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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings,

I am Bill W4WSB, incoming president for the 2025-2026 term. It is both a privilege and a honor to be elected to this position. 2024 so far has been a banner year for the YLSystem, despite an angry sun and poor propagation. We still have enjoyed scores of new members and upwards of ten thousand plus check-ins monthly. The image and voice of the system belong to the diligent and dedicated Co-Controls along with the behind-the-scenes individuals that make up a 100+ person team (each week) and of coarse....the thousands of individuals who check-in, that have made the YLSystem so successful.

AWARDS AND TFOs

Jim Nelson

YL #18558 TFO #624

Jack Martin

YL #17761 TFO #625

Thank you all,

Bill

W4WSB

President

A graphic with a white rectangular box in the center containing the text "NEW MEMBERS" in bold black capital letters. The box is surrounded by a decorative border of blue, orange, and grey stepped shapes.

The YL System welcomes the following new members:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 19245 KJ0CWR Clifford TX | 19259 K0BOW Mike CO |
| 19246 N6RAM Ronald TX | 19260 K6KRG Daryl ID |
| 19247 W5LMV Stephen NM | 19261 KG5RKZ John TX |
| 19248 W8PDS Gerald OH | 19262 W0JOL Keith CO |
| 19249 WA6UNL Gregory CO | 19263 WA4KNI John NC |
| 19250 KM4LCM Patrick FL | 19264 W4CUV Gary FL |
| 19251 KD9UQE Craig IL | 19265 AD3I Vicki SC |
| 19252 KD5OMJ Boyd AZ | 19266 W4JDZ Jack NC |
| 19253 N5IVY Steve OK | 19267 NC4WB William NC |
| 19254 W8SCY Rudy NM | 19268 KA9CWM Clarence WI |
| 19255 N4SLC Steven SC | 19269 K5WQH Martin TX |
| 19256 N7BAS Barbara OR | 19270 W8BLT David TX |
| 19257 AD7GR Edward WY | 19271 W8JDP Joel OH |
| 19258 KF0LJM Mario CO | |

A graphic with a white rectangular box in the center containing the text "SILENT KEYS" in bold black capital letters. The box is surrounded by a decorative border of blue, orange, and grey stepped shapes.

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of our YLISSB FAMILY MEMBERS for the month of July 2024:

N4UOG CRAIG S. KITE YLISSB-15482



Respectfully,
Mario K2ZD #7485
Condolence Chair



The YL System wishes Happy Birthday to the following members:

