first hour with N1PVT, but she can't copy Jda, so it doesn't help that she is there. We need people from all over the country to listen and check-in and be willing to help at the drop of a hat!

Cooperation is the name of the game, and to be honest, most people have been willing to do their share. A COMMITMENT would certainly be appreciated, however! Check-ins have been increasing generally, but some days are worse than others, and we seem to have some interference with DX stations that must be using the frequency before 1300Z and don't hear us until well into the first hour of the EMWU. It has been frustrating on some days, but generally we have quite a few check-ins and are grateful for each one!

If you would like to sign up for a certain hour on a certain day to help KB5YQ, please let N1PVT, Jane in MA know and I will relay the information to you. Thanks for your continue support of the System!

73 de Jane N1PVT for Jda KB5YQ.

## 40 METER REPORT

Well another month has come and just about gone. Things seem to be working out quite well. We are starting to get more and more check ins even with the QRN what it is. With some very beneficial recommendations I believe that we are doing a somewhat better job, getting more members and guest involved.

It is sometimes very difficult to pass control around without the help of Echolink. We do try by relaying requests via others on the air.

With the Earthquake we have instructed all to be listening for any communications that might be heard and to Break the System if need be. So far it has been quiet.

I will be gone for a while starting February 2 until some time around February 17. I will have a radio with me and hope to be able to check in and say Hi once in a while. There are many fine people that will be stepping in to help out. Please stop by and say Hi and make a call or two.

For those that have sent me suggestions THANKS and for those that help out THANKS. And for those that have checked in THANKS. What a great system to be part of.

I am still looking for some help to extend hour of operations, so more out West can join us. Just send an email to [jayson648@yahoo.com](mailto:jayson648@yahoo.com) then we will go from there. The same goes for anyone interested in starting up a 80M session. Just let me know.

Thanks again to all. Jay KI4TXP

## MOONBEAM REPORT

In lieu of a Moonbeam Report, I would like to ask all members planning to attend the convention to start cleaning out your closets, your garage or even your shack. The System needs your "throw aways" for the Boutique which will be set up in the Hospitality Room.

At each convention Marilyn and her "helpers" do a fantastic job of setting up the Boutique and handling sales throughout the convention. Proceeds from sales go to the System's K4RHL Scholarship Fund.

Any paid up member or member of his/her family entering or currently enrolled in a college, vocational school or an accredited institution of higher learning is eligible for scholarship funds. Joan NF2J is the Custodian of the fund.

So, if you don't know what to do with that painting in your garage or those ceramics, cups and saucers, doilies, etc. bring them to the convention and donate them to the boutique.

Same goes for any ham equipment. We don't want to make a yard sale out of this with furniture, garden supplies, etc., but we will welcome amateur radio items and books. How about some of those ARRL books you no longer look at? Got an SWR meter, microphone, two meter rig or anything else you no longer use? Bring them along.

Thanks, Dick K3CDQ

### TRY TO REMEMBER!

V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 who founded the YL System asked that out of respect for our many OM members, that we call our membership number a Sideband Number and not a YL Number. If you call it a YL number, you are not wrong and no one is going to chastise you. However, it is suggested that we all "honor her request" and refer to our membership number as a Sideband Number.

On a recent afternoon, after a Control asked two members to repeat their signal reports for him, one person asked Control why he needed to hear the report since Control was not making the contact. The reason for that is explained below.

The YL System awards program does not require QSL cards for confirmation of contacts. Members submit their logs to the respective Awards Manager under an honor system. ***“If you say you worked someone, we believe you!”*** That is why a Control station might ask each of you to repeat your signal reports. It is just to make sure the reports were heard on both sides and to add some integrity to the contact. Regarding QSLs, if you want a card or need it for an award with ARRL or other club, just ask for it. Our members will always QSL when asked.



Additionally, on the YL System, a 1X1 report is not considered acceptable. A good contact requires a minimum of a 2X2 report. When a 1X1 is given, it is suggested controls say, our Awards Program does not recognize 1X1 reports, please give another signal report with no number ones in it. Control should not suggest 2X2, 3X3 or anything else. It is suggested that Control let them decide what the report will be.

From the Historian

Today we are into the 3<sup>rd</sup> day since the devastating earthquake hit the tiny country of Haiti. Watching events as they unfold on television, the on-scene Commander is discussing various strategies being taken to get food, water, and medicines to the stricken, as well as ongoing efforts to rescue survivors. He makes one comment regarding communications into and out of Haiti that really hits home....there is none!!

proper medicines to the victims.

It's really frustrating to all of us knowing that due to almost total destruction in and around Port-au-Prince, there just aren't the number of HAMS there nor the electricity, nor the gasoline for generators, and probably not even standing antennas to allow them to be on the air requesting assistance. We can only hope and pray that the aid and assistance being provided by many countries arrives in time.

heard. I listened to one Haitian Ham the other evening as he was letting his relatives in New York and New Jersey know that he was alive.

