

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Snow, winds and a conspicuously absent sun have been the legacy of this winter so far. Every day seems to have a mini-blizzard buried somewhere in its forecast. The snow has been piling up faster than city crews can move it and parking everywhere is at a premium.

In the midst of it all we have had wonderful concerts, programs and opportunities for live broadcasts.

We have also had time to get together and share a Christmas dinner and a New Year Open House.



Dennis Weidler

I am disappointed to report that Luda Kinok was not granted a Visa. She is currently

here volunteering at KICY under a special permit from the Nanuq Commission. In the meantime, I have enlisted the aid of our U.S. Senator, Ted Stevens. He has offered to intervene on our behalf. This time, we will be asking for a three-year, church worker Visa. According to local immigration officials, this may actually be easier to get than a simple visitation Visa. Please pray that Luda may remain in the U.S. as a critical element of KICY's Russian Ministry.

We have also begun receiving queries from work teams wishing to serve at KICY this summer. May God grant us the wisdom to make the best use of everyone's skills. ■



Frances Whitmore Reviews Our F.C.C. Approval.

F.C.C. Grants FM Construction Permit.

Just before Christmas we received word that the Federal Communications Commission had received our revised application to increase power to 1,000 watts and increase our antenna height to 90 feet. We had secured FAA approval, due largely to lowering our requested tower height to 90 feet from 100. The new tower will be built at the studio building which is just south of the flightpath for Nome International Airport. I'm not sure what difference 10 feet will make to local air travel but I know that 10 feet will have little impact on the effectiveness of our new signal.

Then, during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, we received official word that the Commission had granted our application! This happened much more quickly than we had expected.

What this means specifically is that the "Blanket Nome" Capital Campaign is the last remaining piece of this project puzzle. We are preparing to order a new tower, antenna and

transmitter for shipment to Nome on the first barge of the summer. But first, it must be noted that we have reached only the halfway mark to attaining our goal of \$60,000.

Please keep this project in your prayers. We have additional pressure to reach our financial goal in the very near future so the three major purchase can be made. We will first order the tower so it can be built to Nome's soil, icing and wind conditions.

Thanks to all who have gotten us halfway to our goal which will allow us to "Blanket Nome". ■

A Prayer Request.

We are beginning 2005 with the prospect of a largely inflated cost of electric power from Nome Joint Utilities.

We ask you to join us in prayer that the *fuel adjustment* addition to our monthly power bill will be held to a reasonable level.



The Cast Assembles for a Picture.

Nome Stages Christmas Production.

Our community was treated to a presentation of the delightful children's Christmas musical, *Not a Creature Was Stirring*, under the direction of Jenny Schield.

KICY provided sound equipment including wireless microphones, a mixer and cassette player.

Over two dozen youngsters signed up for roles, divided between kittens and mice. That may appear to be an unlikely combination for a happy outcome, but good triumphs and the real meaning of Christmas, Christ's Birth, is clearly extolled with both mice and kittens learning

valuable life lessons.

We so appreciate the dedication of Ms. Schield in bringing this charming musical to Nome. There were countless hours of rehearsals, not to mention scenery to construct and paint, lighting to configure, programs to print and refreshments to be served.

The elementary school allowed the use of the gym and it was filled for two performances, a matinee at 3:00 PM and another evening showing at 6.

It was quite a show and the many folks who made it possible deserve our special thanks. ■

Have You Read It, Yet?

Ptarmigan Telegraph-The Story of Radio Station KICY
by Greg Asimakoupoulos

Send \$16.95 in check, money order or credit card information to:
KICY, P.O. Box 820
Nome, AK 99762



Also available: The Autographed Version	\$25.00
With the Art Zylstra CD	\$50.00
With the CD and a box of Note Cards	\$75.00

A Prayer Request. *For each of our staff members.*

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

Lon Swanson

Josh Rogers

Lydia Rogers

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

Please keep in prayer our newest volunteer-in waiting, Irene Houdek.

