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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from The Board of Directors

Bill W4WSB and I were appointed by the Board of Directors in April 2024 to fill the unexpired terms of our predecessors. The election was held and Bill and I will be sworn in to start our Two- Year Terms at the Convention on July 20th 2024.

Since Bill and I were not on The BOD before, it has been a learning process for us. The BOD and especially our Past President Rose KL7FQQ has been a wealth of knowledge for us. So please have patience with us if some publications or reports are a little late. We are striving to get up to speed on all YL System Business.

The BOD is working hard on our 2024 YL System Virtual Convention. The BOD has secured the donation of a Kenwood TS-590SG HF Transceiver as the Grand Door Prize. It is our hope that this major prize will increase member participation in the YL System Virtual Convention and increase our membership.

Further information on the Convention will be posted on the website and on AIM during our periods of operation. If you would like to help the YL System grow we have positions open on Committees and we are in dire need of Control Operators during the various periods. Please contact our Vice President Bill W4WSB if you are interested in helping out.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our Convention and on the air.

73,  
Mario K2ZD  
#7485

YL System President

## AWARDS AND TFOs

There were no TFO's for May 2024.



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2MODDS David & Theresa	KB6TKA Jim & Karol	KJ7TJA Wayne & Pam	N9IUA Cal & Spouse
AA5IT Frank & Cristal	KB7ZJP Donald & Jennifer	KJ7ZMQ Steven & Spouse	N9JXB Carl & WN9MFC Marilyn
AC5H Chris & KD4JTS Kathy	KC2OMG Jerry & Christine	KK6CS Kenneth & Barbara	NI6AU Ricardo & KF6YMA Phyllis
AC9ZZ Steven & Rebecca	KC3SIN Jack & KC3UHA Jennie	KM4GQV Daniel & Spouse	NZ8P Shu & Spouse
AE7YH John & AF7YL Frances	KC4OLH Dennis & Patsy	KM4JMH Frank & Spouse	VE1MY Michael & Marlene
AG5EY Phil & Becky	KC6ART Richard & Virginia	KM4YUA Jim & Jill	VE3ONV Chris & Liz
AG5YU Phillip & Spouse	KC9RLS Bob & Donna	KM6DDJ Robert & Spouse	VE4PH Peter & VA4YL Patricia
AI5AG Oscar & Angy	KD0VBK Lynn & Roberta	KM6PAX Robert & Peg	VE9GU Ron & Diane
K0HD John & Mary	KD2DTJ James & Spouse	KN4BAF Ken & MJ	W1BVV Dave & Holly
KOKER Glenn & Linda	KD4RAX Mike & Mindy	KN4QKS James & Maryann	W2AJR Andy & Spouse
KOTLW Tom & Evie	KD5ILH Delbert & Spouse	KN6JPZ Al & Marianne	W2JHB John & Spouse
KOVAC John & Helen	KD7TTY Mike & K7ALS Amanda	KN6KWG Howard & Spouse	W2PBY Gene & Robin
K1FJG Jay & Maureen	KD8IES Jill & Charles	KN6LPF Russell & Spouse	W3IWI Frank & Spouse
K1GBD Guy & Spouse	KD8KOZ Jon & Maricel	KO4WQL Duane & Debra	W3TTT Joe & Dina
K1HK Harold & Greta	KD8OKO John & Donna	KQQLW Les & Jan	W4BAX Tim & Spouse
K2MGL Chuck & Barbara	KD9ADB Dan & Ruth	KQ4FGT Darryl & Spouse	W4BLK James & Spouse
K2PLC Jim & Janice	KD9HYM Bill & KD9KAI Wendy	KQ4JWS Randal & Dru	W4DWS Dennis & Teresa
K2SAQ John & Spouse	KD9TNY Bill & Spouse	KS4QF Max & Diane	W4EAE Ryan & Carrie
K2WJ John & Taunia	KD9UJK James & Beth	KT4AN Michael & Alice	W5BQO John & Linda
K4CKW Clay & Laura	KE0QKF Mike & Pat	KW5EBB Johnny & Lisa	W5WES Wesley & Shannon
K4TER Katie & Spouse	KE0SOR Michael & Spouse	KY4WVF William & Spouse	W6BR Ron & Spouse
K5GRS Geoff & Spouse	KE0SOR Mike & Jan	NOARN Carl & Nancy	W7AJP Bill & Joan
K5KUE Conrad & Tammi	KE1RR Scott & Paula	NOVPN Gary & Kathy	W7WGC Wayne & Pam
K5RGW Richard & Spouse	KE5TAY Landon & Spouse	N1JWS John & Nancy	W8AP James & Sharon
K5VG John & KI4KEZ Nancy	KE6SYT Bob & Pamela	N1TCH Pete & Spouse	W8DAY Roger & Spouse
K5WIL Jeron & Spouse	KE8UIV Joseph & Leslie	N1URE Larry & Joanne	W8LDM Michael & Judy
K7ASM Jeff & Cathy	KE8WIE Frank & Spouse	N4ITI Marvin & Jo-Ann	W9MGB Mark & Susan
K7EAD Eric & Carrie	KF0BPM Mike & Spouse	N5CCO Cliff & Debra	WAOPFV Rev Jim & Meg
K7WIV William & KC7TLD Tracy	KFOGIS Dan & Spouse	N5DEA William & Spouse	WA5TQB Jack & Lynda
K9OBX Jeffrey & Shea	KF4YI Breck & Spouse	N5EKC Steve & Bobbie	WBOJEN Michael & KAOMOZ Arlene
K9POL Slav & Spouse	KG5LJZ Giant & Spouse	N5NBK Danny & Reta	WB2AFC Michael & Georgette
K9PVE Josh & Melissa	KG5VUG Steve & Spouse	N5NXV William & Nancy	WB4SJM Bob & Mary
K9SUN Wendy & David	KI5CHB Tom & Janie	N5OTV Terry & Diane	WB7WVG Terry & Spouse
KAOWTY Marilyn & KAOWTZ Nelson	KI5MIM Chuck & Cheryl	N5QYX Kenny & Martha	WDOFTM Linda & KBOOU John
KA3TIN Justin & Karen	KI5OAU Jim & Spouse	N7AZX Bob & Phyllis	WK8Y Bob & Rose
KB3QVT Barry & Sherry	KI5TRF David & Spouse	N7FWT Wanda & Spouse	WR7FT Richard & KI6IVS Linda
KB5LYR Steve & Susan	KI5US Keith & Spouse	N7LS Terry & K7VSP Vicky	WV8CW Charles & Jill
KB5SSQ Tim & Spouse	KI6VZH Charleen & WA6JBI Stan	N9EDB Raymond & Carol	WW4RX Steve & Kathy
	KI7NZP Gary & Spouse	N9GWP Ted & Helga	