N8DBC	N8KCJ	N2EKO	KI7NZP	AE0LC	N8RLL	KO4NWU	AE0AQ
N4SC	NJ5G	KG8QY	W4OLR	KA3BVH	W7GNM	N2IFR	KW4EVR
KC1SQ	KD2ARU	KM4MYT	W4KEF	KN4GQB	W7WOO	KE8UUF	W4JAV
NA4C	W8LMG	W8NRH	K3DCC	N0QJS	KV4FQ	KC5NOB	N5BLM
W1EKZ	K5LLR	KG4GGG	W4GJR	KC0JAH	AA0GP	KE2AAF	KE0YYE
WN9MFC	W4OKT	KD0MOM	K1KJR	KD6GNP	NY9X	AG5C	KE4BMN
WB4SJN	N2BBB	KG5IKZ	NB6M	KI5OGE	K7CPY	KK7MXL	KD0BRE
KB2XJ	KD5NOE	KB5WIO	KA0KAE	KM6UTC	WY1DHO	W7JAS	KO4LXX
N7GBX	WB6HPF	WB7SOJ	KD2QYA	W1XMM	KO4BTC	N9YUH	KI6KTI
3B8FP	W3GFM	K2HZO	KI7PTW	N4VYL	N6EXW	KK3R	AC3CT
WW0LF	KB1ZIQ	KB9VJC	WS0C	KM4MQD	KB9GOG	KD9UTK	W5FDS
KB8NSA	K7EII	NB3Y	W5ARM	KO4PZX	N8KAT	KQ4HQM	KD0LDM
W9DTR	NC4RP	W5MLM	W9PFD	KN6LPF	W0ZIM	NU7I	KO4HLB
KC1MR	KX9KX	K9LDO	KB9CWU	K9UVI	W6DST	K6OUU	AE0PU
KC8LAU	KJ4DCK	W5HEH	KD0AYN	W6ALF	KC5ABJ	KO4LAI	KD9TLS
W0AP	N4UP	WA2ZSB	K4CKW	W5MHA	KB3HXG	W0TBR	W7CNY
N8ZNA	KA0UWK	KG5RMY	N5ANB	KO4FWG	K7SWK	W0ZZK	KF4EUD
W6EZY	W1DGG	KB9WYQ	KN4SNI	N7EBG	KD9TJP	KJ4ZOY	K7AMP
K9SMC	N9OZT	K1EJD	W5RTX	KJ7YOL	AC9ZZ	AG5UZ	W4ATH
KJ4WNW	WF2Y	KC9LFD	KB3YZU	KJ7OEN	KM4KUP	AA0TD	K6KRG
AK4GE	KD8HQU	K7OTP	W00S	KF4UIY	KI5UAL	K2WJ	
KB1VQF	KE5GFY	W5TOC	WP4OMQ	KM5Y	N5DEA	VK2KTG	
K5NJ	WJ9E	WA8LIS	KW4RI	KF0GKP	KD5EFW	KF0ATZ	
WB9ILU	N5XPZ	W4WTK	K9GHP	K7ALS	KQ4DCT	WB5CET	
WD8IIR	WU2M	KG5IFY	VE7CQE	KQ0LW	K0BCD	K0GKW	
K5ZMX	K1IAG	KN4MIS	AG5EY	KF0BPM	W0WND	KC1PDQ	
N9GWP	N9KJT	KL7IZH	K7MCT	AI5LM	K7KLK	KO4FHB	
AE0J	KD9DSD	W4EAE	KA7CGI	K4YO	KG4JZU	AA5IT	
K9JMB	KJ4WMH	N8GDB	VA6WTE	KD9TNY	K2BNE	KF0ACZ	



The YL System wishes Happy Anniversary to the following members:

N7HHC	KD0NEZ	KN4UBV	KM4MQD	N1BJZ	KE8ZWH
W9VCM	KK4III	N1AWT	NY9X	AB8YZ	W4JMJ
N9SUE	KG7QNE	W5COE	W6DST	W5FYR	N0DNY
WA9DLB	K2CQW	AC3HL	K7KLK	KC4VUM	KM4DPW
KI5OJB	KB2E	KF0EAJ	K2BNE	K8TLW	KG5UBD
WC8O	AB5WX	W9GLC	KE8UUF	KN4HGE	KD9HAV
WA3TVZ	K00TP	KI5YOO	AG5C	W0REG	KN4DXH
W9PIO	KO4BLE	KC9JPF	KD9UTK	KA5GSS	WB5THT
KQ4NDF	KC3FVU	N6OIX	KF0ACZ	AB0O	N2EWS
W5MJM	KD9OOJ	KB3OMO	KW4EVR	KD0KPM	N5ZHB
KK4DYI	W7PQD	KG7PFD	N1LSM	WA0PMO	KV4ZL
K1SGK	KC5DNW	K3VRU	W7YJC	WB9LJZ	KN4LGE
VE3ZDT	KJ3C	K7YAK	W2FBS	K6EB	KF8XE
KG5VDC	KB8TBA	K7YH	KE0GGG	K5FNB	KD8EUP
KE0ZAM	WB9LLF	WA0IAN	W2NM	KN4VYK	W5EPA
KI5KCS	WY3T	N5RS	KB5UVU	AG7NE	KK7PSC
AI0M	K5YNC	N5FNM	W5VL	NA6NA	KK4GVM
WA8RM	W4DDT	W8RNE	KO4NOR	KD9ODH	KC0IIM
N9NAV	KI7PNM	W9OQI	HK3AVR	KD0LDW	KF4EJS
N6LEE	KT7P	KO4YQL	K3AVR	K8TTX	
KC1ANA	K5KEL	N0OWP	KD1ZV	KO4PLW	
KC2YEB	N1ET	KQ4DPH	KO4UJS	AJ5S	
KE8DAF	K6IWA	KN4RGR	K9QA	W7GSR	
W0NNX	K0AGR	KG4GGG	K3ILA	HK3ZZI	
KB0WCY	KE5UPL	KG5RMY	NE0JD	KD0MGE	
AG5U	KE8RGP	K3DCC	KC0YHU	K4RCR	
KI5RTQ	NL7D	K1KJR	K3ILA	W9MEG	
WA4MBG	KL7EDK	KA0KAE	WA4ZAZ	WB8FCC	
N7YG	KC1KVY	K7MCT	KI5EIB	N3BPD	