At any rate, please keep the folks in Haiti in your thoughts and prayers, and if the opportunity presents itself where we on the YL System are requested to assist, please do so as professionally and courteously as we have done in the past. 73, Kevin (KA4NWS)

Perhaps in a week or two, there will be enough infrastructure in place for amateurs in Haiti to be able to pass traffic easily out of country, but as of this writing, only a few HH stations have been

Our YL System was originally founded on the principal that we would be prepared as Amateur Radio Operators to provide assistance at a time like this and help to get the





## SPOTLIGHT ON: KCØCRS MACK & NØTWV MARIA SIDEBANDERS #14429 AND #12317

Mack KCØCRS - Mack was Born: Jan. 2, 1929, in Clara, MS

Education: Associate of Arts from Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, MS; A Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton; and a Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA.

Married: Marie Martin of Hattiesburg, MS.

Pre-missionary experience: Pastor of churches in Alabama, Mississippi and Oregon. Before reappointment in 1981, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Chatom, AL., and First Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS.

Assignments: Appointed missionary by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC to Paraguay in 1963. Spanish language study, San Jose, Costa Rica, 1963-64. Taught at the Paraguayan Baptist Theological Institute, initiated the student work at the University of Asuncion, pastored the Barrio Jara Baptist Church and started a mission, Asuncion, 1964-68. Transferred to Uruguay in 1969. Teacher at the Uruguayan Baptist Theological Institute, Montevideo, 1970-74, and began a mission that is now a church. Resigned in 1975.

Reappointed to Mexico, 1981. Stationed in Mexico City where he taught biblical studies at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, 1982-89. Stationed in Ciudad. Juarez, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, where he served as field missionary of the Mateo M. Gurrola Baptist Association. Retired June 1, 1994.



Maria NØTWV - Maria was born: Feb. 21, 1930, in Hattiesburg, MS. Ex - XE1MMJ

Married: Mack P. Jones of Clara, MS.

Pre-missionary experience: Before appointment in 1963, she taught piano, voice and was choir director in Hattiesburg, and McLain, MS.; Eugene OR.; and Klamath Falls, OR. Before reappointment in 1981, she taught voice and Spanish and gave Sacred Vocal concerts in Alabama and Mississippi and served with Mack at First Baptist Church, Chatom, AL. She taught voice and was active in music ministry at First Baptist Church, Ellisville, MS.

Assignments: Appointed missionary to Paraguay in 1963. Language study, San Jose, Costa Rica, 1963-64. Taught music and directed the school choir at the Paraguayan Baptist Theological Institute, Asuncion, 1964-68. Transferred to Uruguay in 1969. Music faculty, Uruguayan Baptist Theological Institute, Montevideo, 1970-74. Resigned in 1975. Reappointed to Mexico in 1981. Language refresher course in Guadalajara, Mexico. Church and home worker in Mexico City, Mexico, 1981-89. She taught voice and piano at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary and served as pianist for the seminary choir, 1983-89. Church and home worker in Ciudad, Juarez, State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Retired June 1, 1994.

Still active, Mack and Marie are members of the Arboles Baptist Church where Mack is an Associate Pastor and teaches Sunday School. Maria is the pianist. For nine years she had directed the annual Community Christmas Choir which along with Christmas Carol arrangements, and has always performed the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where they have resided since 1993.

Mack usually comes to the mic when someone needs a contact for an award but Maria is the one who keeps the equipment warmed up. She can be heard just about every day and is a System Control on many portions of the System. Maria is also on the Board of Directors and is frequently heard with her warm voice, practicing "Instant Friendship" as she welcomes others to OUR YL SYSTEM..



Bill W7AJP, Maria and Mack  
at System's Durango, CO Convention

## **XE1MMJ Returns to Mexico and the Earthquake**

The Jones returned to Mexico in 1981, but due to license renewal problems, Maria, XE1MMJ, was off the air for some time. In 1985, an earthquake hit Mexico City.

“Groups of people began appearing at my house begging me to send messages to their families because international telephone lines were not in service. Those first few days I was wringing my hands in despair. My Mexican friends went to bat for me, and I was given special permission to run health-and-welfare, priority and emergency traffic” said Maria. For six weeks, she suspended her teaching duties and worked 16 hours a day, leaving the rig only to eat a sandwich. “The first few days, working alone, I was frantic. I had no one to help me call the hundreds of telephone numbers that I had accumulated. Many stateside operators waited five hours for their turn to get one telephone call through to me. A friend came to my rescue and organized me! He began calling numbers as fast as they came in, and organized the ones I already had noted. We had no computer, so everything was done by hand. He put the radio operator’s call and name on a card, the name of the person or persons they were inquiring about, the phone number and the name and telephone number of the inquirer in the states. Later we began taking the radio operator’s phone number.”

For several weeks, five to seven US operators stayed on the air with Maria. One operator had a toll-free line, and a US company issued a communications line to another operator to be used for disaster service. “This allowed us to pass traffic faster and facilitated our confirming much more traffic than usual,” said Maria. Long after the Mexican government canceled emergency conditions, she continued to receive hundreds of calls daily. “We had some happy, sad, emotional, as well as funny experiences,” noted Maria.

