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PRESIDENTS REPORT

December 2021

Greetings from Texas

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW TFO'S

Recently two members have been elected to Top Flight Operator status. They are Dan, K3DJL, #17529, and Van, NA6BN, #17845. Congratulations to you both for receiving the 10 required votes!

VOTE FOR TFO OF THE YEAR

If you hold a TFO, please vote prior to December 25th for your choice for TFO of the Year for 2021. Check in the Voice or on the website to see who has already received this award. Send your votes to Larry Kaplan at ikdds@ptd.net.

AWARDS AND TFOs

Top Flight Operator Awards
Dan, K3DJL, #17529
Van, NA6BN, #17845

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

December 6 is our Team Santa Award. Contact five (5) YLISSB teams to earn this beautiful certificate. See the Voice and the Web Page for teams. K4ICA will count as two contacts. Only one contact with an individual team will qualify for the award, but you must contact each

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont'd)

member of the Team. Send your application to our Award Chairman, Lynn KOPMQ at lynnjanes@gmail.com.

MONTHLY AWARDS

The month of December is our Santa Award 2021. Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a 2 or a 7. Submit your award applications to our Award Chairmen, Lynn, N0PMQ at lynnjanes@gmail.com.

BOARD ACTIONS

The Board continues to work on updates to the Policy and Procedures Manual. In November, the Board approved another category for our members, the First Responder's category. This has been put into effect, and our members are being urged to indicate to us if they qualify to be included in the designation. The Devotional list has been upgraded, and if you wish to be listed as a Devotional, contact Larry at ikdds@ptd.net. The criteria for being listed as a devotional is on Page 46 of the current Voice.

CONVENTION 2022

We are hoping that the pandemic allows us to have an in-person convention for 2022. Elsie NOESJ and Lynn N0PMQ have agreed to host the convention in Springfield, Missouri. Put the date of June 6-13 on your calendar, and plan on attending. More information will be forthcoming.

ATTENTION TFO MEMBERS

If you hold a TFO number, you are eligible to vote for another deserving member, one who shows above average operating skills, in order for them to be awarded a TFO number. Please send your vote to elsiejanes@yahoo.com. You may vote for 12 members per year. Please get your votes in today.

Rose, KL7FQQ

Merry
Christmas



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| KD0USN Bob & Robin | N4BNO Rod & Peggy |
| W0AAS Ted & Debbie | KK4EYU Lee & Christine |
| KD0WGB Don & Betty | K4XRT Dave & Spouse |
| K0BUL Tom & Spouse | WA5JDV Carl & Pat |
| KB0MLP Patrick & Spouse | KE5AHE Charlie & Pam |
| N0QAU Joe & N0QAV Kim | KI5CEA Mario & Spouse |
| W1IZZ Wes & Pam | KI5DXY Dennis & Spouse |
| KC2ICX Carl & Catherine | KG5SER Paul & Sue |
| KF2D Jeff & Vicki | N5SP Sam & Regina |
| KD2QKU Steven & Helen | K5LJB Joe & Carole |
| KB3OYC Dan & Sharon | KI5GLN Bill & Spouse |
| N3FMO Harry & Patricia | KI5KKV Becky & Doug |
| KC3JUD Perry & March | WA5QEC Jim & Spouse |
| WW3HAM Bill & Spouse | W5ZM Pascal & Spouse |
| KC3RAZ Frank & Donna | WB5WTF Ruben & Robyn |
| AA4MR Mary & Peter | W5NF Jim & Jenny |
| W4CT Ben & W4YL Susan | NA6BN Dick & Spouse |
| KM4PT Paul & Sally | N6OUP Gerry & Spouse |
| W4WAV John & Janet | A16NJ Mike & Sue |
| KA4WGW JC & Sarah | KM6VXX Chuck & Patty |
| WP4JD Juan & Marianela | W7ARZ Bill & Judy |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (cont'd)

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| AL7F Mike & Patricia | KJ7LTE Joe & Sabine |
| KF7PVK Bob & Spouse | KI7PLU John & Joanie |
| NH7AR Don & Linda | W7OUN Billy & Cheryl |
| N7IHB Joe & Cody | W7JBM Joe & Spouse |
| K7RPD Robert & Donna | N8APP Greg & Debbie |
| AC7KN Kevin & Deborah | K8AGC Debbie & Greg |

