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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2020

NEW OFFICERS

Last month I neglected to mention that we have a new Vice President. Nancy, K0YL, is working hard as your Vice President.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of an E-Mail and Teleconference Coordinator. The job required maintaining a current database for Constant Contact (a third-party software that allows mass email) and sending such items as the Communicator and the Voice to the current membership. It also entails setting up and scheduling meetings on Zoom (which is a platform for video and audio conferencing). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

CONVENTION 2021

We sincerely hope that the virus ends its days this year, and life can get back to normal. Look for information about the 2021 Convention in Wisconsin in this and future issues of the Communicator.

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MONTHLY AWARDS

September is our Autumn Eagle Award 2020. Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a three or a one.

NEW INFORMATION ON TFO

Members holding a Top Flight Operator number may nominate other members to receive this prestigious award by going to the webpage, under the heading TFO, and using the TFO Vote link. An undisclosed Committee had been appointed to consider potential TFO recipients. Our old procedure was broken, so the Committee has been given permission to issue several TFO's for the month of September...from then on, they will only be allowed to issue two per month.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Policy and Procedures Manual has undergone extensive revision. Our policies have changed on a number of procedures. I am happy to announce that the Manual has been sent to each member, plus it is available on the Website. I urge you, when you receive your copy, to read it cover-to-cover, but pay special attention to the section that gives guidance for you.

OLDER MEMBER

Thanks to our Chaplain, Reverend Jim, WA0PFV, I had the chance to enjoy a telephonic visit with Sister Mary Lauren, sideband number 6968. Sister Lauren is 99-years-old, and still going to work four-days a week at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. She gave up ham radio several years ago, but still remembers her many friends on the System.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

September Anniversaries

KE0IJN Dave & Sabine
KE0EUS Rita & Rex
AE0GU D & Judy
N0EYZ Jim & Barb
N1OIE John & Molly
KC1AU Bob & Donna
KB1TSE Norm & Lee
K1GND Jim & Ann Marie
VE1QT Linda Marie & Spouse
W1KNF Nicole & Spouse
AA1XD Gene & Sally
K1IEB Tim & Eva
N1YZO Jack & Michelle
KX1A David & Nikki
N2XPM Artie & Lorraine
WA2OOO Bill & Audrey
KC2VAL Nick & Denise
KB3SEL Gloria & AK3R John
K3CDQ Dick & Judy
VE3MXJ Brad & Anna
KC3EYB Anne & AB3TY Larry
AK4GE Don & Rhonda
K4HCB Hugh & Bichloan
KK4HMN Toni & Jack
KF4HBE Bobby & Diane
W4FEB Randy & Charlyne
KM4MQO Rodena & Jack
KW4MB Richard & Terry
KS4SW Ron & BJ
K4ADY Bill & Gwen
K4ZEE Vic & Joyce
KM4DCQ David & Spouse
K4ECP Jim & Barbara
K5AEB Ann & Spouse
K5TLE Terry & Maxine
N5EDG Perry & Marita
K5WZS Zach & Spouse
N5UOV Jack & Rodena

KI5EGG James & Linda
KE5ES Steven Ray & Julie
K5KCH Ken & Christine
KA5UVN Jerry & Becky
W5CAP C.A. & Leigh
KI5WG Ernie & Spouse
N5WC Wendell & Spouse
KI5HDT Stan & Spouse
N5DWE Doug & Linda
WW5ENZ Wenz & Spouse
WA6EBB Barry & Mary
KK6ABZ Jan & Tricia
KH6G Clarence & Maverline
KV6ARM Kelly & Brenda
KZ7I Len & K0NJS Amy
WB7FDE Donna & AE7P John
WD7ALE Dale & Sharon
KK7GO Ron & KC7ORY Joanne
K7HJE Hugo & Marleen
W7CAP Cary & Denise
W7QHZ Martin & Cathie
W7MDP Mike & Susan
KD8WSL Bill & Mary
K8SAR Steve & Maeva
WV8VRC Roger & Debra
KD8PYY Jack & Spouse
K8SAR Steve & Maeva
W8TRU Brian & Kim
KD8EFM Dell & Spouse
W8TOG Henry & Rebecca
KD8KBX Robert & Jerilyn
N8IJY Glenn & Becky
K9PCD Chuck & Mary
KC9W Danica & John
K9LUV Michael & Fran
N9OZT Don & Jan
KF9GS Dick & Janie

If I missed your Anniversary, please let me know at jim@pandzik.com!

