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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Happy New Year from your
2023 Board of Directors**

John C. Kerner KB4SGA

Jim Fischer K5FEL

Mac Steinmeyer AF4PS

Gale Moody KK4DYI

Bill Phillips W7AJP

Bob Percefull NC4RP

Rose Rybachek KL7FQQ

Bruce Tisdale K9ICP

Fred Duke K0CE

Randy Upchurch K4KRK

AWARDS AND TFOs

**Congratulations to our new
TFOs!**

N9UUX Rick #18118 TFO #619

KD9TPE Luke #18931 TFO #620




JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

AA0GM Gary & Vickie	KI5AYW Steve & Nikki	W4LLY Jim & Julie
AA7TZ Dale & KD7JJW Milisa	KI5BYN Ray & Gina	W5DBL Larry & Spouse
AG5GP Shelby & Kim	KI5DLS Ken & Kellie	W6NWF Viv & KI6SBL Rob
AI5CA Bob & Jamie	KI5ELD John & Spouse	W6VY Bob & Marjorie
AI6KO Jay & Fran	KIDHL Duncan & Linda	WA5VTT John & Spouse
K0BCD Gary & Cheryl	KJ4YDI Dale & Lynn	WB2All Ken & Mallisa
K3LI Rich & Day	KJ7PVJ David & Spouse	WL7SO John & Julie
K4BFR Michael & Donna	KK4CII Bo & Spouse	WR3V Rich & Renee
K5PCS Roger & Sherry	KK4HTL Joe & Spouse	WW1SS Steven & Joy
K7ZNO John & Peggy	KK5GY Arlyn & Vickie	
K8RJT Roger & Nancy	KK6INF Gregory & Spouse	
K9EXY Rick & Rita	KM4TTT Jim & Sara	
K9GHP Rick & Sharon	KO4ALK Paul & Spouse	
KAOMR Monte & Spouse	KO4OZK Ron & Spouse	
KBOOFM Terry & Molly	KY4CRC Charles & Joan	
KB1FGF Woody & Anita	NOLZY Jake & Linda	
KB1ZNK Susan & Jim	N2OKA Candy & Bill	
KB9GFX Doc & Lori	N5GHO Lance & Spouse	
KC5U Eldon & Tina	N5IL Harold & Joyce	
KC8FOS Elaine & Spouse	N5JED Chuck & Jo Ann	
KDOMEO Dale & Sheila	N6DMP Donald & Michelle	
KD2HRN Ron & Linda	N9LQF James & KC9NTC Gloria	
KD2VYP Rich & Annette	N9WAS Doc Denny & Spouse	
KD6ZKC John & Marlene	W1KNF Nicole & Mandi	
KE0QXD Pat & Kim	W1PEF Paul & Joy	
KE2UK Ron & Spouse	W2ABX Ronald & Spouse	
KE5POB Jack & Gay	W2EO Bill & Kathleen	
KE5ZQV Jody & Donna	W3SSB Scott & Spouse	
KE8GII David & Sheila	W4CBH Clifton & Ann	
KFOGYG Richard & Spouse	W4GJR Gregory & Spouse	