**If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at
i.am.k9sun.shine@gmail.com**

SILENT KEYS

I regret to inform you that the following members have reached Silent Key status:



Frederick M. Perkins, Jr. - K4LQ – YLISSB:7910
Stanley M. Pulitzer – W5JYK – YLISSB:7223
Lee Rogers – AK9J – YLISSB:12594
Jim M. Ellison – W0AES – YLISSB:16207
Andre Pettelat – F9AP – YLISSB:7373

Respectfully,
Jim Pandzik KE9PK
Condolence Chair

NEW MEMBERS

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 18283 KI5SCV Kevin LA | 18309 W0FIX Dave KS |
| 18284 KD7TTY Mike WA | 18310 KQ0LW Les MN |
| 18285 K7ALS Amanda WA | 18311 K7RRY Robert AZ |
| 18286 AI1B Jeff ME | 18312 KD7LYS Theo AZ |
| 18287 W6BDD George KS | 18313 KD7QPS Melinda AZ |
| 18288 KO4TCL Tom GA | 18314 K9HOU Bob TX |
| 18289 KD9OOJ Bob WI | 18315 W0NNX Bill NE |
| 18290 W2DVE Dave SC | 18316 KJ5CF Bob TX |
| 18291 KF0GIS Dan NE | 18317 KI7FGZ Fred AZ |
| 18292 K9ADS Aric WA | 18318 KF0BPM Mike CO |
| 18293 AC5RH Rick MS | 18319 KD9ISC Cody WI |
| 18294 K4IVE Kevin TX | 18320 KN6NNO Phil CA |
| 18295 W4LRJ Javier FL | 18321 KI5SPD Marcus TX |
| 18296 WA3DQH Larry CO | 18322 W2AJR Andy NY |
| 18297 KD9DVF Michael IL | |
| 18298 KD9LBN Sheri IL | |
| 18299 KC3DJV Bret PA | |
| 18300 K9PVE Josh IL | |
| 18301 KC5VBI Steven TX | |
| 18302 W4AXE Jack FL | |
| 18303 AI5DN Lee OK | |
| 18304 K0AID Paul MN | |
| 18305 N5CCO Cliff TX | |
| 18306 WB5THT John TX | |
| 18307 KC4VUM Jane TX | |
| 18308 AB5I Greg TX | |



KD0WGB
N0QAU
AC0KV
AB0H
AE0GU
NE0DB
KE0A
N0PMQ
KE0CLN
K0KER
N0TZQ
N0DNY
K0HIH
KF0BQV
KE0HJP
K0VQ
KB1CSI
JA1CG
AA3SS
N1JCW
AA1XD
KB1TU
W1AJM
N1IEX
KC1MDI
KD2Q
KC2CZK
KD2GUT
VE3JPJ
W3ZR
KC3JUD


DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

N3VMD
KC3PXC
KB3PET
KC3NCS
W4JMJ
KM4YUA
KL4QZ
KM4DPW
KN4DXH
KI4URN
N4IUF
K4RRC
KZ4RA
KF4YI
KG4CRY
W5VTM
W5TXJ
KB5LYR
K5WIL
KG5UBD
W5RRW
K5RST
N5WQ
K5IGB
WA5TQB
KI5FIT
N3DME
NT5M
W6NWF
N6LBR
K6HP
WA6JBI
KI6SBL
KJ6YFY
N6DMP
KH6G
N6BHS
K6AAI
WB6NFU
NA6BN
KN6JPZ
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KJ7CPC
KL7FQR
KX7KX
WB7RWS
KI7SJC
KF7PVK
K7TTI

K7HRT
W7SKM
W7MIN
KJ7LTE
WR7FT
N7NEA
N8ADB
W8WSL
K8ULT
KD8UJG
WV8VRC
NZ8P
KD8SGA
W8CFI
N8ISS
K9TXJ
KD9AMP
KC9YOF
WS9F
KD9HAV
W9ADT
KC1NLX
KF4TLO
KC1MR
W0BET
W0JWB
KJ7UMY
N6FRX
K0AID
WB5THT

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

This article is part of a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISSB as originally written by Jessie (W6OET - #46), second president of the YLISSB and V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA - #1), Foundress and first YLISSB president. This was document in the YL International SSB'er, Special Edition dated October-November 1974.