**If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at**

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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

2M0DDS	K8JMH	KF0EAJ	KL7FQQ	W1WZ
AA2L	K9LCY	KF5UV	KL7WG	W3IDB
AA7RS	KA3UTD	KF6YMA	KN4UBV	W4FNZ
AC0FT	KA8DFR	KF7MCK	KO4FKE	W5COE
AC3ED	KA9W	KG5HZU	KO4SXC	W6CQR
AC3HL	KB3ITJ	KG5MSS	KO4WQL	W7BES
AG5IL	KC0KPV	KI2X	KO4ZJL	W7RNX
AI5CA	KC0KZY	KI4FSZ	KQ4AKJ	W7WED
AI5CD	KC1HTV	KI4PLB	KQ4HRP	W8LUE
K0BUL	KC1KVY	KI4VMK	KY4OX	W9GLC
K0VAC	KC1OVR	KI4ZXZ	N0AKX	WBOJEN
K1GBD	KC3EYB	KI5AF	N0GRZ	WB2AFC
K1SAZ	KC3MXI	KI5CEA	N0LZY	WB4HZA
K2WO	KC7UXM	KI5KZN	N0NWY	WB5KSY
K4ATV	KC9JPF	KI5LDK	N1TCH	WB6IVF
K4BKC	KD2DTJ	KI5MNA	N2HLJ	WB8VPM
K4BTN	KD2JH	KI5NNF	N2OMD	WB9TOP
K4CAE	KD5CEV	KI5SCV	N4ZRK	WD0FEU
K4CUA	KD6GNO	KI5SIR	N5NEN	WD8SED
K4EDT	KD6TVP	KI5SML	N5QYX	WE5B
K4HBM	KD8QDQ	KI5TUE	N5WC	WH6ANH
K4ROC	KD9BKU	KI5YOO	N6GVU	WJ0JKW
K4ZGH	KD9CLR	KI7CIM	N6OIX	WQ8P
K5AEB	KD9OQK	KJ4YMV	N7AZZ	
K5BWF	KD9SEZ	KJ5BYE	N9TQZ	
K5EAJ	KD9VBY	KJ7WOH	NA0Z	
K5MPD	KE0DSV	KK4AED	NF2J	
K5WBK	KE0FDR	KK4HTL	NL7D	
K6LDE	KE0QKF	KK4HTW	VE1XP	
K6ZNL	KE0RMP	KK4UGY	VE2AIU	
K7EP	KE0TTR	KK5BS	VE4MG	
K7VSP	KE6HCE	KK6CS	W0SAK	
K7WJT	KF0AUT	KL7EDK	W1WAB	

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YLISSB – Tracing the History

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

The following is a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISSB as written by Jessie (WA6OET #46), Second President of the YLISSB and V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA #1), foundress and first President. This was documented from the YL International SS'er, Special Historical Edition dated October-November 1974.