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at

i.am.k9sun.shine@gmail.com




JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

AA6TJ	K5FEL	KC5R XR	KG4EYG	KN6ODD	NY4JB	W8TOG
AB1SJ	K5GEB	KC6OAV	KG5URA	KN6TCZ	VA6HLL	W9VCM
AB5I	K5TMN	KC7KPF	KG5WDF	KO4IEG	VE1QT	WA0BEU
AB8PS	K6AJY	KC8DQG	KG7BYJ	KO4OZK	VE2MXU	WA0LSS
AB9Z	K6BHH	KC8SSK	KG7WLX	KO4QFX	VE3EQV	WA2GFK
AC7QM	K6INS	KC9KZ	KI4IRH	KQ4CLZ	VE4DS	WA2UFD
AF5VH	K7BDG	KC9WDS	KI4NCP	KQ4CQA	VE5JLO	WA3DQH
AG4KN	K7CCZ	KD0OMN	KI4TXP	KQ4FGT	VE5MEX	WA3RXP
AG5DT	K7LLL	KD0OOR	KI5DLS	KS4CVS	VE5RH	WA3TVZ
AI6NJ	K7MO	KD0PBZ	KI5EGG	KT4VK	VE7ZDL	WA4EMZ
AI6NJ	K7MOJ	KD0PTM	KI5KKV	KU1V	VE9RMD	WA9DLB
K0ACR	K7TOJ	KD0UAG	KI5LPJ	KV5S	W0AAS	WA9SHR
KOCE	K7UWD	KD2JH	KI5OII	KY4CRC	W0FLT	WC8O
K0HHZ	K8JGG	KD5AAY	KI5OJB	KY4VC	W0JFM	WD0GPS
K0IC	K8MPW	KD5SXH	KI5TRF	N0EFV	W0LFV	WD5EBX
K0PZN	K8NQC	KD7QPS	KI6GCI	N0GNY	W1DAM	WE4V
K0TLW	K8UOU	KD8EFM	KI6IVS	N0PAA	W1FGN	WE4V
K0WHW	K9IXS	KD8EZ	KI7IIM	N0UOD	W1KNF	WK2RP
K0YI	K9OBX	KD8IES	KJ7ODZ	N1DL	W1NRX	WN4RKX
K1DHL	KA1EPT	KD8IES	KK4FYV	N1JWS	W2APD	WN4RKX
K1GND	KA1ULN	KD8KOZ	KK4HM	N1TGB	W2PJR	WN4RKX
K1HIF	KA4WGW	KD8KOZ	KK4SGX	N1YZO	W3ZOR	WT0HP
K1MTD	KA7TOM	KD9CWR	KK4URS	N2ODR	W4AAX	ZL1ALE
K2POW	KA7UOR	KD9IGG	KK4WYN	N3DXR	W4DRB	
K2WEK	KB0OQJ	KD9IGG	KK6AKH	N3RF	W5CVT	
K3VAN	KB0TFK	KD9OFG	KK6AKH	N4DLM	W5DTB	
K4ADY	KB3HBQ	KE0CCI	KK6RWK	N4GPW	W5NF	
K4DMW	KB3SEL	KE0NXW	KK6TXN	N4KQ	W5TDN	
K4DUX	KB5ZFC	KE0RFZ	KK6XR	N4LAX	W5TSU	
K4IVE	KB6LFM	KE5ES	KK7AYS	N5GED	W6BOW	
K4JRB	KB6TKA	KE5NBV	KK7ETF	N6JJA	W6CEC	
K4NNL	KC0ECK	KE8IYS	KK7MXL	N7CIP	W7DOK	
K4SHA	KC2ZFO	KF0EZV	KM4KNV	N7HHC	W7ISS	
K4TJO	KC3LGF	KF0MEZ	KM4MOE	N8APP	W8BF	
K4VDL	KC4OHL	KF5V	KM4NRY	NC4MI	W8JCS	
K5DTD	KC5MNP	KF7URV	KM5OA	ND5G	W8RES	

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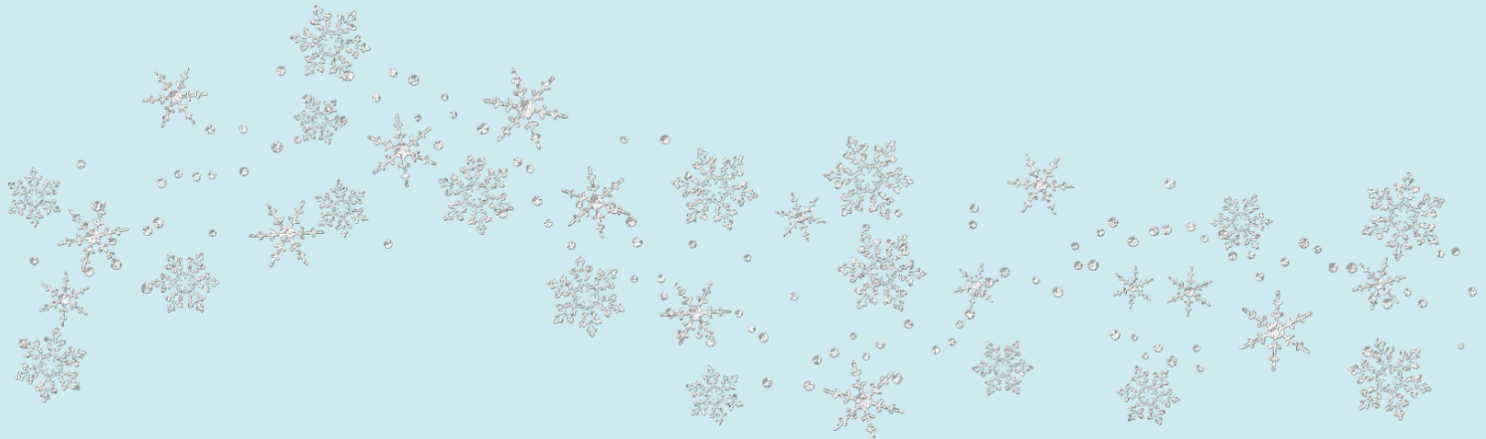
YLISB – Tracing the History