Awards and TFOs

No TFOs were named this month, but we congratulate Gloria Macomber, AC0KV, for earning the All States Award for the states of Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Strange but Funny Phone Call

From Bill Phillips W7AJP

This afternoon, I had a phone call left on my cell phone. The message was:

"Bill," he said, "This is TOM from Shelly Funeral Home in ...muffled town... I am asking your for VFW services for Mr. Mylo Hartwig who passed away yesterday." He continued to tell me that his service would be at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in...muffled....on Tuesday, so Please call me at 310-----"

Hmm. And I called. I said "This is BILL and you just called me. I am a minister and not a VFW member but want to help"

He then said, "I just got a call from a friend and said he had given me the wrong number." I asked, was he a Ham Radio Operator. He said, "OH, I don't know. His name was Fred Duke."

Oh, my soul,.... this old Baptist preacher had quite a laugh at K0CE. Fred was one of the first YL System members I ever spoke to and his voice from Minnesota so reminds us of my Father in law, another Fred. I think he was looking for the BILL from the VFW!!!!

And that is the way that it was earlier and I was preparing to get on the air for the second hour of the Moonbeam.

Bill - W7AJP

September Birthdays

KB0JIT	KO3US	K5HDV	WA7YSW
KD0USN	W4ZGH	K5TLE	KD7YAK
K0MBM	W4LLY	W5PDW	KI7YWK
KD0WGB	KA4UVN	KE5HLU	W7LUD
K0BAJ	KM4RDX	KA5UVN	WX7LL
N0LTT	KV4X	W5YJC	K8TAS
NE0DA	W4CT	KM5FF	N8SWC
KE0GGG	KK4HFO	K5LJB	KC8VRT
KC0WWR	K4KRK	KI5CHB	KB8ETA
K0LEF	KJ4YMU	K5AVL	K8AGC
AD0OH	N4YYV	KF5QWV	K8ALT
KB0KOA	K4DXM	N5DWE	WD8IIR
N0XGI	W4YJC	WW5ENZ	K8TAS
KE0RTD	K4JAL	K5GRS	KE8GC
DL1DBF	N4LSM	K5IPG	N8ZVB
K1LOK	KK4HMN	W6FWS	KA8MNT
N1LSM	K4LHG	KK6PVS	N8IJY
K1FJG	KI4EUI	K6LEM	WB9KMW
N1URE	VA4YL	WM6V	KB9QL
W1RWA	W4CJR	N6JWB	W9OO
AC1EG	W4CT	K6RXP	KA9OUT
K1DLM	KM4GBM	KG6CYC	W9VS
WA1F	ND4BT	KC6O	KF9GS
KC2US	N4DAK	KM6WNU	K9TYR
KD2QKU	K4SAF	KF6JKC	WA9TT
W2FBS	W4MMW	VA7JSF	KB9BSK
KD2EKP	KJ4LPO	KB7TBT	W9HVV
KC2ZOL	AG4TO	KC7AKN	KO9H
K3JWK	KY4YY	KI7UWN	WA9TT
ON3BM	KM4AF	KB7RMG	KI9NE
K3UUF	K5ESF	WL7SO	KD9RAM
AB3IY	WD5COV	KE7VSC	
KB3CRD	KC5KWI	W7GMF	
	N5IAC	AA7VE	
	K5NAA	K7ASM	
	N5EDG	WA7BHC	

If I missed your
 Birthday, please let
 me know at
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New Members

We welcome the following New Members to the YLISSB ranks...

- 17841 K0OTP Donnie from Iowa
- 17842 N0DXX Larry from Utah
- 17843 W6CQR Dan from California
- 17844 WA0IAN Dick from Illinois
- 17845 KI5ENK Van from Texas
- 17846 K5EAJ Dustin from Oklahoma
- 17847 KD9ODH Karl from Wisconsin
- 17848 KF5UV David from Alabama
- 17849 WW3HAM Bill from Pennsylvania
- 17850 K4ECP Jim from New Mexico
- 17851 KA0DDW Steve from Texas
- 17852 K5IPG David from Oklahoma
- 17853 KI0RR Eric from Missouri

Silent Keys

For the first time since I've been serving as the Condolence Chair, there were no members advancing to Silent Key status this month.

YLISSB – Tracing the History

(Summarized by Bruce J. Tisdale-K9ICP – YLISSB Historian)

The YLISSB was founded February 9, 1963 by V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA). She continued in a leadership/advisory role until her death on June 19, 2001. As noted in my earlier articles, V. Mayree had a vision for the System which she continued to communicate and promote through other leaders over the years.

Most YLISSB members are aware that V. Mayree was our foundress and its first President. However, there have been many other YLs who have continued to provide leadership to the System that has kept it active and meaningful for the last 57 years. Most current members will not likely recognize the names of other past YLISSB Presidents. However, it is important to acknowledge the contributions of these YLs for their service and leadership to the System. The following is a listing of past YLISSB presidents. These are not in any order of service time or contribution.