Because of Maria’s bilingual talents she was contacted by the Red Cross groups from many states wanting her to confirm their lists. One Red Cross agency gave her over 80 names with telephone numbers to confirm. There were also various consulates, especially from New York, with long lists. Through an operator in Florida, contacts were made for the Mexican Aid Society in London and for people in other countries such as Israel, Spain and Italy. Some US operators made calls to other countries for Maria, so she didn’t have to take time to turn her beam.

“They would report back to me the next day, so I knew their relatives have received the messages. Other US operators made long-distance calls and sent telegrams at their own expense. This they did willingly and without asking for reimbursement. The cooperation from radio operators everywhere was outstanding! I could not have made the valuable contribution without their help, the help of my OM and our friends. My estimate is that we made over 1,000 confirmations and were unable to confirm less than 100. To be able to help people in this terrible time of disaster through my hobby was most thrilling, yet humbling, experience of my life.”

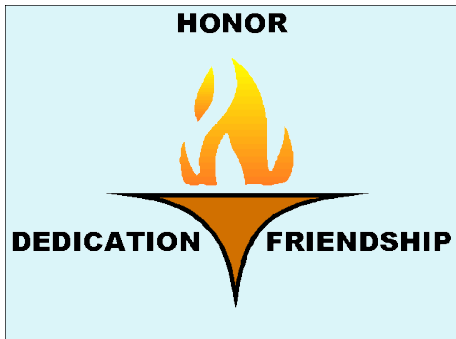
At the present time, Maria and her husband Mack, teach at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Mexico. Maria teaches voice, piano and is the pianist for the Seminary choir. Although her commitment to the Seminary and music appear to be more than a full-time occupation, she does find time for radio as well as traveling, swimming, tennis, reading, photography and stamp collecting. Look for her on 20 meters and ask her about her collection of American Indian books and jewelry.

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*(Paragraphs below regarding Maria would not fit on previous page)*

Education: Bachelor of Music from University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, and the Master of Church Music from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Additional study, 1 year intensive study at Instituto de Lengua Española, San Jose, Costa Rica. Honors included selected to be listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Pi Kappa Lambda, an American honor society for undergraduate students, graduate students, and professors of music."

Amateur Radio: Maria got her first ticket in 1971 in Montevideo, Uruguay. She was CX5BJ. Since licenses were not reciprocal for American citizens, she had to take her test in English and got her first US ticket in 1979 as KA5CVY. Later, through much difficulty, she was XE1CVY.



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**READY FOR THE QSO PARTY?**

*From the Editor... K3CDQ (Sailor photo in #153 was N7HRO)*

*Each month, when we send out the Communicator, we send it to every YLISSB member that we have an email address for. If you know others who would like to receive it, please let us know.*

*When we send it out, we ALWAYS send it BCC so that it will go out to undisclosed recipients and not disclose your email address for the world to see. It concerns us when we get an email back in reply and see all the member's addresses displayed at the top of the email. This tell us that the security of using BCC is not working and that addresses are being displayed for all to see. Again, this is not done on purpose and we would appreciate it if you would delete all addresses before forwarding such an email.*

*We realize that members probably do not mind that fellow Sidebanders are getting access to their email address but it concerns us that the BCC function is not keeping addresses confidential. We are using Outlook Express. If you have any thoughts on why this function is not working properly, please let us know.*

*We also encourage those of you who have envelopes on file with us and DO have computers and-or do receive the Communicator from us by email, to consider not sending us more envelopes. You can easily print the Communicator by printing pages 1, 3, 5 and 7 and then reinserting the pages and printing 2, 4, 6 and 8. With the help of a stapler, you will have the same thing we mail. If you are going to continue sending us envelopes, please send us the ones that do not need to be moistened and BE SURE to write "Last Envelope" on one of them.*

*Thanks, Richard & Judy*

**(OM with the HT was WA3EOP)**

YL System member Stan, AC8W (YN2WW) will be operating from the Republic of Nicaragua 2/16 thru 2/25 with hams from Michigan. This will be their second visit. They will operate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, and will be active on all bands before and after the contest. With them are Hank, K8DD, (YN2DD), Lee, N8LJ (YN2LJ) and Jim, KB8TXZ (YN2TX)

They will stay at the home of Octavio, YN2N. He and his wife Martha have a lovely home in the rural outskirts of Granada and it is situated on the slopes of the dormant Volcan Mombacho which is now a national park.

Granada is historically one of Nicaragua's most important cities. It is situated on the northwestern shore of Lake Nicaragua, and has a rich colonial heritage, seen in its architecture and layout. Granada is commonly nicknamed the "Gran Sultana del Gran Lago" - the Great Sultan of the Great Lake.

Stan, AC8W, Sideband #10322 is a frequent check-in on the System. He will try to make a contact with XYL Trish, KA8AMX who will be mobile in Cocoa Beach, FL. They will be using a K3, two K2's and TS950 transceivers. Antennas include a tri-band beam, dipoles and a quad for 17 meters. They will have antennas and equipment for all bands 160 meters thru 6 meters.