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### **Ja No Well Fine** (Editorial)

March 8 we celebrate International Women's Day with several YL special events, which we hope you will take part in. Have fun ladies and keep the Radio Waves dancing in the air.

While it is a day to show our support for each other, we remember those who came before and below you will find an article about one of those women. 33 / 88 Editor – Heather ZS5YH



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### **Blind YL Pearl Pearce, ZS5BP**

ZS5 Baker Peter calling CQ 40 ! (taken from Woman's Value, September 1981)

Pearl Pearce, ZS5BP, was reportedly the first blind woman in the world to hold an amateur radio licence. She was not born completely blind, but over a fairly lengthy period she became condemned to a world of total darkness. Not

that she was sorry for herself. She had come out fighting – determined in her own way to overcome the disadvantage of her affliction. She started out by refusing to take a back seat in life.

Apart from learning to type, operate a switchboard and read braille, she went further. She became the first blind woman in the world to get an amateur radio licence. That happened on 8 December 1948. The SA Radio League was thrilled about it, and awarded her the ham station that she used until her death.

The real advantage of the ham station was that it kept Pearl in touch with the world. With hundreds of contacts all over the world, including South Africa, she was more informed about current affairs than many sighted people who can read newspapers.

Her love affair with the airwaves began when she was a little girl living in Mount Frere in the Transkei (South Africa).

"I fell under the spell of the only radio in the town," she admits. "It belonged to the hotel owner and on Saturdays everyone would gather around him to listen. I kept on asking how it was possible for the sound to come out of the box – but no one had an answer that would satisfy me." She decided to find out all she could about the mysterious radio field. Unfortunately, her curiosity had to wait until the end of the Second World War – and by then she was blind.

After the war she contacted her brother in the Post Office and he sent her instructions on learning the morse code – the first step towards her radio amateur licence. However, when she actually presented herself to the local postmaster for the test, he said she had been granted an exemption from the morse code because of her blindness. She therefore never used morse in spite of having swotted it all up!

At the age of three years the doctor carried out a test using a doll and realized that, at that stage, Pearl was not entirely blind as previously thought, but that she was able to make out colours. She could still remember the emerald green and bright orange clad doll. Someone told her father that all blind people are musical, so she landed up with every musical instrument he managed to beg, borrow or steal for her. But Pearl decided on the accordion, and still played the first one she was given back in 1931.

Pearl eventually moved to a residential hotel in Pietermaritzburg, where the manager had installed the aerial on the roof. She never had time to be lonely. With other hobbies, including 20 different organisations and three choirs, she often did not have time to touch the ham station for days. But no matter what her hobbies, it's the ham station from which she derived her main pleasure.

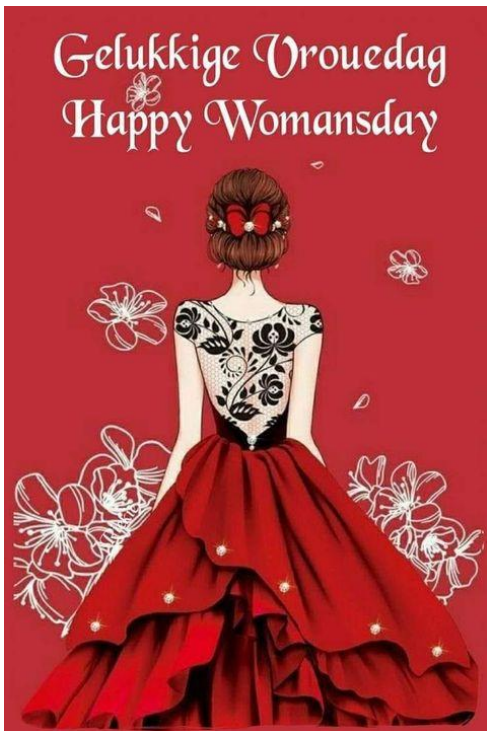
She was known from the Cape to Cairo to Timbuctoo. On Sundays she would talk to her brother, who was a ham in Grootfontein. And then she switched to her niece who was studying medicine in Bloemfontein. Apart from that she had friends all over – you name the country and she would probably have spoken to someone there during her radio ham years.

ZS5 Baker Peter signed off some years ago. The bands have just not been the same ever since!

QSX PE Nov. 2004Newsletter, ZS2PE

(Indebted to Irvine Green ZS6BPE who brought this YL to editor's attention.)

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### International Women's Day

**SARL YL QSO Party** (South African Radio League)

On Saturday 5 March 2022 Call "YL Sprint" from 12:00 to 13:00 UTC = 1400 – 1500 CAT in celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March each year

Submit logs by 21:59 UTC on Thursday 10 March 2022, e-mail to [zs3vdk@webmail.co.za](mailto:zs3vdk@webmail.co.za)

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**DARC YL Reference.**(Deutsche Amateur Radio Club)

It's almost time again, our annual contest on the occasion of International Women's Day on the 8th. March 2022 from 18:00 - 21:00 UTC (19-22:00 local time) invites you to the short-term YL Contest on the 80m and 40m band. What started 9 years ago is becoming more and more popular and increased the activity of YLs in the contest. Also an opportunity to chase and gain points for the different diplomas of the DARC YL Reference.