(Summarized by Bruce J Tisdale, K9ICP—YLISSB Historian)

This month's article is brief but very important. While glancing through some older copies of the Voice (1981), I came across a short article from V. Mayree (YLISSB Foundress) that was directed towards TFO and Rigel Trophy/Award candidates and recipients. However, it also applies all members of the System.

For those members not familiar these awards are defined as follows:

Rigel Award (former referred to as a Trophy Award - "This award is granted on an annual basis as designated by the governing members. It is intended as recognition for excellent service by a member serving as a System Control on any or all of the System's Controlled sessions."

TFO (Top Flight Operator) - The TFO award is given to System members for operational excellence in operating on the System."

As paraphrased the article says:

There are many factors involved in selection of the TFO certificate, as well as the Rigel Trophy. Among them and very important, is attitude as well as proficiency. This includes dignity, warmth, charm and fairness to all who operate on the System. Each member represents the image of all SSB'ers ... our image goes out over the world each day. Courtesy has always been the hallmark of SSB'ers. Let's always keep it that way.

Regardless of whether you have received this recognition, YLISSB members are the face of the YLISSB each day.

To be continued next month ...



For the year 2024, the YLISSB has set aside special days each month to work for a special DAILY AWARD. There are also special MONTHLY AWARDS that are listed in the Awards Criteria. For the SPECIAL DAYS, the hunting is just for that day, but it can be obtained by working stations on System frequencies on different bands. For instance, if the award says January 22, you can work K4ICA on the 20 M System at any time on January 22, and you can also count K4ICA if you work it on the 40 M System. If you complete all 12 Special Day Awards for 2024, you will receive a Special Award at the next convention. A special request goes out to those members holding the particular noted awards or honor required for obtaining the Special Day Award. Please make an effort on those days to be on the System to help our fellow members qualify for the awards. K4ICA may count for more than one contact. Check the web page for final details.

January 19 – SNOWFLAKE AWARD Contact nine (9) members whose call signs contain one (1) letter S, N, O, W, F, L, A, K, and E. One contact for each letter. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

February 9 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY This is our Birthday. To complete this award 12 contacts will be made from our Officers, Emeritus Council Members, or Committee Chairmen. K4ICA will count for three (3) contacts.

March 15 – IRISH AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose sideband number ends with a “1” or a “7” or any Irish stations. Irish stations count for two (2) contacts. K4ICA counts as two (2) contacts and can be used (1) time.

April 05 – AMBASSADOR AWARD Contact Ten (10) Ambassadors or Ambassadors Extraordinaire of the YLISSB. K4ICA will count as two (2) contacts. Because many of our Ambassadors also hold the honor Ambassador Extraordinaire, those members can only be used once. No duplicates will be allowed. List will be provided after January 1.

May 3 – MAY DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB numbers are below 17,000. K4ICA will count for two (2) contacts.