It all began one night in November of 1961. There came a small feminine voice from Johannesburg, South Africa, running low power, plaintively calling in a wilderness of kilowatts, futilely attempting to be recognized by some stateside stations. Her calls fell into a void of space and silence.

I (V. Mayree) zeroed in on her. At length she was asked: "Would you be sympathetic to low power stationed and YL's only?" "I would, I would!" she exclaimed, "but is it possible?" Her enthusiasm so elated me that my instant reply was, "Even the impossible is mostly possible!"

The following day 49 letters to DX YL's in 49 separate countries hit the post office! Response was instantaneous, unanimous, and positive. Jubilation filled their replies.

December 7, 1961 was set for the first meeting. Around the DX world they had spread the word and in our initial two-hour session, 67 DX YL's checked in. We were unable to recognize many others calling in our allotted time of two hours. Fantastic! It was unbelievable their eagerness to communicate and we responded – our hands met theirs across the sea and around the world in joyous anticipation of friendship and goodwill. And there was lit this day, a bright and shining candle in the hearts of us all.

To be continued next month ...

## Special Days

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 8, 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 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.

**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.

### Monthly Awards

**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](mailto:awards@ylsystem.org)



# Welcome

## NEW MEMBERS

19185 W4CNB Champ FL	19199 KQ4NDF Tony VA	19213 W8WCL Bill OH
19186 KQ4VET Scott AL	19200 KJ5XB Cameron OK	19214 KB8ZLA Mary OH
19187 K7XRA Keith AZ	19201 K7FWH Rob ID	19215 KD9BKU Mike IN
19188 N1IIM Bonnie NH	19202 WX3J Pat GA	19216 W0LP Deacon Dan MN
19189 KN4BAF Ken VA	19203 KE8ZOB Bob MI	19217 KA5GSS Shane TX
19190 KY8LR Lloyd KY	19204 W4ATH Marty GA	
19191 K8MSR Mindy KY	19205 KZ4GN Jeff FL	
19192 KQ4KJV Jim FL	19206 K4SVB Scott TN	
19193 N4DLT Dave NC	19207 KK7IJP Bryan UT	
19194 N4HDM Terry NC	19208 KD8UOL Rob OH	
19195 K7AMP Steve NV	19209 AD9DT Doug IL	
19196 W7RFQ Shannon UT	19210 KF0MCM Donuts CO	
19197 KK6RUN Mike CA	19211 AK6FX Randy CA	
19198 KD8LWZ Brad OH	19212 KI5OJZ Steve OK	

## SILENT KEYS

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



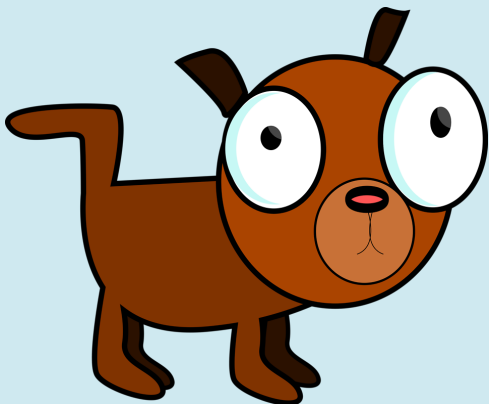
KD2ABX MARK STUMPO YLISSB-16600  
W5LE GENE E. LESIE YLISSB-8968  
K9EXY RICK JACKSON YLISSB-17325  
K9KLR NICK LASH YLISSB-8087

Respectfully,  
Mario K2ZD #7485  
Condolence Chair

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- All Awards are currently undergoing a re-design.
- Please anticipate up to 30 business days for a reward request to be acknowledged and or processed and emailed to you.
- Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all contacts for awards must be made with individual member stations. Multiple contacts with the same station will not qualify for the awards. PLEASE NOTE: As of July 9, 2022, there is no longer a \$5 fee to apply for any Monthly or Special Day award.
- ONLY 3 RECHECKS PER HOUR, ONE CALL PER RECHECK
- PLEASE NOTE- K4ICA CAN ONLY BE USED (1) TIME ON A SPECIAL DAY

# JUNE



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](mailto: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!