The YLSystem history will return in the February 2024 Communicator.

It has been my privilege to serve a partial term as Secretary of the YL System, and I would love to continue another term in this role. I live in Tampa, Fl., and have been a member of the System for almost three years and a Ham since 1996. While this is not a long time, I have enjoyed working with the Board to update our documents, handle the transitions of leadership and put a cheerful presence on the air. I co-control both Sunrise periods, 17 meters, and the East Coast 40 (shrimp boat) sessions. I also fill in as needed to all of the other sessions. I the System is the best part of Ham Radio. Prior to finding it, I was a 99% CW op! Thank you for considering me.



Mac Steinmeyer AF4PS



SNOWY JANUARY AWARD:

January 1 thru 31
Contact 30 members
from any state,
province or country
with snow on the
ground at the time of
contact.

January 20 – 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.

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

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

19027 K8UUO Mike OH	19039 AC7TH Todd ID	19051 KK5UP Dave TX
19028 WH6ANH Carl CO	19040 KE7QWZ David WA	19052 KE0YYE Bill MO
19029 KQ4FPF Justin SC	19041 K2LJL David NC	19053 KE4BMN Richard GA
19030 KM7AFF Robert NC	19042 W4BLK James NC	19054 W6BOW Don CA
19031 KB7ZJP Donald TX	19043 WA3TVZ David DE	19055 N0PTK Paul TN
19032 KF0KZP Mark MN	19044 N4PPC Floyd FL	19056 KD2RPD Joseph NJ
19033 KI5YXJ Joey TX	19045 N5BLM Richard MO	
19034 N3UEA Christopher PA	19046 KJ5CGJ Ossie OK	
19035 KD9IGG Randall IN	19047 K5RLR Randall TX	
19036 WB0SLW Stephen CO	19048 AJ0EF Joseph NY	
19037 KD0SOV Carrie CO	19049 W9GZO Steve WI	
19038 KI5LPJ Billy AR	19050 WE5B Eric TX	

SILENT KEYS

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of our YLISSB FAMILY MEMBERS for the month of DECEMBER 2023:



W1CNY ROBERT J. RINALDI YLISSB-1584
K3UMV-WA6SOP WILLIAM L. DRAGER YLISSB-15833
W4CT BENJAMIN S. BOOTH YLISSB-16009
K9QID DONALD G. BRANDEAU YLISSB-16049
N9SH SHARON HARLAN YLISSB-11882
KROARK JOHN ROARK YLISSB-17140

Respectfully,
Mario K2ZD #7485
Condolence Chair

Dear Mario & all in the YL System

I was so pleased to receive your note.

The poem is very touching. Terry had many hobbies but hamming was his favorite. He made many friends as KBØOFM.

Thank you for your kindness

Molly Schmidt

December 14, 2023

Dear Mario and friends in the YL System,

Warm Thoughts of You

Christmas Blessings

I appreciate the lovely and thoughtful card. If I listen carefully I can still hear the sounds coming from the ham shack. Ben was first licensed in 1950. He was extremely proud of the Emeritus Award that he Received from the YLs this year...

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:10-11 NIV

Hope and Blessings
Susan Booth

W4YL

Submitted by Brother Frank KP4E

Back in the early days of the "System", did you ever run across KP4AOD, Brother Frank? His phonetics were, KingPapa4AnyOldDog! We enjoyed many visits on the "YLIS5B". I still have his QSL card from 24 March 1969.