<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>System #</u>
K4ICA	V. Mayree Tillman	1
K6GJ (former: WA6OET)	Jessie Billon	46
K7UXN	Elizabeth Kuegeman	44
WA4SBK	Marcia Guest	4
W2GLB	Phyllis Shanks	150
K4RHL	Ellie Hornor	3
K1WLX	Andrea Parker	5196
N7YL	Janice Weaver	12553
KE5ZI	Barbara Neiman	5021
WB9USL	Margaret Weber	8970
N5BYF	Eleonore Odom	14372
KU7F	Florence Reitzel	12257
WA6TGR	Elsie White	14912
KL7FQQ	Rose Rybachek	6098
N1PVT	Jane Oliver	15616
K4ZGH	Bobbie Livingston	16735

YLISSB - Tracing the History (Cont.)

The current System exists through the past leadership of these YL Presidents and the many other members who have made the System a success for us today. Our thanks to all of them.

Volunteers

By Bill Phillips W7AJP

SO, WHY NOT VOLUNTEER?

The YL SYSTEM is a volunteer organization. No officers, Controls or members of committees are paid. YEP, really a group of organized volunteers.

AND, there are many places where you can volunteer.

Understanding the use of Net Logger is one good place to get involved. Download NETLOGGER (you can download on the WWW.YLSYSTEM.ORG web site or directly from WWW.NETLOGGER.ORG).

As you watch how the Controls operate, if you have good reception around you and a solid computer and Internet capability, consider talking to a Control and ask to learn how to become a Control.

Being a Control Operator will help you improve listening skills, and computer skills to become a more efficient and effective operator. And, the pay? Volunteers JOY is certainly poured upon you. Give it a try.

So as you listen, show your appreciation for our many volunteers.

Find it on the Website

By Bill Phillips W7AJP

Our web site has so many facets that will be a personal help to you. You can answer your own questions without having to ask someone else. Here are some ideas:

Always, Always Sign in to the web site with your Ham Call and your Password. Most realize how important it is to maintain a Strong Password, which prevents others from guessing and getting inside our web site and causing havoc. So SIGN IN.

Once on the web site, find the ACCOUNT title on the extreme right side. That is YOUR account. If you click on Payments, you will see the record of your recorded payments. And, if you click on Subscriptions, it will show the details and the expiration date of your Membership Dues.

Whoa, if you click on Logout, you will exit the web site. SO, look above and see the various places you can go on the Web Site.

Publications has been expanded. It had been housing the monthly COMMUNICATOR (and it still does) but the Annual VOICE that we have in our records has also been placed in there.

In Club Documents, we now have the current Policy and Procedures Manual, our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws. Hey, it is not dry reading, but it is a learning place to help you better work with the various aspects of the YL SYSTEM.

One more item: In the Upper Right Hand corner of the website it has "Howdy (and your name). Below that, there is an Edit Profile. Periodically, look at your web site, especially if you move or change your phone number. AND, if you make changes, also PLEASE notify treasurer@ylsystem.org , as changing your profile does not automatically change the YL SYSTEM Data Base. The Treasurer will appreciate having your current information.

Enjoy the www.ylssystem.org web site. Our volunteers continue to make tweaks to improve and make it helpful. It has at this point been two years in the making and "polishing" into a more usable tool for our members.

And finally...

Well, September's finally here, and the start of another ham radio year for me. Summer's my busiest time of the year, but now after my apples have been harvested and the grapes are still a little green, it's time to clean off my shack's desk and start playing radio again!

All summer long it's been a matter of firing up the radio in the truck on my way somewhere and checking into the System to make sure the squirrels haven't been feasting on my antenna wire, without being able to sit back and enjoy the friendship and fellowship found on 14332.

Propagation is starting to lose its reputation as a four-letter word, and it's always great to hear old friends again as the band improves.

The past year wasn't entirely wasted ham radio-wise, as I took the plunge and participated in the Wisconsin QSO Party for the first time. Not a stellar performance, as the band conditions were especially bad that weekend, but I'm very proud of the second to the last entry on the last page of the results report that certifies that KE9PK James Pandzik in Green County scored 4.0 points on 2 SSB QSOs.

I am also very grateful that KD9KJX Richard Doty participated in the QSO Party... he scored 1.5 points on one QSO, ...and was the only guy I beat! Better luck next year, Richard.

See you next month.



If you have stuff you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me at jim@pandzik.com and I'll see it gets in. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we'll assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer. (Sorry, it's that kind of world!)

P.P.S. And please send captions to photos with names and/or callsigns! I probably know your voice from the system, but not your face!