Again this year, numerous YLs from different countries will participate.

As an incentive (to tempt you) our YL club station DA0YL will be included in the party.

DA0YL is a "joker" for the YL 33 diploma series.

The YL Referee of DARC is looking forward to your participation and wishes you much success.

The exact description and information about the YL diplomas can be found on our website.

1) <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/contest0/#c276676>

2) <https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/yl-diplome>

DARC e.V. YL-Referat - German Yls Carmen Weber 15/02/2022

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### Selvamar News - International Women's Day 2022

DATE: From March 7, starting at 00.00 UTC To March 13, at 23.59 UTC. from 2022

FREQUENCY: Amateur radio band, following the IARU recommendations for HF.

To get the Diploma, it will be necessary to:

10 contacts (10 points) for HF SSB

25 for Echolink and Digital

20 for Mixed

The special stations will be those operated by operators (YL) and these stations will award 3 points.

You may only contact the authorized stations twice (x2) on a different band or day during the entire event

Logs to be sent by mail to: [selvamarnoticias@gmail.com](mailto:selvamarnoticias@gmail.com)

Special award will be made to the station that makes the most contacts with YL (Operator) stations

On the web <https://selvamar-noticias.jimdofree.com/> a prepared template can be downloaded for the application of the diploma with the contacts, the date, time, band and the number. that you will receive from the contacted operator.

The stations will pass 5/9 and progressive numbers.

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### Dutch Young Ladies Club

PI4YLC in the HA-DX contest 2022 Posted on 22/01/2022

A new contest year has started well for PI4YLC. A small group of Dutch YLs participated in the Hungarian HA-DX contest. On Saturday Heather PD3GVQ, Sonja PD4SON and Claudia PA5CT started. On Sunday, Lisa PA2LS joined us for a few more hours.

QTH was, as during participation in contests last year, that of Claudia te Esch. The Elekraft K3 was able to come into action again and the 40m dipole was used again.

Because the ladies had a lot to talk about, they started half an hour late. It was possible to work on five bands and on Sunday there were also a few (CW) QSO's possible on 10m.. Because CW stations in particular filled the band at night and the experienced CW operators of PI4YLC were not available, it was decided to use the night to rest.

The next morning it was possible to continue at 40m and by 10 am also 20m was well open again. Just after eleven o'clock even Japan could be put in the log! A total of 151 QSOs were logged, of which 53 in CW and 98 in SSB.

PI4YLC was 'in the air' for almost 8 hours and it left us wanting more! That and a nice reunion gives a good start for the further contest year. Claudia PA5CT

[https://www-pi4ylc-nl.translate.google/? x tr sl=nl& x tr tl=en& x tr hl=en& x tr\\_pto=sc](https://www-pi4ylc-nl.translate.google/? x tr sl=nl& x tr tl=en& x tr hl=en& x tr_pto=sc)

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### Scandinavian Yls

#### SYLRA Meet

Marita Ritmala 25/02/2022 posted on SYLRA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs)

Dear all SYLRA members and friends, it is happening! SYLRA will meet in Turku, Finland, on 18.-21. of August 2022.

An optional tour is also planned for 21.-24. of August in the Turku archipelago. Turku is an old city in Southern Finland situated by the Aura river and is easily accessible from many European cities or via Helsinki.



Please, go to the SYLRA web page <https://sylra.is/> and open the "Survey" for more information.

And start planning your trip! ☺Welcome to Finland!

<https://www.sylra.is/>

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### Greta Winther LB1UJ from Tromso, Norway

Feb 2, 2022 posted to HAM RADIO WOMEN

It is possible. Last Tuesday I was elected leader of the board in our local Ham-radio group. We are 68 members, only one active woman (me) and one another woman. I am very astonished that all these men elected me. But I can handle it, I hope. Very proud to tell you all ♥ btw I got my full licence in May 2021, but has been a "hang-around" in the local ham-radio club since 2014, when I met my new friend/now fiance. The first date, guess where it was? Yes, at the radio club. He wanted to show me all the equipment ☺ . I like it here. The members of the club are mostly elderly men 50+ but I feel like I am one of them. I learn a lot from them. It is fine.

So happy to share this story with you, sisters ♥ 73 de LB1UJ

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### International YL Remote Station Operation

Saturday Feb 26, 2022, 18:00 UTC. a group of YLs from several different countries operated through our HF Remote Club Station located at our club QTH in Tiverton, Ontario. February 26th is our first official operation with the group. Rob, VE3PCP is the station control operator providing technical support and logging, but the ladies will be making all the contacts.