Jose, this was a pleasant discovery from 54 years ago, that made me very happy too.

*Happy New Year,
John, W5PDW # 4076*

John, I received your e-mail and picture if the KP4AOD QSL Card!

It made me very happy!

There were two Marianists Brothers, Frank Mocnik, was ISSB #103. He used to work at Mission Noel in Villalba, PR. This is at the top of the mountain range in Central PR. From my High School, that was run by the Marianist Order. I used to go and help build chapels and churches in my summer vacations. That's where I met Bro.

Frank. This was the first amateur's radio station I have ever seen. His station was a beautiful full Collins system and a tower with the beam. I remember my first QSO sitting with Bro. Frank and talking to W9QPR in Munster, IN. I still saved the QSL of my first QSO. That's when the radio bug bit me and have not stopped since. At my High School Bro. Joseph Eberhart (KP4AED) was the radio Trustee. Club Callsign of KP4NY. I joined the radio club at High School and ended as the President of the Club.

Ham Radio is the best hobby in the World!

Best of wishes,

73

Jose, KP4E ISSB# 7860

Awards Program Review

The YL System has had an extensive awards program for many years. The Awards Program is only available to active members of the System. In the last several years, participation in the YLISB Awards Program has been extremely limited.

As a result of this lack of interest, the Board is currently evaluating the value of this program to its membership. This may include changing or eliminating some awards or even discontinuing the program all together.

Before making any decisions, the Board would like to know your opinion and/or suggestions for any changes to the program.

Please direct your comments or suggestions regarding the program to the Board at Board@YLSYSTEM.org before March 1. Thanks in advance for your response.

ARRL Life
ISSB #7860 ✓
KP4E
WAS
DXCC
WAZ

CONFIRMING QSL

RADIO	DATE	UTC	PSE
W5PDW	Oct. 17, 23	17:41	
MHZ 14.332	MODE SSB	RST 59	RIG/VANT 57sp1R 4EL Beam 1.5 Kw 4460-87 YLSL FT-1000 D

73,
JOSE A. CARRION
169 STEPHENS RD.
GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236
U.S.A. WAYNE COUNTY

Mission Noel
Keep Smiling!
Banana Lake

KP4AOD

ex WA8BAW
ex WB2HIX

Radio W5PDW Freq 14.332 RST 57
 Date 24 March 19 69 Time 0746 GMT Power 1000 Watts
 Transceiver: Galaxy 300 Linear B&W L-1000 A
 Antenna: TH3 Hygain Triband Beam

I still have the QSL of my first QSO with you from 24 March 1969. I hope you will have the same joy from it. May God bless you all.
Bro. Frank

Bro. Frank Mocnik, S.M.
ISSB No. 103
P.O. Box 467
Villalba, Puerto Rico 00766

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**DID YOU COMPLETE?
DECEMBER SANTA
AWARD**
Contact 25 members
with a membership
number ending with
a 2 or a 5.

**SNOWY JANUARY
AWARD:**

January 1 thru 31
Contact 30 members
from any state, province
or country with snow on
the ground at the time
of contact.

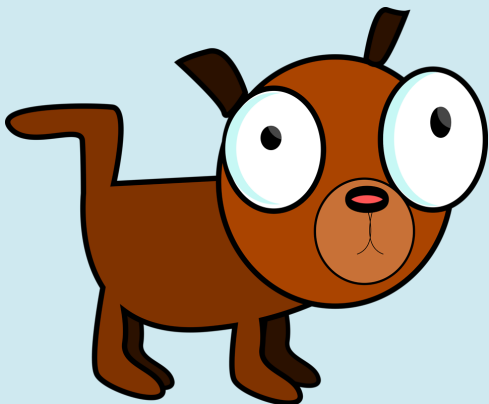
**Email your qualifying
QSO's to:**

awards@ylsystem.org

Find more information on our website.

E-Mail qualifying QSO's to:
Frances AF7YL. Her email is awards@ylsystem.org

January



If you have information or ideas for topics you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me, Wendy K9SUN, YLISSB: 18162 at i.am.K9SUN.shine@gmail.com and I'll see 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. (Sorry, it's that kind of world!)

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!