June 6 – JUNE CUATRO AWARD Contact five (5) members whose number ends with a four (4). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

July 5 – FIRST RESPONDERS AWARD Contact six (6) members as designated on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

August 2 – TFO DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) stations that have TFO numbers. K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

September 20 – AUTUMN DAY AWARD Contact nine (9) members whose Sideband number ends in a nine (9) or a zero (0). K4ICA will count as 2 contacts. Only 1 contact per individual member will qualify for the award—example: if the contact is made on 20 meters, that station cannot be used on 40 meters. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact on both 20 and 40 meters.

October 4 – JACK-O-LANTERN AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB number ends in a one (1) or three (3). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

November 8 – NOVEMBER LIBERTY AWARD Contact ten (10) members who are designated a Veteran on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

December 6 – SANTA AWARD Contact ten (10) members to spell Santa Claus using any letters from the call sign suffix and first name as it is shown on Netlogger. One contact for each letter. The contacts used for the Santa Award cannot be used on that day for the SANTA MONTHLY AWARD. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.



SNOWY JANUARY AWARD: January 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members from any State, Province, or Country that has snow on the ground at the time of the contact.

FEBRUARY: YL SYSTEM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: February 1 thru 29, 2024

To celebrate the birthday of the YL System, during the month of February, contact one member for each year of the YL System. 2024 marks our 61st year, so contact 61 member stations during the month. Contacts may be made on any YL System session, on any band. Contacts will count only one time.

MARCH MADNESS: March 1 thru 31

Contact 20 members whose first name sounds Irish, or whose station is located in Ireland

APRIL: PRESIDENT'S AWARD: April 1 thru 30

Contact 25 members who have the same name either the first or last as one of the US Presidents.

MAY OLD TIMER'S AWARD: May 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members with a membership number below 17,000.

SUMMER SOLSTICE AWARD: June 1 thru 30

Contact 21 members whose System number ends in a two (2) or one (1)

JULY INDEPENDENCE AWARD: July 1 thru 31

Contact 25 member stations located in the 13 original colonies of the United States. The original 13 colonies were Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

AUGUST SUMMER HEAT AWARD: August 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members who have a TFO number, or the Rigel Award. Each member contacted counts as only one contact.

SEPTEMBER AUTUMN EAGLE AWARD: September 1 thru 30

Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a number 6, or 8.

OCTOBER: HALLOWEEN AWARD: October 1 thru 31

Contact 31 members with a membership number ending with a 3 or a 1

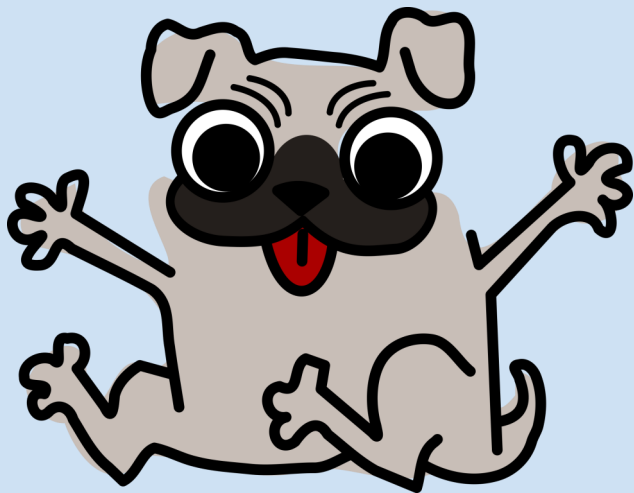
NOVEMBER VETERAN'S AWARD: November 1 thru 30

Contact 25 veterans of their country's military service.

DECEMBER SANTA AWARD: December 1 thru 31

Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a 2 or a 5.

Email your qualifying QSO's to: awards@ylsystem.org



If you have information or ideas for topics you would like to see published in The Communicator, please send to Wendy K9SUN, YLISSB: 18162 at i.am.K9SUN.shine@gmail.com and I will see that it gets in. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we will assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer.

P.P.S. Please send captions for photos with names and callsigns! I might know your voice from the system, but not your face!