The article this month is related to the YL System first convention. This convention was held in January 1966 in Miami, Florida.

In the natural course of events, when the YLISSB was a bit less than 3 years old, Meg, K7TNE, SSB'er #1642 of Arizona, suggested that the members needed to meet personally, and that we did!

This first convention was primarily social, affording “faces” to “calls”, and was held in conjunction with ARRL's SE Division and Miami's own Ham fest.

The YL SSB'ers Convention was fun. Our booth was a beehive of activity from beginning to end. People from far and near crowded in to view our trophies on display and to run their eyes hungrily over our beautiful certificates.

The SSB'ers insignia, a replica of the Torch of Friendship, was done in color by Jake, K4YBL (OM of Ellie K4RHL), which came in for its share of attention as it hung suspended from the top of current rods. The curious draw to our booth where they wanted to know what made SSB'ers tick. The YL's took over at this point. The YL's must have been convincing because at least a dozen new members, including two ZD8's (Ascension Island), were added to SSB'ers membership rolls.

Members were arriving from all directions. People with whom they had spoken so often on the air, but had never met, clasped each other in glee! Cameras flashed repeatedly for this was history, a high moment in all our lives.

I could go on review the events of the convention for several pages. However, it should be noted that to this day, the annual convention, still draws new and old friends together for stories, fun, and the business of the System.

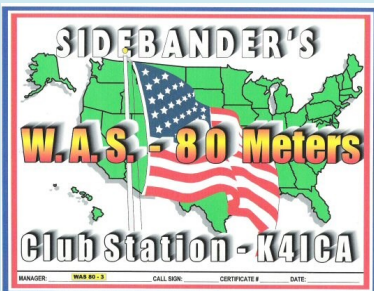
To be continued next month ...

For the year 2021, 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 8, and you can also count K4ICA if you

SPECIAL DAYS

work it on the 40 M System. IF you complete all 12 Special Day awards for 2021, you will be given 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.



Plaque: ALL STATES: (50)

After all 50 individual State certificates are collected, the holder may then apply for an All States 10 by 50 Plaque.

The cost of the plaque will be determined at the time of application, UNLESS the applicant rendered \$5.00 for each of the 50 state certificates. If the \$5.00 fee was paid each time, the Plaque will be free to that person. The All States Plaque will be worth an additional 50 points toward the Award Program in addition to the (5) points earned with each of the State Certificate.

AMBASSADOR CORPS AWARD – 15

Fee – \$5.00 US

Start date January 1, 2021

Issued for contacting 14 Ambassador Corps members plus one Ambassador Extraordinaire. Contacts may be made on any combination of System frequencies or modes. All contacts must be made without assistance.



December 6 –TEAM SANTA AWARD

Fee \$5.00 — December 1 thru 31

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



USP Mail your payment and qualifying QSO's to:

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lynnjanes@ymail.com

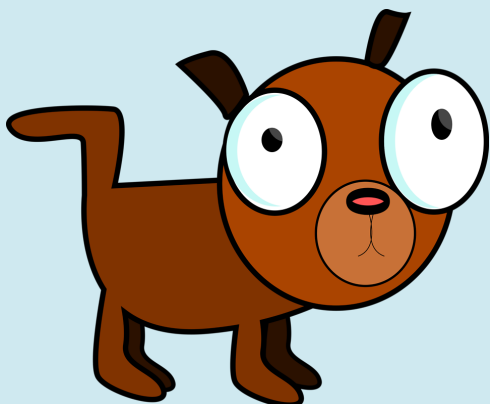
Need more information? Go to <https://ylsystem.org/award-programs/>

See all the contest awards available to you while making contacts with members of our YL International Single Sideband System!

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Did you complete the Autumn Award for SEP, OCT, NOV or the NOV Veterans Award? Make sure to send your qualifying QSO's and fee to our contest coordinators.

Get more information in the President's Report or on our website.
Award Fee—\$5.00
USPS Mail your payment and qualifying QSO's to:
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P.P.S. Please send captions to photos with names and/or callsigns! I might know your voice from the system, but not your face!