We have a special QSL card for our operations, sent via e-mail that will be personalized with your contact.

Please email us at [ve3ihr@gmail.com](mailto:ve3ihr@gmail.com) with your call sign, date and time of your QSO with the YLs.

Look for us on the DX Cluster VE3IHR - YL Remote

VE3IHR. Inverhuron Ham Radio Club, Tiverton, ON. Canada

Operators: VA3KGZ Alicia ; HB9EPE Dora ; DL9YJ / DO9YJ Yvette ; R1BIG Raisa ; DK3YB Birgit ;

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Frederike Dötsch DH9FD Germany's youngest class A radio amateur Feb 2022. Image Credit: Michael Dötsch, DL4MDI

For full story please go to the link below. DARC press releases can be seen at:

<https://www.darc.de/presse/pressemitteilungen/>

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### Out-and-About

Mary Kay Stinson, K0ZV and husband Walt, W0CP from Colorado (USA) active from Placencia, Belize as V31DJ and V31DK during February 8 to March 4, 2022. QRV on HF bands, SSB & FT8.

They have been operating off and on from Belize (Central America) since 1981. Placencia is a small fishing village in southern Belize. It rests at the southern tip of a narrow 26 mile long peninsula with the Caribbean Sea to the east and the Placencia lagoon to the west. Just off its eastern shore is the world's second longest barrier reef.

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### STOP PRESS Radio Club YL CHILE

CE4YLC has planned an activity for Saturday, March 12, 2022 in Celebration of Women's Day.

Date : 03/12/2022

Hours: From 00:00 to 23:59 hrs. UTC.

Band : 40, 80, 20 and 10 meters

Modes : Phone – FT8 – DMR – Echolink conferences and nodes \*REDCHILE\*, \*ATACAMA\* and \*AELD-ESP\*.

All contacts made will be confirmed with an allusive digital QSL.

To obtain the Digital Certificate, the participating stations must contact at least 3 of the CE4YLC operators, in any of the indicated modes or bands.

Official Operators:

CA1CQY Catalina CA1MJF María José

CE1RFI Maritza CE2PJH Emelina

CD3DDI Millarray LU1SYL Andrea

LU1VYL Marina                    LU2HRG Rocío  
 XE1LOV María de la Luz    XE1SPM Patricia  
 XE2YUL Alma Rosa            XQ1ROA Carmen (Tuty)  
 YV5EVA Ydorca                CE4YLC operator XQ4NUA Leticia  
 Digital QSL's and Certificates can be downloaded directly from [QRZ.COM](http://QRZ.COM) / CE4YLC  
 We hope to count with your participation! 73's

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**Calendar March 2022**

- March 4 - 13 Dia Internacional de la Mujer (Argentina - Radio Club La Rioja)
- March 5        SARL YL QSO Party (40m) 12:00 to 13:00 UTC  
 YL Net 1st Saturday of month, 2000 (UK) on GB3DA Danbury 2m repeater.  
 5K4YL Dia de la Mujer de Medellín, Colombia. 1000 – 1900 HK (GMT-5)
- March 5 - 6    ARRL International DX Phone Contest
- March 6        SARL HAMNET 40 m contest
- March 6        Sydney AR Ferry Contest (AUS)
- March 7 - 13   Selvamar News    International Women's Day
- March 8        International Women's Day
- March 8        DARC YL International Women's Day 18:00 - 21:00 UTC
- March 10       60 years ago, NZ – WARO founded 10 March 1962
- March 12       CE4YLC Radio Club YL CHILE International Women's Day
- March 12 - 13 SARL Field Day, & the RSGB Commonwealth contest
- March 12-13   4th QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo (USA)
- March 13       Japan Ladies Radio Society (JLRS) "YL CQ Day" 2nd Sunday of every month!
- March 15-16    CLARA Chatter Party (Canadian Ladies) 1700Z, Mar 15 to 1700Z, Mar 16 and/or
- March 19-20    CLARA Chatter Party 1700Z, Mar 19 to 1700Z, Mar 20 Total hours must equal 24.
- March 16       SARL 80 m Club Contest
- March 17       St Patrick's Day Award Amateur radio going green on air, 1200 UTC 16th March to 1200 UTC 18th March
- March 18-19    HamSCI 5th annual workshop at U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.
- March 18-20    29th International Russian DX Contest 1200 UTC 19 March - 1159 UTC 20 March
- March 19 - 20   SARL VHF Analogue contest
- March 26 – 27   CQ WPX Contest SSB:, 2022 0000 UTC Saturday -- 2359 UTC Sunday

Italy, I. To promote the World Radiosport Team Championship to be held in Italy in July 2023, twelve special call

signs will be activated between 1 January and the end of the IARU HF Championship at 11:59 UTC on Sunday 10 July.