She plans to arrive in Nome the second week in February. That will give her training time to prepare for Iditarod coverage (I'm not sure anyone is fully prepared for Iditarod).

Preparing to Celebrate our 45th Year.




It seems impossible that when Candace and I moved to Nome, one of our first jobs was to help celebrate KICY's 40th Anniversary. Now, we're gearing up for the next major milestone, the 45th Anniversary coming up at Easter, 2005.

One of our major goals is to hear from as many former volunteers as possible. I know in the list published in the *Ptarmigan Telegraph* this past year, there are some of you who are not included. I am asking each of you to contact KICY via letter or e-mail and share your most

interesting part of service here. At the same time, we would like to update our Volunteer Database so we have your current mailing address, phone and e-mail, if you have one.

If you would be willing to share the names and contact information of others with whom you served at KICY, we would appreciate that as well.

Volunteers have kept KICY on the air for nearly 45 years. We don't want to loose touch with our most important resource! 

Capital Campaign Update.

We have been blessed by your steadfast prayers. The Federal Communications Commission granted official permission to improve our FM transmitter, tower and antenna. We have also reached the halfway point in fundraising.

Blanket Nome is moving forward! During the past two months we received over \$4,500 in donations.

We need to raise the remaining \$30,000 in the next few months so we can begin ordering the equipment so we can complete the project by this summer.

\$60,000

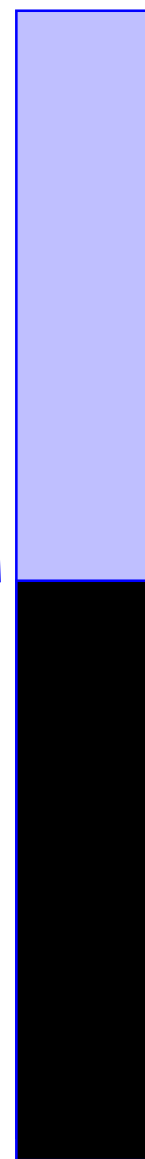
\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



Memorials

In November and December we received memorials in the name of:

Anna VerHage
Harold B. Olsen, D.D.S.
Harold Knute Carlson
Edward Katchatag
Tom Dotomain
David J. Hanson
June Stayboldt
Donald Severson
Willis Erickson
E. & E. Seagren
Agnes Komakhuk

Thank you for remembering a loved one through a gift to our mission.

PLEASE NOTE!

-November Income-
\$32,211.65

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

-November Budget-
\$49,285.00

-December Income-
\$44,056.32

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

-December Budget-
\$48,785.00

**As you can see, we were \$17,000
under budgeted income for
November and over \$4,000
under income for December.**

We need your prayers.



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Irene Houdek Prepares for Service at KICY.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest volunteer, Irene Houdek. I first met Irene at the Salmon Dinner we hosted in Arvada, Colorado last August. We spoke for about 15 minutes after the presentation and she indicated a real interest in our work in western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

She had worked for 24 years as a Software Engineer for Avaya, Incorporated. Most recently, she had been an outdoor education instructor for Covenant Heights Conference Center in Estes Park, Colorado.

"I have been to Alaska twice and loved it there," stated Houdek. "I have wanted to return, although vacation was what came to mind. God has been working on my heart for several years to move on from my

job and serve Him in missions or ministry. I keep praying and researching, knowing that God

will point me in the right direction."

With a joy for the outdoors, a lifetime of experience in computer technology and her affinity for working with youth, Irene should feel right at home in Nome and at KICY.

She is planning on arriving the second week of February. Now, we join with Irene in asking for your prayer support for her fundraising efforts.

As you know, all KICY volunteers raise their own financial support to cover their rent, monthly stipend and medical insurance. Volunteers are also required to arrange their own travel from home to Nome.

We look forward to Irene's arrival in Nome very soon. We pray for safe travels. ■



KICY Volunteer Irene Houdek

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